

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING - - - HELD 30th. MARCH, 1951.

Present: Councillors J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding; C. W. Hudson; J. Brennan; A. Finlayson; E. Kane; W. Clarke; P. Doyle. The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance. At the suggestion of the Manager, the Council decided to examine each item shown on the Tables of Expenditure and Receipts.

URBAN ROADS: The Manager pointed out that included in the Estimates under consideration were amounts which would allow of payment of the following increases, applied for on behalf of their members by the respective Unions:-

- Unions:-  
(1) An increase of 12/- per week in the employees' wages;  
(2) A 12½% additional increase on existing basic salary-scales of the Council's officers.  
After a prolonged discussion, the Council recommended an increase of 6/- per week in the case of the employees, and a 6½% increase on basic salary-scales in the case of the officers.

As a result of this decision, the amount for Ordinary Road Works was reduced by £21. and salaries were reduced by \$4.

NEW WORKS: The Council allowed a sum of £228. for the purpose of paying Loan Charges in respect of a loan of £1900 to be borrowed from the Council's Treasurer and to be repaid over a period of 10 years - such loan to be utilised for the re-laying of an Urban Road or Roads in concrete. It was agreed that the Council would select the road(s) at their next meeting.

As a result of these changes viz- the reduced allowance for increases in wages and salaries, and the provision of an amount to meet a loan charge instead of providing moneys sought by the Town Surveyor for Tar Surface Dressing, the sum adopted by the Council (£914) showed a reduction of £2052 on the amount estimated by the Manager (£2966).

Read letter dated 20/3/1951 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council inquiring whether the Wicklow Urban District Council would be prepared to pay the County Council the sum of £90-16-11 being one half the cost of the work carried out by the County Council at the North Quay Road.

Road.      Read letter dated 14/3/1951 from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, requesting the Council to pay balance of cost of road to the County Council and also stating that the Harbour Authority considered that the Council should contribute fifty per cent of a further £87 required to be spent on Road at North Quay. After discussion the Council directed that the Harbour Commissioners be informed that the Council were not liable for the costs of repairs carried out to the road at the North Quay, and were of opinion that the improved financial position of the Harbour Authority should enable that Body to pay for such repairs.

SANITARY SERVICES: Read letter dated 18/3/1951 from Secretary, Plumbing Trades Union, applying on behalf of Mr. J. DeCourcey for an increase of  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  on his present salary. The Council decided that a  $6\frac{1}{4}\%$  increase on basic salary-scale would apply in the case of Mr. DeCourcey as in the case of other officers of the Council.

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SCAVENGING: After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided not to provide an additional 264I for a re-organised Scavenging Service.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Surveyor submitted the following report re Public Lighting:-

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28th. March, 1951.

The following additional lights are required:-

- (a) Convent Road, opposite St. Laurence Road.
- (b) Fairview Road, opposite House No 15.
- (c) Leitrim Place, at turn to Sea Front.
- (d) Rathnew Road, at Grimshaw's Back Gate.
- (e) Abbey Street, at Fallon's shop.
- (f) Main Street, outside McDonalds.
- (g) Rocky Road at Dickenson's Farm Yard.
- (h) 3 Lights in new housing scheme, Ballynerrin.
- (i) Junction New Park Road and St. Laurence Road.
- (j) Marlton Road.
- (l) Melancholy Lane
- (m) Colley Street.

J. T. O'Byrne  
Town Surveyor.

The Council approved of the provision of 13 additional lights, provided that they would not cost more than the amount included for them in the Estimates. It was decided not to provide the lamp at Marlton Road. A reduction of £40 was thus effected.

LOAN CHARGES: The amount included for Loan Charges in respect of 1951 Regional water Supply was reduced from £150 to £10.

The amount finally adopted by the Council for Sanitary Services was £3712 as compared with £4626 estimated by the Manager viz- a reduction of £914.

HOUSING SERVICES:

The amount for Maintenance and Repair was reduced from £540 to £500. The Council adopted £11199 for Housing Services. The Manager's figure was £11245.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES. Apart from reductions resulting from the Council's decision regarding increases of wages, and salaries no change was made in the Estimated Expenditure under this heading. The amount adopted by the Council was £10667.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND: Councillor Clarke protested against the amount in the County Council Demand Shown opposite Mental Hospital. After discussion it was agreed to communicate with the County Council, protesting against the increased Mental Hospital Demand for 1951/52.



WICKLOW      URBAN      DISTRICT      COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

15th March, 1951.

To: The Chairman and  
Members of Wicklow Urban District Council

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON  
THE 31st MARCH, 1952

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Details are given in the attached Tables of the estimates of expenditure and receipts for the year ending on the 31st March, 1952. These estimates are submitted for your consideration at the meeting to be held on 30th March, 1951.

The total expenditure is estimated at £29,909, and total receipts at £12,024. The net amount to be levied from Rates, therefore, is £17,788.

The expenditure under the four main accounting headings is given hereunder, with the corresponding figures adopted for 1950/51 shown in parenthesis:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Net Expenditure</u>
	£	£	£
Roads	2,966 (679)	70 (40)	2,896 (639)
Sanitary Services	4,626 (3,382)	80 (115)	4,546 (3,267)
Housing	11,245 (9,602)	9,102 (7,933)	2,143 (1,669)
General Urban Purposes	10,704 (9,994)	2,501 (2,235)	8,203 (7,759)
	<u>29,909 (23,657)</u>	<u>12,024 (10,323)</u>	<u>17,788 (13,334)</u>

Credits of £303 are available and after the application of these, the net amount required is reduced to £17,485.

A rate of 1d in the £ would produce £37.18.7d., in the coming year, and the net requirement of £17,485 would require a rate of 38/5d in the £, an increase of 8/5d over the rate for the present year, which is 30s/-.

The rate required by these Estimates would, therefore, be much in excess of that of the present year, but it is necessary to indicate clearly at this point that the Estimates include provision for many items on which the Council thus far has not taken decisions. The Estimates in consequence are not based completely on outlay to which the Council already is committed, and undoubtedly the items included which account for additional expenditure in the coming year will be carefully examined and possibly the provision made for them may be modified or drastically altered. It was considered appropriate to leave to be determined by the Council the items which would require sharp pruning and the selection of new works which might be undertaken in the coming year.

Briefly the additional expenditure which would account for this abnormal increase of 8/5d. is due to the following items:-



New Road Works £2,255 (5s/- in the £); New Scavenging Service £706 (1/6d. in the £); County Council Demand £490 (1/1d in the £); Wages increases if Union's application be granted £218 (6d in £); Salaries increase if application from Union were allowed £168 (4d. in the £). There is also an increase in Housing Costs, but the application of the credits already referred to would offset it.

Full details of other variations in expenditure and receipts are given under the various service headings.

Some weeks ago the Council received applications from the Unions representing the employees and officials for revision in their rates of remuneration on account of recent increases in the cost of living. The Irish Transport Workers' Union sought an increase of 12s/- per week in the employees' wages. The Local Government Officials' Union asked for an increase equivalent to 12½% on basic salaries. When these applications came before the Council at a recent meeting, it was decided to defer consideration to the Annual Estimates Meeting, and that the cost of the revisions sought should be shown in the Estimates when they were being prepared. As indicated beforehand, the increases if allowed would cost an amount equivalent to a rate of 10d in the £.

#### ROADS

For the coming year a sum of £75 has again been included by way of contribution towards a State Grant for Employment Schemes, which it is expected will be available for Road Works. In the present year a Grant of £500 was notified and it was decided to use it for the following purposes: Resurfacing St. Kevin's Road; Resurfacing Hillside Road; Resurfacing Black Castle Road; Laying footpath at Church Hill.

For ordinary Road Maintenance in the present year the Council allowed £465. To carry out similar work in the coming year £508 would be required if wages increase be granted.

Last year the Town Surveyor sought £684 for special improvement works, but the Council in determining the Estimates reduced it to £50.

The Town Surveyor has submitted an Estimate of £2,255 for special Road Repairs in the coming year. He has represented that a number of Urban Roads are in urgent need of resurfacing and that if the work is not carried out in the coming year there is a grave danger of serious disintegration of these roads. The programme of works recommended by the Surveyor is:-

	<u>Cost</u>
Castle Street	£148.10 0
Monkton Row Lower	£72. 0. 0
St. Dominic's Road	£67.10. 0
St. Kevin's Road	£30. 0. 0
St. Bride's Road	£30. 0. 0
Quarantine Hill	£75. 0. 0
Kilmantin Hill and Fair Green	£144. 0. 0
High Street	£90. 0. 0
Bayview Road, Morton's Lane and Melancholy Lane	£187.10. 0
Convent Road (part)	£279. 0. 0
Greenhill Road	£280. 0. 0
St. Patrick's Road (part)	£162. 0. 0
Bachelors' Walk and Bachelors Row	£105. 0. 0
Church Street	£84. 0. 0
c/f	£1,754.10. 0



	b/f	£1,754.10. 0
Church Road and Church Hill		£236. 5. 0
Brickfield Lane		£40.10. 0
Bond St.		£140. 0. 0
Bath St.		£84. 0. 0
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		£2,255. 5. 0.

It must be mentioned that this suggested Road programme would be very much in excess of any carried out in previous years. The Council may consider that it would be unduly burdensome to undertake such a costly scheme of works in one year and may agree that some of them, at least, should be included in an Employment Scheme for which a State Grant would be sought.

### SANITARY SERVICES

Under this heading salaries show an increase of £54 which represents the amount to be provided if the application for revision already referred to were granted. The wages payable for a like reason show the following increases:- Water Supply £54; Sewerage £5; Scavenging £72.

Water Supply The amount included for materials (sand for filters; fittings for repairs; etc) is the same as last year, viz £128. For the special Pumping Scheme at Marlton a sum of £100 again is provided.

Under the heading of Loan Charges £150 is included in respect of the Regional Scheme. There has been a certain amount of unavoidable delay in the preliminary planning for this Scheme as it was decided to investigate the possibility of extending it to serve the North-Eastern part of the County, and thereby possibly reduce the share of the capital costs to be borne by Wicklow Urban District Council. From a Report recently received from the Consultant, however, it seems that an extension of the Scheme would not give such a result, and consequently it is likely that the original and more limited Scheme to serve Wicklow Urban District, Ashford and Rathnew, would be the more satisfactory solution.

In the present year the Water Supply extension to Dunbur Road was completed, and consequently a full year's loan charge now will have to be met. This loan charge will amount to £166 as compared with £82 in 1950/51.

The Council some months ago decided to instal a new water main at the North Quay. This service is indispensable for new industries and for the service of shipping in the Harbour. It is proposed to carry out the work by Direct Labour. The cost was estimated at £700, and a Government Grant of £300 has been notified. The loan Charge is estimated at £23 for the coming year. Unfortunately, however, difficulty has been found in procuring the necessary pipes; otherwise the work would already have been started.

Domestic Scavenging. The Council recently received a recommendation from the County Medical Officer for the provision of a Refuse Collection Service for all households in the town. He considered this Service essential from the public health standpoint. It was then decided that the cost of such an augmented service be shown in the Annual Estimates. The extended service is estimated to cost an additional £641, whilst in addition the receipts amounting to £65 at present obtainable from persons who avail of the existing service on a payment basis, no longer would be available. Any householder who avails of the existing service is charged 12/6d. per annum. If the Refuse



Collection service were to be provided for all houses the cost would have to be met in full from Rates, and whereas the present service would cost £641, the comprehensive service would cost £706 extra in the coming year. As indicated at the beginning of this Report, this represents an additional rate of 1/6d. in the £. It might be mentioned that in other Urban Districts the Domestic Scavenging Service is available to all households and the cost is met in full from Rates.

Burial Ground The Demand from Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Board for the maintenance of the Cemetery at Merrymount, shows a reduction of £6 as compared with the present year.

Sanitary Convenience at North Quay. The cost of this structure, which the Council has decided to provide, is estimated at £75.

Public Lighting. The Estimate for the coming year is £450; an increase of £100. In the present year it was decided to provide six additional lights, and the Town Surveyor, as suggested by the Council, is submitting a proposal for 14 additional lamps in various parts of the town. One of these lamps (at Monkton Road) would require the erection of a network extension, costing £38.

#### HOUSING

The total cost shows a substantial increase owing to the subsidy from Rates which has to be provided for the new Scheme of 60 houses and to an increased provision for Repairs.

The Scheme for the erection of 80 houses (60 normal type and 20 better-class) was commenced in 1948, and to date 46 of the normal type have been completed. Of the better-class houses 8 are now completed. It is expected that the remaining houses will be completed before the end of 1951.

The amount included for Repairs in the present Estimates is £540 - an increase of £140 on the provision made in the current year - as it was found necessary to allocate an additional £140 for Repairs in 1950/51.

Rates on Council Houses are estimated at £1,850, as compared with £1,808 in 1950/51, but this is offset by a corresponding increase in the Receipts from Rents. The addition arises from the completion of new houses.

The loan charges on new Schemes which will have to be met more fully in the coming year are estimated at £2,419, and are partly offset by increased Rentals.

The total amount which the Council has arranged to borrow for loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to persons building their own houses, is £25,000, and thus far 14 loans have been approved. The loan charges to be met by the Council are fully met by repayments from borrowers and consequently the Scheme does not involve any cost to the Rates.

#### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The total expenditure for the services which come under this heading, is estimated at £10,704, and receipts are estimated at £2,501. The net sum to be levied from Rates, therefore, is £8,203. The amount levied in the present year



was £7,759, so that the increase is £444. The additional levy is due to the County Council Demand, which shows an increase of £490.

Tourist Development. A similar amount to that allowed last year, viz. £37, is included.

Acquisition of Derelict Sites. For the purpose of acquiring a number of derelict sites throughout the town, which then could be used by the Council, or be sold or leased, a sum of £20 is included. No provision was made for this purpose last year.

Corporate Estate Maintenance. The provision made is £135, as compared with £122 for 1950/51; the additional £13 represents wages increase.

Foreshore Maintenance. In the present year the Council allowed £161; the amount now included is £166. It is intended that this sum would be spent, as in 1950/51, on cogent repairs to the Foreshore Protection Works.

Tree Planting. In the present year the Council decided to plant with ornamental trees a number of small areas in the Urban District, and it was considered that a limited programme of this character might be followed for a number of years for the purpose of adding to the amenities and attractions of the town.

A tribute is due to the Committee and to the voluntary workers who assisted in the special Arbor Week programme. In addition local organisations and a number of individuals gave financial and other valued assistance to the Scheme

For the coming year a sum of £38 is provided in the Estimates under this heading.

Band Performances. Last year the Council agreed to contribute £35 towards the expenses of the local band which gives performances on the seafront during the tourist season. A like amount is again provided.

Salaries. The expenditure is shown at £918, as compared with £805 in 1950/51. The increase would be necessary if the Council agrees to revise remuneration for the staff in accordance with the request of the Union to which reference already has been made.

Rate Collector's Poundage. This shows an increase of £58; additional poundage has been payable because of improved Rate Collection. In former years the Collector did not obtain full poundage payment owing to the existence of Rate Arrears

Rates on Council Property. This item shows an increase of £50 as in a number of lettings the Council now is paying Rates. This is more than offset, however, by additional Receipts from Corporate Rents which are estimated at £1,150, as compared with £1,050 in 1950/51.

Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates. The provision under this heading is £180; in 1950/51 it was £230 - a reduction of £50.

Fuel Scheme. In the coming year the Scheme under which Fuel is supplied free of charge, or at a reduced price, to necessitous households is estimated to cost £700; the estimate for the present year was £530. Since, however, the outlay on the Scheme is recouped by the County Council in respect of Home Assistance Cases and by the State for all other cases, the increased expenditure, which is due to the sharp rise in the price of fuel, will not affect the rate levy.



County Council Demand. As already mentioned the County Council Demand shows an increase of £490, which is equivalent to 1/1d in the £. The following Table shows how the Demand for 1951/52 compares with that for the present year:-

	<u>1951/52</u>	<u>1950/51</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>
Main Roads	£1,087	£621	£466 (Inc)
Public Assistance	£2,530	£2,449	£81 "
Mental Hospital	£1,255	£1,127	£128 "
Health Services	£287	£350	£63 (Dec)
General Purposes	£766	£638	£128 (Inc)
Separate Charges	£131	£381	£250 (Dec)

It will be noted that the main increases occur under Main Roads and Mental Hospital. Owing to increases in the cost of materials and the necessity to revise wages rates the County Council was obliged to provide additional moneys for Main Roads if they were to be maintained to a satisfactory standard, and the Demand from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Committee showed a substantial increase over that for the previous year.

#### GENERAL

Whilst the increases in commodity prices which have occurred in the past six months undoubtedly have affected the costs of the services which the Council has to provide in the coming year, and whilst it was to be expected that the Council, in common with most other employers would receive applications from their employees for revisions of rates of remuneration to counteract ascending living costs, it must be stressed again that the abnormal increase in the Rate Levy which these Estimates would require is mainly ascribable to the provision made for new works or services. For example of the total increase of 8/5d. additional road works and a completely reorganised Scavenging Service account for 6/6d.

In preparing these Estimates the Town Clerk has, as in former years, facilitated the review of the services and accounts by the thorough manner in which he has kept the accounting records and presented all the essential data. During the past year all other officers and employees of the Council likewise have given very satisfactory service.

Once again I desire to express sincere appreciation of the assistance and guidance given by the Chairman and members of the Council in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery  
County Manager



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL  
YEAR 1951/1952

E X P E N D I T U R E

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	
<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>		
Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes)	75	
Ordinary Road Works - (Wages £400; Materials £108)	508	
New Works - Tar Spraying, Footpaths, etc.	2,255	
Station Approach Road (Maintenance)	30	
Salaries	98	
TOTAL	£2,966	
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Salaries	496	
Water Supplies (Wages £519 Materials £128)	647	
Water Supplies - Pumping Scheme	100	
Sewerage (Wages £51 Materials £22)	73	
Public Sanitary Conveniences	20	
New Sanitary Convenience at North Quay	75	
Scavenging (Streets and Domestic - Wages)	641	
Scavenging - Additional Service	641	
Burial Grounds	113	
Public Lighting	450	
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1935 Sewers and Water Extension	75	
1937 Waterworks Improvements	299	
1898 3½% Stock - Dividends Sinking Fund, etc	53	
1922 5% (3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.	480	
1948 Extension of Sewers (Dunbur Road)	124	
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road)	166	
1951 Regional Water Supply	150	
1951 New Water main at North Quay	23	
	£4,626	



HOUSING SERVICES:

	Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
<u>Housing of the Working Classes:</u>		
Maintenance and repair	540	
Salaries (Town Surveyor and Overseer (part))	86	
Rent Collector's Poundage	328	
Printing, Stationery and advertising	25	
Insurances	89	
Rates on Council Houses	1,850	
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1932 10 Houses Scheme	233	
1934 28 Houses Scheme	639	
1937 28 and 10 Houses Scheme	29	
1938 120 Houses Scheme	152	
1937 120 Houses Scheme	2,572	
1940 120 Houses Scheme	103	
1940 34 Houses Scheme	974	
1942 34 Houses Scheme	84	
1947 80 Houses Scheme	63	
1898 31% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc	27	
1948 80 Houses Scheme	2,419	
<u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u>		
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1934 Loan	72	
1948 Loan	240	
1949 Loan	480	
1950 Loan	240	
TOTAL	£11,245	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>		
Town Hall Expenses	60	
Tourist Development	37	
Town & Regional Planning	10	
Public Libraries	-	
Demolition of ruinous buildings	5	
Acquisition of derelict sites	20	
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £85; Materials £50)	135	
Foreshore Maintenance	166	
Tree Planting	38	
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridge	5	
Band Performances	35	
Milk and Dairies Acts	1	
<u>School Meals:</u>		
Cost of Food	150	
Administration	68	
Allotments	298	
	£1,028	



General Urban Purposes  
(contd)

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
c/f	£	£
	1,028	
Salaries	918	
Rate Collector's Poundage	508	
Rent Collector's poundage (Corporate Estate)	78	
Superannuation	-	
Audit fees	46	
Legal Expenses	120	
Printing, Stationery and advertising	110	
Rents on Council's property	50	
Rates on Council's property	225	
Insurance on Council's property	14	
Public and E.L. Insurance	76	
Office Expenses	50	
Discount on rates	63	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	180	
Fuel Scheme for necessitous persons	700	
Bank Interest	10	
Election Expenses	-	
Miscellaneous	40	
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1938 Foreshore Works	160	
1941 Foreshore Works	50	
1946 New Footbridge	80	
1898 3¼% Stock -Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc	142	
1947 Town Planning Expenses	-	
<u>County Council Services</u>		
Main Roads	1,087	
Public Assistance	2,530	
Mental Hospital	1,255	
Health (County)	287	
General Purposes (County)	766	
Separate Charges	131	
TOTAL	£10,704	
GROSS TOTAL	£29,541	



# R E C E I P T S

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<u>ROADS:</u>	£	
State Grants - Estate Duty	40	
C.I.E. Contribution - Maintenance of Station Approach Road	30	
TOTAL	£70	
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Domestic Scavenging	-	
Water Rents	80	
TOTAL	£80	
<u>HOUSING SERVICES:</u>		
<u>Housing of the Working Classes:</u>		
State Grants: Subsidy under 1932 Act	2,380	
Rents inclusive of Rates	5,698	
<u>Small Dwellings (Acq) Acts:</u>		
Repayment of Instalments (Old Loan)	64	
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)	960	
TOTAL	£9,102	
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>		
<u>State Grants:</u>		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	70	
Railway and Harbour Charges	150	
School Meals	75	
Recoupment of losses on allotments	290	
Fuel Scheme	340	
Fuel Scheme - Repayment by recipients and recoupment from County Council	350	
Corporate Estate Rents	1,130	
Town Hall Letting (Branch Library)	26	
Licences and Fees	3	
Refund of fees by Officers	17	
Miscellaneous	30	
TOTAL	£2,501	
GROSS TOTAL	£11,753	



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES  
1951/1952

<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>OF</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	
	<u>Gross</u> <u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Nett</u> <u>Expenditure</u>
Roads	£2,966	£70	£2,876
Sanitary Services	£4,626	£80	£4,546
Housing Services	£11,245	£9,102	£2,143
General Urban Purposes	£10,704	£2,501	£8,203
	£29,541	£11,753	£17,788
Total Requirement to be met by Rate Levy			= £17,788
Municipal Rate of 1d in £ produces ...			... £37.18.7d.
Rate in £ to meet total requirements of £17,788			.. 39/1d.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES FOR 1951/52

Total Valuation as per Valuation List £9,871. 8. 0

Valuations:

<u>Buildings:</u> ... ..	£8,852. 1. 0	
<u>Less</u> Reductions under Housing Acts, etc	310.17. 6	£8,541. 3. 6
<u>Land:</u> ... ..	£824.17. 0	
<u>Less</u> occupied by Council for Housing and other purposes	74.17. 5	
<u>Less</u> reduction of two-fifth for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946, i.e. two-fifth of £750.2.	£300. 0.10	450. 1. 2
<u>Land used as Railways</u> .....	£53. 0. 0	
<u>Less</u> reduction of two-fifth for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946	£21. 4. 0	£31.16. 0
<u>Railways</u> (rated on full valuation)		£12. 0. 0
<u>Half-Rents</u> ... ..	£119.10. 0	
<u>Less</u> reduction of one-half for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and 2nd Schedule of L.G.Act, 1946	£59.15. 0	£59.15. 0
<u>Yards</u> ... ..		£8.10. 0

TOTAL VALUATION EFFECTIVE FOR RATING PURPOSES £9,103. 5. 8

Rate of 1d in £ produces £37.18.7d.



RECEIPTS: The only alteration in the Estimated Receipts was the addition of £65 consequent on the retention of the charge for Domestic Scavenging.

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

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Nett Expenditure.
ROADS	914	70	844
Sanitary Services	3712	145	3567
Housing Services	11199	9102	2097
General Urban Purposes	10667	2501	8166
	<u>26492</u>	<u>11818</u>	<u>14674</u>

Taking into account an estimated Credit Balance of £303 at £31/3/1951 the total requirements to be met by Rate Levy amounted to £14344.

Municipal Rate of Id. in the £. produces 37-18-7. s d  
Rate in the £. to meet total requirements of £14344 ---- 31/7d.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Olohan;  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st. March, 1952 as set out in Tables A. B. and C. thereof and that we determine the Rate set out in Column 8 (eight) of Table C. of the Estimates Adopted by us viz- Municipal Rate of 31/7d (Thirty-One Shillings and Seven Pence) in the Pound, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st. March, 1952."

#### MANAGER AND STAFF CONGRATULATED:

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

*J. Olohan*  
*7/5/51*

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

### MINUTES

#### MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON APRIL 3rd., 1951

Present: Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding;  
Councillors A. Finlayson; E. Kane; J. Everett; J. Brennan;  
and P. Doyle.

The Town Clerk stated that owing to illness, Councillor C. W. Hudson would be unable to attend.  
The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Chairman and members congratulated the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs on his recovery from his serious illness.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held on 6th. March, 1951, and 21st. March, 1951 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION RE LABOUR COURT: The following resolution received from Skibbereen U. D. C. was marked "Read".

"That we the members of the Skibbereen U. D. C. request the Government to bring in Legislation to make the findings of the Labour Court legally binding on all parties in Industrial Disputes. That we direct that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Government and to all Public Bodies in Eire."

RESOLUTION RE ROAD GRANTS: The following Resolution received from Kinsale U. D. C. was adopted by the Council:-

"That we the members of Kinsale Urban District Council in view of the increased revenue from Motor Taxation, hereby request the Minister for Local Government to make available grants for the up-keep of Urban Roads, similar to the grants made for the up-keep of County Roads, in order to relieve the burden on the Urban rate-payers."

RESOLUTION RE NATIONAL FINANCE AND TURF PRODUCTION: The following Resolutions received from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association were marked "Read":-

NATIONAL FINANCE:- We the members of the N. A. I. D. A. urge that an independent monetary policy should be pursued by the Irish Republic, as we believe that without full control of the money system national policy cannot succeed."

TURF PRODUCTION:- "That in view of the Government warning that the Fuel Production in the coming year is now a matter for all individuals, National Agricultural & Industrial Development Association having examined the problem, recommends that the National position will be best served by private enterprise production, and urges that the Parish Councils be empowered to undertake the organisation and production of turf in all areas."



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IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD. The Chairman was unanimously appointed by the Council as the Nominee to attend and Vote at the twenty-fifth general meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

"That Council's Seal be affixed to Mortgage (Patrick Pearse Finlayson to Wicklow Urban District Council) and to application of Mr. Finlayson for registration in the Register of Freeholders."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Mortgage and application for Registration.

WATER-MAIN FOR NORTH QUAY: Read letter dated 13/3/1951 from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., stating that the cost of 310 lineal yards 4 inch diam. Asbestos Water-Main to be imported from Belgium would be £857-3-0, plus freight charges, and not £500 plus freightage as previously indicated. The Town Surveyor stated that he had requested Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to submit a quotation for supply of the water-main and had recommended the Manager to accept the quotation in the sum of £500 exclusive of freight charges. The Town Surveyor stated however, that he would not recommend payment of £857-3-0, plus freightage for the water-main. After discussion it was decided (1) To seek tenders for the carrying out of the work from Public Works Contractors. (2) To advertise for tenders (3) To purchase the pipes from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. in the event of their not being obtainable from any other source.

REMOVAL OF RANGE: Read letter dated 12/2/1951 from Mr. E. Kilcoyne, requesting the Council to grant him permission to instal a Boiler Grate in Living Room of Dunglew at Ballynorrin, and to remove the range. The writer inquired whether the Council would contribute towards the cost of installation and removal. After discussion, the Council agreed that permission be granted on same conditions as applied to other tenants who had carried out similar alterations. It was also agreed that if Mr. Kilcoyne were unable to procure the services of tradesmen to carry out the work, the Council would do so on condition that Mr. Kilcoyne would pay for such work.

STREAM AT KILMANTIN HILL: Read following letter dated 24/3/1951:-  
Dear Sirs,  
We the undersigned, being the residents of Kilmantin Hill, again wish to point out to you the undesirability of the stream of water running down the side of this street. We consider it to be a danger to Public Health, with tin cans, paper and dirt flowing down. It is unhealthy, dangerous, unsightly, and certainly a deterrent to the work of beautifying the town.  
We hereby humbly appeal to you to have the stream covered in, carrying School children, going up and down, and even infants have made a habit of playing in the water and even drinking it, and we feel sure you will appreciate that this alone should be sufficient reason for having the water covered.

Yours :- M. Pharr; T. Kilcoyne; K. Murphy; M. Reilly;  
A. Doyle; E. McGahan; M. Cullen; M. Byrne; E. O'Connor; K. Byrne; E. Murphy;  
C. Wall; E. Quinn; Mrs Wiggins; J. Bergin; E. McEvoy; M. Heaslip; J. Doyle.

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The Town Surveyor stated that he had included the work in the Schedule of proposed works which had been submitted to the Department of Local Government in connection with the Scheme of work to be carried out in 1951/52 under the Local Authorities (Works) Act 1949. Noted.

DUMPING AT BOND STREET: Read letter dated 20/3/1951 from Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., re dumping of refuse outside their garage premises at Bond Street, Wicklow. Read letter dated 3/4/1951 from Mr. B. O'Tole, S.S.O. stating that he had visited Messrs Haskins in connection with the matter, and had also warned householders in the area. Noted.

Reference was made to the dumping which takes place at Black Castle and the Council directed that arrangements be made to carry out cleaning operations at Black Castle on Saturday mornings.

PLOT AT NORTH QUAY: SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. Read following letter dated 2/4/1951 from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd:-

Dear Sir,

On 27th. November, 1950 we submitted a plan to your Council on which was marked the additional plot of ground on the North Quay which our Firm wishes to lease from your Council. We pointed out that this plot of ground was required so that we may have sufficient storage space for 30,000 tons of Fertilizer. In order to store this quantity of fertilizer, a factory building extending over the whole area would have to be built.

Your Council at a meeting on the 12th. September, passed a Resolution to lease this plot of ground to our firm. We wish to have the area which the Council has agreed to lease to us clearly defined, and request that this information be forwarded without delay, so that we can have plans drawn up for the actual building which we intend to set up there.

To/ Sec. Wicklow U.D.C.

Yours faithfully,  
Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.  
J.J. Keogh.

Read following letter dated 2/4/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow:-

The Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I refer to previous correspondence with your Council, which began on 26th. July, 1950, but I refer in particular to my letter of 5th. September. As explained in that letter my clients had the yearly tenant interest in the piece of ground at the opposite side of the roadway leading to the Packet Pier, but they never actually used same, knowing that they were required for other purposes and in fact they have been so used. Notice to Quit expired on 25th. March, but my clients are prepared to hand over formal possession.

My clients, however, would like to have a ruling on their application for additional ground at the opposite side of this road-way. I understand that Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. have got an option on some portion of the ground, but the exact portion of which I am not sure, but my clients idea would be to obtain, if possible, a strip of ground directly opposite the Saw Mills or if there is any other convenient place and not interfering with Wicklow Fertilizers, they would be prepared to accept it if suitable.



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My clients are steadily increasing their business and space is being rapidly filled up, so much so that a week ago, production had to be suspended for a day or more in order to get out a number of the finished articles as there was no space available to store them. They also intend to get in more substantial amounts of timber, but unless space is available they cannot do so. It is also their intention to develop into other lines, and in fact, plans have already been prepared dealing with another industry, but there again, everything depends on the space available.

I wish to make it quite clear that my clients do not desire to impede the progress of any other concern, but at the same time would appreciate if ground could be made available, because with the expansion of their business, they will require extensive space, and there will be an expansion in employment, which will all be given to men from the town and adjoining districts.

If it was a matter that your Council required any further information or particulars I would be only too pleased to supply same.

Mise le meas,

Augustus Cullen.

After a lengthy discussion, during which it was pointed out that the Council was most anxious to facilitate both parties, it was decided to suggest to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., that they might come to some agreement regarding the space required by the respective companies; and in order to expedite such agreement, the Council decided to forward to the firms a map showing thereon, a plot of ground, contained in larger area, for lease of which Shamrock Fertilizers had already applied, and situated opposite the existing premises of Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., which plot of ground, the Council recommended, might be leased to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.

WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD. Read letter dated 2/4/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow, stating that his clients were satisfied to accept a new lease of the plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow for a period of 75 years from 25th. March, 1951, at an annual rent of £30., and, also stating that his clients would accept liability for the costs of the surrender of the old leases and the preparation of the new one.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD: Read letter dated 12/3/1951 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that the Council could grant a lease of the two sites which Mr. Finlayson was prepared to take over; and as regards the remaining five sites, the Council would be entitled to give Mr. Finlayson an option to take out a lease of such sites, provided that the Council fixed a date within which the option would have to be exercised.

Mr. Finlayson stated that it would be necessary for him to enter upon the entire plot for the purpose of levelling and sewerage. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree, subject to the approval of the Council's Solicitor, to grant a lease of seven building sites at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, marked numbers 10 to 16 on map submitted by Town Surveyor, to Mr. A. Finlayson, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £35. i.e. £5-0-0 per plot, on condition that only one shilling per plot be charged until such time as the building of each house would be commenced, and the seven houses to be built within a period of three years from 1/4/1951.

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The Council agreed that the usual conditions regarding assignment etc (only with the consent of the Council) would be included in the lease, and that a covenant to the effect, that in the event of the Lessee at any time alienating (with the consent of the Lessors) any dwelling house to be erected on the building site by way of under-lease the rent to be reserved and made payable under such under-lease should not exceed the yearly rent reserved and payable to the Lessors.

SITE FOR FACTORY- ACE PRODUCTS LTD. Read following letter of 28/3/1951 from Ace Products Ltd., Wicklow.

To/ Chairman & Members, U.D.C. Wicklow.  
Dear Sirs,

We wish to apply for a site for a new factory- as an extension to our existing one at Quarantine Hill.

We have already been in touch with the County Manager and County Engineer, who very kindly suggested a suitable site of two acres at the junction of St. Laurence Road and New Park Road.

May we point out that this proposed New Factory will not be a Factory in the accepted sense of the word- but a modern building with a garden in front and surrounded by trees and shrubs - in short a Garden Factory.

We would be grateful if you could facilitate us in this by granting us the maximum lease at a nominal rent.

Thanking you very much.

Yours faithfully. Ace Products Ltd.

The Manager informed the meeting that Ace Products Ltd. originally intended applying for a plot at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. They were now satisfied however, that the site at the junction of St. Laurence Road and New Park Road would be suitable for their project. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to grant to Messrs Ace Products Ltd. Wicklow, a lease of a site at the junction of St. Laurence Road and New Park Road, Wicklow, shown on map submitted by Town Surveyor, and measuring 1 a. 3 r. 5 p. approximately, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £20., for the purpose of having erected thereon, a factory, to be built in accordance with plans to be approved of by the Council."

NAMING OF NEW ROADS AT BALLYNERRIN: The Town Surveyor submitted a plan showing thereon the New Roads at Ballynerrin, named as follows:-  
(1) St. Patrick's Terrace (2) Glendassan Road (3) Glendalough Road  
(4) Glenmalure Road.

After discussion, during which other names were suggested, it was unanimously agreed, at the suggestion of the Chairman, that the following names be given to the New Housing areas at Ballynerrin:-

- (1) St. Patrick's Avenue (New road adjoining 5 roomed houses)
- (2) St. Laurence's Park (New Roads serving 4-roomed houses)

YEARLY TENANCIES: Read letter dated 29/3/1951 from Mother Prioress, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of 22nd March, 1951, and stating that their Solicitors, Messrs Arthur O'Hagan & Son, would write to the Council in connection with the matter (termination of yearly tenancies) at an early date.



A very long discussion ensued, during which the Council considered various matters relating to the proposed termination of yearly tenancies. It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we take no further steps to terminate Yearly Tenancies under which land is held from the Council by the Dominican Convent, Wicklow."

Regarding the land held by Mrs Angela Doyle, it was agreed that if considered necessary, the Council could appoint a Deputation to wait upon Mrs Doyle in connection with such lands. It was decided, however, that in the meantime, no further steps be taken to recover possession of the lands in question.

Reference was also made to the fact that Miss Dorothy Wall had surrendered her Yearly Tenancies and accepted 11 month's tenancies in respect of two fields and it was unanimously agreed that Miss Wall should not suffer any loss as a result of acceding to the request of the Council.

DERELICT SITES AT FRIAR'S HILL: Read following report from Town Surveyor:-

FRIAR'S HILL- DERELICT SITES.

I reported on this matter when making my former Housing Survey, and it was observed that there are three Derelict Sites on this road, but only two of these could be described as suitable building sites.

(1) The narrow strip formerly occupied by 6 small houses. I suggested that two small houses might be erected on that site, but these would be very narrow with a wide frontage immediately fronting the Public Road.

(2) The second site was originally the property of Mr. Arthur Moran, and two houses could be built on that plot, but I understand that it will be difficult to establish ownership.

The third derelict Site is a small corner at the Upper end of the road where a small house originally stood and was occupied by T. Byrne. The space is altogether too small for a house.

Adjoining this site is a house occupied by Dickenson, which was originally listed by the Council for clearance, but was, I believe allowed to stand during the life-time of the present occupant.

The Manager informed the meeting that the Council could take over these sites under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act 1940. After discussion it was decided to write to the owners of the sites in question and request them to indicate on what conditions they would be prepared to dispose of the sites to the Council.

BONUS -DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING SCHEME. Read following letter dated 12/3/1951 from Department of Local Government:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 15th. January last, regarding the payment of Bonuses to the Officers and employees engaged on the erection of 26 houses by Direct Labour, at Cooper's Field, Castle Street, and Monkton Row, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to convey sanction to the payment of bonuses as proposed, except insofar as the Town Clerk is concerned. As this officer is on an inclusive salary, the Minister is unable to approve in Wicklow as elsewhere of the making of a payment of this nature to an officer not entitled to fees.

Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

Mise le meas,  
D. Turpin.

The Council having expressed disapproval at the non-payment of Bonus to the Town Clerk, the Manager stated that he would submit special representations to the Department in connection with the matter.

HOUSING REPORT. Read following report from Town Surveyor:-

Re- Wicklow U. D. C. - Ballynerrin Houses.

A Chara,

The present condition of those houses is:-

8 Bungalows Occupied; small amount fencing to be completed and wicket gates to be hung.

12 4-roomed Houses.

Completed, but due to bad weather, road and front Walling not finished; it should be possible to hand over keys in 10 or twelve days.

8 Five-roomed Houses.

Almost ready, but concrete roadway not started due to delays in weather conditions.

Total Expenditure to 30/3/51

£30,601. 5. 8.

Labour Skilled 16: Unskilled 19

Regarding the balance of the scheme (26 houses). Timber and plumbing goods and some ironmongery delivered on site.

Mise le meas, J. T. O'Byrne.  
Town Surveyor.

Noted.

RESTORATION OF ROADWAY: Councillor Everett referred to the very unsatisfactory condition of the road adjoining his premises at Dunbur Road.

The Town Surveyor stated that the work of restoration was being carried out by the Wicklow County Council, and that he would endeavour to have the work completed as soon as possible.

EXCHANGE OF TENANCY: Mrs F. Windross:

Read letter dated 3/4/1951 from Mrs Florence Windross, 6, Glenview Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to appoint her tenant of one of the Council's houses on the Murrough, as she was finding it almost impossible to climb the hill to her present house. The Council were informed that there was not a vacant Council house on the Murrough at the moment.

Noted.

EXECUTION OF LEASES: It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial- Wicklow U. D. C. to John Power, Main St. Wicklow."

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

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial -Wicklow U. D. C. to Martin O'Brien, No. 15, Convent Road, Wicklow."



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

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial- Wicklow U. D. C. to Thomas Kavanagh and Myles Kavanagh, Castleview, The Murrrough, Wicklow."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial in each case.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: The Council decided to defer to the next meeting the making of a decision regarding the selection of works to be carried out by means of a loan of £1900 to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, and for the raising of which the Council had provided £228 at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

PLOT FOR OIL STORAGE TANKS: Councillor Kane referred to the fact that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. had been requested to suspend work on the erection of two 2000 gallon oil storage tanks at the North Quay. The Town Surveyor stated that a plot measuring 30 feet by 6 feet had been granted to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. by the Council, but on examination he had found that the company intended enclosing an area 28 feet by 6½ feet. He stated that it would be necessary for Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to arrange to have a recess in their factory wall in order that the tanks would not extend further than six feet from such wall.

EXECUTION OF LEASE: Nicholas J. Byrne It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial Wicklow U. D. C. To Nicholas J. Byrne, The Mall, Wicklow".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial.

7/5/51

# WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN HALL,  
WICKLOW.  
June 1st. 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, 5th. June, 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 1st. May, 1951, 7th. May, 1951, and 15th. May, 1951. (copies herewith)
- (2) Letter of acknowledgment from Mrs. L. Sutton.
- (3) Letter dated 17/5/1951 from Superintendent, Garda Sioghanna, re itinerants in Urban area.
- (4) Execution of Deed of Mortgage -Loan of £700 for laying of Water-Main at North Quay.
- (5) Fixing date of Annual Special Meeting of the Council.
- (6) To consider following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson at meeting held on 7th. May, 1951:-  
"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council, that the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on 3rd. April, 1951, granting a lease of a plot of ground at the junction of New Park Road and St. Laurence Road to Ace Products Ltd. for a term of 75 years at an Annual rent of £20. be rescinded."
- (7) Filling vacancy in the Membership of the Council, which vacancy occurred by reason of the death of the late Councillor Loughlin Sutton.
- (8) Report from Road Overseer re Paling at Murrrough.
- (9) Letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. re plot of ground at North Quay.
- (10) Circular E. L. 4/51 of 4/5/51 from Department of Local Government re Temporary Salary Increases.
- (11) Application for lease of site for Ball Alley.
- (12) Report from Town Surveyor re expenditure of £1900 in respect of Road improvement works.
- (13) Housing Progress Report.
- (14) Application from Mr. William O'Grady, Main Street, Wicklow for renewal of lease.
- (15) Letter from tenants of bungalows at Castlefield re path.



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- (16) Letter from Mrs M. O'Connor, No 1, Bungalow, Castle St. re range houses.
- (17) Report re installation of Gas Cookers in Council's at Ballynerrin.
- (18) Consideration of Lay-Out Plans submitted by Mr. W. A. Maguire, B. Arch. re proposed development of land owned by S. V. Delahunt & Co Ltd at Friar's Hill, Wicklow.
- (19) Letter from Mr. R. Dickenson re letting of Field at Ballynerrin.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MINUTES  
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MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1st. MAY, 1951.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding;  
 Councillors C. W. Hudson; A. Finlayson; E. Kane;  
 J. Brennan; P. Doyle.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman)  
 Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Councillor Loughlin Sutton, and that as a mark of respect, the business of this monthly meeting be adjourned.

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting to 7-30. P. M. on Monday, 7th. May, 1951.

*J. Olohan*  
 5/6/51



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON MAY 7th. 1951.

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Meetings held on 30th. March, 1951, and 3rd. April, 1951 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

SALE OF ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS TO TENANTS: The following resolution, passed by Tralee Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to take steps to have the necessary Legislation enacted to permit Urban Councils to sell their old Artizans' Dwellings to existing tenants, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Department and to each Urban Authority."

RESOLUTION RE SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME: The following resolution passed by Bray Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That we the Members of the Urban District Council protest against the decision of the Minister for Industry and Commerce in discontinuing the issue of permits to Local Authorities for the purchase of bread and Butter at subsidised prices, in connection with the provision of School Meals, thereby increasing the cost of the Scheme to Local Authorities. We direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Urban Councils in Ireland."

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LAMPS: Read letter dated 13/4/1951 from E. S. B. stating that issue of a quotation in respect of additional Public Lamps would have to be deferred until delivery of new lanterns had been effected. Noted.

ACE PRODUCTS LTD.: ANNUAL RENT OF INDUSTRIAL SITE: Read letter dated 17/4/1951 from Ace Products Ltd., pointing out that the Annual rent of £20. for site at junction of St. Laurence Road and New Park Road was considered excessive.  
After discussion the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson:-

"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council " That the Resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on 3rd. April, 1951 granting a lease of a plot of Ground at the junction of New Park Road and St. Laurence Road, to Ace Products Ltd. for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £20 be rescinded".

PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter dated 13/4/1951 from Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. :-

Dear Sir,

Re- Plot of Ground at North Quay.

Your letter of 9th. April, which refers to the leasing of the plot of ground at Wicklow was discussed at a Board Meeting of our Company. The Board fails to understand the action of the Council regarding the allotment of this additional plot of ground at the North Quay, Wicklow.

Since your Council Resolved to allot this plot of ground to our Firm, to even suggest rescinding this resolution, or to contemplate allotting portion of the plot in question, is not in keeping with a business-like agreement.

When we negotiated initially regarding the setting up of a Fertilizer Factory, at Wicklow, you promised every facility would be given us to build up a worth while Industry there. Furthermore this agreement was made before we started to build our Factory at Wicklow. If our Company had known before-hand that we should not acquire the lease of this additional plot of ground we would have made other arrangements.

We have planned our factory to produce 30,000 tons of Compound Fertilizer annually. Plant and equipment to deal with this capacity has been installed at Wicklow and to alter it at this stage would be quite impossible. The storage capacity of the building at Wicklow allows us to handle 15000 tons of fertilizers. This is not sufficient to keep the plant working on an economic basis or to allow for full employment. We must have the additional storage space for 15,000 tons of fertilizers.

We fail to understand what has influenced your Council to suggest any alteration in the decision which it has made in this matter. Should a decision be reached to allot portion of the plot to any other firm, this would result in heavy financial loss for our firm and prevent development of this industry in Wicklow.

As this matter is of great import to our firm we request that you make known to us your decision by return.

Yours faithfully,

Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Also read letter of 11/4/1951 from Wicklow Fertilizers, Ltd., pointing out that the Company had gone to considerable trouble and expense to have plans drawn up for a building which would take in the total area of the plot of ground in question.

Read following letter dated 30/4/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

Re- Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.

Plot of Ground at North Quay, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th. inst. enclosing me copy of communication of even date which you wrote to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. I also acknowledge receipt of the Map enclosed with your letter.

I wish to say that I have got into communication with Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., with a view to making an appointment to meet them on the site, but as it happened it has not been possible, up to the present, to fix on a date suitable to both parties, but it is to be hoped that during the course of the present week an appointment may be made and the matter can then be discussed on the spot.

Perhaps therefore the matter can be left in abeyance for a short time so as to enable the position to be considered between my clients and Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Yours faithfully,  
A. Cullen.



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After discussion it was decided to communicate with Messrs Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. and to point out that in the event of their not agreeing to consult with Messrs Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. the Council would be obliged to make a final decision regarding the allocation of plots to the respective companies without further delay.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD: Read letter dated 12/4/1951 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that the proposed lease to Mr. A. Finlayson could provide for payment of the rent as appears in the resolution, and in addition to the usual covenants could contain a covenant fixing a rent of £5. in respect of each plot in the event of the Lessees deciding to demise any of the plots by way of sub-lease.

Read letter dated 10/4/1951 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that as the Yearly Tenancy to Miss Doroty Wall had been terminated, it would be in order for the Council to lease the portion of land originally held by Miss Wall.

Read letter dated 1/5/1951 from Mr. A. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow, indicating that the Council's Solicitors might be instructed to prepare Draft Lease.

The Town Surveyor stated that the area of the portion of Miss Wall's field required for purpose of the lease to Mr. A. Finlayson was .4135 acres and that the total area of the field in question was 4.708 acres. The Town Clerk stated that the rent for 1950/51 was £11-3-8. The Council recommended that a new rent of £10-0-0 be fixed in respect of the 11 months letting.

DOMINICAN CONVENT, WICKLOW: LEASE OF THREE FIELDS: Read following letter dated 16/4/1951 from Messrs Arthur O'Hagan & Son., Solicitors, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

Dominican Convent, Wicklow  
3 fields held on Yearly Tenancies.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of 4th. inst., and are pleased to learn that the Council has decided to take no further steps to terminate these tenancies. The position as regards the Yearly Tenancies is not satisfactory in case the Council claims the right (which is not admitted) to terminate these tenancies any year by giving a six months Notice to Quit. Our Clients do not like to contemplate a possible recurrence of the recent situation in years to come and accordingly ask, that they be given a lease of the three fields for 31 years at least.

We would remind the Council that the Nuns at the request of the Council gave back to the Council three fields held on Yearly Tenancies and which they might have required to be purchased under the Land Acts viz. Rental No. 192 surrendered in 1935 and Rentals Nos. 193 and 302 surrendered in 1938. Having regard to the manner in which the nuns met the wishes of the Council by surrendering those fields in 1935 and 1938 we think it would be only fair and reasonable that the Council would grant security to the Nuns for at least 31 years in respect of the three fields now held on yearly tenancies as an alternative to having these fields brought under the Land Acts now. Yours faithfully, A. O'Hagan & Son.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease of the following three fields to the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of £20-0-0.

- (1) Field known as Keogh's Field" containing 4 acres, 2 roods, 2 perches or thereabouts.
- (2) Field known as "Quinn's Field" containing 1 acre, 2 roods, 16 perches or thereabouts.
- (3) Field known as "Pim's Field" containing 3 acres, 3 roods, 10 perches or thereabouts, all of which fields are at present held by the Dominican Convent, Wicklow from the Council on Yearly Tenancies."

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FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Read following letter dated 19/4/1951 from Department of Local Government:-

A Chara,

Department of Local Government

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous correspondence relative to the necessity for Coast Protection Works at certain points on the foreshore at Wicklow, and to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Commissioners of Public Works who are not however in a position to carry out the proposed survey of the problem. It is suggested accordingly, that if the Town Surveyor has not in the meantime, been able to make any appreciable progress with the preparation of remedial plans, the Council should reconsider their attitude to the employment of a Consulting Engineer.

Mise le meas, etc.

Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Read following letter dated 24/4/1951 from Town Surveyor:-

Court House,  
Wicklow, 24th. April

Dear Sir,

In reply to your of the 23rd. inst., regarding letter received from Department of Local Government in above, I write to say that I have prepared plans for the further protection of the coast between the Marine Hotel and the Chemical Works, Wicklow.

As a matter of fact, I submitted estimate for the carrying out of this work on one or two occasions to the Department; I consulted with Officials of the Board of Works at other times in this connection.

It was felt however, that as no funds were available, the matter would have to be left in abeyance, but I can produce the plans at any time for submission."

The Surveyor pointed out that he expected to be paid fees at the rate of 4% of the value of the work to be carried out. He also indicated that in the event of the work not being carried out after the submission of plans and Estimate, he considered that he would be entitled to receive appropriate fees in respect of his preliminary work. After discussion, it was decided to inform the Department of the conditions on which the Town Surveyor would be prepared to submit plans in connection with Foreshore Protection Works at Wicklow.

PUBLIC PARK AT BLACK CASTLE Redemption of Head Rent. Read letter dated 3/4/1951 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that an offer equivalent to 15 years Purchase of the Annual Rent would be reasonable and pointing out that the Courts usually accepted anything from 12 to twenty years Purchase. The Council recommended that the sum of £5-7-6 representing 15 years Purchase Value of the Head Rent be offered in respect of redemption of such rent.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (superannuation) ACT, 1948. Read Circular E. L. 1/51 of 3/4/1951 from Department of Local Government, stating that the Minister would be glad to have the view of Councils and Managers on the operation of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948, and the Amendments to it which they consider necessary or desirable. The Manager stated that he was submitting certain views and recommendations to the Department on behalf of the County Council, and that copies would be made available to the Wicklow Urban District Council.

Noted.



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NEW HOUSES AT ST. LAURENCE PARK- SELECTION OF TENANTS. Read letters from the following persons, to whom houses had been allocated, intimating their inability to accept tenancies:-  
(1) Brendan Morgan, Friar's Hill, Wicklow.  
(2) Arthur Tavenor, Lower Strand Street, Wicklow.  
(3) James Fitzgerald, Castle Street, Wicklow.

Read letter dated 4/5/1951 from Rent Collector, stating that on 30/4/1951, Mrs. Nora O'Neill, tenant of No. 32, Glenview Road, had given him one week's notice of termination of her tenancy, and that on 3/5/1951, Mrs. P. Ellis had moved into the house, and that she and her husband were now in occupation of such house.  
The Town Clerk stated that Mr. P. Byrne, tenant of No. 33, Glenview Road, had informed him that he was not in a position to vacate the house.

Having examined the list of applicants and the report and recommendations of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health, the Council unanimously recommended the following applicants for appointment as tenants:-

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| (1) Anthony Gillespie, High Street, Wicklow.      | Appointed tenant of:- |
| (2) Denis Hanlon, 8, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow.   | New 2 storey house at |
| (3) John Ellis, C/O Mrs Doyle, The Mall, Wicklow. | St. Laurence Park.    |
| (4) Patrick Dunne, High Street, Wicklow.          |                       |

The Council also recommended that in accordance with resolution of the Council passed at meeting on 6/6/50, Mr. Patrick Byrne, tenant of No 33, Glenview Road be transferred to one of the new houses and that Mr. Christopher Murphy be appointed tenant of No 33, Glenview Road.

The following applicants were considered as being next in order of eligibility:-  
For new houses when available Richard Donnelly, 5, Marine View, Wicklow.  
(rent of 14/- per week)  
For Cheaper House when available (1) John McCormack, Castle Street, Wicklow.  
(2) Albert E. Howes, 16, St. Dominick's Road.

Read letter dated 26/4/1951 from Mr. James Murphy, 36, Glenview Rd., requesting the Council to appoint him tenant of the house in which he had resided for years with the former tenant, his Father-in-Law, the late Michael Gibbons.

The Council unanimously recommended that Mr. Murphy be appointed tenant.

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

Housing Report ..... May Ist. 1951  
Ballynerrin- 28 houses. Keys for 22 houses have been handed in.  
Concrete Roads are now completed. Of the remaining six houses four are finished and two in timber-trimming stage. Fencing on 18 houses completed. delay in delivery of Fencing Posts. Gates hung on 10 houses. prepared for 18 houses. Concrete Footpaths cannot be finished until cement deliveries are resumed after strike at Drogheda Works. We have only five tons in stock.  
The concrete wall in front of eight Better-Class Houses still to be built.  
Expenditure to date ..... £31,377.14.10d.  
Ballynerrin -26 houses. Roadway for 14 houses is excavated, levelled, foundation stone in ready for concrete but cannot be completed due to cement situation.  
Foundations for sewers and houses being dug out.  
Expenditure to date (including materials) £1573-17-0  
Labour: Trades, 14. Ordinary 19.

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

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Councillor Everett stated that he had received complaints regarding the fencing around the new houses at St. Laurence Park. The Town Surveyor stated that the fencing had now been completed.

The Chairman referred to the fact that increasing numbers of itinerants were camping inside the Urban Area, and were a source of annoyance to the Council's tenants. After discussion it was decided to request the Garda Síochána to co-operate with the Council in removing itinerants from sites in the Urban Area.

HAND BALL ALLEY: Read following letter dated 29/3/1951 from Mr. Seosamh O'L-Eoghain:-  
A Chara,

Please find enclosed a rough sketch plan of the proposed Ball Alley. The Club would be glad if you would ask the Council to reconsider giving us the old site at the rear of the old gaol as it is the most suitable and most convenient for both young and old and all concerned in fostering this great game.

Mise le meas, Seosain O'H-Eogain.  
The Town Surveyor stated that the rough sketch plan submitted was unsatisfactory.

After discussion, during which the Manager pointed out that under the Town Planning Scheme it was proposed to locate the Civic Centre on the site of the Old Gaol, and also stated that additional parking space was necessary.

The Council decided to inform the G. A. A. Club that they approved in principle of the granting of a lease of the site for use as a Ball Alley, but that it would be necessary for the Club to submit detailed plans of the structure before the Council would be in a position to grant a formal lease.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS: Following a discussion concerning the expenditure of £1900 on Road Improvement Works it was decided to await the submission of the Town Surveyor's report on the cost of re-surfacing of Castle Street and High Street.

DERELICT SITES AT FRIAR'S HILL: Read letter from Mrs Alice Byrne, Mrs Margaret O'Flaherty, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, and Mr. James O'Connor, St. Laurence Road, Wicklow, each of whom stated that his site at Friar's Hill, Wicklow would be handed over to the Council for £100.

Read letter dated 4/5/51 from Miss Kate Bradford, C/O Clask Post Office, Rathdrum, Co Wicklow, pointing out that the house at Friar's Hill had cost her £70 for purchase and improvements and stating that she hoped the Council would take this figure into consideration if they required possession of the site.

Read letter from Mr. James O'Rourke, The Mall, Wicklow, stating that he would be prepared to surrender site provided that the Council would build a cottage on the site for the purpose of letting it to him.

Read letter of 3/5/51 from Mrs M. Lalor, Abbey Street, Wicklow, stating that she was not prepared to hand over the site to the Council as she intended building a house on it. She stated that she would comply with the requirements of the Council as regards the improvement of the appearance of the site.

After discussion it was agreed to ask Major Grimshaw if he would agree to give a plot of ground to the Council for the purpose of enabling the Council to build houses at Friar's Hill.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The County Manager submitted the Schedule of Uncollected Rates to the Council. The Council approved of the Manager's decision to treat £55-17-9 as irrecoverable and £565-17-2 as temporarily uncollectable. The County Manager and the Council paid tribute to the work of the collector in achieving a 95% collection, without taking into account the irrecoverable arrears.