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ROAD IMPROVEMENT AT CASTLE STREET: Read following letter dated 13/7/1951, (Ref. R. B. 33) from Department of Local Government:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 5th. ult., regarding your proposal to concrete the road and footpaths at Castle Street, Wicklow, out of monies raised by way of loan. The road in question appears to be in good condition, and strong enough for the traffic it carries. It is considered that it requires only periodic surface-dressing to maintain it. As the cost of surface dressing would be £120, and its life might well be 7 to 10 years, it is further considered that such procedure would be more economical, than reconstruction in concrete involving annual repayments of over £200 for a period of 10 years.

The proposals for the construction of new footpaths are relatively small, and appear suitable for execution with the aid of grants from the Emergency Schemes Vote.

Mise le meas, E. T. Sheehy.

To/Town Clerk, Wicklow.

After discussion, the Council decided to request the Department to reconsider their decision regarding this matter, as the Council were still of the opinion that concrete should be used for the purpose of improvement.

COAST PROTECTION WORKS: ENGINEER'S FEES: Read following letter dated 5/7/1951 from Department of Local Government;-(Ref E.L. 86/2)

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd. ult., regarding the payment of fees to the Town Engineer, in respect of the preparation of plans and estimates in connection with the survey of Coast Protection Works, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government, to convey sanction to the payment of fees at the rate of 4% of the cost of the works executed to Mr. O'Byrne. Where a detailed preliminary report and estimate is prepared, but actual work is not proceeded with, a fee of 1% may be paid.

Mise le meas, D. Turpin.

Read following letter dated 10/8/1951 from Town Surveyor:-

A Chara,

I have your letter with which you enclose copy of communication you received from Department of Local Government (dated 5th. August 1951). I note that payment of fees amounting to 4% is approved. At the same time however, it is proposed to pay only 1% for preliminary report. The usual percentage is 50% for such reports, having regard to the fact that a considerable amount of work is involved. May I ask the Council therefore to request the Department to allow 2% instead of 1%.

In the meantime, I am making certain observations and measurements along the Coast Line but the investigations are desirable for some three or four months from date.

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

After discussion, it was decided to inform the Department of Local Government that the Town Engineer considered a fee of 1% in respect of a detailed report and estimate inadequate, and that he requested that a fee of 2% - up to a maximum of £200 be paid to him for preliminary report and preparation of plans, which would entail a very considerable amount of work.

PROPOSED COW SHED AT CONVENT ROAD: MR. MARTIN O'BRIEN: Read letter of 6/7/1951, from Mr. Martin O'Brien, Convent Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to approve of plan of cow-shed at Convent Road.

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Read letter dated 19/7/1951 from Town Engineer, stating that further details of the proposed structure would have to be submitted by Mr. O'Brien. Read letter dated 1/8/1951 from Acting Chief Medical Officer, stating that there was no objection from the health point of view to the erection of the proposed Cow Shed. The Council recommended that permission to build be granted provided that further details be submitted by Mr. O'Brien as requested by the Town Engineer.

GRANTS FOR "DU LUX HOUSES": Read following letter dated 11/7/1951 from the Department of Local Government (Ref. N. 5162/51 Wicklow U.D.)

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 5th. inst., regarding the proposal of the Wicklow Urban District Council to build a number of "Duplex Houses", I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state, that the allocation of grants from the Transition Development Fund was discontinued from 1st. November, 1950. The financial assistance to be afforded towards the cost of Housing operations carried out by Local Authorities after the 1st. November, 1950, is at present under review, and a Circular on the subject will issue to Local Authorities in due course.

Mise le meas,

S. O'Hanlon.

It was decided to defer consideration of the proposal to erect houses at Strand Street, Wicklow, until such time as the amount of financial assistance to be afforded from State Funds towards the cost of Housing Operations carried out by Local Authorities would have been decided upon.

FIVE PERCENT COSTS: 12 FIVE-ROOFED HOUSES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:

The County Manager informed the Council that it would appear from figures submitted by the Town Engineer and the Town Clerk - which figures, he (The County Manager) had not been afforded an opportunity to examine, - that it would be necessary to charge a ground rent of more than £12 per annum per site, if the plots were being leased as building sites. After discussion it was decided (1) to circulate details of expenditure and calculation of ground rent to the members of the Council (2) To request the Department of Local Government to make available a grant towards the cost of development of the sites.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: Read following report dated 10/8/1951 from Town Surveyor:-

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT BALLYNERRIN.

A Chara,

The position of the Scheme for 14 Normal Houses is :-

- Block No 1. (Two Houses) Roof timbers laid on- chimneys built.  
Sewers laid to rere.  
Foundations for Out-Offices opened.
- Block No 2 (Two Houses) Concrete finished to within one "lift" of all Plate.  
Sewers at rere of bungalows are laid.  
During the month, the concrete road through the Cooper's Field site was completed. The Council will remember that the sum of £400 was available for this work on the Cooper's Lane portion of the Scheme.
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| Employed | Trades II    |
|          | Labourers 18 |



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Councillor Everett stated that he had received complaints from tenants in the Cooper's Field area in connection with the damp condition of their pantries. The Town Engineer stated that condensation was responsible for this condition and that he was arranging to have rough mortar lime applied to the affected parts. Councillor Everett also referred to the fencing in the area, and stated that the sea air had caused corrosion of the wire. He suggested that a 6" boundary wall be erected. The Town Surveyor stated that he would submit an estimate of the cost of providing such wall. The Council recommended that the work be carried out as soon as possible. The Council also recommended that the next E.S.V. Grant be availed of for the purpose of completing the roadway at Cooper's Lane.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION- CAPITAL ACCOUNT. The Town Clerk stated that the debit balance on the Capital Account amounted to £1356-17-2 and that it would be necessary to obtain temporary overdraft accommodation.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; 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 (Capital Account) during the two months ending on 4th. September, 1951.

RENEWAL OF LEASE: T. HANNAN.

Read letter from Mr. T. Hannan, 42, Heytesbury Street, Dublin, applying for renewal of lease of his premises at Castle Street, Wicklow. The Council were informed that the lease would expire on 25th. March, 1952, and that the annual ground rent was 15/-. After discussion it was decided to inquire from Council's Solicitor if an increase in excess of 25% of the old rent could be fixed on the occasion, of the granting of a renewal of the lease.

WATER-SPRAY WASH TOWER- SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. Read following letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Dear Sir,

We wish to acquire from your Council a lease of a plot of ground, 13 feet by 8 feet 6 inches, on the North Side of our Factory at the North Quay, on the edge of the track that leads to the quay. This plot is required for the erection of a Water-Spray Wash Tower 22' high for the purification of any escape gas which may be given off by our granulating plant.

If this cannot be built, a certain amount of dust will have to be let off into the atmosphere and may cause a certain amount of inconvenience.

A reply by return would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

for Shamrock Fertilizers. J. J. Keogh.

P.S. A plan of the proposed Wash Tower is enclosed.

Read letter dated 19/7/51 from Town Engineer stating that it would be necessary for Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to submit a proper site plan to a scale of 44' to 1" and a detailed drawing of plans and sections of the water-spray tower to a scale of 1/2" to 1'.

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The Town Clerk submitted to the meeting plans which had been handed in by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., after the commencement of the meeting. The Town Surveyor stated that the structure should not project more than 6 feet from the factory wall on to the adjoining roadway as it should be kept in line with the Fuel Tanks already erected. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground 13 feet long by 6 feet wide, on the North Quay, Wicklow, as indicated on map submitted by applicants to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., or a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £1-0-0., such plot to be used by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for the purpose of having erected thereon a Water-Spray Wash Tower in accordance with plans now submitted."

LEASING OF PLOTS ON NORTH QUAY - WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD. AND SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD.

Read report dated 20/7/1951 from Town Engineer giving particulars of interview which had taken place at North Quay, Wicklow on that date between the Engineer and representatives of Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. (representative - Mr. A. Cullen) and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. (Representative - Mr. J. Keogh) The map prepared by the Town Engineer, and indicating the areas agreed to by the respective parties, was submitted to the meeting. Also shown on the map was the proposed diversion of the Tramway line.

Read following letter dated 9/8/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

WICKLOW SAW MILLS AND URBAN COUNCIL

Dear Sir,

I refer to my inspection at the Town Hall, this morning, of map submitted by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. I was rather surprised to find, that the map was not in keeping with the very definite and very clear arrangements which were arrived at on the site on the 20th. July last.

On that date, the Town Clerk made an appointment for the Town Surveyor to meet Mr. Keogh of Shamrock Fertilizers on the site. Councillor Kane happened to be on the Quay and he joined with us. A suggestion was made that the Rialway Line might be diverted, so as to give Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. more space. It was agreed that the Rialway Company be approached to see if they would agree to the alteration.

You will recollect that it had been previously agreed that Wicklow Saw Mills were to get a stretch of ground, 35 feet at the Northern end of the Council houses. Shamrock Fertilizers stated that they had to alter their plans, and it was for the purpose of endeavouring to meet them that the appointment was made on the site for the 20th. July. It was agreed that if the Rialway line was altered that Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. should only get a space of 10 feet at the Northern end of the Council houses, whereas, if the Rialway line was not altered, then Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd were to get 15 feet. These two alternative spaces were accepted by me on behalf of Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., in lieu of the 35 feet already agreed to. I agreed to the reduction in order to facilitate Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

The Town Surveyor drew a Sketch Plan with notes thereon as a record of the interview and of the decisions arrived at.

The map now lodged does not show any space at the Northern end of the Council houses going to Wicklow Saw Mills.

I am fully prepared, on behalf of my clients, to stand by the terms very clearly and definitely agreed to.

T/  
Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully, Augustus Cullen.



The Town Clerk stated that a revised map had been handed in by a representative of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. after the commencement of the meeting. Following a discussion, during which the Council stressed that maps and correspondence should have been submitted earlier to allow of their being examined by the County Manager and the Town Engineer, it was decided (1) To request Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd to examine amended map submitted by Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. and (2) to request Coras Iompair Eireann to indicate what progress had been made in connection with the proposals of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. relative to the Tramway at North Quay. The Town Surveyor pointed out that it was desirable that the width of the road should be 35 feet.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: DELAHUNT ESTATE: Read following letter dated 30/7/1951 from Mr. W. A. Maguire, B. Arch. M.R.I.A.I.:-

Re- DELAHUNT ESTATE

62, Dame Street,  
Dublin.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of 24th. and 26th. inst., with regard to the above, I have to point out that the Estate will be bearing the cost of extending the water-supply together with considerable outlay in other branches of the development connected with the proposals. Having regard to the fact that sites will be disposed of by means of Lease and Ground Rent, it would hardly be equitable to require the Estate to contribute in full to the cost of the extension of the sewer, more particularly, as the ultimate benefits thereof will accrue to the Council by way of Rates.

I desire to inform you however, that the Estate is prepared to contribute the sum of £129-10-0, which is 25% of your Estimate, towards the cost of extension of the sewer, so that approval of the proposals may be facilitated and expedited.

I trust that the above mentioned contribution may meet with the approval of the Council, so that plans for commencing development as proposed may be put in hands as soon as possible.

Mr. Delahunt and I will be pleased to attend your next Council meeting, if you so desire, so that any further points may be clarified to the mutual satisfaction of both parties.

Yours faithfully,  
W. A. Maguire.

The County Manager submitted figures to the Meeting, relating to Loan Charges, and estimated income from Rates. He also pointed out, that in the event of there being an agreement between the Council and the promoters, a clause would be inserted to the effect that if eight houses were not completed within 2 years, from the date of the completion of the sewer, the promoters would be liable for the full cost of the extension.

After discussion, it was decided to inquire from Mr. Maguire, if the Estate would be prepared to contribute the sum of £259-0-0 (i.e. 50% of the estimated cost) towards the cost of extending the Main Sewer.

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: The Council's Seal was affixed to the renewals of the Cinema Licences in respect of (1) Abbey Cinema, Wentworth Place, (2) Rialto Cinema, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

URINAL AT NORTH QUAY: Read letter dated 4/8/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow, stating that his clients, Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., were prepared to demolish the Urinal at the North Quay, and to make a contribution of £25 towards the cost of erection of an alternative structure. Noted.

LEASE OF LAND AT DUNBUR ROAD- R. A. FINLAYSON: Councillor Finlayson, referring to the Clauses which are to be inserted in the lease which was being granted to him of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, stated that if certain clauses were waived, he would be prepared to pay £35 per annum from the date of commencement of the lease. The County Manager referred to the Clauses in question, and stated that he considered that they should be retained, particularly the Clause whereby the Lessee could not charge a sub-tenant a higher rent in respect of any site than the Ground Rent payable by the Lessee to the Council in respect of such site. The Chairman informed Councillor Finlayson that it would be necessary to have the original resolution rescinded if the Clauses were to be altered, and that a Notice of Motion to the effect would have to be lodged with the Town Clerk.

SEA BREEZE EXCURSIONS: The Council acting on the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., decided to request the C. I. E. to re-introduce the running of the Sea Breeze Excursions to Wicklow.

EXTENSION OF PROMENADE: The Town Clerk stated that the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce wished to draw the attention of the Council to the desirability of extending the promenade as far as the grass margin of the Burrough. The Town Engineer stated that provision for such extension would be included in the plans for the improvement of the Coast Protection Works.

RAILWAY CROSSING AT BURROUGH. The Town Clerk stated that the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce desired to recommend the Council, in conjunction with the C. I. E. to provide a level crossing just North of the Marine Hotel, as it was considered that such crossing would be widely availed of by motorists during the Tourist Season. After discussion, it was decided to communicate with C. I. E. in connection with the matter.

*f. O'Leary*  
2/9/51







**DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION:** The County Manager, indicating that the Acting Chief Medical Officer would address the meeting, informed the Council that at their meeting held on 20th. August, 1951, the County Council, having considered a circular letter from the Department of Health, in regard to Diphtheria Immunisation, suggested that the Acting Chief Medical Officer should attend at the next meeting of each of the Urban Councils for the purpose of stressing the necessity for having children immunised.

Dr. J. Dunleavy, Acting Chief Medical Officer gave a detailed account to the meeting concerning the operation of the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme, and submitted statistics relating to County Wicklow over a number of years. Doctor Dunleavy stressed that the percentage returns indicated in the Department's circular were mis-leading as private practitioners were not obliged to submit returns in respect of Immunisation carried out by them.

After a long discussion the following suggestions were made by the Council:-

- (1) That steps should be taken to have Diphtheria Immunisation carried out in the homes of the children.
  - (2) That special sessions for the carrying out of Diphtheria Immunisation in the dispensaries should be arranged.
  - (3) That inquiries should be made regarding the possibility of having Diphtheria Immunisation carried out in the County Hospital.
- Councillor Clarke stated that he would arrange for the showing of slides relating to Diphtheria Immunisation during Cinema performances.

Dr. H. Teevan, Dispensary M. O. H. also attended the meeting.

**RENEWAL OF LEASE- THOMAS HANAN:** Read following letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.:-

Dear Sir,  
In reply to your letter of the 11th. inst. we wish to inform you that the Council can fix the rent to be charged to a Lessee when granting a renewal of the lease.  
If the Lessee considers the rent fixed too high, he can apply to the Circuit Judge to fix a rent.  
The Council is not restricted to an increase of 25% of the old rent.

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. McCarroll & Co.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-  
"That we hereby grant a renewal of the lease of his premises at Castle Street, Wicklow, to Mr. Thomas Hanan for a term of 75 years from 25th. March, 1952 at an annual rent of £2-10-0."

**SEA BREEZE EXCURSIONS:** Read letter dated 15/8/1951 from Traffic Manager, C. I. E., stating that on and from Saturday 3rd. June, 1951, and on each Wednesday and Saturday until further notice, the Sea Breeze Excursions had operated and would continue to operate from Dublin to Wicklow and Arklow. After discussion, it was decided to ask the C. I. E. to operate special Sea Breeze Excursions to Wicklow Town in 1952 as the Council considered that this season's arrangement, whereby excursions to Wicklow are operated in conjunction with excursions to Arklow is not satisfactory.

**CONCRETING OF CASTLE STREET.** Read following letter dated 30/8/1951 from the Department of Local Government, (Ref. R.E. /33)

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 11th. inst., regarding the proposed concreting of Castle Street, Wicklow, out of monies to be raised by way of loan, and to state that for the reasons set out in this Department's letter of the 13th. ult. the Minister is satisfied that the expenditure suggested would not be justified and consequently he is unable to approve of the proposal.

Mise le meas,  
E. T. Sheehy.

After discussion, the Council decided to adhere to its proposal to concrete Castle Street, and directed that the attention of the Department be drawn to the following:-

- (1) The road at Castle Street could be used as an alternative route for heavy traffic going to the Silver Strand.
- (2) During the past Summer, the increased traffic on Castle Street was very considerable and the extent of such traffic is likely to be greatly increased when the New Coast Road at present in course of construction will have been completed.

**VEGETABLE PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD: MR. F. WRIGHT.**

Read letter dated 15/8/1951 from Mr. F. Wright, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, thanking the Council for letting the Vegetable plot to him at 10/- per year, and suggesting that the Council should erect a double gate on the Road frontage.

Read letter dated 30/8/1951 from Mr. F. Wright, stating that he was not prepared to accept tenancy as he found that the plot in question was subject to flooding. After discussion it was decided to inform Mr. Wright that the Council would arrange to divert the water from the plot and endeavour to provide him with some suitable soil from the Ballynerrin building site.

**PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT- DELAHUNT ESTATE:** Read following letter dated 29/8/1951 from Mr. W. A. Maguire, B. Arch. M. R. I. A. I. :-

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 13th. inst., in which you inquire if the Estate would be prepared to contribute 50% of the estimated cost of extending the sewer, I am to inform you that the Estate is prepared to increase the amount of the contribution to the cost of extending the sewer from 25% to 50% of the estimated cost, being £259-0-0. (Two hundred and fifty-nine Pounds) I trust that this increased contribution will be acceptable to the Council.

I will be further obliged, if on approval you could let me know the earliest dates on which the works could be commenced and completed, and also the manner and time in which payment of the above amount should be made.

Yours faithfully,

W. A. Maguire.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the Estate's offer subject to the condition already specified by the Council, viz. the erection of 8 houses by the Estate within a period of two years from the date of completion of the extension of the sewer.

**LEASES OF PLOTS AT NORTH QUAY.**

RE- WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD.

Dear Sir,

I now enclose you herewith Plan showing the ground at North Quay, which my clients are anxious to procure a lease of. This plan shows the ground opposite portion of the Saw Mills. Some time ago, I had a discussion with Mr. Keogh of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd along with the Town Surveyor when the suggestion was made that the railway line be altered as shown on the plan enclosed.



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At that time it was agreed that if the Railway Line was altered to the present suggested position, the boundaries of the Saw Mills premises should be ten feet from the Eastern end of the existing houses and if the Railway Line was not altered, the boundaries would be 15 feet from the Eastern end. I had the enclosed plan prepared, showing the two alternative boundaries, but since this was prepared, I had an interview with Mr. E. M. Murphy, Engineer to Shamrock Fertilizers. He informed that, on behalf of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., he was prepared to leave the boundaries at 15 feet from the end of the houses irrespective of whether the Railway Line was changed or not. Mr. Murphy had the idea that he would not want difficulties to arise, owing to the different boundaries being mentioned. You can take it that the correct boundaries as now agreed upon with Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. are shown by the yellow line marked "CD" on the plan, and the line marked "AB" can be removed altogether. I have seen a copy of the map prepared by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and in so far as the boundaries between the two companies are concerned everything appears in order.

It may be necessary to give the Railway Company the exclusive right over the corner of the property on the enclosed plan, but my clients will create no difficulties and will be prepared to either have the piece of ground excluded altogether or to include it as shown on the map reserving the right.

Yours faithfully,  
Augustus Cullen.

The Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

The map referred to in the letter was submitted to and examined by the Council.

Read following letter dated 3/9/1951 from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find two copies of map showing (A) coloured in red site proposed to be leased to us (B) coloured in green, site proposed to be leased to the Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.

We have also sent this day two copies to Mr. Augustus Cullen.

Yours faithfully,  
for Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

J. J. Keogh.

P. S. We would be grateful if the leasing of this ground would be finalised without delay as we are anxious to commence building operations.

The map forwarded with the letter was duly submitted to and examined by the Council.

After discussion, during which it was pointed out that the maps submitted by the two companies did not agree, the Council decided to defer further consideration of the matter until such time as (1) Both parties would have reached agreement regarding the dimensions of the plots on the North Quay and (2) Comas Iompair Eircann would have approved of the route of the proposed tramway. The Council recommended that a special meeting be convened by the County Manager if he were satisfied that the requisite particulars and details were available. The Council also directed that Messrs Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd, be requested to submit documents in future at such time as to give the Council and their officers an opportunity of examining them.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. PROPOSED WASH TOWERS. Read letter of 3/9/51, from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., applying for the Council's permission to open the road and lay drainage pipes from the proposed Wash Towers at the North Quay, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor indicated that it would be necessary for the applicants to submit a plan and section, showing the exact lay-out and position of the pipe, together with details of its size and type. The Council approved of the Town Surveyor's recommendations.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION- CAPITAL ACCOUNT. The Town Clerk stated that the Debit Balance (Capital Account) at 31/8/1951 was £920-17-11, and that outstanding paying orders amounted to £4713-0-1.

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction for Overdraft Accommodation up to the limit of £8000 (Capital Account) during the period ending 2nd. October, 1951."

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT.

Ballynerrin (14) Houses.

A Chara,

The present position with regard to those houses is :-  
Expenditure to date (Labour & Materials) £7,564. Concrete Road completed; 9" diam. sewer laid to rear of 14 houses; 4 inch diam. water-main laid for 8 houses; 2 houses (two-storey) roofed, ready for tiling, floors laid; plastering in progress. No. 2. block (2 houses) foundations finished, panels for mass concrete in position. No 4 Block. (2 houses) foundations completed. Foundations for 8 houses (Bungalow type) being excavated. Outoffices for 4 houses being built. Road and Paths Cooper's Field completed.

Employed: 13 skilled. 18 unskilled.

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

NOTED.

ADVERTISING RE LETTING OF NEW HOUSES: The Council agreed that a notice should be inserted in the "Wicklow People" inviting applications for tenancy of 14 houses at St. Laurence Park. It was decided to allocate the houses at the next meeting of the Council.

DEVELOPMENT OF SITE AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE.

The following report, which had been circulated to the members of the Council was taken as read and noted:-

12 Five-roomed Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

<u>Site Development Costs.</u>	
Actual Expenditure to date on	£- s- d
Site Development and purchase of materials.	5404- 4- 2
Add:-	
(a) Value of Materials on site (not paid for)	262- 9- 8
(b) Apportionment of costs (purchase of Land, Quantity Surveyor's Fees etc)	716- 1- 8
Total	6382-15- 6
Deduct value of materials on site (assuming that it will be possible to dispose of such materials)	4122-17- 1 2259-18- 5
Add estimated cost of completion of site develop- ment work (Water-Main, Foot Paths, Manhole covers etc.)	400- 0- 0
Cost of Site Development	£2659-18- 5
LOAN CHARGES ON £2659-18- 5 re- payable in 35 years at 3½%	
Annual Loan repayment	127- 16- 1
	£10-13-0 per plot per annum.



Ballynerrin Housing.

25th. August 1951

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

A Chara,

The position in respect of these houses at date is:-  
Concrete road completed; 9" main sewer at rear completed except for  
MH Covers and filling in. Water Mains on site but not laid. Boundary  
fence completed. The footpaths are not completed.

Total expenditure on Building to date.	£5,404- 4- 2
Value of Materials on site.	
(a) certified for payment	3,860- 7- 5
(b) Not paid for.	262- 9- 8

The dimension of the plot allocated to each house

35' x 115' - 16.9 Pers. Stat.

Mise le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne  
Town Surveyor.Ballynerrin Housing 12 Better-Type.Site Development.Cost of Road, Sewer, Water-Main, Path, Fencing, and building Ditch.

	£	s	d
Labour	894	14	7
Sand and gravel	45	12	6
Boards	17	17	6
9" Pipes	73	17	6
Stakes	31	16	8
Cement	284	7	4
Wire	23	17	8
Silicate of Soda	8	16	8
Lorry Hire and Bull Dozer	68	9	10
Sand, Stone and Stone filling	94	6	6
	<u>£1,543</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>

Estimated cost to complete work.

Water-Main	170	0	0
Footpaths and filling to roadway	165	0	0
Manhole Covers	65	0	0
	<u>400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Spent to date	1543	16	9
	<u>1943</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>

J. T. O'Byrne  
Town Surveyor.

The Council were informed that the Department of Local Government had  
been requested to make a grant available towards the cost of the work.

Following a discussion relating to the 8 five-roomed houses  
already completed and occupied, the Town Surveyor was directed to submit  
an estimate of providing an access road at the rear of these houses.  
The Council also recommended that the steps leading to these houses should  
have railings.

DUPLEX HOUSES ON MURROUGH: The County Manager informed the meeting  
that the Town Surveyor would submit plan of a Duplex House to the next  
meeting of the Council. An examination of such plan would enable the Council  
to arrive at a decision regarding the number and type of houses which  
would be suitable for erection on the Murrough.

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO COUNCIL HOUSE. Councillor Kane inquired if the  
Council would be in a position to build an extension to one of their ex-  
isting houses. He stated that one of the Council's tenants residing at  
Kilmartin road wished to obtain additional accommodation. The County Manager  
pointed out that the Council could build an additional room, provided that  
the tenant would be prepared to pay the increased rent. He stated that the  
Town Surveyor would submit an estimate of the cost, and that the estimated  
increase in the weekly rent would be calculated.

DRAIN AT FRIAR'S HILL. Read following letter dated 30/8/51 from Messrs  
John Kane, Building Contractors, Wicklow.:-  
Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 22nd. inst., and am rather surprised  
at your statement that the Urban Council did not give me permission to  
connect with the Drain at Friar's Hill. There certainly is a mis-understanding,  
about this matter, as the correspondence taken in conjunction with the plan  
clearly shows that permission was given, and in fact, the connection on the  
water-main was made by your Water-Works Overseer. We think that this is a  
matter which should be placed before the members of your Council and I  
would accordingly suggest that you do so at the next meeting.

Yours faithfully,

John Kane (Building Contractors)

Further correspondence relating to the matter was read. The County Manager  
stated that the Council had not given Messrs John Kane permission to con-  
nect with Drain at Friar's Hill, and in fact, would not be in a position to  
give to any person, permission to connect with a private drain. The County  
Manager also stated that the granting of permission under the Town and  
Regional Planning Acts -actually, formal approval of the lay-out plans was  
not given in the case of Messrs Kane's application- did not effect the issue.  
After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Council would approach  
Mr. Arthur Delahunt, who was responsible for the laying of the Drain, with  
a view to taking over from him responsibility for approximately 60 yards  
of the Drain in question, i.e. the portion extending from the point at  
which it connects with the main sewer to the point at which Messrs John  
Kane made the connection. It was agreed that the Council and Mr. John Kane  
would contribute equally towards the compensation which would be payable to  
Mr. Delahunt in respect of the acquisition of such length of drain.  
At the suggestion of the County Manager however, it was agreed that the  
advice of the Council's Solicitor should be obtained before any approach  
would be made to Mr. Delahunt.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF CORNERS: Read letter dated 7/8/1950 from  
Secretary, Wicklow County Council stating that the County Engineer had  
pointed out that the carrying out of improvements to the corners at  
(1) Junction of Dunbur Road and Sea View Road and (2) junction of Summer Hill  
and Cooper's Lane was not the responsibility of the County Council.  
After discussion it was decided to inform the County Council that the Wicklow  
Urban District Council would contribute one-third of the cost of the work.

PROPOSED LEVEL CROSSING. The meeting was informed that an Engineering  
Inspector from C. I. E. had visited the Murrough in connection with the  
Council's request that a level crossing be provided at a point just North  
of the Marine Hotel Premises.



COMPLAINT FROM TENANT OF COUNCIL HOUSE. Read letter of 4/9/1951 from James Hill, 35, Castle Street, Wicklow, requesting the Council to (1) repair paling and (2) carry out repairs to range.

The Council recommended that the necessary repairs be carried out as soon as possible.

DOMINICAN CONVENT- RATINGS. The County Manager informed Councillor Kane that the Town Surveyor would prepare a map, showing the Valuation List Numbers of the Dominican Convent Holdings.

ARRANGERS OF RATES: JOHN BYRNE: With reference to legal proceedings against John Byrne, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, in respect of arrears of rates, Councillor Kane stated that the defendant was employed by the Council. The County Manager stated that arrangement would be made to deduct £1-0-0 per week from his wages.

*John  
2/10/51*

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MINUTES  
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MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2nd. OCTOBER 1951.

Present: Councillor J. Olohan; (Chairman) presiding;  
A. Finlayson; J. Farrell; J. Brennan; P. Doyle;  
C. W. Hudson; J. Everett T. D. E. Kane;  
The County Manager was in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th. September, 1951 which had been circulated to the members, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor A. Finlayson requested details of valuation of £4122-17-1, recorded in the minutes as value of materials on site at St. Patrick's Avenue; the Manager agreed that a detailed statement of the valuation should be afforded to Council at the next meeting.

RENEWAL OF LEASE TO THOMAS HANNAN: The following letter was read:-

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter re renewal of lease. I am pleased to note the Council's Solicitors have been kind enough to grant me my request, with regard to above.

Wicklow, including town and County has always been home to me. My father and mother were born within the County and both loved it, and my late mother constantly stated "there was no place like it in the whole world. She made excursions to the different places very frequently and she said such journeys always cast a spell over her.

Some years ago I had to live in Kilkenny for some time, and believe me, when I say there is a complete difference between the environment and attitude of the people there, as compared to the indefinable charm of Wicklow and its inhabitants. One has got to move away and then one sees the difference with regard to and between the abstract and the mystery. Mother never wearied viewing the hills, rivers and valleys and she used to say these beautiful sights brought her nearer to heaven".

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Thomas C. Hannan.

LETTING OF PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD: The following correspondence was read:-

5/9/1951

F. Wright Esq.,  
Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

Vegetable Plot at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 30th. ult. which was submitted to the meeting of the Council held on 4th. inst., I am to inform you that in the event of your still being interested in acquiring the use of the plot of ground in question, the Council would be prepared to divert the water from the plot, and would endeavour to provide you with some suitable soil which may be available at the Ballynerrin Housing Scheme.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.

Cleireach an Bhaile.



17/9/1951

## VEGETABLE PLOT

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of 5th. inst. and for the very kind offer of the Council to divert the water. As I now have made other gardening arrangements I have decided not to undertake too much work.

Yours faithfully,

F. W. Wright.

The Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

The Council noted that this application was withdrawn.

GRANT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1951/52.

Read letter dated 6th. September, 1951, Ref. R.U/218/4 from Department of Local Government, informing the Council that a grant of £600 had been allocated for the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1951/52, subject to a local contribution of £55. The Town Surveyor wrote that he had submitted appropriate Schemes to the Department on 23rd. August, 1951. Noted.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME- WINTER 1951/52. Read Circular dated 13th. September, 1951, ref. H. A. 13/51 from Department of Social Welfare requesting the Council to arrange for Cheap Fuel Scheme subject to the usual State Grant and stating that the Minister had decided that the contributions to be paid by recipients of Fuel, other than persons in receipt of Home Assistance, should be at the following rates;

1/6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	Unemployment Assistance who have Dependents.
2/6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	Other house-holds with Low Weekly Incomes.

The Council noted that these contributions, <sup>represented</sup> increases of 1/- in the case of Pensioners, and 6d. in the case of other recipients over the contributions formerly required.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor J. Farrell and RESOLVED:-

"That we hereby record our disappointment with the decision to increase the contributions payable by recipients of Fuel under the Winter Fuel Scheme and ask the Minister for Social Welfare to make available such State Grants as will maintain the former respective contributions from recipients".

The following tenders for the supply of turf were received in response to the Council's advertisement:-

(1) From Peter Molloy, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder.

"I can offer 50 tons of turf at £3-2-6 per ton delivered if I get word by 7th. October, 1951. I would give a new quotation for next months supply £4-0-0 per ton or under".

(2) From Peter Doyle, I, Library Road, Shankhill, Dublin:-

"In answer to your Advt. in "Wicklow People" I can offer you 250 tons good quality turf at £4-10-0 per ton".

It was decided to accept the tender of Peter Molloy, for 50 tons in month of October at £3-2-6, and to request him to state a definite price for the supply during the months of November, 1951 to February 1952 inclusive.

LEASE OF SITE AT BALLYNERRIN TO WOODROOFE:

17th. September, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I am anxious to obtain a site at Ballynerrin for the purpose of erecting a business premises adjacent to the new houses which were constructed there. I would require also permission to build later on a dwelling house on the site.

It would be appreciated if the Council could see their way to grant me the necessary permission. I would like it to be in the vicinity of the site at present granted to Ace Candies of Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,  
(Richard Woodroofe.)

It was decided that the Town Surveyor should submit details of sites in the vicinity of building Schemes available for letting for business premises and to seek tenders by advertisement for the lettings of such sites.

LETTING OF GRAZING TO JAMES KEOGH: Read letter from James Keogh:-

Wicklow U. D. C.

Dear Sirs,

As I require a piece of land for grazing a pony, I wish to make an application for a small piece of land situated at the back of the bungalows on St. Laurence Road. I could have got some land on the Dunbyr Road, but it would be very inconvenient as I deliver the free fuel around the town. Hoping you will consider my application.

Yours truly, James Keogh.

The Council recommended a weekly letting of 1/- per week if suitable agreement could be reached.

SEWERAGE EXTENSION AT THE GLEBE: LOAN OF £260. Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the borrowing from the Council's Treasurers of the sum of £260, repayable in the period of ten years for the purpose of defraying portion of the cost of extension of sewerage system at the Glebe, Wicklow."

WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION AT THE GLEBE: Read letter from Mr. W. A. Maguire, Architect for Delahunt Estate

26th. September, 1951

Town Clerk,  
Wicklow U. D. C.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th. inst. informing me that the Council is prepared to accept the contribution of £259-0-0 (Two hundred and Fifty Nine Pounds) towards extending the sewer on the understanding that eight houses will be erected within two years of the completion of the sewer.

I await your further communication with regard to the date for the commencement of the work, and in the meantime wish to make application for extension of the existing water-mains to serve the area marked out for immediate development incorporating eight houses as marked out on plans already lodged.



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I do not know where the present water-main terminates, but assume that it would be some place on the road above the Rectory, serving the houses on Brickfield Lane. If the main could be extended down the road to the point near the intersection of the road to the Railway Station, then the first eight houses could be served from this main. I have been instructed to make the offer of £50 towards the cost of this extension and would be grateful for the Council's consideration of same.

Yours faithfully,  
W. A. Maguire.

It was decided to await report and estimate of cost from Town Surveyor.

LEASE OF PLOT AT NORTH QUAY TO WICKLOW FERTILIZERS LTD. Read letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.:-

27/9/1951

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed two maps on which are shown the boundaries of the plots of ground to be leased to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.

It has been agreed that the Wicklow Saw Mills plot should extend 15' in an Easterly direction from the gable end of the row of houses which stand on their site.

On this map, the boundary of the plot of ground to be leased to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. is marked in red and the boundary of the plot to be leased to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. is marked in Blue.

We hope that this matter can now be finalised and we thank the Council for their co-operation.

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

P. S. Mr. Cullen, Solicitor for Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd will submit a similar map to the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor E. Kane and Resolved:-  
"That we hereby agree to lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. that plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, measuring roods, perches as delineated and coloured red on map submitted, at a yearly rent of £30. Lease to be subject to condition that Lessees erect thereon, within a period of three years, buildings to the value of not less than £1000, as valued by the Town Surveyor."

LEASE OF PLOT AT NORTH QUAY, WICKLOW- WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD. Read letter from Augustus Cullen, Solicitor, and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.:-

28th. September 1951.

Re- Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.

Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I now desire to enclose you herewith map of the plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, which was prepared by Mr. E. M. Murphy, B. E., Architect to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and approved of by Mr. A. W. Maguire Architect, on behalf of Wicklow Saw Mills.

The piece of ground which my clients desire to lease is that portion surrounded by a green verge. This map I understand, agrees fully with the map being sent in by Shamrock Fertilizers, so that all questions as to boundaries between Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. would be resolved.

You will also note that the boundary is moved back so as to give a clear run for the proposed railway track, and I understand that C. I. E. have approved of this map.

I realize that the ground upon which the existing houses stand cannot be leased while these buildings exist, but as an alternative, the lease could perhaps be given of the entire plot, but not to operate in respect of the ground occupied by these houses until they are demolished.

Misc le meas. A. Cullen.

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It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson;  
Seconded by Councillor E. Kane and Resolved:-  
"That we hereby agree to lease to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. that plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow measuring roods perches as delineated and coloured (green) on map submitted, at a yearly rent of £20. (twenty pounds sterling) subject to the condition that Lessees erect thereon within a period of three years building to the value of not less than £1000 as valued by the Town Surveyor. That part of plot on which dwellings at present stand not to be charged for in rental until such time as such dwellings are removed and pending such removal, rent to be £10-0-0 per annum."

PROPOSED TRAMWAY AT NORTH QUAY: Read report from Town Clerk:-

"The following were present at Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th. September, 1951, at 11-30. A. M. :-  
Mr. E. D. Moore, Railway Engineer, representing C. I. E.  
Mr. H. F. Lynch B. E. representing Mr. E. M. Murphy, B. E., Consulting Engineer; Mr. J. Keogh, Secretary, Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.  
Mr. Lynch submitted a map, a copy of which he stated had been forwarded to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and Coras Iompair Eireann. The areas to be leased to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. were shown on the map, which also indicated the line of the proposed tramway, and showed the width of the road-way as 35 feet. In connection with the route of the tramway, Mr. Lynch stressed, that allowing for the necessary curve it was the only possible line along that particular road. With regard to the portion of Messrs Saw Mills plot to be traversed by the tramway line, Mr. Lynch suggested that a clause might be inserted in the lease to the effect that no building might be erected on this portion of the plot. Alternatively, the Council could exclude this area from the site to be leased.  
Mr. Moore indicated that it was most unlikely that C. I. E. would promote the tramway venture. If Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. however, went ahead with the project, it would be a private line, and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. would have exclusive rights as regards the use of such line. Mr. Moore endorsed Mr. Lynch's statement that the route of the tramway as shown on the map was the only possible route of the tramway along the road in question.

Mr. Keogh pointed out that a distance of only 10 feet was shown on the map between the gable end of houses at Lower Strand Street, and the dividing line between the respective plots. He stated that he was under the impression that Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. had approved the 10 feet. He also pointed out that if necessary, the distance could be altered to 15 feet, before the maps would be finally submitted to the Council by the Companies."

It was decided to await definite proposals from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. before entering into a discussion on the matter.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:

Town Clerk, Wicklow. Re- BALLYNERRIN -14 Houses.  
A Chara,

The present position with regard to the above houses is:-  
Expenditure to date (Labour and Materials) £9613-11-4  
Concrete Road completed.  
9" sewers and 4" water-mains laid at rear of 8 houses.  
9" sewers laid at rear of 6 houses.  
2 houses -(two-storey) roofed, windows fixed and glazed, ceilings slabbed, cork lining fixed.  
Block 2. Roofed, windows fixed and glazed.  
Block 3. Roofing in progress.  
Block.4. Fixing joists 1st. Floor.



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2 Bungalows (Block) walls 6 ft. high.  
Excavating foundations for 4 bungalows.  
Eight Out-Offices built.

Employed.  
13. skilled. 18 unskilled.

Mise le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne.  
TOWN SURVEYOR

Councillor Finlayson inquired the exact date of commencement of 14 houses at Ballynerrin. To be informed at next meeting.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT: Read letter from Operative Plasterers Society:-  
2/10/1951

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer your Council for consideration the fact that the Fertilizing Company is not employing Trade Union Plasterers to do plastering work at their Factory in Wicklow.

I understand the Council leased the site to the Company, on conditions that Trade Union Labour and conditions be observed by them.

We consider it only reasonable that the Local Plasterers (all of which are members of the above Society) should get the benefit of any plastering work there is at the factory.

Trusting your Council will give the matter their sympathetic consideration."

Yours faithfully,  
Edward O'Brien. (Branch Secretary).

The Council agreed that no clause was inserted in the lease requiring Trade Union employees, but the Clerk was directed to inform the firm concerned that the Council considered that Trade Union conditions of Employment should apply generally in the town.

WALL AT FITZWILLIAM ROAD. In reply to an inquiry from Councillor James Everett T.D. the Manager reported that Notices were served under the Towns Improvement Acts requiring two owners to repair a dangerous wall at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow. The Act provided, that if the owners did not carry out the work, a Local Authority shall themselves carry out the work, and recover the cost from the owners. In this case, the owners asked the Council to carry out the work which was immediately put in hands by Direct Labour, owing to the urgent nature of the danger. The cost would be recouped from the owners in due course. Noted.

HOUSING- STATE SUBSIDY: The following statement of the effect of the New Regulations was circulated to the members:-

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AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSING ( LOAN CHARGES CONTRIBUTIONS)  
REGULATIONS, 1932 and 1935.  
Circ. H. 13/51 of 6/9/51

The following examples indicate the effects of the new regulations:-

NON-SLUM CLEARANCE HOUSING.  
New Capital Cost Limit £950-0-0  
Former 350-0-0

NEW REGULATIONS  
Annual Loan Charges on £950 at 2½% 33- 7-10  
State Subsidy at 33 1/3 % 11- 2- 7

FORMER REGULATIONS (Taking T. D. F. Grant into Account)  
Annual Loan Charges on £350 at 2½% 12- 6- 0  
State Subsidy at 33 1/3% 4- 2- 0  
T. D. F. Grant 14- 1- 2 18- 3- 2

Thus it will be seen that in the case of non-slum clearance houses an additional amount of £7-0-7 (i.e. the difference between £18-3-2 and £11-2-7) will have to be borne by rent and rates.

SLUM CLEARANCE HOUSES.  
New Capital Cost Limit. £950- 0- 0  
Former 350- 0- 0

NEW REGULATIONS  
Annual Loan Charges on £950 at 2½% 33- 7-10  
State Subsidy at 66 2/3 % 22- 5- 2

Former Regulations (Taking T.D.F. Grant into account)  
Annual Loan Charges. £350 at 2½% 12- 6- 0  
State Subsidy at 66 2/3% £8-4-0  
T. D. F. Grant  
(Capital Cost £400) 14- 1- 2 22- 5- 2

These figures indicate that the new regulations will not cause any alterations in the amount of Financial Assistance afforded by the State in the case of Slum-Clearance Houses. The annual amount of such assistance is £22-5-2 per house.

The Manager explained the effect of the new regulations on certain of the Council's Schemes, e.g. for 14 houses at Ballynerrin in course of erection the reduction in State Subsidy would have to be met either by an increase of 2/9 in the weekly rent or an increase of about 3d. in the £. on rates. It was decided that the Local Government should be informed of the Council's views deploring the effect of the Regulations on schemes now in progress which had been commenced on the understanding that T. D. F. Grant and Subsidy would be available.

OVERDRAFT ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT: It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to Overdraft accommodation on the Council's Capital Account up to a limit of £4000 for the period ending 16th. October, 1951.



ELEVEN MONTHS LETTING- R. DICKENSON: Correspondence was read from R. Dickenson, regarding the Council's offer from June meeting, of eleven months letting to be renewed for three years of field at Ballyguile. Dickenson now applies for a lease of the field for term of 10 years. It was decided to offer R. Dickenson 11 months letting to be renewed for five years, subject to right of passage through field to gain access to neighbouring field on Eastern Side.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION: The following letter from the Department of Health was read:-

28th Sept. 1951.

Town Clerk, Wicklow.  
A Chara,

The Minister for Health has asked me to reply to your letter of 11th inst., and to state that he is pleased to note the interest taken by the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council in Diphtheria Immunisation work in their area. The Minister feels sure that local public representatives will help in promoting this important public service as far as possible, by using their influence to encourage parents and officials to co-operate in making a success of the campaign.

The Wicklow County Council, as Health Authority, for the County, have been asked to consider improved arrangements for the campaign in the Wicklow Urban District.

Mise le meas,  
V. A. Kirwan.

Noted.

TENANCY OF NO 10, DUNBUR TERRACE. Councillor Doyle drew attention to irregular tenancy of 10, Dunbur Terrace, where the Council's tenant appeared to be living in England, and had sublet the house. Rent Collector to investigate and report.

SELECTION OF TENANT FOR NO 1, URBAN VILLAS: Read report from Medical Officer of Health:-

20th. September, 1951.

Town Clerk, Wicklow.

Vacant House at No.1, Urban Villas.

A Chara,

I have examined the housing conditions of the fourteen applicants for this vacant house, and would place them in the following order:-  
(1) Edward Bunn lives in one of the houses at Lower Strand Street, about which I recently made a report. His present house is overcrowded and totally unfit for habitation. Mrs Bunn is a delicate woman, and anything which could be done to improve her housing conditions would be beneficial to her health. The conditions under which these people live should not be allowed to continue.

(2) Mrs Windross. This is a very deserving case, as she has had a leg amputated, and finds it almost impossible to get up and down from her present house in Glenview Road.

- (3) Patrick Culbert, Lower Strand Street, Wicklow.
- (4) John McCormack, 2, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (5) Thomas O'Neill, High Street, Wicklow.
- (6) James Crane, 2, St. Kevin's Terrace, Wicklow.
- (7) James Fitzgerald, 45, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (8) Mrs Mary Molloy, 19, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (9) Charles Hickey, 2, Urban Villas, Wicklow.
- (10) Raymond McGuire, 2, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow.

Mise le meas,  
J. A. Dunleavy.  
Acting Chief Medical Officer.

After prolonged discussion it was decided to accept the Manager's decision that the tenancy should be granted to Edward Bunn, so that the existing house at Lower Strand Street could be demolished.

SELECTION OF TENANT FOR 1, CASTLE PARK. Read report of Medical Officer of Health:-

October 2nd, 1951

The Town Clerk, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I wish to report that I have examined the housing conditions of the following applicants for tenancy of No. 1, Castle Park, and have placed them in order of urgency as follows:-

- (1) Thomas O'Neill, High Street, Wicklow.
- (2) Christopher Sillary, 6, Castle Field, Wicklow.
- (3) Martin J. Culleton, Castle View, Sea Front, Wicklow.
- (4) James Millar, High Street, Wicklow.
- (5) Elizabeth O'Neill, County Fever Hospital, Wicklow.

Anne Doyle, 12, Castle Park, Wicklow. (seeks transfer)

J. A. Dunleavy.

Acting County Medical Officer.

The Council recommended that the tenancy be granted to Thomas O'Neill, in accordance with the report of Medical Officer.

FLOODING FROM ROADWAY AT CONVENT. Councillor E. Kane drew attention to serious flooding of Convent Grounds and silting of sewer by flooding from the Roadway. Town Surveyor to investigate and report.

CLOTHING FACTORY AT WICKLOW. Councillor Hudson referred to a newspaper report of the threatened closure of clothing factory at Wicklow. It was decided to make representations to the Department of Industry and Commerce to avoid unemployment of the workers.

PUBLIC LIGHTING. Councillor J. Everett T. D. referred to complaints received that a Public Light at Marlton Road corner had been shifted as an obstacle to Motor Racing so that light no longer served the Marlton Road. Town Surveyor to investigate and report.

*J. O'Neil*  
6/11/51



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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TOWN HALL  
 WICKLOW  
 NOVEMBER, 2nd. 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 6th November, 1951 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh  
 CLEIRFACH AN BHAILE

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd October, 1951 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Bray U. D. C. re slot machines.
3. Letter from Wicklow County Council re Diphtheria Immunisation
4. Letter from Department of Health re Rodent Control measures
5. Letters from Department of Social Welfare re Cheap Fuel Scheme, Winter 1951/52
6. Letter from Department of Local Government acknowledging receipt of Council's communication re Circular H. 13/51
7. Letter from Chamber of Commerce re extension of Public Lighting.
8. Letter from residents of Marlton Road, Wicklow, re Provision of Public Lighting.
9. Letter from C. I. E. re proposed level crossing at Murrough, Wicklow.
10. Letter from Aerofilms Ltd., enclosing a new aerial view of Wicklow.
11. Letter from Wicklow Regatta Committee re provision of bathing facilities. (The Committee has been informed that the Council will be prepared to receive a deputation from the Committee on the night of the Meeting.
12. Letter from Mr. S. Walpole, London, re seating accommodation on the Sea Front and Pier, Wicklow.
13. Correspondence re proceedings to be taken by the Council under the Towns Improvement Act, 1948.1854.

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14. Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce re Closing of Wicklow Textiles Ltd.,
15. Letter from Mr. R. Bell, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, re site for shop.
16. Letter from Messrs Arthur C & Co., Solicitors, re Drain at Friars' Hill, Wicklow.
17. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed erection of a Front Boundary wall opposite the new houses at Castle Avenue.
18. Letter from the Department of Local Government re proposed installation of Gas Cookers in Council's houses at Ballynerrin.
19. Letter from Mr. George Dobson re letting of 2 fields at Dunbur Road, Wicklow
20. Letter from Council's Solicitors re lease to Ace Candies Ltd.,
21. Housing Progress Report.
22. Housing Repairs - Supplementary Estimate.
23. (a) Selection of tenant for No. 10 Dunbur Terrace, Wicklow  
 (b) Selection of 14 tenants for new houses at St. Laurence's Park.
24. Letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., re erection of temporary structure at North Quay, Wicklow.
25. Consideration of plans relating to proposed new houses on the Murrough, Wicklow.
26. Town Surveyor's estimate of cost of providing additional room at 19, Kilmantain Road.
27. Town Surveyor's estimate of cost of providing additional accommodation, road, railings, fencing, and garages at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES

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MONTHLY MEETING ..... held on 6th November, 1951

Present:

Councillor J. Olohan, Chairman, presiding:  
C. W. Hudson, J. Everett, T.D., W. Clarke, A. Finlayson,  
P. Doyle, J. Brennan, E. Kane.  
The County Manager and Town Engineer were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the 2nd October, 1951, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION RE SLOT MACHINES: The following Resolution was received from Bray Urban District Council:-

16th October, 1951.

A Chara,

I set out hereunder the terms of a Resolution which was adopted by the Urban District Council at its Meeting on the 9th instant.

Mise, le meas,

E. J. Fennell

TOWN CLERK

Proposed by: Councillor P. Ledwidge  
Seconded by: Councillor J. Temple  
and resolved:-

That the Urban District Council requests the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation that would debar the use of Gaming Machines, commonly known as Slot Machines, and that the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Justice be asked to give the Council power to control the use of premises for Amusements, and if necessary, to institute a Special Licencing System for this purpose. That copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Urban District Council and to the Association of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Read

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION: Read following letter from Wicklow County Council:-

5th October, 1951.

A Chara,

With reference to the recent representations of your Council on the subject of arrangements for the immunisation of pre-school children in the Wicklow Urban Area, I am to state that arrangements have been made for the holding of special weekly sessions in Wicklow town on each Wednesday during the month of October, at the Dispensary in High Street.

The question of the use of the County Hospital for the holding of immunisation sessions has been investigated by the Acting Chief Medical Officer, who is of the opinion that the accommodation in the building is inadequate for the work.

Mise, le meas,

A. O'Connor,  
STAFF OFFICER.

NOTED

RODENT CONTROL MEASURES: Read Circular 59/51 dated 5/10/1951 from the Department of Health relevant to Rodent control measures. The Circular stated that the Minister desires to impress on Local Authorities the desirability of arranging for the more effective operation of the "Rats and Mice destruction Act" 1919, and pointed out that in any area in which infestation by rats and mice was reported and particularly where cases of weill's disease occurred, immediate steps should be taken to ascertain the extent of the infestation.

Read letter from Acting County Medical Officer stating that he was arranging for a publicity campaign by advertisement and posters but that it was not intended to circularise individual householders. The letter also stated that Health Inspectors had been requested to submit reports indicating any places where the "Rats and Mice destruction Act" had not been rigidly enforced.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME WINTER 1951/52

Noted

Read following letter from the Department of Social Welfare:-

Sad Deireadh Fohair, 1951

Cheap Fuel Scheme - Winter 1951/52

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant regarding your Council's resolution of the 2nd September requesting that such State Grant be made available under the above Schemes will maintain the former contributions from recipients. I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to state that the decision to increase the contribution rates was taken after all the relevant factors had been carefully considered, and it is regretted that it is not possible to accede to your Council's request.

Approval is given to acceptance of the tender to supply 50 tons of hand-won turf during the month of October, 1951, at £3. 2. 6. per ton, and I am to request that, in view of its lower cost, consideration will be given to the use of this fuel under the coming winter fuel scheme.

Mise, le meas, etc.

After discussion the Council decided again to inform the Department that they considered the revised contributions too high and that at the present time such increases were not warranted. Read letter from Department of Social Welfare approving of the Scheme submitted by the Council in connection with Cheap Fuel Scheme Winter 1951/52. The letter also approved of the acceptance of the quotation of Peter Malloy for supply of hand-won turf, 50 tons @ £3. 7. 6. per ton. The Department suggested, however, that the contractor should be asked for a firm quotation for hand-won turf for the remainder of the Winter period, or alternately that arrangements should be made, if possible, to secure a supply of timber at a lower cost. The Council were informed that quotations for the supply of timber and turf had been sought.

STATE GRANT TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR HOUSING

Read following letter from Department of Local Government:-

12th October, 1951.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant in connection with Circular H.13/51 and to state that the contents have been noted.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager stated that when the applications for tenancies of new houses would be under consideration, the question of increases in rents could be dealt with.



PUBLIC LIGHTING:

Read following letter from Wicklow District Chamber of Commerce :-

6th October, 1951.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

I am directed by the Chamber to draw the attention of the Council to the possible inconvenience which may be caused to visitors arriving in Wicklow Town via the 10-30 bus ex Dublin, due to the fact that the Public Lighting is switched off at 12 midnight. I am to suggest that the Council might consider it desirable to have the switching off time deferred to 12-30 a.m.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read following letter from the residents of Marlton Road area :-

Dear Sir,

As we living on this road and paying rates I think we should have lights. Every back street and lane in the town have lights and here on the Main Road into the town it is in darkness at night, and now especially when traffic is so constant and also children going to prayers or anything in the Church. It is terrible dangerous, in many ways. We will be grateful if you would bring this notice up at the next Meeting of the Council,

Signed by-

Rosanna Murphy, John Tuite,  
James Dickenson, K. M. Kavanagh,  
George James, Patrick Cullen.

Read letter from E. S. B. dated 11/10/1951 stating that the extra charge for the proposed extension of public lighting from 12 o'clock to 12-30 a.m. would amount to £26. 0. 4. per annum. With reference to the application for light at Marlton Road, the Council were informed that a estimate in the amount of £38. for the provision of this lamp had been submitted to the Estimates Meeting of the Council, and that provision for the carrying out of the work had been made in the Estimates submitted. The Council had decided at that time not to proceed with the work. The County Manager informed the Council that consequent upon increase which was notified by E. S. B. on 7/7/1951 and became operative from the 1/8/1951 the increase in charges in public lighting in Wicklow Town for the year ended 31/3/1952 would be £29. The Manager pointed out, however, that owing to the fact that the E. S. B. was unable to provide the additional lamps requested by the Council and for which provision had been made in the Estimates a certain saving had taken place.

After discussion the Council decided (1) To provide lamp at Marlton Road and (2) To arrange to have lighting-up time in Wicklow Town put back for half-hour and switching off time deferred to 12-30 a.m. during the three months period commencing in February, 1951.

Read following letter from Town Surveyor re lighting at Marlton Road:-

3rd November, 1951.

Dear Sir,

The standard at the corner of the Grand Hotel was moved in from the edge of the kerbing to the wall as it was dangerous to all traffic on this road junction. The pole was fitted with a long extension arm for the light but in re-siting this pole the arm was turned inwards. I have now got the E.S.B. to turn it out as far as possible. I have asked E.S.B. if it would be feasible to get a longer arm and enquiries are being made. In addition I observe that the trees and shrubs inside the wall have grown to such height as to prevent the light showing up Marlton to some extent and I have asked the owner to trim these back somewhat.

At the same time the re-siting of this pole does not really make much difference to the lighting of Marlton and I refer again to my previous recommendation that an extra light is very definitely required on this dark road somewhere between the Forge and Messrs Dickenson's house, where originally there was always a gas lamp.

Yours faithfully, etc.

LEVEL CROSSING AT MHRROUGH

Read following letter from Deputy Chief Engineer, Coras Iompair Eireann:-

3rd October, 1951.

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED LEVEL CROSSING AT MURROUGH, WICKLOW

Referring to your letter of the 15th August to the Secretary. This matter has been under consideration by the Department concerned and before making any recommendation I would be much obliged if you will let me know if the Urban District Council would be agreeable to the following condition which, it is felt, are necessary if a level crossing is to be constructed at this place:-

1. That the construction of the crossing will be covered by a legal Agreement, the cost of which will be borne by the Urban District Council
2. That the cost of all the work involved, including the subsequent maintenance of the crossing and gates, will be borne by the Urban District Council.
3. The erection of the gates and fencing required, to be carried out by the Board, the gates to be used being of the type which will close across the railway line when open for the crossing.
4. The gates to be kept locked except between the hours of sunrise and sunset during the summer season, the crossing not to be used by vehicles at any other time.
5. The Urban Council to supply and pay a competent gatekeeper to take care of the gates during the summer season.
6. The Urban District Council to undertake not to allow the removal of any sand or gravel whatever over the crossing.
7. The crossing to be removed at the expense of the U. D. C. and the fences restored to their original condition if it is found that these conditions are not being observed or on three months' notice if the Board desire this to be done for any other reason.
8. The U. D. C. to give the Board an indemnity fully indemnifying the Board against any accidents or claims which might arise as a result of the existence of the crossing.
9. The payment of a small wayleave.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council agreed that they were not in a position to accept the Company's terms relating to the proposal.

AERIAL VIEW OF WICKLOW: A new aerial view of Wicklow received from Aerofilms Ltd. London was submitted to the Council. The Council approved of the view but recommended that Aerofilms Ltd. be asked if they could supply a view which would include a larger area and would show Bridges, Churches, Black Castle etc.

BATHING FACILITIES - DEPUTATION FROM WICKLOW REGATTA COMMITTEE

Read following letter dated 25/10/1951 from Wicklow Regatta Committee:-