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EXECUTION OF LEASE - WICKLOW U. D. C. TO ACE PRODUCTS LTD.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart Lease, and Memorial relating to lease of plot of ground at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, to Ace Products Ltd. for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £12. 10. 0.

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

CLAIM IN RESPECT OF INJURY: Read following letter dated 29/2/1952 from Mr. K. Spiddal tenant of No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow:-

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Sir,

I would be thankful if you bring the following matter to the attention of your Council at your next meeting.

I am resident at No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, which houses is owned by your Council. As you are aware the front steps of these houses are very high over the level and are approached by a steeply rising concrete path and a flight of unprotected steps. On the 28th March, 1951 while descending these steps I sustained a fall which resulted in my receiving a broken leg.

I spent a period of 12 weeks in Hospital and had to receive surgical attention.

As I attribute my fall to the fact that no handrail or other protection was provided on the steps I now request your Council to defray the necessary hospital and medical expenses which I had to incur as a result of the fall on the ground that the Council were negligent in not ensuring that the steps in question were reasonably safe for a person exercising ordinary care. My hospital bill amounts to £110 and I have not yet received the surgical account. I now ask that your Council defray my actual out of pocket expenses arising out of this accident.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. K. Spiddal

The County Manager stated that the Council were not liable.

PROPOSED CONCRETE WALLS AT CASTLEFIELD: Read following letter of 29/2/1952 from Tenant of Council's houses at Castlefield, Wicklow:-

February, 29th, 1952.

Gnetlement,

We, the undersigned, tenants of your houses at Castlefield respectfully apply for the erection of concrete block walls similar to the walls which have recently been erected at Castle Avenue.

We would like to point out that the present fence, of chain link fencing and wooden stakes, is in a very bad state of repair.

Trusting the Council will be able to give favourable consideration to this application.

Signed:- (1) Margaret Kavanagh; (2) Veronica Kavanagh
(3) James Sillery; (4) Gerard Kavanagh
(5) Mrs. E. Sillery; (6) Mrs. H. Kavanagh
(7) Patrick Foulkes; (?) Emily Doyle.

Read letter dated 3/3/1952 from Mrs. E. Sillery, 6 Castlefield, complaining about the condition of the wire fencing at Castlefield.

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The Council drew the attention of the Town Engineer to the indiscriminate dumping which was taking place at the Black Castle and directed that the necessary cleaning operations be carried out as soon as possible.

PROPOSED BUNGALOW AT NEW PARK ROAD: Read letter of 4/3/1952 from Dr. G. Healy, Ardaluinn, Wicklow, with which was enclosed a siteplan indicating proposed housing development at New Park Road, Wicklow. The Council recommended that permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts be granted when appropriate plans relating to the proposed bungalow and other houses would have been submitted.

LEASE TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS: The Council were informed that of the total area of the plot (viz. 44.080 pers. stat.) leased by the Council and the Harbour Authority to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. 16.928 per. was the property of the Council. Accordingly the correct apportionment of the annual rent of £50 would be as follows:-

Payable to Harbour Authority	£30. 13. 7.
Payable to Wicklow U. D. C.	£19. 6. 5.

After discussion it was agreed to draw the attention of the Harbour Authority to the respective areas and to suggest that the Harbour Commissioners should fix a rent of £30 per annum and thereby enable the Council to increase the annual ground rent from £10 to £20.

PROPOSED GARAGE AT MONKTON ROW: Read letter of 4/3/1952 from Mr. Joseph Sweeney, 7 Monkton Row, Wicklow, requesting permission to erect a garage in his garden for the purpose of providing garage accommodation for his van. The application was referred to the Town Engineer for his report and recommendation.

CLOSING OF RATE COLLECTOR'S WARRANT: Read letter of 1/3/1952 from Mr. E. Kennedy, Rate Collector, requesting the Council to grant him an extension of time to the 30th April, 1952 for the purpose of closing his warrant for the year 1951/52. The application was referred to the County Manager.

COMPLAINT FROM TENANT: Read letter of 25/2/1952 from Mr. D. Hanlon, tenant of No. 18 St. Laurence's Park complaining the he had not yet received a latch for his garden gate. The Town Engineer stated that he had been endeavouring to procure the appropriate type of latch and that he hoped that such latches would be available within a short period.

TENANCY OF NO. 35 GLENVIEW ROAD: Read letter from Mr. Patrick O'Grady, 35 Glenview Road, Wicklow, applying to have his name substituted for that of his brother Kevin O'Grady, as tenant of the Council house in which he resides with his wife and two children. The Council unanimously recommended that Patrick O'Grady be appointed tenant of No. 35 Glenview Road, Wicklow.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITES TO MR. A. D. FINLAYSON: Read following letter dated 29/2/52 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

29th February, 1952.

Dear Sir,

We duly sent the enclosed Draft Lease to Mr. Finlayson for approval and he has returned us same objecting to three clauses.

He states he is prepared to build not less than 7 houses within 3 years from the 25th March, 1951, but feels that he should not be restricted, as there is a possibility that he will be able to fit in 8 houses.

It is his experience that most people now building houses wish to have as little ground as possible attached to the houses.

Mr. Finlayson also objects to the covenant that in the event of a sub-lease of any plot on which he has erected a house that the rent should not exceed £5.

It is his contention that the rent in the sub-lease should not be less than £5.

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He pointed out that the Council themselves were granting building sites at an annual rent of over \$5.

The third point he raises is that he should be liable to insure the houses only until he sold it and that then the purchaser would insure.

We accordingly would be obliged if you would have these facts brought before the Council for their decision.

Mr. Finlayson has pointed out to us that it will cost him a considerable amount to develop this site, as at present it is not level.

We would also like you to explain to the Council that in view of the recent decision the Council have not now got interim control in the building of houses unless they pass a Planning Scheme.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager strongly recommended the Council to approve of the retention of the covenant which would ensure that the rent to be reserved and made payable under any under-lease would not exceed the yearly rent reserved and payable to the Council as the original Lessors. The County Manager stressed that the Council should not encourage speculation in Council's property and that accordingly the relevant covenant should not be deleted.

Councillor W. Clarke stated that he agreed with the attitude of the County Manager with regard to the principle involved in the sub-leasing of Council's property. Following a prolonged discussion, during which the Council indicated (1) That they would raise no objection to the proposal to build 8 houses on the plot in question and (2) that liability in respect of insurance cover could be passed on by the lessee to the purchaser of the houses, Councillor J. Brennan - after it had been pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to rescind the original resolution before certain conditions contained in the Draft Lease could be altered - handed in the following notice of motion, which was accepted by the Chairman:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st April, 1952, "That the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on the 3rd April, 1951, granting a lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. A. Finlayson be rescinded".

C. Hudson
1/4/52

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Town Hall,

Wicklow.

28th March, 1952.

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

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st April, 1952, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean A. O'Ceallaigh

CLEIRFACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 4th March, 1952 (Copy herewith).
2. Resolution adopted by the Ard Chohairle of Clann na Poblachta.
3. Resolution from An Uaimh Urban District Council re allowances and pensions payable to the dependents of Air Corps personnel.
4. Application from Mr. W. H. Luxton, 1 Church Street, Wicklow, for permission to erect a sign adjacent to Parnell Bridge.
5. Letter from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. re closing of roads
6. Letter of 26/3/1952 from St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club re erection of dressing room on the Murrrough.
7. Letter dated 13/3/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, re supply of fuel to Urban Districts for the purposes of the Fuel Schemes for necessitous persons.
8. Correspondence re granting of new lease to Ace Products Ltd.
9. Amended Estimate in respect of improvements to be carried out at St. Patrick's Road.
10. Correspondence re tenancy of fields at Dunbur Road. (Tenants Mrs. Angela Doyle and Mr. H. Hamilton).
11. Letter dated 26/3/1952 from Department of Local Government re installation of gas cookers in the Council's houses.
12. Housing Progress Report.
13. Report from Rent Collector re housing repairs.
14. Report from Rent Collector re condition of certain Council houses.

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15. Consideration of following notice of motion handed in by Councillor J. Brennan at the meeting held on 4th March, 1952:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st April, 1952, "That the resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting on the 3rd April, 1951, granting a lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. A. Finlayson be rescinded". (Copy of Notice of Motion forwarded to each member of the Council, on 21st March, 1952.)

16. Consideration of following notice of motion handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson on 20th March, 1952:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on 1st April, 1952, "That the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on 7th April, 1950 granting a lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £10 be rescinded". (Copy of notice of Motion forwarded to each Member of the Council on 21st March, 1952).

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Town Hall,

Wicklow.

21st March, 1952.

To/  
 The Chairman and Each Member of the  
Wicklow Urban District Council

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that the following notices of motions have been received:-

- (1) Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Brennan at the Meeting of the Council held on the 4th March, 1952:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st April, 1952, "That the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on the 3rd April, 1951, granting a lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow to Mr. A. Finlayson be rescinded".

- (2) Notice of Motion received from Councillor C. W. Hudson on 20th March, 1952:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on 1st April, 1952, "That the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on 7th March, 1950 granting a lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £10 be rescinded".

In connection with the notice of Motion received from Councillor C. W. Hudson it should be pointed out that the Wicklow Harbour Authority have agreed to fix an annual rent of £30 for their portion of the factory plot thereby enabling the Council to increase their rent from £10 to £20 per annum. Accordingly it is necessary to rescind the Council's resolution fixing an annual rent of £10 in respect of the relevant portion of the factory site.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh

CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.



Guthan: Uimh. 27

Comhairle Ceannairde Bhaile Cille Mannáin  
(WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL)

Seán S. O Ceallaigh  
Cleireach an Bhaile agus Oifigeach  
Feidhme Slaintíochta  
(Town Clerk and Executive  
Sanitary Officer)

Oifis: halla an Bhaile  
(Office: Town Hall)

Cill Mannáin  
(Wicklow)

17th April, 1952.

To The Chairman and Members of the  
Wicklow Urban District Council

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will  
be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Saturday, 19th April, 1952, at  
3 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh

CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

AGENDA

1. Consideration of proposals relating to establishment of Canning industry  
at Wicklow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

HELD ON 28th MARCH, 1952

Present: Councillors C. W. Hudson (Presiding), W. Clarke, E. Kane  
J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, J. Brennan and A. Finlayson.

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1952/53

At the suggestion of the County Manager the Council agreed to continue the  
practice of previous years and to examine each item appearing on the Estimates.

At the outset the County Manager reminded the Council that, as indicated in  
his statement, the Estimates about to be examined did not make any provision for an  
increase in wages. After discussion it was agreed that the proposal regarding in-  
creased wages could be considered when the Council would have decided upon the  
various items of expenditure.

URBAN ROADS: The Council deleted additional £42 included in respect of materials for  
ordinary road works and allowed the same amount (viz. £487) as in 1951/52. The sum  
of £563 included by the Manager for special road works was reduced to £279, which  
would be spent on the following roads:-

|                 |     |     |     |              |           |           |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bachelors' Walk | ... | ... | ... | £40.         | 0.        | 0.        |
| Kilmantin Hill  | ... | ... | ... | £100.        | 0.        | 0.        |
| High Street     | ... | ... | ... | £99.         | 0.        | 0.        |
| Dchurch Street  | ... | ... | ... | £40.         | 0.        | 0.        |
|                 |     |     |     | <u>£279.</u> | <u>0.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

Thus the expenditure estimated by the County Manager in respect of Urban Roads  
was reduced from £1,478 to £1,152.

SANITARY SERVICES: The Council deleted the sum of £25 included for purpose of pro-  
viding cover etc. for scavenging cart.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Engineer recommended that additional lights be provided  
as follows:-

- (1) At Melancholy Lane
- (2) At junction of Friars' Hill and Rocky Road
- (3) Adjacent to Jameson's Forge at Marlton Road
- (4) At St. Patrick's Road, adjoining the De La Salle Brothers' School
- (5) At entrance to Cooper's Lane.

The Council approved of the provision of these additional lights and recommended  
that quotations also be obtained from the E. S. B. in respect of (1) Provision of light  
at Wentworth Place opposite the De La Salle Schools and (2) Improvement of lighting  
along Dunbur Road, either by provision of additional lamp(s) or rearrangement of existing  
lights.

Following discussion the Council directed that the E. S. B. be requested to  
ensure that lighting-up time would not be later than the hour agreed upon viz. one  
hour after sunset.

The amount in respect of Sanitary Services was reduced from £3,837 to £3,812.

HOUSING SERVICES: The amount provided by the County Manager for maintenance and  
repair of the Council's houses was reduced from £750 to £650. This was the only



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reduction under Housing Services and resulted in the County Manager's figure for such services being reduced from £12,239 to £12,139.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

Tourist Development and Town and Regional Planning: It was agreed that the amount provided under these two headings (viz. £37 and £10 respectively) should be allocated to the Wicklow Tourist Development Association.

Rate Collector's Poundage: The County Manager informed the Council that he was in communication with the Department of Local Government in connection with the remuneration of Rate Collector to be appointed to fill vacancy which would be caused by the retirement of the Council's present Collector on 30th April, 1952. Following discussion the amount under this heading was reduced by £106. This was the only reduction effected in respect of General Urban Purposes

With reference to the County Council Demand Councillor J. Everett T.D. and other members of the Council stated that the Main Street was in need of repairs. The Council also directed that the Department of Local Government be requested to help to expedite the completion of the Silver Strand - B rittas Coast Road.

The total of the reductions effected under the various Headings amounted to £557 made up as follows:- Roads (£326); Sanitary Services (£25); Housing Services (£100); and General Urban Purposes (£106).

The Council adopted the receipts estimated by the County Manager, and as it was decided not to grant an increase in wages, a rate of 31/7d. in the £, i.e. the same rate as in 1951/52 was approved by the Council.

Thus the final summary of charges was as follows:-

|                                                 | Gross Expenditure | Receipts | Nett Expenditure |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|
| Roads                                           | £1,152.           | £70      | £1,082           |
| Sanitary Services                               | £3,812            | £182     | £3,630           |
| Housing Services                                | £12,139           | £10352   | £1,787           |
| General Urban Purposes                          | £11,893           | £2,874   | £9,019           |
|                                                 | £28,996           | £13,478  | £15,518          |
| Deduct Credit                                   |                   |          | 324              |
| Total Requirements to be met by Rate Levy ..... |                   |          | £15,194.         |

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan 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, 1953 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. (three hundred and seventy nine pence) in the pound, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1953.

MANAGER AND STAFF CONGRATULATED: The Chairman and the other members of the Council paid tributes 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 rendered satisfactory service during the preceding twelve months.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson and resolved:-

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That we the Wicklow Urban District Council extend our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Dr. Aubrey O'Connor, who for many years was the beloved and esteemed Medical Officer of Health of Wicklow Town.

The County Manager associated himself, on behalf of the Staff, with the sentiments of the Council, and the resolution was passed in silence.

PROPOSED TRAMWAY AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter, dated 27/3/1952 from Coras Iompair Eireann and addressed to the Wicklow County Manager:-

27th March, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., North Quay, Wicklow, have approached my Board with a request to install a railway siding as between Wicklow Station and their Factory premises. In view of the traffic involved, my Board must give sympathetic consideration to the request. It has been represented to us that the installation of the Siding is a matter of some urgency and we have been asked to take every possible step to expedite the matter

I think it would be well at this stage if an early meeting could be arranged between your representatives and mine for a discussion on the project and perhaps you would be good enough to indicate a date and time suitable for such discussion when I can arrange for my representatives to attend.

I may mention that the County Surveyor, Wicklow, was apprised some time ago of the interest of Shamrock Fertilizers to have this Siding and has already had some conversation with our Engineers. No doubt you will obtain his views in the matter for the purpose of the meeting I have requested.

I shall be obliged to hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd, D. Stewart

Traffic Manager

It was agreed that the Council would be prepared to discuss matters with representatives of C. I. E. at the earliest possible date and 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 31st March, 1952, was suggested as a suitable time for such discussion. Councillor C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke and E. Kane agreed to act as the representatives of the Council.

*C.W. Hudson*  
6/5/52



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

13th March, 1952.

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

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE  
31ST MARCH, 1953

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details are given of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending on the 31st March, 1953. The Estimates will be considered at the statutory Estimates Meeting which this year will be held on Friday, 28th March, 1952.

The total expenditure is estimated at £29553 and total receipts at £13478. The net amount to be levied from rates, therefore, is £16075.

The expenditure under the four main accounting headings is given hereunder, with the corresponding figures adopted for 1951/52 shown in parenthesis:-

| <u>Service</u>         | <u>Gross Expenditure</u> | <u>Receipts</u>      | <u>Nett Expenditure</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Roads                  | £1478 (£914)             | £70 (70)             | £1408 (£844)            |
| Sanitary Services      | £3837 (£3712)            | £182 (145)           | £3655 (£3567)           |
| Housing                | £12239 (£11199)          | £10,352 (9102)       | £1887 (£2097)           |
| General Urban Purposes | <u>£11999 (10667)</u>    | <u>£2,874 (2501)</u> | <u>£9125 (£8166)</u>    |
|                        | £29553 (£26492)          | £13,478 (11818)      | £16075 (14674)          |

Credits of £324 are available and after the application of these, the net amount required is reduced to £15,751.

A rate of 1d. in the £ would produce £40. 1. 2. in the coming year (as compared with £37. 18. 7. in the present year), and the net requirement of £15,751 would require a rate of 32/9d. in the £, an increase of 1/2d. over the rate for the present year which is £31/7d.

The additional outlay, which would require an increased rate is explained in detail under the various headings, but briefly and in the main, it is attributable to an increase in the County Council demand, the superannuation of Rate Collector and the provision made for new Road Works.

Recently an application was received from the Union representing the Council's workmen seeking an increase of 15/- per week, and it was decided to defer consideration to the Estimates meeting. It should be made clear that the Estimates now submitted do not make any provision for any increase in wages. The increase sought would entail additional expenditure of £273 which is equivalent to an rate of 7d. in the £. It also must be stressed that the Department of Local Government about two years ago indicated that wages rates paid to employees of Urban authorities should correspond to those paid in comparable employments in the area. Again there has been no general revision thus far of wages rates, and if the Council were to decide to increase the wages of their employees, then inevitably employees of other concerns in the area would seek increases and the Unions representing other members of the Council's staff would undoubtedly apply for revision of their rates of remuneration. Moreover, as far as can be ascertained, no other Urban authority has decided to revise the wages of employees for the coming year.



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 £600 was obtained and it has been used in the laying of a new concrete road at Cooper's Lane.

For ordinary Road Maintenance in the present year the Council allowed £487. In the coming year the Surveyor strongly recommends that £42 extra be allowed for materials as otherwise sufficient would not be available for minor repairs. The Estimate consequently is £529.

Last year the Town Surveyor submitted a list of Roads improvements which would have cost £2,255. The Council, however, decided to borrow a sum which would cover the cost of some special works and allowed therefor a loan charge of £228. It was proposed to reconstruct Castle Street, but the Department of Local Government did not consider this a suitable work to be undertaken as a capital scheme. Later, in consequence it was arranged to improve St. Patrick's Road and the cost is being met by a seven year loan from the Treasurer, the annual loan charge on which is estimated at £187.

On this occasion the Surveyor has indicated that many of the streets are in urgent need of tar surfacing, and that some of the footpaths, notably Bachelor's Walk, require repairs. The following list of necessary work has been submitted:-

|                                                                                                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Monkton Row Lower                                                                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £82.  |
| St. Dominick's Road                                                                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £77.  |
| St. Kevin's Road                                                                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £35.  |
| Quarantine Hill and approaches                                                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £110. |
| Kilmantin Hill and Fair Green                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £154. |
| High Street                                                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £99.  |
| Bayview Road                                                                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £42.  |
| Convent Road (part) including extension to Mount Carmel and Sullivan's Lane and Urban Boundary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £306. |
| Green Hill Road                                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £311. |
| St. Patrick's Road (part)                                                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £92.  |
| Bachelor's Walk, Bachelor's Row                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £115. |
| Church Street                                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £92.  |
| Church Hill to Brickfiel Lane                                                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £103. |
| Brickfield Lane                                                                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £45.  |
| Bond Street                                                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £70.  |
| Bath Street                                                                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | £92.  |

£1825.

The total cost of these works, as shown above, would be £1,825, which would require a very considerable increase in the rate levy if carried out in one year. Having examined the list carefully it is recommended that provision might be made for the following works costing £563:- Kilmantin Hill and Fair Green (£154); Bachelor's Walk and Bachelor's Row (£115); High Street (£99); Church Street (£92); Church Hill (£103). The Council, however, may consider that the suggested provision might be reduced or that other works be substituted for any of the foregoing.

SANITARY SERVICES

Water Supply: For the special Pumping Scheme at Marlton, whereby the supply is augmented by impounding a stream and pumping back to Reservoir for filtration, a sum of £100 again is provided as it will be necessary in the coming year to clean this watercourse. In addition £28 is included to meet the loan on purchase price of field at Marlton in which stream is situated.

Domestic Scavenging: Last year the Council gave very full consideration to the recommendation of the County Medical Officer that a Refuse Collection system be provided for all householders in the town. It was found that such a service would cost the equivalent of a rate of 1/6d. in the £. Having regard to the additional rate levy which the service would entail the Council decided not to provide it. During the year it was suggested that any cart used in the existing collection might be improved. The Surveyor inspected carts offered for sale but did not find them suitable. He now recommends



the provision of cart with suitable doors and ends at a cost of £25 for which the necessary provision is made in the Estimates.

Burial Grounds: The Demand from Wicklow and Rathdrum Joint Burial Board for the maintenance of the Cemetery at Merrymeeting shows an increase of £12 on that for 1951/52.

Public Lighting: The Estimate for the coming year is £460; an increase of £50. In the present year 4 additional lights were provided, and the estimate now submitted would make provision for some additional lamps. Apart from additional lamps there was an increase in E. S. E. lighting charges in August, 1951.

Watermain at North Quay: During 1951 a new 4 in. watermain was laid at North Quay at a cost of £700. The loan charge on this work will be £51 in the coming year.

### HOUSING

In the present year £500 was provided for repairs but was found to be inadequate and £400 extra had later to be authorised by the Council. In the attached estimate £750 is included for repairs. The Surveyor considers that this is the minimum sum which would be adequate, and it would permit, apart from essential repairs, the painting of 80 houses.

Rates on Council houses are estimated at £2370 - an increase of £520. The increase, which is due to the valuation of new houses is offset by a like increase in Rents.

During the present year 26 new houses were completed. Except for 6 houses, which should be ready for occupation in the coming month the Scheme started in 1948 is now completed.

The total amount obtained up to date from the Local Loans Fund for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts is £31,700, and 18 loans have been made to persons erecting their own houses. The loan charges to be met by the Council are fully repaid by borrowers; the Scheme does not involve any charge on the rates.

### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

There is an increase of almost £1,000 under this heading due to County Council Demand and the provision for Superannuation.

Town Hall Expenses: £40 extra has been allowed for urgent repairs; there is risk of serious deterioration unless the work be carried out immediately.

Tourist Development: A similar amount to that allowed in recent years viz. £37, is provided.

Corporate Estate Maintenance: The amount provided (£128) is the same as that allowed in 1951/52.

Foreshore Maintenance: £166 is again included for urgent repairs. There is a possibility that the Council may obtain a Special Grant for more comprehensive works, when a Scheme has been prepared.

Pavilion at Sea Front: The Council in 1951 adopted a special Civic Improvement Scheme for the purpose of availing of a special donation of £500 offered by the Wicklow Regatta Committee, for the erection of a Pavilion. This structure would add very much to the amenities of the sea front and the Regatta Committee is to be commended for their generous offer. At present the details of a suitable scheme are being considered.

Band Performances: £35 is again provided as a contribution towards the cost of the local band which gives performances on the sea front during the tourist season.



Tree Planting: In 1948 the Council decided that a programme of tree planting be undertaken over a number of years which would eventually add very much to the attractiveness of the many parts of the town, and last year a special voluntary Committee was set up to assist in the work. For the coming year a sum of £38 is again included as the Council's contribution towards this worthwhile Scheme. It should be mentioned that this contribution only meets a fraction of the cost of the planting undertaken last year and in the present year. The Committee which selects sites, trees, arranges for the work, and collects funds in various ways is deserving of every commendation for their efforts, which has absorbed much time and thought, and it is only fitting that tribute be paid to their earnestness and enthusiasm. Provided that there is *No* wanton damage to the trees and shrubs which have been planted Wicklow could become a very beautiful town in the years to come. There are still many waste places to be suitably planted and the work is one deserving of public support and encouragement.

Apart from planting on sites throughout the town the Council decided to provide two fruit trees in the gardens of each of the new Council houses recently erected; the cost of this special amenity was extremely moderate and it is very much appreciated by the tenants.

Superannuation of Rate Collector: Owing to the coming into force of a Special Age Limit Order the present Rate Collector is due to retire at 30th April, next and this involves a superannuation charge. The additional cost thereby arising is estimated at about £300.

School Meals: The Scheme for providing meals for school children was again successfully carried out in the present year. Mention should be made of the very satisfactory manner in which the caterer prepares and serves the meals. There is a slight increase in cost of food (£10) in the coming year but this is almost altogether offset by the State Grant.

Fuel Scheme: The cost of scheme shows an increase of about £300 owing to rising cost of fuel but this is counterbalanced by receipts from Grants.

Rent of Pound: During 1951 a Pound was rented as a result of representations from Court officers and the Garda Síochána. Previously there had been no suitable place for keeping stray animals which, according to complaints, had been causing damage to property and annoyance. The rent is £39, of which one-half will be recouped by the County Council.

County Council Demand: This demand shows an increase of £637 which is equivalent to a rate of 1/4d. in the £. The following table shows how the Demand for 1952/53 compares with that for the present year:-

|                   | 1952/53 | 1951/52 | Increase or Decrease |
|-------------------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| Main Roads        | £1,500  | £1,087  | £413 (Inc.)          |
| Public Assistance | £2,399  | £2,530  | £131 (Dec.)          |
| Mental Hospital   | £1282   | £1,255  | £27 (Inc.)           |
| Health Services   | £831    | £287    | £544 (Inc.)          |
| General Purposes  | £274    | £766    | £492 (Dec.)          |
| Separate Charges  | £407    | £131    | £276 (Inc.)          |

Whilst all services show variations from last year the greatest increase is in respect of Health Services, and is due to the continued expansion in these services and the rising costs of treatment in institutions.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1952/53

GENERAL

As mentioned earlier the Estimates, which would require a rate of 32/9d. include provisions for certain new works such as Roads, but do not provide for any revision of wages rates.

The Town Clerk again, as in former years, has given very valuable assistance in the preparation of these Estimates. All the relevant records required for the purpose have been kept in a very thorough manner and the Council's accounts have been very capably dealt with by him. It should also be mentioned that all the other officers and employees of the Council have discharged their respective duties in a diligent and satisfactory manner.

To the Chairman and members of the Council I desire to express sincere appreciation of the assistance and guidance so freely given throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY.

COUNTY MANAGER.

SANITARY SERVICES:

|                                                          |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries                                                 | 495         |
| Water Supplies (Wages 2408; Materials 2128)              | 680         |
| Water Supplies - Pumping Schemes                         | 100         |
| Sewerage (Wages 218; Materials 288)                      | 70          |
| Public Sanitary Conveniences                             | 20          |
| Scavenging (Street Domestic - Wages 2128)                | 608         |
| Scavenging - Road to cart                                | 85          |
| Burial Ground                                            | 125         |
| Public Lighting                                          | 450         |
| <u>LOAN CHARGES:</u>                                     |             |
| 1935 Power S.W. Water Extensions                         | 78          |
| 1937 Waterworks Improvements                             | 294         |
| 1898 5 1/2% Stock - Dividends Sinking Fund etc.          | 46          |
| 1922 5% (5 1/2% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.)    | 510         |
| 1948 Extension of Sewers (Dunbar Road)                   | 142         |
| 1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbar Road)             | 156         |
| 1952 Extension Water Supply                              | 10          |
| 1951 New Water main at North Quay                        | 51          |
| 1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton (Waterworks Reservoir) | 28          |
|                                                          | <u>3837</u> |



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE FINANCIAL  
YEAR 1952/53

EXPENDITURE

|                                                                | Estimated<br>by Manager<br>£ | Adopted<br>by Council |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>URBAN ROADS:</u>                                            |                              |                       |
| Special Grant Works<br>(Contribution to Employment<br>Schemes) | 75                           | 75                    |
| Ordinary Road Works -<br>(Wages £379; Materials £150)          | 529                          | 487                   |
| Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.                              | 563                          | 279                   |
| Station Approach Road (Maintenance)                            | 30                           | 30                    |
| Salaries                                                       | 94                           | 94                    |
| Loan Charges                                                   | 187                          | 187                   |
| TOTAL                                                          | £1478                        | 1152                  |
| <u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>                                      |                              |                       |
| Salaries                                                       | 496                          | 496                   |
| Water Supplies (Wages £492;<br>Materials £128)                 | 620                          | 620                   |
| Water Supplies - Pumping Scheme                                | 100                          | 100                   |
| Sewerage (Wages £48; Materials £22)                            | 70                           | 70                    |
| Public Sanitary Convenience                                    | 20                           | 20                    |
| Scavenging (Street and Domestic -<br>Wages)                    | 605                          | 605                   |
| Scavenging- Repairs to cart                                    | 25                           | -                     |
| Burial Grounds                                                 | 125                          | 125                   |
| Public Lighting                                                | 460                          | 460                   |
| <u>LOAN CHARGES:</u>                                           |                              |                       |
| 1935 Sewer and Water Extensions                                | 72                           | 72                    |
| 1937 Waterworks Improvements                                   | 291                          | 291                   |
| 1898 3½% Stock - Dividends Sinking<br>Fund etc.                | 46                           | 46                    |
| 1922 5% (3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking<br>Fund etc.)          | 510                          | 510                   |
| 1948 Extension of Sewers (Dunbur Road)                         | 142                          | 142                   |
| 1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur<br>Road)                | 166                          | 166                   |
| 1952 Regional Water Supply                                     | 10                           | 10                    |
| 1951 New Water main at North Quay                              | 51                           | 51                    |
| 1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton (Water-<br>works Reservoir)  | 28                           | 28                    |
|                                                                | 3837                         | 3812                  |



HOUSING SERVICES:

|                                                            | Estimated by<br>Manager | Adopted by<br>Council |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                                            | £                       |                       |
| <u>Housing of the Working Classes:</u>                     |                         |                       |
| Maintenance and repair                                     | 750                     | 650                   |
| Salaries (Town Surveyor and Overseer<br>part)              | 87                      | 87                    |
| Rent Collector's Poundage                                  | 328                     | 328                   |
| Printing, Stationery and ad-<br>vertising                  | 33                      | 33                    |
| Insurances                                                 | 99                      | 99                    |
| Rates on Council Houses                                    | 2370                    | 2370                  |
| <u>Loan Charges:</u>                                       |                         |                       |
| 1932 10 Houses Scheme                                      | 233                     | 233                   |
| 1934 28 Houses Scheme                                      | 639                     | 639                   |
| 1937 28 and 10 Houses Scheme                               | 29                      | 29                    |
| 1938 120 Houses Scheme                                     | 152                     | 152                   |
| 1937 120 Houses Scheme                                     | 2572                    | 2572                  |
| 1940 120 Houses Scheme                                     | 103                     | 103                   |
| 1940 34 Houses Scheme                                      | 974                     | 974                   |
| 1942 34 Houses Scheme                                      | 84                      | 84                    |
| 1947 80 Houses Scheme                                      | 65                      | 65                    |
| 1898 3½% Stock - Dividends,<br>Sinking Fund, etc.          | 20                      | 20                    |
| 1948 80 Houses Scheme                                      | 2669                    | 2669                  |
| <u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u>                  |                         |                       |
| <u>Loan Charges</u>                                        |                         |                       |
| 1934 Loan                                                  | 72                      | 72                    |
| 1948 Loan                                                  | 240                     | 240                   |
| 1949 Loan                                                  | 480                     | 480                   |
| 1950 Loan                                                  | 240                     | 240                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               | <b>£12,239</b>          | <b>12,139</b>         |
| <u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>                              |                         |                       |
| Town Hall Expenses                                         | 100                     | 100                   |
| Tourist Development                                        | 37                      | 37                    |
| Town and Regional Planning                                 | 10                      | 10                    |
| Demolition of ruinous buildings                            | 5                       | 5                     |
| Acquisition of derelict sites                              | 20                      | 20                    |
| Corporate Estate Maintenance<br>(Wages £78; Materials £50) | 128                     | 128                   |
| Foreshore Maintenance                                      | 164                     | 164                   |
| Tree Planting                                              | 38                      | 38                    |
| Fairs, Markets and Weighbridges                            | 5                       | 5                     |
| Band Performances                                          | 35                      | 35                    |
| Milk and Dairies Acts                                      | 1                       | 1                     |
| <u>School Meals:</u>                                       |                         |                       |
| Cost of Food                                               | 160                     | 160                   |
| Administration                                             | 72                      | 72                    |
| Allotments                                                 | 298                     | 298                   |
|                                                            | <b>1,073</b>            | <b>1073</b>           |



GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (CONTD.)

ROADS

State Grants - Estate Duty c/f  
 C.I.E. Contribution - Maintenance  
 Salaries  
 Rate Collector's Poundage  
 Rent Collector's Poundage  
 (Corporate Estate) TOTAL  
 Superannuation (Rate Collector)  
 Audit Fees  
 Legal Expenses  
 Printing, Stationery and ad-  
 vertising  
 Rents on Council's Property  
 Rates on Council's Property  
 Insurance on Council's property  
 Public and E.L. Insurance  
 Office Expenses  
 Discount on rates TOTAL  
 Refunded and Irrecoverable rates  
 Fuel Scheme for necessitous persons  
 Bank Interest  
 Election Expenses  
 Rent of Pound  
 Miscellaneous

Loan Charges

1938 Foreshore Works  
 1946 New Footbridge  
 1898 3 1/4% Stock - Dividends, Sinking  
 Fund, etc.

County Council Services

Main Roads  
 Public Assistance  
 Mental Hospital TOTAL  
 Health (County)  
 General Purposes (County)  
 Separate Charges (Inc. Library)

TOTAL

GROSS TOTAL

|  | Estimated<br>by Manager | Adopted<br>by Council |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | £                       | £                     |
|  | 1073                    | 1073                  |
|  | 924                     | 924                   |
|  | 456                     | 300                   |
|  | 88                      | 88                    |
|  | 321                     | 321                   |
|  | 46                      | 46                    |
|  | 120                     | 120                   |
|  | 114                     | 114                   |
|  | 50                      | 50                    |
|  | 241                     | 241                   |
|  | 14                      | 14                    |
|  | 76                      | 76                    |
|  | 50                      | 50                    |
|  | 63                      | 63                    |
|  | 180                     | 180                   |
|  | 1050                    | 1050                  |
|  | 10                      | 10                    |
|  | -                       | -                     |
|  | 39                      | 39                    |
|  | 40                      | 40                    |
|  | 151                     | 151                   |
|  | 77                      | 77                    |
|  | 123                     | 123                   |
|  | 64                      | 64                    |
|  | 1500                    | 1500                  |
|  | 2399                    | 2399                  |
|  | 1282                    | 1282                  |
|  | 831                     | 831                   |
|  | 274                     | 274                   |
|  | 407                     | 407                   |
|  | 11,999                  | 11,893                |
|  | 29,553                  | 28,996                |

TOTAL

GROSS TOTAL

£2,874

£13,478



R E C E I P T S

ROADS

State Grants - Estate Duty  
C.I.E. Contribution - Maintenance  
of Station Approach Road

TOTAL

SANITARY SERVICES:

Domestic Scavenging  
Water Rents  
State Subsidy to Loan Charges  
(Sanitary Services)

TOTAL

HOUSING SERVICES

Housing of the Working Classes:

State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act  
(pre 1948 Schemes) 2380  
Do. New Schemes 344  
Subsidy to Interest Rates 290  
Rents inclusive of Rates 6314

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts

Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans) 64  
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans) 960

TOTAL

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants:  
Bounty in lieu of Rates 70  
Railway and Harbour Charges 141  
School Meals 80  
Recoupment of losses on allotments 290  
Fuel Scheme 500  
Fuel Scheme - Repayment by recipients and  
recoupment from County Council. 538  
Corporate Estate Rents 1160  
Town Hall Letting (Branch Library) 26  
Licences and Fees 3  
Refund of fees by Officers 17  
Refund part rent of pound - Wicklow  
County Council 19  
Contribution by Harbour Authority to  
Harbour Loan Charges 20  
Miscellaneous 10

TOTAL

GROSS TOTAL

| Estimated by<br>Manager | Adopted by<br>Council |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| £                       | £                     |
| 40                      | 40                    |
| 30                      | 30                    |
| £70                     | 70                    |
| 70                      | 70                    |
| 90                      | 90                    |
| 22                      | 22                    |
| £182                    | 182                   |
| 2380                    | 2380                  |
| 344                     | 344                   |
| 290                     | 290                   |
| 6314                    | 6314                  |
| 64                      | 64                    |
| 960                     | 960                   |
| £10,352                 | 10,352                |
| 70                      | 70                    |
| 141                     | 141                   |
| 80                      | 80                    |
| 290                     | 290                   |
| 500                     | 500                   |
| 538                     | 538                   |
| 1160                    | 1160                  |
| 26                      | 26                    |
| 3                       | 3                     |
| 17                      | 17                    |
| 19                      | 19                    |
| 20                      | 20                    |
| 10                      | 10                    |
| £2,874                  | 2874                  |
| £13,478                 |                       |



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1952/53

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

|                                                      | Gross Expenditure | Receipts | Nett Expenditure |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|
| Roads                                                | £1478             | £70      | £1408            |
| Sanitary Services                                    | £3837             | £182     | £3655            |
| Housing Services                                     | £12239            | £10352   | £1887            |
| General Urban Purposes                               | £11999            | £2874    | £9125            |
|                                                      | £29553            | £13478   | £16075<br>324    |
| Deduct Credit                                        |                   |          |                  |
| Total Requirements to be met by Rate levy .....      |                   |          | £15751           |
| Municipal Rate of 1d in £ produces .....             |                   |          | £40. 1. 2.       |
| Rate in £ to meet total requirements of £15751 ..... |                   |          | 32/9d.           |

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES FOR 1952/53

|                                                                                                                                                       |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total valuation as per Valuation List ... ..                                                                                                          | £10367. 3. 0  |
| <u>Valuations</u>                                                                                                                                     |               |
| <u>Buildings</u> ... ..                                                                                                                               | £9358. 6. 0.  |
| Less Reductions under Housing Acts etc.                                                                                                               | 306. 14. 8.   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | £9051. 11. 4. |
| <u>Land</u> ... ..                                                                                                                                    | £814. 12. 0.  |
| Less occupied by Council for Housing and other purposes                                                                                               | 64. 10. 0.    |
| Less reduction of two-fifths for rating purposes as per Section 21 (2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946, i.e. two-fifths of £750. 2. 0. | £300. 0. 10.  |
|                                                                                                                                                       | £450. 1. 2.   |
| <u>Land used as Railways</u>                                                                                                                          | £50. 5. 0.    |
| Less reduction of two-fifths for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946                                  | £20. 2. 0.    |
|                                                                                                                                                       | £30. 3. 0.    |
| <u>Railways</u> (rated on full valuation)                                                                                                             | £12. 0. 0;    |
| <u>Half-Rents</u>                                                                                                                                     | £119. 10. 0.  |
| Less reduction of one-half for rating purposes as per Section 21 (2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946                                   | £59. 15. 0.   |
|                                                                                                                                                       | £59. 15. 0.   |
| <u>Yards</u>                                                                                                                                          | £11. 0. 0.    |
| Total Valuation effective for rating purposes                                                                                                         | £9614. 10. 6. |
| Rate of 1d. in £ produces                                                                                                                             | £40. 1. 2.    |



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held at the Town Hall, Wicklow, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 19th April, 1952

Present Councillors C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding) A. Finlayson, J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, W. Clarke and E. Kane.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor J. Brennan

Apologies for non-attendance were also received from the County Manager and the Town Engineer.

Messrs D. Hayes, W. Fitzgerald and A. Clancy were received by the Chairman and were introduced to the Council.

PROPOSED CANNING, CHILLING AND DEEP FREEZING INDUSTRY: Read following letter dated 17/4/1952 from Mr. Hubert O'Dwyer, Solicitor, 5 St. Andrew Street, Dublin:-

17th April, 1952.

Dear Sir,

It is proposed to start a Canning, Chilling and Deep Freezing plant at the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, and I would be glad if you would kindly let me have a letter consenting. I would also be glad to know if your Co uncil would dispose of or Lease the plot of ground at the rere of the Boundary of the Marine Hotel.

I might add that, subject to your approval it is intended to form a company known as "The Wicklow Food Products Ltd" subject to this name being available.

I need hardly point out that an Industry of this kind will be an asset to the Town and Co unty of Wicklow as no doubt a substantial adult staff will be required towards the running of the business.

In order that I may be in a position to put the formation of this Company in hands forthwith I would deem it a favour if I could have a reply to this letter by return of post.

Yours truly, etc.

The Chairman and the members of the Council expressed pleasure at the prospect of another Industry being established in Wicklow and indicated that they were prepared to assist the project in every possible way.

A map of the Marine Hotel building and attached plot of ground was submitted to the Meeting and Mr. Clancy, on behalf of the Deputation, stated that it might be necessary for the purposes of the proposed industry to have a larger area available and suggested that they be given an option on the plot extending north of the Marine Hotel Premises for a distance of 200 feet. In this connection it was pointed out that the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union of Ireland to whom a lease of the Marine Hotel Premises had been granted for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1927, had assigned their interest in the premises to the Wicklow County Council on the 7th September, 1946 and that accordingly it would be necessary for the promoters to get in touch with the Wicklow County Council concerning the proposal to use the premises for the purpose of a new Industry. Councillor J. Everett T.D. pointed out that the Co uncil's Solicitors could easily deal with that aspect of the matter.

Mr. Clancy also gave details to the meeting of the proposals relating to the industry and pointed out that it would be necessary for the promoters to indicate to the Department of Agriculture at the earliest possible date that the consent

of the Wicklow Urban Bistrict Council to the establishment of the industry in the Town had been obtained. Mr. Clancy further stated that he had been in consultation with Dr. McCarthy, County Medical Officer of Health, and had assured him that the promoters would comply with all necessary sanitary regulations.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

That we hereby agree to grant an option for 12 months on the site measuring 200 feet x 140 feet approx. and situated north of the Marine Hotel premises to Messrs D. Hayes,, W. Fitzgerald and A. Clancy, for industrial purposes. Furthermore we approve of the proposal to establish a Canning Chilling and Deep Freezing Industry at the Murrrough, Wicklow, and we approve of the use of the premises known as the Marine Hotel for this purpose.

It was agreed to telephone the Department of Agriculture on Monday morning 21st April, 1952, and to indicate that the Council had approved of the proposal to establish a Canning, Chilling and Deep Freezing Industry at the Marine Hotel, Wicklow.

Mr. Clancy, on behalf of the Deputation, thanked the Co uncil for their courtesy and assistance and assured the members that the promoters would spare no efforts to make a success of the venture. The Chairman and members of the Council stressed that the establishment of such an industry in Wicklow would be of immense benefit to the town and that every assistance and encouragement would be afforded the promoters in their enterprise.

C. W. Hudson  
6/5/52



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST APRIL, 1952.

Present: Councillors C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding),  
 W. Clarke, A. Finlayson, J. Brennan, E. Kane and P. Doyle.

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 4th March, 1952, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM CLANN NA POBLACHTA: The following resolution which had been adopted by the Ard Chomhairle of Clann na Poblachta, was unanimously adopted by the Council:-  
 without discussion

The Ard Chomhairle of Clann na Poblachta views with grave concern the cuts made in the Estimates for the coming year in capital development projects which will affect Gaeltacht Services, housing, drainage and afforestation. In the view of the Ard Chomhairle these cuts will not only retard national development but will cause considerable unemployment and result in increased emigration.

These cuts, coupled with the restriction of credit and the rising unemployment and emigration figures, indicate clearly the implementation by the Government of the policies advocated by the Central Bank. Unless a strong public opinion can now force the Government to review its whole economic policy the effects of this policy will not merely retard progress but will cause irreparable damage. For these reasons the Ard Chomhairle of Clann na Poblachta urges public bodies and national organisations to call for a reversal of this policy and in particular for the restoration of the cuts made in regard to Afforestation, the Local Authorities Works Act, 1949, and Housing.

RESOLUTION RE PENSIONS: The following resolution, which had been passed by An Uaimh Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That we, the members of an Uaimh Urban District Council, view with grave concern the plight of the widow and children of the late Captain William Ryan, Air Corps, who lost his life on flying duty in May, 1951. We are of the opinion that the pension allowed in this case is not merely inadequate to maintain his dependants but is wholly unjust. We therefore call on the appropriate Minister of State to introduce legislation revising the allowances and pensions payable to the dependants of the Air Corps personnel killed in the course of duty commensurate with the risks involved and befitting that of a Christian State and that the injustice done to the dependants of Captain Ryan be remedied forthwith.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Finance, Minister for Defence and to all Local Authorities."

PROPOSED SIGN: Read letter dated 6/3/1952 from Mr. W. H. Luxton, 1 Church Street, Wicklow, applying for permission to erect sign-board at the Murrrough end of Parnell Bridge. In letter dated 19/3/1952 the applicant indicated the type and size of sign which he proposed to provide. After discussion, during which it was pointed out that if this particular application were granted other persons would demand similar facilities, it was decided that permission could not be granted.

CLOSING OF ROADS: Read following letter, dated 29/2/1952 from Leinster Motor Club Ltd:-

Feb., 29th. 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by my Committee to request you to close the roads of the

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Wicklow road racing circuit within your area.

The times for which we will require closing order are, as follows:-

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| May 1st and 2nd. | from 5-30 to 7-30 a.m. |
| May 3rd.         | " 1 " 6-45 p.m.        |
| July 10th & 11th | " 7-30 " 9-30 p.m.     |
| July 12th        | " 2 " 6-30 p.m.        |

Yours faithfully etc.

The meeting was informed that the Wicklow County Council had agreed to the closing of roads on the dates and during the hours specified. The Council unanimously approved of the closing of the relevant roads within the Urban area as requested by the Leinster Motor Club Ltd.

G. A. A. PLAYING PITCH: Read following letter dated 26/3/1952 from Hon. Secretary, St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club, Wicklow:-

26th March, 1952.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the above Club a vote of gratitude and appreciation was unanimously passed to the Urban Council for the manner in which they attended to the request of this Club to have the wooden pailings moved.

The Committee have it in mind when Funds permit, to erect two Dressing Rooms in the vicinity of the playing pitch, but before proceeding with this work we would like to be given a priority over the pitch. We have already spread 40 tons of soil and have a further 60 tons available for the pitch when the pailing is in its new position.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The members of the Council having examined the plan which had been submitted recommended that permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts be granted, provided that a site plan be submitted and that all plans relating to the structure be approved by the Town Engineer.

With regard to the Club's request to be given priority in respect of the use of the pitch it was agreed that the playing pitch in question would not be let to any other club unless the consent of St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club to such letting would have been obtained.

The Chairman stated that he had been approached by the Manager of the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Works in connection with the Council's proposal to alter the situation of the wooden paling on the eastern side of the G. A. A. pitch and pointed out that it was very desirable that adequate road space would be left available. Following discussion, during which the Town Engineer assured the meeting that the width of the roadway after the removal of the paling would be 14 feet, it was agreed that before the paling would be erected in its new position the Town Engineer would consult with the Manager of the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Works and with representatives of St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club.

TURF FOR FUEL SCHEME: Read following letter dated 13/3/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

13th March, 1952.

A Chara,

re/ Production of Turf, 1952

At the meeting of the County Council held on the 10th instant, the Council



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decided to produce turf during the coming turf production season for the purpose of supplying the fuel requirements of the Fuel Schemes operated by the Urban District Councils in the county. It is understood that the requirements of your Council for the year would be 300 tons.

Will you please bring this matter to the notice of your Council at the next meeting.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The meeting was informed that the Wicklow County Council was in communication with the Department of Social Welfare relative to the proposal and that no final decision in connection with the matter had yet been reached.

Noted.

LEASE TO ACE PRODUCTS LTD. Read following letter dated 13/3/1952 from Messrs S. S. & E. Reeves & Sons, Solicitors, Dublin:-

13th March, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Ace Products Limited

With reference to your letter of 6th ult., we have now received instructions from our clients that they are prepared to surrender the present Lease dated 23rd August, 1949 and to accept the grant of a new Lease for a term of 31 years at the present rent of £6. 10. 0.

We shall be obliged if you will arrange for your Solicitors to forward us draft Surrender and draft Lease for approval as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 20/3/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

20th March, 1952.

re/ Ace Products Ltd. Surrender of Lease

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday's date to hand enclosing copy letter from Messrs Reeves & Sons, Solicitors.

We suggest that the Council should pass a resolution granting a new Lease, on condition that the old Lease is surrendered, if this is the view of the Council.

It would not be right to have the old Lease surrendered without a resolution of the Council being first passed agreeing to grant a new Lease.

We will require the Counterpart Lease for the purpose of preparing Surrender.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, Seconded by Councillor J. Brannan and resolved:-

That subject to surrender of lease of 23rd August, 1949, (Wicklow U. D. C. to Edward Hynes and John Hudson) we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground with the buildings thereon situate at Quarantine Hill, Wicklow, to Ace Products Ltd. for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of £6. 10. 0.

IMPROVEMENT OF ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: The Council were informed that, in accordance with their recommendations at the monthly meeting held on the 4th March, 1952, the County Manager and Town Engineer had modified proposals relating to improvements at St. Patrick's Road and the original estimate of the 4th December, 1951, had been

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reduced to £1,100. It was also pointed out that the Council had made provision for loan charges in respect of this amount at their annual Estimates Meeting.

Read following letter dated 1/4/1952 from Town Engineer:-

1st April, 1952.

re/ Proposed Improvements at St. Patrick's Road

A Chara,

The following works are proposed to be carried out for an expenditure of £1,100:-

- (1) Concrete footpath from New Entrance to Parochial House to Lalor's Corner.
- (2) Provision of concrete steps at Delahunt's Side in order to ease the very steep approach from Abbey Street including alterations to railings and steps at Delahunt's Hall Door.
- (3) Grading of St. Patrick's Road on Hill from Abbey Street and scarifying, shaping, and rolling with Tarmacadam as far as the De La Salle Brothers' School.
- (4) Easement of Corner at Fitzwilliam Road and alteration of position of E.S.B. pole.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle, and resolved:-

That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government we hereby approve of the borrowing of £1,100 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of carrying out improvements to St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, as indicated in report submitted by Town Engineer.

LAYING OF MAINS BY GAS COMPANY: Councillor E. Kane stated that the Gas Company were opening the road at Hillside for the purpose of laying new mains and suggested that the Company be requested to place the mains along the pathways and thus avoid damaging a road which only recently had been repaired. The Town Engineer stated that as he had not received any formal application in connection with the opening of the roadway he had requested the Gas Company not to proceed any further with the work. The Town Engineer agreed that the main should be laid along the route of the paths and not in the roadway. Following discussion it was decided to inform the Gas Company that due notice of proposed work should be given by them to the Town Engineer and that a map indicating the route of the mains should also be furnished.

YEARLY TENANCIES: Read following letter dated 19/3/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll:-

19th March, 1952.

re/ Yearly Tenancies

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 18th instant we can see no objection to the Council indicating that the arrears of rent would be struck off, provided the fields are immediately handed over to the Council.

In your letter to the tenants, however, you should insert at the heading of the letter the words "without prejudice" and you should also point out that the offer is only applicable provided the fields are handed back by the 1st April.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 1/4/1952 from Mrs. Julia A. Doyle:-



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1st April, 1952.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our recent conversation, I have decided to surrender to the Council the four holdings at Dunbur. However I should like permission to keep one of the holdings till about September, 1st next, as there is a meadow on it.

Hoping this will be in order,

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 27/3/1952 from Miss M. Hamilton:-

27th March, 1952.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

Your letter received on Tuesday the 25th as also all previous correspondence. I understood you knew that Mr. Hamilton is under the Dr's care and is told to take things easy, as regards anything important. In any case we know that our field does not come into the picture with any of the fields that you probably will be discussing as you must be aware, the longest tenancy that you are dealing with does not I'm sure embrace more than at most from 80 to 90 years. As our case will require very careful consideration on the part of the Council, it may drag out for a length time, before the matter will be finally settled.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Sgd. M. Hamilton.

The County Manager pointed out that the arrears of rents had accumulated since the issue of the notices to Quit. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

That we hereby accept the offer of Mrs. Angela Doyle to surrender tenancies of fields at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to the Council on condition that the arrears of rent due in respect of these fields at 25/3/1952 (viz. £93. 11. 3.) be treated as irrecoverable; and furthermore we recommend that Mrs. Doyle be granted permission to remain in occupation of one of these fields (area 3 acres 3 roods and 35 perches) up to 31/8/1952 for the purpose of taking off a meadow crop and that no rent or rates be chargeable in respect of such additional period of tenancy.

GAS COOKERS IN COUNCIL'S HOUSES: Read following letter, dated 20th March, 1952, (Ref. H.4087/1951 Wicklow U.D.) from Department of Local Government:-

20th March, 1952.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the proposal of the Wicklow Urban District Council to raise a loan of £1,600 for the purchase of gas cookers for installation in the Council's houses, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that on the available information he considers that it should be left to the tenants of these houses to make their own arrangements, as may be desired, with either the Gas Company or Electricity Supply Board for the installation of alternative cooking facilities.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The members of the Council expressed dissatisfaction at the decision of the Minister. It was pointed out that very desirable amenities would be provided for the tenants at a very small additional charge per week and that the expenditure of the Council would be recouped in due course. It was also stressed that the Scheme would benefit a local industry. Following discussion it was unanimously decided to request the Minister to reconsider his decision.

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

1st April, 1952.

re/ Building Scheme: Ballynerrin 14 - Progress Report

A Chara,

At this date, the houses are now completed. Fencing in progress and building front concrete wall: concrete paths to be finished. 8 two-storey houses occupied. Some prospective tenants have asked permission to dig gardens: if Council agrees, I see no objection.

Mise, le meas,

Sgs. J. T. O'Byrne

TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Council stated that there would be no objection to the proposal regarding the digging of the gardens.

HOUSING REPAIRS: A lengthy discussion took place in connection with the report of the Rent Collector relating to Housing repairs, a copy of which report had been circulated to the members of the Council.

Finally it was agreed (1) that repairs should not be carried out in cases where it could be shown that the tenant was responsible for the damage (2) that a circular be sent to all tenants of Council houses drawing their attention to this decision of the Council and also indicating how the necessity for certain repairs could be avoided and (3) that the Rent Collector submit a further report to the Council at their July meeting.

REPORT FROM RENT COLLECTOR RE CERTAIN COUNCIL HOUSES: Read report dated 27/3/1952 from Rent Collector giving the name of two tenants of Council's houses who were not keeping their houses in proper condition. The report stated, however, that the vast majority of the houses were kept in excellent condition by the tenants. Noted.

LEASE TO MR. A. FINLAYSON: Pursuant to notice of motion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor E. Kane and resolved:-

That the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on the 2nd April, 1951 granting a lease of plot at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. A. Finlayson is hereby rescinded.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

That we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. A. Finlayson for a term of 75 years for the purpose of having erected thereon houses up to a maximum number of 8 houses, such houses to be built within a period of 3 years from 1/4/1952; that a rent of £35 per year be charged; i.e. £4. 7. 6. per plot but that the rent be limited to 1/- per plot until such time as each house be completed: and that £7. 10. 0. per plot be the maximum rent chargeable in the event of the plots being sub-leased.

The County Manager stated that it should be recorded in the minutes that that Council in granting the Lessee permission to fix an annual rent (maximum £7. 10. 0. per plot) in respect of an under-lease which would exceed the yearly rent reserved and payable to the Council (£4. 7. 6. per plot) were influenced by the fact that the development costs relating to this difficult site would be high. The Manager also pointed out that although it would be necessary for the Lessee to provide roads, sewerage, waterservices etc. the terms of the Lease would ensure that the rent of any sub-lease would not exceed the rent charged by the Council in respect of neighbouring building sites which did not require to be developed.



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The Council stressed that their attitude regarding this matter was influenced by the particular circumstances of the case and should not be regarded as a precedent.

LEASE TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. Pursuant to Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

That the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on the 7th March, 1950 granting a lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £10. be rescinded.

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

That we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, measuring 16.928 perches and as delineated on map prepared by the Town Engineer to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a term of 74 years at an annual rent of £20, said plot to be used for the purpose of erecting thereon a factory premises to be constructed to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.

EXECUTION OF LEASE - U. D. C. TO W. RUTTLEDGE: It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating to lease of "Mill Yard" to William Ruttledge for a term of 31 years from 25/3/1952 at an annual rent of £5.

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

EXECUTION OF LEASE - U. D. C. TO W. O'GRADY: It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating to lease of plot of ground with the dwellinghouse and premises thereon fronting Main Street, Wicklow, to William O'Grady for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1949 at an annual rent of £1. 17s. 6.

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

EXECUTION OF LEASE - U. D. C. TO T. HANNAN: It proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating to lease of plot of ground with dwellinghouse etc. thereon at Castle Street, Wicklow, to Thomas C. Hannan for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1952 at an annual rent of £2. 10s. 0.

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

MORTGAGE - LOAN UNDER S. D. ACQU. ACTS TO JOSEPH O'CARROLL: It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Mortgage (Joseph O'Carroll to Wicklow Urban District Council) in respect of an advance of £1,600 to Mr. O'Carroll by the Council under the provisions of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

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

PROPOSED SPORTS PAVILION: Read following letter dated 28/3/1952 from Town Engineer:-

28th March, 1952.

re: Proposed Sports Pavilion, Sea Front

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your instructions, a Joint meeting of the representatives of the Sailing Club, Swimming Club and Regatta Committee took place on Friday, 21st instant.

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The Meeting endorsed the proposal to seek the assistance of the Wicklow Urban Council financially and otherwise, with a view to having the building completed as soon as possible.

In this connection, a suggestion to provide a Swimming Pool adjacent to the Pavilion was considered.

I am engaged at the moment in preparing plans and specification for the Pavilion which I estimate will cost £4,000 (approximately) - the original plan which I presented to the Council was suited only as a Swimming Club and it will be remembered that it was to that purpose only that consideration was given in the first instance.

The new plan will provide for separate accommodation for swimmers, a general Meeting Room or Tea Lounge, Committee Rooms and Cloak Rooms, and will be available for Regatta Committee when required: there will also be separate facilities for the Sailing Club, lounge, storage for boats etc.

A swimming pool is to be considered in conjunction with the Pavilion, but this would probably run into an additional cost of about £3,500.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne

TOWN SURVEYOR

Read following letter dated 28/3/1952 from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Sailing Club:-

28th March, 1952.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Wicklow Sailing Club, I have to assure your Council that every possible assistance will be given to the very pleasant proposal to erect a Sports Pavilion on the Sea Front.

Whilst our own expenses are heavy and will be continuing, having regard to our commitments for new boats, repairs to gear and equipment, etc., nevertheless our Committee is prepared to offer the sum of £100 at least and such other amounts as we can spare each year towards the estimated cost of the buildings - £4,000. We feel, however, that the Pavilion should be commenced as soon as possible and certainly within the present year so that we can set our programme for fund raising. Eventually, we intend, by arrangement, to be in a position to buy out entirely that portion of the buildings which will have been allocated to the use of our Club.

We join with the Regatta Committee and the Swimming Club in congratulating the Urban District Council in supporting our joint efforts in this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne,

HON. SECRETARY.

The Town Engineer submitted two plans - providing for two different types of structure - to the meeting. The Council were unanimously in favour of one of the plans. The Town Engineer stated that the Sailing Club had also approved of this plan but that it would be necessary for him to obtain the approval of the Regatta Committee and of the Swimming Club before he could prepare the final documents relating to the proposal. The County Manager stated that the plan, when finally approved, together with specification etc. would be forwarded to the Department of Local Government, in connection with the Council's application for a grant towards the cost of the work.

Following a discussion relating to the proposed Swimming Pool, it was agreed that pending further investigations concerning such proposal work on the erection of the Pavilion should be commenced as soon as possible.