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CIVIC RECEPTION: Read following letter dated 29/3/1952 from Mr. S. R. Sheane, Church Hill, Wicklow:-

29th March, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

A number of residents in the Town have proposed to me that a Civic reception be given to the Competitors and Mechanics in the forthcoming Leinster Two '100' Races in Wicklow. The night available for such a function would be Friday the 2nd May, 1952, and I have found out from Rev. Fr. Blake, that he will be prepared to make his Hall available for this Reception. The Jubilee Nursing Association have offered their help in preparing the Meal.

If the Urban District Council would take on this thing officially as from them, it would be a very fine gesture, and if the County Manager could be available to preside, everything would be 100%.

I might mention that last Autumn in the Leinster Old Crocks Race from Dublin to Naas, the Urban District Council, in conjunction with the Kildare County Council gave a Civic reception in Naas for the Competitors.

I trust you will be able to bring this matter up before the Council at your next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. S. R. Sheane

The Council unanimously approved of the suggestion.

LETTING OF LAND: Read following letter dated 29/3/1952 from Mr. M. Olohan, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow:-

29th March, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to field at Ballynerrin which was purchased by your Council from my uncle the late Matthew Olohan, I wish to state that I am anxious to take over the tenancy of this field on the same conditions which applied in the case of my Uncle, to whom the Council granted an option in respect of the eleven months letting of this field.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. M. Olohan.

The Council unanimously approved of the granting of an option on the field to Mr. Olohan in respect of the 11 months period commencing 1/5/1952.

PROPOSED TRAMWAY AT NORTH QUAY: The following report re meeting which took place on 31/3/1952 was read:-

Proposed Tramway at North Quay

Conference held at Town Hall, Wicklow, on 31/3/1952

Present: Councillors C. W. Hudson (Presiding), W. Clarke and A. Finlayson representing the Council; Messrs J. J. O'Dwyer, P. J. Lyne, E. Moore and G. Byrne representing C.I.E; Mr. G. Van den Bergh representing Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor E. Kane. The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

Following a general discussion, during which Mr. Van den Bergh stated that he was only interested in the provision of a tramway service up to a certain point

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opposite his existing factory premises and that the extension of the proposed service as far as the Packet Pier would be a matter for the Wicklow Harbour Authority, it was agreed that Mr. Van den Bergh would immediately get in touch with the Department of Industry and Commerce relative to the proposal to reopen the tramway and that he would forward a copy of the correspondence to the Council and to the Harbour Authority. (2) that he would meet the Harbour Authority at 7 p.m. on 1/4/1952. (3) that a survey of the area, over which the Harbour Authority would propose having the tramway extension, be carried out and that the result of such survey and a map indicating the line of the proposed tramway be submitted to C.I.E. in order that an estimate of the cost of the extension could be provided. (4) that the Harbour Authority indicate to C. I. E. the probable extent of the use which would be made of the tramway in the event of its being extended to the Packet Pier.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Van den Bergh had discussed the matter with the Harbour Authority earlier that evening and that it had been decided to carry out the suggested survey immediately and to submit particulars to C. I. E. in connection with the anticipated use of the tramway extension. The Chairman also pointed out that if the Harbour Authority did not arrange for the extension of the service to the Packet Pier the tramway would be a private concern and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. as promoters would have exclusive rights relating to its use. The County Manager stated that, in the event of its being necessary for the Harbour Authority to raise a loan for the purpose, the Wicklow Urban District Council and the Wicklow County Council could act as guarantors in respect of such loan. Following discussion it was agreed that everything possible was being done to expedite the matter.

REMOVAL OF RANGES: Read letters from Messrs E. Morgan and E. O'Sullivan, of St. Laurence's Park, requesting the Council to remove the ranges in their houses and to instal boiler grates. The Council agreed that permission be granted to have boiler grates installed but it was decided that, in view of the fact that these tenants were already in occupation of the houses, they would have to bear the full cost of purchase of boiler grates and their installation.

PROPOSED GARAGE: Read following letter dated 1/4/1952 from Mr. E. O'Sullivan, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow:-

1st April, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

Would you please put this application before the Council at their next meeting.

I wish to have a garage erected alongside my houses and as I am on the end house I wonder if the Council would be agreeable to this.

I would be obliged if you would let me know the Council's decision as soon as possible and their terms re increase in rent etc.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. E. O'Sullivan.

Following discussion the Council agreed that, instead of building garages for individual tenants in the plots attached to Council's houses, a row of lock-up garages should be provided on a convenient site. It was decided that the number of garages which would be required should be ascertained and that an estimate of the cost of building such garages should be prepared by the Town Engineer.

FENCING AT CASTLEFIELD: Read letter of 1/4/1952 from Mrs. E. Sillery, 2 Castlefield pointing out that nothing had been done about her complaint regarding the condition of the fencing at Castlefield. Following discussion the Town Engineer was instructed to submit an estimate of the cost of providing walls instead of fencing for these houses.

TENANCY OF COUNCIL HOUSE: Read letter of 11/4/1952 from Mrs. L. Redmond applying

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for permission to have her name substituted for that of her late husband as tenant of No. 24 Kilmantin Road, Wicklow. APPROVED.

DERELICT PROPERTY AT STRAND STREET: Read letter of 31/3/1952 from residents in the Strand Street area protesting against the unsightly appearance of derelict houses - formerly owned by Mr. R. White - in Lower Strand Street. The Council were informed that the letter had only been received just prior to the meeting and that enquiries concerning the matter would be carried out without delay.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR: The County Manager informed the meeting that the Department of Local Government had approved of the following salary scale for the office of Rate Collector in the Urban District of Wicklow:-

A salary scale of £200 X £20 - £250 per annum plus five bonuses of £20 each payable on compliance with the five conditions specified in paragraph 32(b) of Circular G. 115/47 of the 15th September, 1947. Temporary allowance of 20% would also be payable on both salary and bonus.

The County Manager pointed out that the five conditions referred to were as follows:-

(1) 75% of the total of the first moiety and arrears to be lodged by 30th September; (2) the first moiety and arrears to be lodged by 31st October; (3) 65% of the warrant to be lodged by 31st December; (4) 95% of the warrant to be lodged by 31st March; (5) 97½% of the warrant to be lodged by 31st March. The County Manager stated that the post would be advertised in the local press.

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

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,

Wicklow,

2nd May, 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, 6th May, 1952, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh

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A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meetings held on 28th March, 1952, 1st April, 1952, and 19th April, 1952.
2. Letters of acknowledgement from relatives of the late Dr. A. O'Connor.
3. Letter from **Honorary** Secretary, St. Patrick's Pipe Band.
4. Letter from Electricity Supply Board re Public Lighting in Wicklow.
5. Letter from Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. re Urinal at North Quay, Wicklow.
6. Letter from Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. re lease of premises at North Quay, Wicklow.
7. Letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. re yearly tenancy ; (Tenant - H. Hamilton).
8. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed installation of Gas Cookers in Council's houses.
9. Report re appointment of Rate Collector.
10. Letter from Department of Local Government re Silver Strand-Brittis Coast Road.
11. Letter From Department of Local Government re Improvement of St. Patrick's Road.
12. Letter from Mr. J. Farrell tendering his resignation from membership of the Council.
13. Housing Progress Report.
14. Circular letter from Department of Local Government re cultivation of cottage plots.
15. Correspondence re proposed exchange of tenancies (Mrs. T. Kelly, 47 Glenview Road, Wicklow, and Mrs. C. Kehoe, Ballynerrin Upper, Wicklow).
16. Correspondence re Tenancy of No. 12 Kilmantin Road, Wicklow.
17. Schedule of uncollected rates (Year 1951/52).
18. Report re Rent Collection for year 1951/52.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 14th May, 1952

Present Councillors C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, (Presiding) A. Finlayson and P. Doyle.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE FOR 1952/53:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following Rate and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and other hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us viz:-

Municipal rate for the services of the Year ending 31st March, 1953 of Three Hundred and Seventy Nine Pence in the pound made up as follows:-

	PENCE
Urban Roads ... ..	27
Sanitary Services ... ..	91
Housing ... ..	45
General Urban Purposes ... ..	49
County Council Services ... ..	167
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And, that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accordingly to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1952/53 and that the necessary Notice be published forthwith".

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate Book for the year ending 31/3/1953.

RATE WARRANT: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to warrant in respect of 1952/53 to be issued to Mr. James T. Murphy, Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District.

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

*C. W. Hudson*  
*3/8/52*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH MAY, 1952

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

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

An apology for non-attendance owing to indisposition was received from the Chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held on the 28th March, 1952, 1st April, 1952, and 19th April, 1952, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

G. A. A. PITCH AT MURROUGH: In reply to the Chairman the Town Engineer stated that as directed by the Council he had interviewed the Manager of the Dublin and Wicklow Mamre Co. Ltd. and the Chairman of St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club in connection with the proposed alteration of the situation of the paling on the eastern side of the G. A. A. pitch on the Murrough. The Town Engineer stated that no agreement had been reached at the interview but that he hoped that the parties would arrive at a satisfactory settlement of the problem as a result of a further meeting which was about to take place. NOTED.

LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Read letters from Mrs. Dorothy Stallard, Sister Mary of the Good Shepherd Convent, Waterside, Derry, and Miss Evelyn O'Connor, sisters of the late Dr. Aubrey O'Connor, thanking the Council for their very kind vote of sympathy. Read letter of 3/3/1952 from Mr. James McDonald, Main Street, Wicklow, thanking the Council for the resolution of sympathy passed by them on the occasion of the death of his sister.

CONTRIBUTION TO PIPE BAND: Read following letter dated 23/4/1952 from St. Patrick's Pipe Band:-

23rd April, 1952.

Dear Sir,

The Committee of the above wish to acknowledge with thanks your Cheque value £35, being amount of the rate struck on their behalf.

We trust that we are included in the current years rates for a similar amount, as this is the only stable source of revenue we have to maintain the Band.

With renewed thanks,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. P. J. Dunne (Hon. Sec.)  
M. Finlay (Hon. Treas.)

The County Manager pointed out that provision had been made in the Estimates for 1952/53 for the payment of a similar contribution to the Band in respect of the year ending 31/3/1953. NOTED.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Read following letter dated 25/4/1952 from Electricity Supply Board:-

25th April, 1952.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 17th instant, concerning hours of

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lighting for public lamps in Wicklow, and wish to confirm that the Lighting Up Time and Extinguishing Time for public lamps are being rigidly adhered to.

It is noted that the complaint referred to in your letter of the 3rd instant was in respect of the lamps being lighted later than the agreed lighting up time.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Councillor Finlayson stated that the lights had been extinguished prior to 12.30 a.m. on that date (6/5/1952.) It was decided to draw the attention of the Electricity Supply Board to the matter.

URINAL AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter dated 7/4/1952 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

7th April, 1952.

Urinal at North Quay

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 5th inst., requesting me to arrange for the demolition of the Urinal. I may add that arrangements had been previously made to demolish same but at the time the Harbour Commissioners asked that demolition be delayed but in view of your request I have instructed my clients to see to the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. A. Cullen.

NOTED.

Councillor J. Everett T.D. inquired whether the Council had granted permission to Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son (Garage) Ltd. to erect a sanitary convenience at their premises at Bond Street which would result in the discharge of sewerage into the River. The County Manager stated that permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts had been granted but that Messrs. Haskins & Son (Garage) Ltd. had been informed that it would be necessary for them to submit particulars regarding the proposal to the Wicklow Harbour Authority.

LEASE TO WICKLOW SAW MILLS LTD: Read following letter dated 7/4/1952 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

7th April, 1952.

re: Wicklow Saw Mills.  
Lease of Premises at North Quay

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and wish to say that more than a week ago specifications were sent out asking for tenders for the easing of the corner adjoining Shamrock Fertilizers and it is hoped to have this work put in hand inside the next week.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

YEARLY TENANCY - MR. H. HAMILTON: Read following letter, dated 22/4/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

22nd April, 1952.

re: Yearly Tenancy - H. Hamilton

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 21st inst., as the Notice to Quit has expired a formal demand for possession should be made on Mr. Hamilton or his representative.

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If same is refused proceedings can be instituted immediately.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 5/5/1952 from Mr. H. Hamilton:-

5th May, 1952.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

We received your letter and notice that the Council intend to institute proceedings for the recovery of our field, of which notice was given for possession of same on the 10th January, 1951. Surely you know that you cannot dispossess or disturb tenants of our long standing (150 years at the very least) who have always paid the ground rent and rates and taxes without giving us just compensation for the giving up of same should we choose to do so. Will you please produce the proofs of when this land was first given to our Ancestors "The Fox Family", as it would be amounting to an outrage to dispossess us of our inheritance.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Sgd. H. J. Hamilton.

Councillor Finlayson stated that he was strongly opposed to the proposal to institute proceedings for the recovery of the field from Mr. Hamilton. He suggested that the Council should not proceed any further with the matter. The County Manager stated that several offers had been made by the Council to Mr. Hamilton in connection with this land and that since these offers had not been accepted by Mr. Hamilton there did not appear to be any option for the Council but to institute proceedings for recovery. Following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and the Town Clerk would interview Mr. Hamilton for the purpose of discussing, without prejudice, the various matters relating to the tenancy, with a view to arriving at a satisfactory settlement.

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS IN COUNCIL'S HOUSES: Read following letter dated 21/4/1952 from the Department of Local Government:-

21st April, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 4th instant with regard to the proposal for the purchase of gas cookers for installation in the Wicklow Urban District Council's houses and to state that no reasons have been shown which would warrant his altering the view expressed in the Department's letter of the 20th ultimo.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Councillor J. Everett T.D. stated that the Department had approved of the installation of gas cookers in Local Authorities' houses at Waterford, Cork, Galway, Fermoy, Clonmel etc. and that it seemed strange that Departmental approval was not forthcoming in the case of Wicklow. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to write to the Department again and to request that in view of the fact that sanction had already been given in respect of similar installations in other areas, the Minister reconsider his decision with regard to the proposal of the Council concerning the installation of Gas Cookers in their houses.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR: The County Manager informed the meeting that he had appointed Mr. James T. Murphy, 4 Ard-na-Greine Terrace, Wicklow, as Rate Collector in the Wicklow Urban District and that the sanction of the Minister to the appointment had been requested. The Manager stated that Mr. Murphy, who had been recommended for the appointment by a special Interview Board, which had interviewed the nine candidates for the post, had indicated that he would take up duty on 16th May, 1952. NOTED.

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SILVER STRAND - BRITTAS COAST ROAD: Read following letter dated 29/4/1952 from the Department of Local Government:-

29th April, 1952.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant regarding the completion of the Silver Strand - Brittas Coast Road, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's letter of the 3rd December last on the subject and to state that the matter is one for the Wicklow County Council.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Town Engineer stated that he had been endeavouring to expedite the matter and that earlier in the day he had indicated to the Consultant that it was very essential that the result of the laboratory tests, which were necessary in connection with the proposal to carry out the work by the Soil Stabilization Method, should be made available with the least possible delay. After discussion the Council recommended that if the tests were not carried out within a week the work be referred to one of the other Irish Universities.

IMPROVEMENT OF ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: Read following letter of 29/4/1952 (Ref. RE/33) from the Department of Local Government:-

29th April, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 9th instant and previous correspondence on the subject and to state that the revised proposals for the improvement of St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, out of monies to be raised by way of loan have been approved.

The completed form of application for the loan of £1100 for the period not exceeding seven years together with an up-to-date statement of the Council's indebtedness should now be furnished.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

Councillor J. Everett T.D. was informed by the Town Engineer that the surface dressing of Castle Street had been carried out at a cost of approximately £130. The Town Engineer also stated that he would arrange to carry out improvements to the paths outside the Council's houses at Castle Street.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR J. FARRELL: Read following letter dated 1/5/1952 from Mr. J. Farrell:-

1st May, 1952.

A Chara,

I tender my resignation from the above Council.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. J. Farrell

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. Brennan and was accepted by the Chairman:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be

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held on the 3rd June, 1952, "That consequent on the resignation of Mr. J. Farrell from membership of the Council it is hereby decided that the vacancy thereby arising be filled at this meeting".

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: Read following letter dated 6/5/1952 from Town Engineer:-

6th May, 1952.

re/ Wicklow U.D.C. Housing Report

A Chara,

The 14 houses (6 Bungalows and 8 2-storey) are now occupied. Presently employed in finishing pointing of front walls: 1 trades and 1 labourer. There is a quantity of Plant, such as Planks, scaffolding, casings, sundry pipes, fencing etc., left over on site which is valued at about £200 which will be taken over by the County Council.

Final all-in costings are being prepared.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne

TOWN SURVEYOR.

The meeting was informed that when plans relating to proposed houses on the Murrough had been submitted to the meeting of the Council held on the 4th December, 1951, the Council had decided to defer consideration of the matter. NOTED.

CULTIVATION OF COTTAGE PLOTS: Read following Circular (H.7/1952) of 2/4/1952 from Department of Local Government:-

2nd April, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in the course of his inspection of housing schemes he has been pleased to observe that the tenants in many individual instances and sometimes in schemes as a whole maintain their gardens in excellent condition and are cultivating them as well as might be expected. The Minister, is, however, aware that in other cases the standard of attention given by tenants to their plots is far from satisfactory. This carelessness, particularly in the tilling of plots, represents not only a loss to the tenants themselves but to the aggregate of national food production. The minister is sure that the elected representatives will lend their support to publicising the need for securing that these plots are kept in better condition and that the maximum return is obtained from their cultivation. The terms of this letter should, therefore, be brought to the notice of members of the housing authority so as to secure their co-operation in a further effort to improve the position. The matter should also be made the subject of reports from the rent collectors as regards the keeping of plots in a proper state, pursuant to the terms of the letting agreements.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The meeting was informed that the terms of the circular had been drawn to the notice of the tenants of the Council's houses.

The Council recommended that fruit trees should be provided for the tenants of houses built prior to 1948.

EXCHANGE OF TENANCIES: Read following letter dated 5/4/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

5th April, 1952.

A Chara,

Mrs. Catherine Kehoe tenant of Cottage No. 8 Ballynerrin, Wicklow, has applied for a transfer to a house at Glenview Road occupied by Mrs. Kelly. She states that Mrs. Kelly is agreeable to take the cottage at Ballynerrin in lieu of her present house. It is understood that Mrs. Kehoe is a semi-invalid and, accordingly wishes to obtain a house nearer town and Mrs. Kelly's son works as agricultural labourer and would prefer to have a cottage in the rural area. It is understood that Mrs. Kehoe was a tenant of a Urban Council house at No. 12 St. Laurence's Road up to about 6 years ago and that she then obtained a transfer with the tenant of the cottage which she at present occupies. Mrs. Kehoe's application for a transfer has been considered by the County Manager at the Rathdrum office. Mrs. Kehoe has been informed that an application for a transfer with a tenant of an Urban cottage could not be granted. In view of Mrs. Kehoe's statement that she had been a tenant of an Urban Council house the views of your Council on the matter are requested.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. K. J. Brangan,

COUNTY SECRETARY.

Following discussion the Council unanimously approved of the proposed transfer and recommended that the existing rents be not altered.

TENANCY OF NO. 12 KILMANTIN ROAD, WICKLOW: Read following letter dated 18/4/1952 from Mrs. A. Patchell:-

18 - 4 - 1952.

Dear Sir,

As my sister Mrs. Frances Doran is vacating the above house, I would be glad if you would kindly consider my application to take up residence in same. Up to the present, having no home of my own, I have been staying at No. 12 with my sister and all my furniture is there. As you know, my mother had the same house up to the time of her death and it was then that my sister got it.

Trusting you will treat this favourably and thanking you,

Sgd. Mrs. Annie Patchell.

Read following letter from the Rent Collector:-

18th April, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I wish to report that Miss F. Doran (Mrs. Day) tenant of No. 12 of the Council's houses at Kilmantin Road, has gone back to England. Her sister Mrs. M. Patchell and her husband Mr. M. Patchell are now in occupation of the house. I wrote to Mrs. Day asking her when she intended coming back to live in the house. Mrs. Patchell has been paying the weekly rent since her sister went away about eight weeks ago.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. L. O'Toole

RENT COLLECTOR

The Council unanimously recommended that Mrs. Patchell be granted tenancy of the house.

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SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The County Manager submitted to the meeting the Schedule of uncollected rates for the year ended 31st March, 1952. Each item on the schedule was examined by the Council. The County Manager pointed out that £133. 11. 3. - £47. 2. 11. of which was covered by a judgment mortgage - was irrecoverable and that £460. 11. 11. was being carried forward as arrears into the warrant for 1952/53. The Manager explained that of the total warrant for 1951/52 (viz. £13277) 95.6% had been collected, 1% was irrecoverable and 3.4% was temporarily uncollectable. The Council paid tribute to the excellent work carried out by the Rate Collector during the year.

REPORT RE RENT COLLECTION: The County Manager submitted Artizans Dwellings Rent Return for 1951/52 to the meeting. The return disclosed that 98.6% of the total for collection had been collected and lodged; that .3% had been treated as irrecoverable; and that 1.1% had been carried forward as arrears into 1952/53.

The members of the Council congratulated the Rent Collector on his magnificent collection and recommended the County Manager to make special representations to the Department of Local Government on behalf of the Collector with a view to making his remuneration more attractive.

PROPOSED PAVILION AT SEA-FRONT: Read following letter of 6/5/1952 from Honorary Secretary, Wicklow Tourist Association:-

May, 6th 1952.

A Chara,

At a recent meeting of the Wicklow Tourist Association, the members, while congratulating the Wicklow Regatta Committee on its generous gift to the Wicklow Urban Council, also expressed their sincere appreciation of the very good advantage which the Council had decided to take of this gift. Referring to the decision of the Council to build a Pavilion etc., I am directed to say, that the Wicklow Tourist Association is unanimously behind the Council in everything relating to the carrying out of this very praise-worthy project.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. Frances M. Middleton  
HON. SECRETARY.

NOTED.

The Town Engineer stated that the plan of the proposed structure had not yet been finally approved by the interested Clubs and the Regatta Committee. NOTED.

Also read following letter dated 6/5/1952 from Honorary Secretary, Wicklow Tourist Association:-

6th May, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Wicklow Tourist Association to place before your Council the following suggestions:-

- (1) That a general clean up would now be carried out at the Murrrough, and in particular, around the area of the Beach and Promenade, so that the place may be looking as attractive as possible during the Holiday Season,
- (2) That some attempt would be made to tidy the area around the Dumping Ground at the Black Castle Grounds, and that where possible, the refuse deposited there be levelled off, and oversown with grass seeds.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. Frances M. Middleton  
HON. SECRETARY.

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The Town Engineer was instructed to arrange for the carrying out of cleaning operations in the areas suggested by the Tourist Association.

DAMAGE TO COUNCIL'S HOUSE: Read following letter dated 5/5/1952 from Mrs. W. Byrne, tenant of Council's house at Castle Street, Wicklow:-

5th May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I wish to report to your Council with a view to some compensation for loss incurred by me by reason of defective tap in cistern.

I reported this matter on several occasions with the result that on night of date it overflowed, it destroyed walls, ceilings, and floor coverings apart altogether from inconvenience caused by reason of over 12 to 14 inches of water in rooms and electric light cut off owing to the defect in tank.

I asked Mr. O'Toole to come and inspect house on the Sunday morning and see for himself the damage caused.

I now appeal to the Council to allow some compensation to repaper walls and to purchase new floor covering.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) William Byrne.

The County Manager stated that the advice of the Council's Solicitors would be obtained regarding the Council's liability in the matter. The Town Engineer stated that he would carry out an inspection and submit report at his earliest convenience.

APPLICATION FOR TENANCY OF COUNCIL HOUSE: Read letter of 26/4/1952 from Mr. T. Kelly, Marine, Murrough, applying for house at St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow. The applicant stated that it would be necessary for him to vacate his present accommodation owing to the fact that the premises would be required in connection with the proposed Canning, Chilling and Deep Freezing Industry. The Council were informed that all Council houses were occupied. NOTED.

LETTING OF FUEL STORE: Read letter of 5/5/1952 from Mr. A. Crotty, 8 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, inquiring whether the Council would rent him the small fuel store - originally intended for house No. 9 which the Council did not now propose to build - adjoining the fuel store which was attached to house No. 8. The Council unanimously approved of the letting of the store to Mr. Crotty at a weekly rent of 6d.

NEW PARISH PRIEST CONGRATULATED: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Everett T.D. and resolved:-

"That we hereby offer our sincerest congratulations to Very Rev. P. O'Flynn on his appointment as Parish Priest of Balbriggan, where we hope he will spend many happy and fruitful years".

The County Manager and the other members of the Council associated themselves with the tributes paid to the work carried out by Father O'Flynn during his term as curate in Wicklow.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

That we hereby offer our sincerest sympathy to the relatives of the late Very Rev. Canon Moriarty who, as a native of Wicklow had many associations with the Town and always maintained a keen interest in its affairs.

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

*C. W. Hudson 3/6/52*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,

Wicklow.

30th May, 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, 3rd June, 1952 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh

CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meetings held on 6th May, 1952 and 14th May, 1952 (copies herewith).
2. Letter of acknowledgment from Mr. Maurice J. Moriarty.
3. Sealing of Agreement - Wicklow Urban District Council and Robert Dickenson.
4. Sealing of Lease, Counterpart and Memorial - Wicklow Urban District Council to Dominica Convent.
5. Sealing of Lease, Counterpart and Memorial - Wicklow Urban District Council to Andrew D. Finlayson.
6. Letter from President, Leinster Motor Club Ltd.
7. Consideration of following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Brennan at the meeting held on 1st April, 1952:-  
 "That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd June, 1952, "That consequent on the resignation of Mr. J. Farrell from membership of the Council it is hereby decided that the vacancy thereby arising be filled at this meeting." (Copy of notice of motion forwarded to each member of the Council on 9/5/1952).
8. Letter dated 28/5/1952 from Mayor of Limerick re E. S. B. Charges.
9. Report re Tenancy of No. 7 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.
10. Report re Yearly Tenancy (Tenant - Mr. H. Hamilton).
11. Fixing date of Annual Meeting.
12. Correspondence re G.A.A. pitch and road at Murrough.
13. Housing Report.
14. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed installation of gas cookers in Council's houses.
15. Letter from Electricity Supply Board re provision of additional public lamps.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,  
 Wicklow.  
 16th June, 1952.

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

A Chara,

The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 24th June, 1952, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh  
 CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of member of the Council to fill vacancy in the membership of the Wicklow Harbour Authority, which vacancy was occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Jeremiah Farrell.
4. Appointment of seven members as representatives of the Council on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council held on  
24th June, 1952.

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), J. Everett T.D.,  
 P. Doyle, J. Rourke and A. Finlayson.

An apology for non-attendance due to illness, was received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

An apology for non-attendance was also received from the County Manager.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, Seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and resolved:-

That we hereby appoint Councillor W. Clarke as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such.

Councillor Clarke having thanked the members and signed the Declaration accepting the office of Chairman, stated that he would always endeavour to carry out his duties with fairness and complete impartiality.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

That we hereby appoint Councillor C. W. Hudson as Vice-Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such.

The Chairman formally declared that Councillor C. W. Hudson had been duly appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF WICKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Doyle, and resolved:-

That Councillor W. Clarke be appointed to fill vacancy in the membership of the Wicklow Harbour Authority which vacancy occurred by reason of the resignation of Councillor Jeremiah Farrell.

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: The meeting was informed that the Council's representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the year just ended had been:-

Councillors J. Olohan, C. W. Hudson, J. Brennan, E. Kane, A. Finlayson W. Clarke and P. Doyle.

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

That the following members be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:-

Councillors J. Olohan, C. W. Hudson, J. Brennan, E. Kane, A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, and J. Rourke.

PATHWAY AT MAIN STREET: The Chairman drew attention to the fact that during recent weeks a considerable number of flags along the Main Street had been taken up and had

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been replaced by a concrete footpath. The Chairman stated that the Council had not been informed that this work - which, he considered had detracted from the appearance of the Main Street - was about to be carried out. After discussion it was decided that the matter be included on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council to be held on 1st July, 1952.

SILVER STRAND - BRITTAS COAST ROAD: The Council directed that a report relating to developments in connection with the completion of the Silver Strand - Brittas Coast Road be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

URINAL AT NORTH QUAY: In reply to Councillor Finlayson the Town Clerk stated that the Waterworks Overseer had informed him earlier on that date that work in connection with the new urinal at North Quay was about to be completed. Following discussion, during which it was pointed out that the old urinal had now been demolished, it was agreed that the matter be included as an item on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

PATH AT CASTLE STREET: Councillor Rourke referred to the concrete path which was being provided outside the four Council houses at Castle Street and recommended that the Coollattin paling be replaced by a concrete wall. Councillor Rourke also stated that the pathway should be continued in the Summerhill direction as far as the recently erected Council house, at present occupied by Mr. Joseph Rourke. Following discussion it was decided to request the Town Engineer to submit a report and estimate relating to these works to the next meeting of the Council.

PARAPET OPPOSITE RECTORY: At the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to request the County Council to repair the parapet opposite the Rectory on the Rathnew Road. It was also decided to request the County Council to consider the feasibility of placing planks on the top of the wall for the purpose of providing seating accommodation.

It was also agreed to approach the County Council with a view to having two sets of seats provided at the "White Gates" (i.e. in the vicinity of the entrance to the Station approach road). The members indicated that such seating accommodation was badly needed and would enhance the appearance of this particular approach to Wicklow.

It was decided that these items should be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

*W. Clarke*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
 MINUTES

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD JUNE, 1952

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

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held on the 6th May, 1952 and 14th May, 1952 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

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

That we hereby extend our sincere sympathy to Councillor J. Brennan, in his recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his brother.

The County Manager on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the resolution, which was passed in silence.

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Read letter of 16/5/1952 from Mr. Maurice Moriarty, Ballinacurra, Convent Road, Bray, thanking the Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his brother, the late Very Rev. Canon Moriarty.

SEALING OF AGREEMENT - THE COUNCIL AND ROBERT DICKENSON: It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, Seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Agreement between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Robert Dickenson relating to 11 months letting of field at Ballyguile containing 10 acres brood and 10 perches at a rent of £30 per 11 months period.

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

EXECUTION OF LEASE - THE COUNCIL AND THE DOMINICAN CONVENT: It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial re lease of three fields, adjoining "Green Hill" Road and measuring 4 acres 1 rood 5 perches, 1 acre 2 roods and 16 perches and 4 acres 0 roods and 35 perches respectively to Dominican Convent Wicklow for a term of 31 years from 25/3/1951 at an annual rent of £20.

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

EXECUTION OF LEASE - THE COUNCIL AND MR. ANDREW D. FINLAYSON: 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 land at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, comprising 8 building sites to Mr. Andrew D. Finlayson for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1952 at an annual rent of 1/- per site until the commencement within 3 years from 25/3/1952 of the building of a house on each site and a rent of £4. 7. 6. per site per annum to be payable after such commencement.

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

EXECUTION OF LEASE - THE COUNCIL AND ACE PRODUCTS LTD: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating

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to lease of plot of ground with the buildings thereon situate at Quarantine Hill, Wicklow, to AceProducts Ltd. for a term of 31 years from 25/3/1952 at an annual rent of £6. 10. 0.

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

SURRENDER OF LEASE - EDWARD HYNES AND JOHN HUDSON TO THE COUNCIL: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor W. Clarke and resolved:-

That the Council's seal be affixed to Surrender relating to surrender by Edward Hynes and John Hudson to the Wicklow Urban District Council of the premises comprised in and demised by lease dated 23rd August, 1949 (Wicklow Urban District Council to Edward Hynes and John Hudson).

The Council's seal was duly affixed to Surrender.

LETTER FROM LEINSTER MOTOR CLUB LTD: Read following letter dated 7/5/1952 from Mr. J. Irvine, President, Leinster Motor Club Ltd. and addressed to the Chairman, Wicklow Urban District Council:-

7th May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

It is the wish of the Club that I take the earliest opportunity of thanking you for the great interest you have taken in our Motor Races and particularly for your attendance at the function so kindly arranged by you and your friends for the visiting riders and the visitors generally to Wicklow on Friday evening last.

We feel that apart from the races being a success it was good for the County generally especially from a tourist point of view.

Again thanking you and looking forward to your continued support for our future fixtures.

I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Sgd. J. Irvine  
PRESIDENT.

NOTED.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL: The following notice of motion handed in by Councillor J. Brennan at the meeting of the Council held on 6/5/1952 and a copy of which had been forwarded to each member of the Council on 9/5/1952 was read:-

That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on the 3rd June, 1952, "that consequent on the resignation of Mr. J. Farrell from membership of the Council it is hereby decided that the vacancy thereby arising be filled at this meeting."

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Everett T.D.:-

That we hereby select Mr. John Rourke, Summer Hill, Wicklow, to fill vacancy in the membership of the Council which occurred by reason of the resignation of Councillor J. Farrell.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson:-

That we hereby select Mr. Vincent Ryan, Bond Street, Wicklow, to fill vacancy in the membership of the Council, which vacancy occurred by reason of the resignation of Councillor J. Farrell.

The result of the vote was as follows:-

For Mr. John O'Rourke: Councillors P. Doyle, J. Everett T.D., C. W. Hudson and W. Clarke

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For Mr. Vincent Ryan:- Councillors E. Kane and A. Finlayson. (2)

The Chairman accordingly declared that Mr. Rourke had been chosen to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council.

E. S. B. CHARGES: Read following letter dated 28/5/1952 from Mayor of Limerick:-

28th May, 1952.

re/ E.S.B. Charges

A Chara,

I desire to refer to my communication of January last enclosing copy of minutes of the Protest Meeting held in Limerick on 17th November, 1951 in connection with the above matter, and to inform you that in accordance with the decision taken at that meeting, I transmitted the following resolution to the Minister for Industry and Commerce:-

Resolved:-

"That we call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hold a Public Inquiry for the purpose of investigating the present scale of charges of the E.S.B."

To date, I have received neither an acknowledgment nor a reply from the Minister.

In the circumstances, I have no option but to reconvene the meeting, in accordance with the further decision taken at the November meeting - "That if no action was taken at the end of six months, a further meeting should be called to plan further action".

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Arus na Cathrach, Rutland Street, Limerick, on Monday, 16th June, 1952 at 3.30 p.m.

I shall be glad to hear in due course, that your Council will be represented at this Meeting.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to inform Limerick Corporation that the Council would support any course of action which would be decided upon at the meeting to be held in Limerick on the 16th June, 1952.

The Council unanimously approved of Councillor Kane's suggestion that the E.S.B. be requested to provide slot meters for Electric Cookers and in respect of the consumption of electricity for lighting purposes in Council Houses.

TENANCY OF NO. 7 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE, WICKLOW: Read following letters dated 13/5/1952 and 23/5/1952 from Mr. M. O'Beirne:-

13/5/1952

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

As already verbally notified I intend leaving 7 St. Patrick's Avenue, as I have procured a nice bungalow and 2 acres of land at Chapleized. I intend leaving on the 19th or 20th instant.

I would be glad to know if your Council would make some recompense for the improvements effected in the house, which comprise the following:-

- (1) Tiled fire place in drawing room.
- (2) Do. with boiler grate in dining room (labour of installing only in this case).
- (3) Electric bell in hall door.
- (4) Wiring for Electric Cooker.
- (5) Installation of 4 electric plugs.
- (6) Shelving in the kitchenette.

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- (7) Decoration of the dining room, drawing room hall and landing.  
 (8) Trenching of garden (burying of cement and gravel left on surface).  
 (9) Cropping of the ground with potatoes, cabbage, peas and onions.

Should the Council be unable to grant compensation I would be glad of permission to remove the tiled fireplace in drawing room and to keep the garden for a few months until I would be able to remove the crops and seedling trees and shrubs put in for experimental purposes.

Thanking you for your past favours,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. M. O'Beirne.

23rd May, 1952.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

I intend holding on to the house (7 St. Patrick's Avenue) for the present as I may have to return there. Conditions here are not so favourable as anticipated. I may be able to get down there to-morrow (Sat.). If not I hope to see you the following Saturday.

Sincerely yours,

Sgd. M. O'Beirne.

The Council were informed that the following applications had been received:-

- (1) Mrs. Henrietta Cole, 6 Leitrin Place, Wicklow. (Married, 2 children, husband working in England).
- (2) Denis O'Carroll, Sea Road, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow. (Wife and two children).
- (3) Frank O'Grady, Neale, Clarenorris, Co. Mayo.
- (4) William J. Ryan, Cross Street, Athenry, Co. Galway. (Wife and 5 children).

Read letter dated 28/5/1952 from Mr. William Sutton, stating that he would not be in a position to accept tenancy of the house as the rent would be too high.

The Council were informed that Mrs. Cole had indicated to Mr. O'Beirne that, in the event of her obtaining tenancy of the house, she would be prepared to pay him a certain sum in respect of the improvements carried out by him. After discussion the Council unanimously recommended that Mrs. Cole be appointed tenant of No. 7 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow. The Council stressed, however, that any arrangements between Mr. O'Beirne and Mrs. Cole would be a matter for themselves, and would not affect the Council.

YEARLY TENANCY (MR. H. HAMILTON): Read following report:-

Mr. C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman of the Council and the Town Clerk interviewed Miss M Hamilton at her premises at Main Street, Wicklow, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 8th May, 1952.

Mr. Hudson explained that the Council were reluctant to institute proceedings for recovery of the field at Dunbur Road and suggested that it should be possible to reach a settlement which would be satisfactory for both the Council and Mr. Hamilton.

Miss Hamilton pointed out that the field had been held by members of the Hamilton Family for over 150 years and that what she considered to be an exorbitant rent (£14. 4. 0. per annum) had been duly paid each year and that no arrears had been allowed to accumulate. She suggested that the Council should pay appropriate compensation for the recovery of the field.

The Town Clerk pointed out (1) That the Council could not pay such compensation (2) That Mr. Hamilton had refused to surrender the Yearly Tenancy and accept the field on the basis of an 11 months letting. (3) That Mr. Hamilton had refused to accept a

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lease of 31 years (4) That if the field were now surrendered the arrears outstanding at 31/3/1952 (Viz. £28. 8. 0.) would be treated as irrecoverable.

Mr. Hudson recommended Miss Hamilton to accept a lease of the field.

The Town Clerk stated that the lease would be for 31 years and would not be a building lease.

Miss Hamilton suggested that a lease for 75 years should be granted; that there should be no covenant restricting the use of the land to agricultural purposes and that the annual rent should be reduced.

Miss Hamilton stated that she would write to the Council setting out her views with regard to the matter.

The Council were informed that a letter had not yet been received from Miss Hamilton.

After discussion it was decided to write again to the tenant and to indicate that a definite reply would require to be furnished within a specified period in order that the matter could be dealt with by the Council at their next meeting.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING: It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the Council at 7-30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th June, 1952.

G.A.A. PITCH AND ROAD AT MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 22/5/1952 from Mr. A. Pearson, Manager, Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd:-

22nd May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Following the decision of the Urban Council to increase the size of the Murrough playing pitches by taking in some of the roadway, we have to point out that as a result the width of the so called road left is quite inadequate. Furthermore being mainly gravel this road will not stand up to carting. You must remember that the road across the Murrough is the only means of access by vehicular traffic either into or out of the factory, and it is urgently necessary that steps should be taken at once to provide a suitable roadway to take the place of that part which has been taken away.

As you are aware it is only quite recently that we have been able to resume shipments from Wicklow, and that has given work to both carters and dockers. Unless the roadway is immediately improved that employment must cease. Our only alternative then would be to do as in previous years namely rail the material to some other port for shipment from there.

Yours truly,

DUBLIN & WICKLOW MANURE CO. LTD.

Read following report dated 2/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

3rd June, 1952.

re/ Roadway at Murrough

A Chara,

I have your letter of 23rd ult. enclosing copy of letter dated 22nd ult, from the Manager, Dublin Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd.

Following instructions from you I interviewed the Manager of the Manure Works: I had with me also Mr. E. O'Toole, S.S.O., and Mr. Edw. Kavanagh, Hon. Secretary, G.A.A. The amount of ground available to the G.A.A. for playing pitch is inadequate and if the standard size were to be made available, the boundary railing would need to be well outside the "roadway" being used by the Manure Co. and others, and the pitch could not,

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therefore, be entirely railed off which was the original desire of the G.A.A. Club. At this interview, several positions were viewed, examined and discussed for the purpose of finding a compromise satisfactory to all concerned. Finally, the Manager, having been shown the points at both ends and having observed the line between, agreed that a fair and satisfactory passage or "roadway" was being left for his purpose and each of us came away with relief that the matter was disposed of. I was more than surprised afterwards to find that the Manager was not satisfied.

I had to return myself on the day of the carting and as requested by the carters got a small portion of the rails removed temporarily to ease the run. The whole question of this "roadway" must be clarified. First of all, I pointed out to the Manager that the type of materials being used to make up the surface was totally unsuitable as a road material. Apart from the moving of the rails, even the "track" available churns up into amassy red mud in wet weather and in dry weather into a red dust which has covered all the grass on the Murrrough, and on the roads and houses in Leitrim Place and on the Front Beach to the great annoyance, inconvenience and damage to users, both residents and visitors.

The red ore is lying on the original "roadway" but has also apread out to a width in place of 25 feet. The "Roadway" was never suitable for the type of iron-shod cart traffic - it was originally formed as a "Cinder" Track and repaired from time to time with clean ashed and was about 10 feet in width. If this type of carting is to continue, the Manure Co. should be called upon to place proper road materials on the "track" and a definite maximum width should be insisted on. The only permanent solution would be a concrete road for which I have already estimated. But apart from this, the dropping of the red dust and its depositing all over the area is, I suggest, a grave nuisance and one which the Council must cause to be terminated.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne  
TOWN SURVEYOR.

Following discussion during which the Town Engineer stated that a layer of three inches of proper road materials should be provided, the Council directed that a report and estimate of the cost of materials etc. be submitted by the Engineer at his earliest convenience.

HOUSING REPORT: The following figures relating to the final all-in cost of the Council's Direct Labour Housing Scheme were submitted to the meeting:-

26 Houses (At Cooper's Field, Castle Street and Monkton Row)

|                |     |     |     |     |         |    |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Total cost     | ... | ... | ... | ... | £30223. | 2. | 1. |
| Cost per house | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1162.  | 5. | 2. |

20 Houses (Ballynerrin - St. Laurence's Park)

|                |     |     |     |     |         |    |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Total cost     | ... | ... | ... | ... | £23980. | 5. | 9. |
| Cost per House | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1199.  | 0. | 3. |

14 Houses (Ballynerrin - St. Laurence's Park)

|                |     |     |     |     |         |     |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|----|
| Total cost     | ... | ... | ... | ... | £17598. | 18. | 2. |
| Cost per house | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1257.  | 1.  | 3. |

8 Five-roomed Houses (St. Patrick's Avenue)

|                |     |     |     |     |         |    |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Total cost     | ... | ... | ... | ... | £11705. | 6. | 5. |
| Cost per house | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1463.  | 3. | 3. |

12 Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue (Abandoned Scheme)

|                                   |     |     |     |     |        |     |    |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|----|
| Total cost (Development of sites) | ... | ... | ... | ... | £2392. | 19. | 5. |
| Cost of development per site      | ... | ... | ... | ... | £198.  | 8.  | 3. |

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Average for 60 Subsidised Houses:

|                         |     |     |     |     |         |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|
| Total cost of 60 Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | £71802. | 6. | 0. |
| Average cost per house  | ... | ... | ... | ... | £1196.  | 8. | 6. |

Following discussion it was decided to ascertain for purposes of comparison the cost of houses recently completed by the Carlow Urban District Council.

INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS IN COUNCIL'S HOUSES: Read following letter of 29/5/1952 (Ref. H. 2189/2/52) from Department of Local Government:-

29th May, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 8th instant on the subject of the proposed installation of gas cookers by the Wicklow Urban District Council in some of their houses, and to state that he is prepared to consider on its merits any proposal for the planning of a housing scheme on the basis that gas cookers will be provided in the scheme as it proceeds. He is not prepared, however, to approve of the Council's incurring expense on the provision of gas cookers in existing houses as an alternative to already adequate equipment. I am to add that the approved practice in other areas is not at variance with the principle set out above.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to write again to the Department and to indicate that from the information available to the members of the Council it would appear that in the case of other municipal authorities the Department had approved of the installation of gas cookers in existing houses and that accordingly it was not understood why the relevant sanction was being withheld.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LAMPS: Read following letter dated 29th May, 1952 from Electricity Supply Board:-

29th May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 21st ultimo concerning the provision of additional public lamps in above town, we submit hereunder particulars of the costs which will arise for the provision of certain of these lamps at the location mentioned. (1) Entrance to Coopers Lane. The County Engineer is to advise local Representative regarding the entrance to Lane which is to be lighted. Costs will be forwarded subsequently.

- (2) St. Patrick's Road - 1/200 watt lamp. Extension cost Nil.
- (3) Near Jamesons Forge, Marlton Road - 1/200 watt lamp. Extension of network cost £20.
- (4) Junction of Friars' Hill and Rocky Road 9 1/200 watt lamp. Switchwire extension cost £2. 10. 0.
- (5) Melanchely Lane - 1/200 lamp. Extension of network cost £38. 0. 0.
- (6) Wentworth Place, Pole 58. Extension cost Nil.

On receipt of your Council's undertaking to pay the amounts specified above, the Board will supply and erect a 200 watt lantern and bracket at each of the positions listed.

These lamps will be lighted and maintained in operation from ½ an hour after sunset each evening until midnight during the year ending 31/3/53 at a charge of £4. 19. 1. per lamp per annum.

On receipt of your Council's acceptance of the terms quoted herein arrangements will be made accordingly.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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Following discussion the Council recommended (1) That the quotation for provision of lamps at (a) St. Patrick's Road; (b) Marlton Road; (c) Junction of Friars' Hill and Rocky Road and (d) Wentworth Place be accepted. (2) That the E.S.B. be requested to submit a reduced quotation in respect of network extension relating to proposed lamp at Melancholy Lane; and (3) That the Town Engineer make further inquiries with regard to the situation of the lamp proposed for entrance to Coopers Lane.

LETTER FROM VERY REV. P. O'FLYNN P.P. Read following letter dated 30/5/1952 from Very Rev. P. O'Flynn, P.P., Balbriggan:-

30/5/1952

Dear Mr. O'Ceallaigh,

Will you kindly convey to the members of the Wicklow Urban Council at their next meeting, (and particularly Councillors Hudson and Everett who proposed the resolution) my very sincere thanks for their kind congratulations and good wishes to me on my appointment as Parish Priest, also for the nice tributes they paid me for my interest in Wicklow's welfare and progress. I include in my thanks, of course, Mr. Flannery and yourself, also (if he was present) the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne.

My blessings on you all and on the capital of the Garden of Ireland,

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. P. O'Flynn P.P.

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SILVER STRAND - BRITTAS COAST ROAD: In reply to Councillor J. Everett T.D. the Town Engineer stated that the result of the laboratory tests, which were necessary in connection with the proposal to carry out the completion of the Silver Strand - Brittas Coast Road by the soil stabilisation method, had been made available. The Town Engineer also pointed out that the Department would now be in a position to make a decision regarding the financing of the Scheme and that it was hoped that it would be possible to commence the work at an early date.

SEA BREEZE EXCURSIONS: Councillor J. Everett T.D. referred to correspondence which had passed between the Council and C.I.E. with reference to proposed Sea Breeze Excursions to Wicklow town and suggested that the commencement of the Summer season was an appropriate time to request the Company to operate such excursions during the holiday period. The Council unanimously approved of Councillor's Everett's suggestion.

PROPOSED PAVILION AT SEA FRONT: Read following letter dated 31/5/1952 from Honorary Secretary, Wicklow Regatta Committee:-

31st May, 1952.

re/ Proposed Sports Pavilion

A Chara,

I am enclosing herewith sketch plan of the above which was considered and approved at a meeting of this committee on the 19th instant the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

That this committee consider the plan suitable to meet the requirements of the three committees interested, but are not in favour of provision being made for the sale of intoxicating liquor in the pavilion, and recommend that no facilities whatever be made for same.

The Committee wish to express their appreciation of the interest shown by the Urban Council and their officials, and hope for their continued co-operation in order to bring the project to a satisfactory conclusion.

Mise, le meas,  
Sgd. J.D. Haughton, HON. SEC.

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The meeting was informed that the decision not to provide for the sale of intoxicating liquor on the premises would not necessitate an alteration in the plan.

The County Manager stated that the plan, specification and estimate of cost 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.

RESOLUTION RE LITTER ON BEACHES: The following resolution passed by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council was adopted by the Council:-

"That we ask the Cinema and Theatre Exhibitors Association to co-operate with us in appealing to the Public to refrain from leaving litter, broken bottles, etc. on the beaches and in all places throughout the country frequented by holiday makers."

DISPENSARIES: The County Manager informed Councillor Kane that a comprehensive report relating to dispensaries was about to be submitted to the Wicklow County Council.

COMPLAINT RE SUBSTANCE WASHED ASHORE: It was decided to submit a complaint to the Department of Industry and Commerce in connection with the tar-like substance which had been washed ashore during the recent storm. The Council were informed that cleaning operations at the Sea-Front after the storm had cost approximately £30.

FOOTPATH AT MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 21/5/1952 from Mr. L. J. Smith, 14 Leitrim Place, Wicklow:-

21st May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice the extremely bad condition of the footpath opposite to my shop premises. I pointed out this matter to your Engineer - Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, last year and he kindly had temporary repairs done but these proved ineffective and a source of great trouble as the material used was carted in all over the premises on people's feet wear. As a matter of fact the condition of the path is much worse this year owing to a recent storm.

As a sum of £300. was spent making the appearance of this side of the premises more presentable and as they have now been newly painted, I would like you to treat this matter as urgent, because with a clay path it is impossible to keep it in good condition.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. L. J. SMITH.

Read following letter dated 3/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

3rd June, 1952.

re: Footpath opposite premises of Mr. L. Smith,  
The Murrough, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd ult. enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. L.J. Smith, 14 Leitrim Place, Wicklow, in connection with the footpath opposite his shop premises undoubtedly this is an important footpath and the ideal material would be concrete. However, I do not think we can afford this during the present year.

I estimate that the cost would be:-

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|----------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| (a) Concrete                           | ... .. | £36. 0. 0. |
| (b) Fine grade Tarmac                  | ... .. | £25. 0. 0. |
| Length of path - 36 yards: width 6 ft. |        |            |
| Mise, le meas, etc.                    |        |            |

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After discussion the Council recommended that portion of the sum of £279 which had been provided in the Estimates for the purpose of carrying out repairs to Bachelors' Walk, Kilmantin Hill, High Street and Church Street be used to provide footpath opposite Mr. Smith's premises.

FOOTPATH AT CASTLE STREET: Read following letter from Mrs. S. Malone, 32 Castle Street:-  
32 Castle Street,

Sir,

I write on behalf of the other tenants and myself to say that we are still without a footpath.

In front of our houses is in a very bad way and it is time a decent concrete path was put there.

It was applied for thirty years ago and for some reason never was done also at November meeting of 1950.

Signed Sadie Malone.

The Town Engineer stated that the matter was being dealt with and that a suitable footpath would be provided at an early date.

WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES FOR PREMISES OUTSIDE URBAN AREA: Read following letter of 2/6/1952 from Mr. Peter Tyrrell, The Brambles, Church Hill, Wicklow:-

2nd June, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I request permission to avail myself of the Urban water supply and sewerage for a dwelling which I hope to build on a site at Ballynerrin (next to Mr. Uttley's bungalow).

I believe that the land in question is in the rural area and that in the case of Mr. Uttley and Mr. Manweiler you have an agreement whereby they are allowed to use the Urban services in return for an annual payment of £5.

If you see fit to extend this concession to me I would be obliged to you.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Peter Tyrrell.

The Council recommended that the necessary permission be granted.

DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING SCHEME - HOLIDAY PAY: The meeting was informed that a letter had just been received from the Secretary, Wicklow Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, claiming that there was an additional day's pay due to the men who had been employed by the Council on the Direct Labour Housing Scheme in respect of annual holiday pay. It was noted that the matter was being investigated.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,

Wicklow.

27th June, 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 July, 1952 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh

CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings held on 3rd June, 1952 and 24th June, 1952 (copies herewith).
2. Letter of acknowledgment from the Secretary to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland.
3. Resolution from Bray Urban District Council re American Comics.
4. Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce regarding the pollution, by a tarry substance, of the beach at Wicklow.
5. Letter from C. I. E. re Sea Breeze Excursions to Wicklow.
6. Letter from Electricity Supply Board re provision of additional Public Lamps.
7. Letter from Electricity Supply Board re installation of slot meters in Council Houses.
8. Letter from Department of Local Government re installation of Gas Cookers in Council Houses.
9. Letter from Town Engineer re improvement of cinder track on Murrrough.
10. Report re Yearly Tenancy (Tenant - Mr. H. Hamilton).
11. Report from Town Engineer re footpaths at Main Street, Wicklow.
12. Report re Silver-Strand - Brittas Coast Road.
13. Report from Town Engineer re Urinal at North Quay.
14. Report re (a) Path at Castle Street and (b) Proposal to replace the Coollattin fence by a concrete wall.
15. Report from Town Engineer re parapet opposite rectory on Rathnew Road.

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16. Discussion re proposal that seating accommodation be provided in the vicinity of the entrance to the Station Approach Road.
17. Report from Rent Collector re Housing Repairs.
18. Letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. re granting of new lease to Mrs. Catherine Doyle in respect of premises at New Street, Wicklow.
19. Letter From Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. re renewal of lease of premises at High Street, owned by Mrs. A. Roberts.
20. Letter from Mr. Philip Malone re tenancy of No. 7 Castle Street, Wicklow.
21. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1952.

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