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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MONTHLY MEETING

HELD 1ST JULY, 1952

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

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of meetings held on 3rd June, 1952 and 24th June, 1952, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: The Town Clerk stated that the Chairman ex officio, was one of the Council's representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board and that accordingly it would be necessary for one of the other members appointed to the Board to resign. After discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Read letter of 3/6/1952 from the Secretary to His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland conveying the Archbishop's gratitude to the Council for their kind expression of sympathy on the occasion of the death of the late Parish Priest of Bray, Canon Moriarty. NOTED.

RESOLUTION RE AMERICAN COMICS: The following resolution passed by Bray Urban District Council was marked "Read":-

"That we the members of the Bray Urban District Council do hereby call upon the Minister for Justice to ban the importation of all comics emanating from American Publishers, on the grounds that they contain many pictures which are indecent and advertisements which are highly suggestive, making them therefore, unsuitable and dangerous reading matter for the youth of Ireland and that we as a Council deplore the expenditure of currency on such Publications and the fact that many of them are printed in this country. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Urban District Council in the County, to the Association of Municipal Authorities, and to the Dail Deputies for the Wicklow Constituency".

TARRY SUBSTANCE ON BEACH: Read following letter of 17/6/1952 from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Ref. M.S. 3372/1):-

17 Meitehanh, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 5th June regarding the pollution by a tarry substance, of the beach at Wicklow.

I am to inform you that the indiscriminate discharge of oil into the harbours or territorial waters of the State is prohibited by the Oil in Navigable Waters Act, 1926. Penalties are prescribed for breaches of the Act and proceedings may be instituted at the suit of harbour authorities.

Whilst no evidence has been adduced to show that the pollution under consideration arose out of the discharge of oil in the harbours or territorial water of the State, the Minister has again drawn the attention of the shipmasters to the necessity for strict compliance with the provisions of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act, 1926, and it has also again been urged that oil or oil sludge should not be discharged within fifty miles of the coast.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

SEA BREEZE EXCURSIONS: Read following letter dated 9/6/1952 from Operating Superintendent, Coras Iompair Eireann:-

9th June, 1952.

re/ Sea Breeze Excursions to Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant with enclosures for which I am obliged.

The Board has made arrangements to run Sea Breeze Trains to Arklow on each Wednesday and Saturday during the months of July and August, commencing on Wednesday 2nd July. Cheap tickets will be issued to Wicklow on this train which is scheduled to leave Harcourt Street at 3.0 p.m., arrive Wicklow 4.03 p.m. and return therefrom at 9.05 p.m. The advertising of these Sea Breeze specials has been put in hand.

I trust that the arrangements made will be considered suitable by your Council.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

INCREASE OF BUS FARES: Councillor J. Everett T.D. referred to the increased bus fare which had become operative as from that date in respect of the Rathnew-Wicklow service and recommended that the Council make a strong protest against the new fare viz. 9d. for a four minute run. Councillor Everett stated that the majority of the people who availed themselves of the service for shopping purposes would not be in a position to pay the increased fare. The Council unanimously supported Councillor Everett's views and directed that representations in connection with the matter be submitted to Coras Iompair Eireann and to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Read following letters dated 7/6/1952 and 11/6/1952 from the Electricity Supply Board:-

7th June, 1952.

Public Lighting - Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 4th instant containing your Council's acceptance of the terms submitted in our letter dated 29th ultimo for the installation and lighting and maintenance of new public lamps detailed under Items 2, 3, 4, and 6 thereof.

Arrangements are being made accordingly.

Payment for the installation work amounting to £22. 10. 0. will be required on completion of same.

We are notifying the Board's District Engineer that your Council wishes to be advised if any reduction is possible in the charge quo ted under item 5 of our letter for extension of network to Melancholy Lane. On receipt of his reply we shall again communicate with you.

Y ours faithfully, etc.

11th June, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 4th instant concerning the provision of additional

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public lamps in above town, and in particular to the proposed lamp at Melancholy Lane mentioned in the concluding paragraph thereof, we regret that no reduction is possible in the amount of £38. 0. 0. quoted for switch wire extension in this instance.

The District Engineer points out that a two pole extension with switch wire and neutral and special 10 Kv crossing with independent earth is necessary.

In consequence of the foregoing, we should be glad to receive notification of your Council's final decision in the matter as early as convenience.

Yours faithfully, etc.

In view of the cost which would be involved the Council decided not to provide lamp at Melancholy Lane.

(a) INSTALLATION OF E. S. B. SLOT METERS IN COUNCIL HOUSES:

(b) INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS IN COUNCIL HOUSES: Read following letter dated 11/6/1952 from Electricity Supply Board:-

11th June, 1952.

Installation of Slot Meters in Council Houses

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and would advise you that for some years, supply difficulties, high price and high operation costs have caused erection of slot meters to be discontinued.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read following letter dated 24/6/1952 from Department of Local Government (Ref. N. 2189/52):-

24th June, 1952.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant concerning the proposed installation of gas cookers in Council houses, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that as the houses in question have been designed to utilise methods of cooking and heating other than gas he is not prepared at this stage to approve of the installation of gas cookers therein at the Council's expense. Approval to the installation of gas cookers in local authority houses has not previously been given by this Department in circumstances corresponding to those in Wicklow Urban District but has been confined to cases where this service has been provided in the course of construction in lieu of other cooking facilities. In all other cases in which gas cookers have been installed in local authority houses, the arrangements as to installation and payment were made directly between the Gas Company and the tenant concerned.

In the circumstances the Minister is not prepared to approve of expenditure by the Wicklow Urban District Council on the provision of cookers for existing houses in addition to the cooking facilities already provided by them.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion, during which it was pointed out that, due to the situation of the Council's Houses, the carting of coal, turf or firewood blocks from the Fuel Merchants' Yards to their houses entailed hardships and difficulties for the majority of the tenants, the Council decided, at the suggestion of the County Manager to request the Department of Local Government to submit representations to the Electricity Supply Board on behalf of the Council with a view to having slot meters installed by the Board in the Council's houses.

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CINDER TRACK ON MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 6/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

6th June, 1952.

re/ Improvement to Cinder Track on Murrough

A Chara,

With reference to your request for a recommendation for above, I propose that, for a distance of about 485 feet and width of 12 feet from the G.A.A. railing (in its present position) to dig out and strengthen the east side of the track; cover the whole area (about 648 sq. yds.) with 2½" - 2" stone - grout with Tar and seal with stone chippings and steam roll: for the sum of £295. This is the minimum I could recommend.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne

TOWN SURVEYOR.

Following discussion during which the Town Engineer stated that he could provide rough stone and steam road at a cost of £100, it was decided that the Chairman and the Town Engineer interview the Manager of the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd. and indicate that the Council would provide a sum equal to that which the Company would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of the work. The Council agreed that the quality of the road to be provided would depend upon the contribution which would be forthcoming.

YEARLY TENANCY - MR. H. HAMILTON: The Town Clerk stated that a letter had been forwarded to Mr. Hamilton on the 5th June, 1952 requesting him to send a reply within 14 days to the Council in connection with the field at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. The Council were informed, however, that no reply had been received. Councillor A. Finlayson stated that the Council should not proceed any further with the matter. The County Manager pointed out that the Council already had deferred this matter on several occasions in the hope that some satisfactory conclusion would be reached but that no success had attended their efforts. Accordingly the Manager advised the Council to institute proceedings forthwith for the recovery of the field from Mr. Hamilton. When Councillor Finlayson again suggested that the matter be dropped the County Manager stated that in compliance with his statutory duties, he was now informing the Council that it would be necessary for them to act in accordance with the advice of their Law Agent and to take all necessary legal measures to recover possession of the field in question. Moreover the County Manager stressed that he had now discharged his responsibility to the Council with regard to the matter and that if a question of surcharge were to arise the onus would be on the Council. Following further discussion it was agreed that in view of the fact that Mr. H. Hamilton was very seriously ill, the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council for the purpose of affording him yet another opportunity to comply with the Council's terms regarding the tenancy of the field and furthermore it was agreed (Councillor A. Finlayson dissenting) that if a favourable reply were not received by the date of such meeting the Council would proceed to take appropriate legal action to terminate the tenancy.

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FOOTPATHS AT MAIN STREET: Read following letter of 26/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

26th June, 1952.

re: Paths at Main Street, Wicklow.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 25th instant in above, I would like to point out that the work of maintaining the roads and paths in the Main Street is the responsibility of Wicklow County Council.

I understood that it was an accepted policy some years ago that the old flag stones on footpaths should be gradually removed from time to time and replaced by concrete. Certain small stretches have in fact been carried out from year to year, and I had hoped that within the next 3 years the entire length of foot paths in the Town would have been re-laid in concrete. I have no desire whatsoever, of course, to carry out work which might be contrary to the wishes of the Urban Council, and if it is so desired no further work of this nature will be done.

I must point out, however, that several complaints have been received about the condition of the existing flag footpaths and I have endeavoured to undertake reconstruction of such parts to which these complaints refer, e.g. this year:-

- (1) Between Kavanagh's Shop and the Royal Bank.
- (2) Between Fitzpatrick's Bros. and Moran's Electrical Stores.
- (3) Outside the Town Hall and from Quarantine Hill to Power's House.

I may say that the latter portion is most important point in the Town having regard to the bus stop, and also to the heavy traffic in and around the Town Hall Premises.

I would, therefore, welcome a direction on the wishes of the Urban Council on the matter and as County Engineer I will see if an agreement can be come to in the matter, but I must stress the fact that most of the flags still remaining are in an unsatisfactory and dangerous condition and the expense of taking them up and endeavouring to relay them would be high, and in any case it would be almost impossible to relay them in such a way as to ensure that no edges or corners would cause an accident to pedestrians.

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

Following discussion it was agreed that the flags at St. Patrick's Road should be preserved and that repairs to the existing path should be carried out instead of providing a concrete path as originally proposed.

MASS PATH: As a result of Councillor's E. Kane's query it was agreed that the following Councillors together with the Town Engineer and the Parish Priest should inspect the route of the proposed Mass Path with a view to the Council's providing a wicket gate and fence which, the Town Engineer, indicated would be required:- Councillors E. Kane, J. Rourke, A. Finlayson and C. W. Hudson.

SILVER STRAND - BRITTAS COAST ROAD: Read following letter dated 1/7/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

1st July, 1952.

Silver Strand - Brittas Coast Road

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 27th June, 1952, I wish to state that a

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revised estimate of cost for the completion of this work was submitted by the County Engineer on the 9th June, 1952. The estimate for completing the work is £12,350 making a total cost for the road of £17,350 as compared with the original estimate of £14,771. The increase in the estimate is due to increases in rates of wages and cost of materials and the provision of $\frac{3}{4}$ " Tarmac carpet instead of ordinary tary spray. The result of the Soil Analysis were submitted to the Department of Local Government some while ago.

I have been in communication with the Department and have been informed that the documents submitted are under examination. It is understood that an Engineering Inspector of the Department will visit the County Engineer in connection with the matter during the present week. The Department have been informed that the Council considers it most desirable that the work be started as soon as possible in order that advantage may be taken of suitable weather.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. K. J. Brangan

COUNTY SECRETARY.

The Town Engineer stated that he understood that the Engineering Inspector from the Department would be in Wicklow on the following day. The members indicated that it was very desirable that work should be commenced at the earliest possible date.

URINAL AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter dated 26/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

26th June, 1952.

re/ Urinal at North Quay, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have your letter of the 25th instant in above. The Delay occurred in obtaining the necessary fitting herein, but the work will be completed entirely early in the coming week.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne,

TOWN SURVEYOR.

NOTED.

PATH AND WALL AT CASTLE STREET: Read following letter of 26/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

26th June, 1952.

re/ Path and Wall at Castle Street

A Chara,

Regarding the path at present being provided opposite four Council houses at Castle Street, it was intended that the pathway should be constructed in concrete: I was providing for tarmacadam only. If this path, together with that which is opposite the house occupied by Mr. Jas. Rourke, are to be laid in concrete the cost will be £22. 0. 0.

Regarding the question of replacing the Coollattin fence by a concrete wall, the cost will be £40. 0. 0.

Mise, le meas, etc.

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Following discussion, during which it was pointed out that as a result of providing a new path opposite the four houses, it was now essential that a wall be built, it was agreed to provide this wall immediately. It was also agreed that further consideration of the proposal to continue the concrete path in the Summerhill direction be deferred until such time as the expenditure of the E.S.V. Grant for 1952/53 would be under consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

That we hereby authorise the expenditure of the following sum in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for 1952/53:-

Housing Repairs £40.

PARAPET AT RATHNEW ROAD: Read following letter of 1/7/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

1st July, 1952.

re: Parapet at Rathnew Road

A Chara,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th June, 1952, regarding the condition of the parapet opposite the Rectory on the Rathnew road and suggesting that the County Council might consider the advisability of placing planks on top of the wall for the purpose of providing seating accommodation. As it would appear doubtful whether the repair of the parapet is a matter for the County Council the County Engineer has been asked for a special report on the matter.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. K. J. Brangan,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

Also read following letter of 26/6/1952 from Town Engineer:-

26th June, 1952.

re/ Parapet at Rathnew Road

A Chara,

I have your letter of the 25th instant regarding the condition of the bridge wall or parapet at the Rectory, Rathnew Road.

If the Council desire, we can have planks placed on the top of this wall for seating accommodation, but the usual result of providing timber work is to have it extensively damaged.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne,
TOWN SURVEYOR.

Following discussion the County Manager stated that the wall would be repaired and the planks provided by the Wicklow County Council as requested.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION AT "WHITE GATES": Read following letter of 1/7/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

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1st July, 1952.

re/ Seating Accommodation at "White Gates", Wicklow.

A Chara,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th June, 1952 in regard to the request of your Council that the County Council provide two sets of seats at the "White Gates", i.e. in the vicinity of the entrance to the Station approach road. I am to point out that the provision of seats could not be regarded as part of the cost of maintaining the road way and that the matter would appear to become for the Urban District Council.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. K. J. Brangan,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

The County Manager stated that the County Council had no authority to incur expenditure in providing the suggested seating accommodation. After discussion it was agreed that the County Council would provide two seats and that the Urban Council would be responsible for the cost involved.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES - RENT COLLECTOR'S REPORT: A report from the Rent Collector giving details of repairs carried out to Council houses during the quarter ended 30th June, 1952, was submitted to the meeting.

Following discussion it was agreed that when the painting of the 50 houses, at present being carried out, would have been completed, no further painting should be proceeded with until the Council would have decided whether the work would be carried out by contract or by Direct Labour.

LEASE TO MRS. CATHERINE DOYLE: Read following letter of 23/6/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.:-

23rd June, 1952.

re/ Premises in New Street, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Our client, Mrs. Catherine Doyle, who holds the premises in New Street, Wicklow, in which she resides, under a lease dated 5th April, 1886 for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1883 at an annual rent of £1. 10. 0. is in anxious to obtain a new Lease of the said premises for a term of 75 years, the old Lease being surrendered.

Would you kindly place the matter before the Council for their consideration.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

The meeting was informed that if the old rent were increased by 25% the new rent would be £1. 17. 6. per annum.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:- "That we hereby agree to accept surrender of lease (Wicklow Town Commissioners to William Roberts) dated 5th April, 1886 which lease was in respect of premises at New Street, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1883 at an annual rent of £1. 10. 0. and furthermore that we agree to grant a new lease of these premises to Mrs. Catherine Doyle for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £1. 17. 6.

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RENEWAL OF LEASE - MRS. A. ROBERTS: Read following letter of 24/6/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

24th June, 1952.

re/ Premises in High Street

Dear Sir,

We are acting for Mrs. A. Roberts, the owner of the Lessee's interest in Lease dated 21st March, 1861 which expired on the 29th September, 1935.

The Lease was made by the Town Commissioners to Isaac Ost for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of 12/6d.

As our client has arranged to sell her interest in the premises we are instructed to make application for a renewal of the old Lease.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. J. H. McCarroll & Co.

The meeting was informed that making allowance for the usual increase, the new rent would be 15/8d.

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

"That we hereby grant a renewal of Lease dated 21st March, 1861 (Wicklow Town Commissioners to Isaac Ost) in respect of premises at High Street, Wicklow, to Mrs. Anne Roberts for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1935 at an annual rent of £0. 15. 8.

TENANCY OF NO. 7 CASTLE STREET: Read letter of 12/6/1952 from Mr. Philip Malone requesting the Council to appoint him tenant of No. 7 Castle Street, Wicklow. The letter indicated that the applicant's late mother, Mrs. Mary Malone, had been the previous tenant. The Council unanimously recommended that the application be granted.

HOUSE AT HIGH STREET - POST OFFICE PROPERTY: The Council directed that the post office authorities be requested to build up the windows and door of their derelict premises at High Street and thereby prevent the possibility of injury to persons trespassing upon the property and committing nuisances therein.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The County Manager submitted to the meeting the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1952. The Council noted that the rent and rate collections for the year had been very satisfactory.

PAVILION AT SEA FRONT: Read following letter dated 27/6/1952 (Ref. L.1195/2/52) from Department of Local Government:-

27th June, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Council's proposal regarding the erection of a Pavilion at Wicklow and to state that there are no funds at his disposal out of which grants could be made towards the cost of this project.

It is noted that the Council have adopted a Civic Improvement Scheme in relation to the proposal. I am to enquire how it is proposed to finance the erection of the Pavilion.

Mise, le neas, etc.

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At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett T.D., it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council. The County Manager stated that a copy of the Department's letter would be forwarded to the Regatta Committee for their information.

SIGN POSTS: Read letter dated 27/6/1952 from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce referring to the desirability of providing sign posts bearing the name "Wicklow" at the entrances to the town and suggesting that the Council might be in a position to provide such signs, which would be useful for tourists during the Holiday Season. Following discussion during which it was pointed out that it would be undesirable to erect wooden signs the Town Engineer stated that he would arrange to provide suitable signs as soon as possible.

PROMENADE: Read letter of 27/6/1952 from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce referring to the patches of tarry substance along the promenade and recommending the Council to remove this substance. The meeting was informed that caustic soda was about to be used in an effort to remove the oily residue which inconveniences visitors to the Sea Front and detracts considerably from its amenities.

SWIMMING PLATFORM: Read letter of 1/7/1952 from Assistant Honorary Secretary, Wicklow Swimming Club, requesting the Council to be good enough to erect the swimming platform at the new Pier, as in previous years. The Council directed that the work be carried out immediately.

SIGN AT MALL: Read following letter of 30/6/1952, from Mr. F. O'Doherty, Strabreaga Hotel, Wicklow:-

30 - 6 - 1952.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly grant me permission to erect a sign (4' x 4') on the north side where the Mall divides. The proposed wording is as follows:- "Strabreaga Hotel, fully licensed, open to non-residents. Cars please park below the Mall".

Trusting you will give my application your kindest consideration,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. F. O'Doherty.

Following discussion it was agreed that there would be no objection to the proposal provided that (1) Width of the sign-board is not greater than the width of the pillar; (2) The wording of the sign will be as follows:- "Strabreaga Hotel - Cars please park under the Mall" and (3) The Superintendent of the Garda Síochána, Wicklow, approves of the erection of the sign.

COUNCILLOR'S ILLNESS: The meeting was informed that Councillor John Olohan had not attended a meeting of the Council since 6th November, 1951. It was noted that Councillor Olohan's absence was due to illness.

WATER SUPPLY FOR ACE PRODUCTS LTD: Read following letter of 1/7/1952 from Ace Products Ltd:-

1st July, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

We submit for your consideration copies of correspondence which has passed between ourselves and the Town Clerk.

Further to same, we consider the attitude of those in authority to be most unfair, and understood that rural Industries were to be given every help from local bodies.

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We are at the moment employing 30 persons, eleven of whom are men, and are doing a valuable export trade.

We therefore respectfully ask the Council to give our case their kind consideration keeping before their minds the aforesaid employment and the consequent benefits to the town.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

ACE PRODUCTS LTD.

The County Manager, who also read other correspondence relating to the matter stated that the charge per 1,000 gallons in the Urban Districts of Arklow and Bray was 1/6d. and that he considered the rate of 1/- per 1,000 gallons to be very reasonable. Following discussion the Council unanimously recommended that, in view of the fact that it was an industry which was in the early stages of its development, a charge of 6d. per 1,000 gallons be fixed in respect of year ending 31st March, 1953, at which date the charge would be reviewed.

The Council also recommended that a similar charge (viz. 6d. per 1,000 gallons) be also fixed in respect of water supplied by meter to other industries in the town up to 31st March, 1953.

VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES: The Council were informed that the following Council houses were about to become vacant:-

- No. 47 Glenview Road, Wicklow (Tenant Thomas Kelly)
- No. 6 Urban Villas, Wicklow (Had been tenanted by the late Mrs. Canavan)

It was noted that applications for the tenancies would be invited.

VENTILATING SHAFT AT HIGH STREET: The Town Engineer was instructed to inspect ventilating shaft on sewer at High Street and to carry out the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

WATER SUPPLY TO MESSRS D. H. HASKINS & SON LTD: The Council were informed that the Town Engineer was investigating a complaint from Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd. with regard to connection which had been made with watermain at Bond Street, Wicklow. NOTED.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

1st August, 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, 5th August, 1952 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 11th August, 1952 at 7-30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Geallaigh

CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 1st July, 1952 (Copy herewith).
2. Letter from Acting Secretary, Wicklow County Council, re membership of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
3. Resolution from Galway Corporation re existing rating system.
4. Resolution from the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association re Banks and Housing Loans.
5. Letter from Irish Defence Committee for Andreo Geffroy.
6. Letter from Local Authorities Retired Officers and Servants' Association.
7. Letter from Corporation of Limerick re Electricity Charges.
8. Letter from Electricity Supply Board re provision of lamp at Cooper's Lane.
9. Letter from Coras Iompair Eireann and the Department of Industry and Commerce re Increased Bus Fare.
10. Letter from Postmaster, Wicklow, re provision of letter boxes.
11. Execution of Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) - Loan of £1100 for improvement of St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
12. Sealing of Deed of Surrender (Mrs. Angela Doyle to the Wicklow Urban District Council).
13. Report re proposed Mass Path.
14. Report re Cheap Fuel Scheme.

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15. Report re Yearly Tenancy of field at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
16. Discussion re proposal regarding the erection of a Pavilion at Sea Front, Wicklow.
17. Selection of tenants for (1) No. 6 Urban Villas, Wicklow and (2) No. 47 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
18. Report re Watermain at New Park, Road, Wicklow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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MONTHLY MEETING

HELD 11th. August, 1952.

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

The County Manager was also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st. July, 1952 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD. Read following letter dated 28th. July, 1952 from the Acting Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

Re/ Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.

Dear Sir,

I desire to inform you that at the meeting of the Council held on the 14th. instant the Council accepted the resignation of Mr. P. McCarthy from the membership of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board and appointed Councillor C.W. Hudson in his place.

Yours faithfully,
 M. J. Conboy,
 Acting County Secretary.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Olehan, Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved

That Councillor W. Clarke (Chairman) is hereby selected as one of the Council's representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board instead of Councillor C.W. Hudson, who has been appointed as one of the representatives of the Wicklow County Council on the Board.

RESOLUTION RE RATING SYSTEM. The following resolution passed by the Galway Corporation, was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

That the appropriate Minister be requested to hold an inquiry into the existing rating system with a view to establishing a more just and equitable method of assessing rates and that copies of this resolution be circulated to each local authority and to the Municipal Authorities' Association.

RESOLUTION RE BANKS AND HOUSING LOANS. The following resolution, passed by the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association was unanimously adopted:-

That the Association calls on the Government to direct the Central Bank to make available to all local authorities, and in particular to Dublin Corporation, funds required for housing, and that this resolution be circulated to all local authorities with a request to send an identical resolution to the Government.

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Case of Andreo Geffroy:

Read following letter dated 30th. June 1952 from the Irish Defence Committee for Andreo Geffroy, 14 Odessa Street, Belfast:-

A Chairde,

We beg to send you herewith a few pamphlets explaining the case of a Breton, Andreo Geffroy, who was recently sentenced to death by a French Military Tribunal on an alleged and baseless charge of denouncing two English agents to the Germans during the war, after a grossly prejudiced trial on account of his devotion to the Breton nationalist cause.

In the hands of a power which wants to destroy his ideal, this fellow Celt and Christian, with a family of four children, needs our help if he is to be saved.

A number of public bodies, such as the Cork and Galway Corporations, the Tralee and Tipperary Urban Councils, and the Kerry County Council, have passed and sent resolutions requesting the French Authorities to relieve Andreo Geffroy and to release him, more are expected to be passed shortly.

We hereby wish to ask your Council to also pass a similar resolution as soon as possible, and we suggest as being the best procedure to have the resolution addressed to the French President of the Republic and sent to the French Ambassador, French Embassy, Dublin, for conveyance, asking for an acknowledgement of your message. We shall be very grateful to you if you will kindly advise us of your decision in the matter.

On foot of this letter is the text which was sent by the Cork Corporation, as a suggested model.

Mise, etc.,
For the IRISH COMMITTEE
Ald. SEAMUS McKEARNEY, Chairman.

Eric O'Neill, Secretary.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. O'Lehan.
Seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson.
Resolved:

"That we, the Chairman and members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, request the French Government to grant an immediate reprieve and liberation to the Breton, Andreo Geffroy, in view of the circumstances attending his trial and sentence".

At the suggestion of the County Manager, it was decided to forward the copy of the resolution to the Department of External Affairs.

ALLOWANCES OF RETIRED OFFICERS: Read letter dated 21/6/1952 from the Local Authority Retired Officers and Servants Association, stating that the chief immediate object of the Association was the amendment of the Superannuation Act of 1948, so as to enable Local Authorities to grant increases in Superannuation allowances at a rate at least equal to that allowed to existing officers for the purpose of enabling such officers to cope with the increased cost of living and to allow for the great reduction which has taken place in the purchasing power of money. The letter stated that the Association would be deeply grateful to the Council if they would pass a suitable resolution with a view to securing an amendment of the 1948 Superannuation Act.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor:- A. Finlayson.
Seconded by Councillor:- J. O'Lehan.
Resolved:-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council, strongly recommend the Minister for Local Government to take the necessary steps to have the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1948 amended, so as to enable Local Authorities to grant appropriate increases in Superannuation allowances".

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E.S.B. CHARGES. Read letter dated 19/7/1952 from the City Manager, Corporation of Limerick, with ~~copy~~ ~~xx~~ which was forwarded a copy of the Minutes of the Conference held on 20th. June, 1952 with regard to Electricity Charges between the Chairman and Officials of the Electricity Supply Board and the Mayor and members of the Limerick City Council. The letter stated that the Mayor proposed to arrange for a conference of public bodies concerned in regard to the matter, within a short time, probably in September. The County Manager summarised for the meeting the report of the Conference. Following discussion it was agreed to indicate to Limerick Corporation that the Council noted what had transpired at the Conference held on 20th June 1952 and awaited with interest the outcome of that meeting and any further developments which might take place with regard to the matter.

COMPLAINTS RE LOCAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY. The Chairman stated that on three occasions in recent weeks the Electricity supply had been turned off at 12.50 p.m. and that persons in the Dunbar area, who depended on Electricity for cooking purposes had suffered great inconvenience. It was unanimously decided to draw the attention of the E.S.B. to the matter and to request them to take immediate steps to ensure that it would not again be necessary to cut off the current in the Wicklow area.

Councillor P. Doyle stated that the E.S.B. were not complying with the arrangements which had been made with regard to the hours of Public Lighting in the Wicklow Urban area. He pointed out that on some recent occasions the lighting-up time had been behind schedule. It was decided to communicate with the E.S.B. in connection with the matter.

LAMP AT COOPER'S LANE. Read letters dated 16/6/1952 and 19/7/1952 from the E.S.B. stating that the operation of a lamp at the Summerhill end of Cooper's Lane and at a point above 40ft. from Summerhill Road on the lane almost opposite Nurse Leonard's house would necessitate the erection of an extension costing £9.0.0. The Council unanimously approved of the provision of a lamp at the required position.

BUS FARE. Read following letter dated 5/7/1952 and from Coras Iompair Eireann:-

A Chara,

I refer to your letter of 2nd inst. addressed to the Secretary, Kingsbridge. In connection with this fare it would appear that the Council is under the misapprehension regarding same as the fare between Rathnew and Wicklow is 7d. single and not 9d. as stated by you.

Mise, le neas,
J.E. Martin,
Manager.

Also read following letter dated 8/7/1952 from the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of 2nd July in regard to the increase in the fares of the Wicklow/Rathnew bus service. Under the provision of the Transport Act, 1950, the Board of C.I.E. may fix such fares and charges as they think fit. The statutory position therefore is that the Minister has no further say in the matter which is one for decision between the Board of C.I.E. He has, however, had inquiries made from the C.I.E. and is informed that the new fare for the Rathnew/Wicklow stage is 7d. and not 9d. as stated in your letter.

Mise, le neas,
M.J. Quinn.

NOTED. It was agreed that in the circumstances there was nothing further which the Council could do about the matter.

LETTER BOXES. Read following letter dated 16/7/1952 from the Postmaster, Wicklow:-

A Chara,

The erection of letter boxes has been approved for the districts of Ballynerrin and Dunbur Road.

I will be pleased if your Council gives permission for the erection No.(1) at the junction of New Park Road and St. Laurence's Road (Box in this case on a pole), No.(2) in the boundary Wall of the Life Saving Station. (The permission of the Board of Public Works will be sought for the disturbance of the wall).

Mise, le meas nor,
P. Kehoe,
MAISTIR POIST.

The Council approved of the erection of letter-boxes at the points indicated,

LOAN OF £1,100- EXECUTION OF MORTGAGE. It was proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson, Seconded by Councillor J.Olehan, and resolved that:-

The Council's seal be affixed to Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) relating to the borrowing by the Council of £1,100 from the Hibernian Bank Ltd. for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the improvement of St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow such loan to be repayable over a period of seven years.

The Council's seal was duly affixed to the Deed of Charge.

Councillor J.Olehan stated that he considered that a concrete path should be provided at St. Patrick's Road. Following discussion it was decided to request the Town Engineer to submit estimates of the cost of (1) new concrete Path and (2) repairs to existing flagged path and it was agreed to defer making a final decision with regard to the matter until such estimates would have been considered by the Council.

PROPOSED MASS PATH The meeting was informed that on the 5th July, 1952 Councillors C.W.Hudson, E.Kane, A. Finlayson and J.Rourke accompanied by Very Rev. M.Blake P.P. had inspected the area at Ballynerrin, where it was proposed to provide a Mass Path and had unanimously agreed that the path should adjoin the boundary fence between the Council's Allotments field and the field owned by Dr. J.Healy. The Council were also informed that the estimated cost of the work was £60.

The Council approved of the carrying out of the work and it was proposed by Councillor J.Rourke, Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

That we hereby approve of the expenditure of the sum of £60 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1952/53 in order that a Mass Path may be provided at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

SURRENDER OF YEARLY TENANCIES-MRS. ANGELA DOYLE. It was proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson, Seconded by Councillor J.Olehan, and resolved:-

That the Council's seal be affixed to Deed of Surrender (Mrs. Angela Doyle) to the Wicklow Urban District Council relating to the Assignment and Surrender to the Council by Mrs. Angela Doyle of three fields at Dunbur, Wicklow, formerly held by Mrs. Angela Doyle from the Council, on the basis of yearly tenancies, at the yearly rent of £12.8. 0., £13.1. 6., and £5. 14. 0.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME. Read following letter dated 6/8/1952 from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the County Manager to state that the County Council would be prepared to provide turf for the Wicklow Urban District Fuel Scheme at a price of £3. 6. 0. per ton which would include transport, stacking of turf at Jail Yard, Wicklow, and construction of a temporary shelter for the turf. The price is based on the purchase by your Council of a minimum of 200 tons of turf.

Will you please bring this matter to the notice of your Council at the next meeting and also communicate with the Department of Social Welfare in regard to the proposal.

Mise, le meas,
K.J.Brangan,
County Secretary.

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The County Managers stated that in 1951/52 the Council had paid £3.7.6. per ton for turf for the Cheap Fuel Scheme. The Council were also informed that no reply in connection with the matter had yet been received from the Department of Social Welfare.

The Council approved unanimously of the proposed purchase of the turf from the Wicklow County Council.

PROPOSED PAVILLION AT SEA FRONT. Read following letter from the Department of Local Government dated 27/6/1952:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Council's proposal regarding the erection of a Pavilion at Wicklow and to state that there are no funds at his disposal out of which grants could be made towards the cost of this project.

It is noted that the Council have adopted the Civic Improvement Scheme in relation to the proposal. I am to enquire how it is proposed to finance the erection of the pavilion.

Mise, le meas,

The meeting was informed that a copy of this letter had been forwarded to the Wicklow Regatta Committee.

Following discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

SELECTION OF TENANTS FOR VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES. The following applicants for No. 6 Urban Villas were placed in the following order on the list submitted by the Assistant Chief Medical Officer:-

- (1) John Fox, 8 Lower Strand Street, Wicklow.
- (2) Arthur W. Tavenor, 3 Lower Strand Street, Wicklow.
- (3) Denis O'Brien, 5 Lower Strand Street, Wicklow.
- (4) Thomas Murphy, Quarantine Hill, Wicklow.
- (5) James Fitzgerald, 4 Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (6) Martin J. Culleton, Seapoint, Wicklow.
- (7) Thomas Raeburn, 4 Hillside Wicklow.
- (8) James Kelly, Marine, Murrough, Wicklow.
- (9) Edward J. Marah C/O 13 St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow.
- (10) Mrs. Mary Hickey, 2 Urban Villas, Wicklow.
- (11) Florence Widdross, 6 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- (12) Stephen Morris, High Street, Wicklow.
- (13) Michael Hollingsworth, 6 Castle Avenue, Wicklow.
- (14) Mrs. Sarah Byrne, 19 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.
- (15) R.M. Byrne, 1 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.
- (16) James Hunter, 8 St. Brigid's Terrace, Rathnew.
- (17) Noel Kelly, c/o Post Office, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow.
- (18) William Lawlor, 18 High Street, Wicklow.
- (19) Patrick Heaney, 15 Monkton Road, Wicklow.

The County Manager gave full details to the Council regarding each applicant.

The Council unanimously recommended that in accordance with the recommendations of the Medical Officer John Fox be appointed tenant of No. 6 Urban Villas, Wicklow.

NO. 47 GLENVIEW ROAD. The applicants for No. 47 Glenview Road, Wicklow were placed in the following order by the Medical Officer:-

- (1) John McCormack, 4 Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (2) Patrick Kavanagh, 21 High Street, Wicklow.
- (3) William O'Brien, 46 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- (4) Mrs. A. Fanning, 14 Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (5) John Vickers, 5 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.
- (6) Edward Hanlon, 38 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- (7) Maurice Dunne, High Street, Wicklow.
- (8) Thomas Reburn, 4 Hillside, Wicklow.
- (9) James Kelly, Marine, Murrough, Wicklow.
- (10) George Duff, Hillside Cottage, Wicklow.
- (11) Bernard Higgins, 24 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.
- (12) Arthur Jameson, 25 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.
- (13) Pansy Murphy, Wilnaintain Road, Wicklow.

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- (14) Brigid Kavanagh, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
 (15) Catharine Keogh, 8 Ballynerrin Upper, Wicklow.
 (16) Patrick Heaney, 15 Monkton Road, Wicklow.
 (17) William Lawlor, 18 High Street, Wicklow.

Following a careful examination of the list of applicants the Council, in accordance with the Medical Officer's report unanimously recommended that John McCormack be appointed tenant of No. 47 Glenview Road, Wicklow.

NO. 21 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK, WICKLOW. The Chief Medical Officer placed the applicants for No. 21 St. Laurence's Park in the following order:-

- (1) Mrs. Rosanna Murphy, Marlton Road, Wicklow.
 (2) Edward Hanlon, 38 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
 (3) Kathleen Nalty, New Street, Wicklow.

The Council were informed that Thomas Reburn, who had been an applicant for the other two houses might also be considered as having applied for tenancy of No. 21 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.

Following discussion the council recommended that Mrs. Rosanna Murphy be appointed tenant of No. 21 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow and it was also agreed at the suggestion of Councillor J. Clehan, that in the event of the tenancy note being accepted by Mrs. Murphy, Thomas Reburn be appointed tenant of the house.

With reference to the recommendation of the Medical Officer that the houses occupied by Messrs. J. Fox, J. McCormack and Mrs. Murphy be demolished the County Manager stated that the Notices under Section 23 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1931 giving particulars of the Time and Place at which the Question of Making Demolition Orders in respect of the dwelling house would be considered would be served on the owners and on the persons having control of such houses. In reply to Councillor J. Everett T.D. the Manager stated that a special inspection of the house occupied by J. McCormack would be carried out with a view to ascertaining whether it might be rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense.

YEARLY TENANCY OF FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD. The meeting was informed that a letter had been forwarded to Mr. Henry Hamilton on 2nd. July, 1952 indicating that if the Council did not receive a favourable reply from him with regard to the tenancy of the field at Dunbur, Wicklow, before their next meeting the Council would proceed to take appropriate legal action to terminate the tenancy. The Town Clerk stated that no reply had been received. Councillor A. Finlayson proposed "That the Council take no further action with regard to this matter".

The motion was not seconded.

Following discussion during which it was mentioned that Mr. Hamilton had died since the date of the previous meeting of the Council the County Manager pointed out that such demise did not affect the decision of the Council to institute proceedings for the recovery of the field in question. Moreover, the County Manager again reminded the Council of the possibility of a Surcharge consequent on the failure of the Council to comply with the advice of their legal advisor with regard to the termination of the yearly tenancy.

Councillor A. Finlayson proposed "That the Council adjourn this matter for three months". The motion however was not seconded.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, Seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and resolved (Councillor A. Finlayson dissenting) :-

"That we hereby instruct our Solicitors to institute proceedings for the recovery of the field at Dunbur, Wicklow, measuring 5 acres, 1 rood, 4 perches statute measure or thereabouts and in respect of which field a Notice to Quit was served by the Council on 16th. January, 1952 on Henry Hamilton, who held the field from the Council on the basis of a yearly tenancy at a rent of £12. 4. per annum.

WATERMAIN AT NEW PARK ROAD. The meeting was informed that a new 4" diameter watermain had been provided by the Council at New Park Road, Wicklow and that Messrs. John Kane had been requested to comply with their undertaking to contribute £40 towards the cost of this main.

Read following letter dated 22nd July, 1952 from Messrs. John Kane, Building Contractors.

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Dear Sir,

re/ Watermain at New Park Road.

In reply to your letter of the 21st. instant and your previous correspondence re above. I applied to your Council on the 30th September, 1946 requesting that they would extend a water main in connection with 4 houses which it was proposed to build at New Park Road. You will recollect that after bringing the matter before a meeting of the Council, and after an interview arranged between your County Manager and Mr. E. H. Kane it was agreed that I lay the main and that I would contribute £40. 0. 0. towards same.

The first house was completed and due to your main not been laid I had to take a temporary connection from a private house. In 1947 two more houses were completed, and as your Council still had not laid the main, and the owner of the private house was dissatisfied with the temporary connection remaining so long I had to seek some other source of supply. With your permission a 1" supply was taken from the pump at the bog at Fitzwilliam Road, which was quite a considerable distance from the house.

Considering the expense and great inconvenience which I have already been put to, due to the watermain not been laid within a reasonable time. I do not think that I should be asked to make a contribution now 5 years later. I certainly think the matter calls for a view.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN KANE, BUILDING CONTRACTORS.
 SED. JOHN KANE.

Read following letter dated 8/8/1952 from Mr J. E. Cox, New Park Road, Wicklow:-

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to the untidy and unkept state of New Park Road and to ask you to acquaint your Council of the fact at the next meeting.

The portion of the road to which I refer particularly, adjoins my holding. Since certain pipe-laying was completed two years ago nothing has been done to restore the openings to their original condition; in fact channels to a depth of six and eight inches have appeared leaving the thoroughfare a danger to the public, not to mention the deplorable state of the section concerned.

I might mention also, that I am three years in residence at New Park Road and I am still awaiting connection to a permanent water supply. No doubt you are aware that the present system is a temporary one and quite inadequate for my requirements.

I would be grateful therefore, if you will attend to the matter at your earliest convenience and any assistance rendered in that connection will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
 James E. Cox.

Read following report from Waterworks Overseer:-
 Re/ Supply of water to Mr Cox's premises at Terret Lane.

Sir,

The position as I found it after inspection of premises is:- When water is drawn off from taps in two houses at one time the quantity coming from taps is very small.

Water supply to these houses comes from 1" pipe supplying fountain and cottages at Fitzwilliam Road.

There cannot be any improvement in supply unless water is taken from watermain at Terret Lane.

I understood this was to be done as soon as this main was laid down, Fitzwilliam Road connection to serve houses until main was laid.

Yours truly,
 John DeCourcy.

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Following discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter until Councillor E.Kane and the Town Engineer would be in attendance.

SCHOOL SIGN AND IMPROVEMENT OF CORNER AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD. The Councillor directed (1) that a school sign be provided at an appropriate point on St. Patrick's Road in the vicinity of the De La Salle School and (2) that the Town Engineer submit a report relating to the improvement of corner at the junction of St. Patrick's Road and St. Laurence's Road.

DIVING FACILITIES AT NEW PIER. Councillor J. Everett T.D. stated that the Wicklow Swimming Club had written to the Council in connection with the erection of a diving board at the New Pier and pointed out that the application should have been made to the Wicklow Harbour Authority. The County Manager stated that he would enquire into the matter.

EXECUTION OF LEASE - WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO CATHARINE DOYLE. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., Seconded by Councillor C. Hudson and resolved

That the Council's seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating to lease of plot of ground with dwellinghouse thereon situate in New Street, Wicklow to Catharine Doyle for a term of 75 years from 25th March 1952 at an annual rent of £1. 17. 6.

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

EXECUTION OF LEASE - WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO ANNE ROBERTS. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., Seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and resolved

That the Council's seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating to lease of plot of ground with dwellinghouse thereon situate at High Street, Wicklow to Anne Roberts, "Annecill", 5 Circular Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, for the term of 75 years at an annual rent of £0. 15. 8.

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

WELCOME OF COUNCILLOR. The Chairman welcomed back Councillor J. O'Lehan after his long absence due to illness. The other members of the Council associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. Councillor O'Lehan returned thanks and assured the Chairman that he would always give him his whole-hearted co-operation in carrying out the work of the Council.

SUB-LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSE. Read report dated 7/8/1952 from Rent Collector stating that Mrs. A. Kavanagh, tenant of No. 9 (Bungalows) St. Laurence's Road, had sublet her house and was residing at No. 6 Urban Villas. The Town Clerk stated that Notices to Quit had been served in respect of both houses. The County Manager informed the Chairman that, provided that Mrs. Kavanagh vacated No. 6 Urban Villas forthwith, there would be no objection to her resuming occupation of No. 9 St. Laurence's Road.

HOUSING COSTS - CARLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL. Read following letter, dated 25/7/1952, from Town Clerk, Carlow:-

Re/ Housing Costs.

A Chara,

I have received your letter of 12th instant.

Since 1948 my Council's completed one Scheme of 44 houses. This was a Contract Scheme completed in May 1950.

Details concerning the Scheme are as follows:

2-roomed houses	4-roomed Houses	4-Roomed House
Six, 494 sq. ft.	Thirty-two, 672 sq. ft.	Six, 686 sq. ft.

Financial data concerning the scheme:-

All-in Building Cost.....	£72, 123.
All-in Cost per house.....	£ 1,639

All houses, Slum Clearance, received allocation of £400 per house from Transitional Development Fund.

Weekly rent, calculated on net sum of £1,239, was graded with regard to house amenities, from 8/- to 17/6d.

Council is at present erecting 156 houses by Direct Labour. All of these houses are 2/3rd Subsidiary Houses.

The houses are similar to those in 44-House Scheme mentioned above.

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Financial data concerning the Scheme:-
Estimated All-in Building Cost.....£215,160.
Estimated All-in Cost per house.....£ 1,366.

Weekly Rent, graded with regard to house amenities - 7/9d. to 14/3d.

Yours truly,
P. Mac Cormaich,
Town Clerk.

The County Manager stated that the respective costs per house (621sq.ft.) were as follows:-

Wicklow Urban District Council.....	£1,196.
Carlow Urban District Council.....	£1,356.
Difference.....	£ 160.

WATER SUPPLY - ACE PRODUCTS LTD. Read letter dated 10/7/1952 from Ace Products Ltd. thanking the members of the Council and the County Manager for having agreed to reduce the water rent.

HOUSING COMPLAINT - TENANT OF NO. 6 ST. LAURENCE'S ROAD. Read reports from Town Engineer, Overseer and Rent Collector relative to repairs which had been carried out to No. 6 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, tenanted by Mrs. J. Barlow. The Overseer in his report stated that a new drop-hinged weather board had been affixed to the front door in an effort to prevent water entering the hallway during the wet weather.

NOTED.

PROPOSED DWELLINGHOUSE AND SHOP AT NEW PARK ROAD FOR MR. F. FINLAYSON. Plans relating to proposed dwellinghouse and shop at New Park Road for Mr. F. Finlayson were submitted to the meeting.

NOTED.

Councillor J. Everett, T.D. stated that he would not approve of the situation of the proposed Mass Path as it was too far removed from the homes to be of any benefit to the persons residing on the top of road viz. St. Laurence's Road.

Following discussion Councillor Everett stated that he would inspect the site.

YEARLY TENANCY - MISS DOROTHY WALL. Read following letter dated 9/8/1952 from Miss Dorothy Wall, Summerhill, Wicklow.

Dear Sirs,

Referring to the conversion of yearly tenancies to Eleven Months Lettings, I wish to bring to your attention my own position as one of the tenants concerned.

When the Council first suggested these changes, I was no more willing to accept the change than were the other tenants. I had adhered to the terms of my agreements, and all monies due on the lands were duly paid to date. However, I was given to understand that the Council was within its rights in demanding the alteration, that all tenants were being treated equally, and that a refusal to comply with the request would only mean unpleasantness and trouble for all concerned. My own dealings with the Council over many years had always been of a very satisfactory and pleasant nature, and I continued to co-operate with them in this instance. At no time did it occur to me that any advantage was being taken of me, any more than that of any other tenant concerned.

It would appear however, that this was not exactly the case, as in the other tenancies, very considerable compensation has been given by way of remission of rent etc. In these circumstances, I would consider that I am justly entitled to the same treatment as the other tenants concerned. In my case, no rent was due, and I agreed to the Council's suggestion regarding the tenancies, but, should find it very hard to believe that the members would wish to victimise me on this account, and am confident that they will give me the same consideration as has been given to the other holders of Yearly Tenancies.

Thanking you in anticipation of your favourable consideration of this application,

Yours faithfully,
Dorothy Wall.

The meeting was informed that the land had not been taken from Miss Dorothy Wall and that accordingly there were no grounds for her contention that she had been victimised. The County Manager stated that a letter would be written to her to that effect.

PROPOSED CONVERSION OF GARAGE INTO SHOP AT CHURCH STREET. Read following letter dated 7/6/1952 from Mr. H. Copeland, Church Hill, Wicklow:-

Dear Sir,

Negotiations are at present pending for the purchase by me of a garage from the Rev. S. McPhail who is the owner of the premises situated at the junction of Church Street and Wentworth Place Wicklow. I am anxious to convert the premises into a small shop and shall be glad to learn if I am to comply with any Rules of regulations under the Town Planning Acts. Early attention would be very much appreciated as I am anxious to have the matter brought to a close as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
Henry Copeland.

The Council were informed that Mr. Copeland had been requested to submit plans relating to the proposed alterations.
NOTED.

PLOT OF GROUND ADJOINING NO. 4 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK. Read letter from James Hillier, tenant of No. 4 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, enquiring whether the Council would be prepared to let to him the small plot of ground adjoining his house. The County Manager stated that the Town Engineer had been requested to submit a report on the matter. The Council recommended that the letting be approved.

FIELD AT MARLTON ROAD. Read letter dated 28/7/1952 from Mr. T. Doyle, Strand Street, Wicklow, enquiring whether the Council were in a position to let to him the field at Marlton Road for grazing purposes. The Council were informed that a letter had been written to Mr. Doyle explaining that the Council had not yet acquired ownership of the field in question and consequently could not let it to him.

ROAD AT MURROUGH. The meeting was informed that due to the illness of the Town Engineer, the meeting which had been arranged between the Chairman of the Council, the Town Engineer, and the Manager of the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Works, had not taken place.
NOTED

SOCIAL WELFARE ACT. Councillor C. V. Hudson stated that he had received complaints to the effect that the operation of the New Social Welfare Act had resulted in the reduction of the total allowances payable to certain households. The County Manager stated that the assistance officers had received specific instructions that no case was to be worked consequent on any adjustments which might be necessary in the allocation of assistance as a result of increased benefits under the new Act. When Councillor Hudson indicated that he had forwarded details to the County Council Offices at Rathdrum the County Manager stated that he would investigate the matter.

B. Glavin
2/9/52

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

29th. August, 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, 2nd. September, 1952 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.

CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

AGENDA

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on August, 11th 1952. (Copy herewith).
2. Letter from Department of External Affairs re Case of Andreo Geoffroy.
3. Letter from E.S.B. re interruptions on Dunbur Road Circuit.
4. Letters from E.S.B. re hours of public lighting in Wicklow.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government re Proposed installation of Gas Cookers in Council houses.
6. Letter from Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co. re Sale and Assignment by Mrs A. Roberts of her premises in High Street, Wicklow.
7. Letter from Mr. G. Murray re Plot of Ground which adjoins his premises at Main Street, Wicklow.
8. Selection of Tenant for vacant Council house at No. 37 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
9. Discussion re Proposal regarding the erection of a Pavilion at Sea Front, Wicklow.
10. Report from Town Engineer re improvement of Path at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
11. Report from Town Engineer re Foreshore.
12. Report re Watermain at New Park Road, Wicklow.
13. Grant under Employment and Emergency Scheme Vote, 1952/53.