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Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
Wicklow.

A Chara,

On behalf of the above I am to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Wicklow U. D. C. for their congratulations on our recent victory.

Misc, le neas,

Seamus O'Murchadha,
RUNAIDHE.

NOTED.

LETTING OF FIELD ADJOINING ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: Read letter dated 6/10/1952 from Mr. P. Dunne, 33 Glenview Road, Wicklow, applying for tenancy of portion of field adjoining St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow. The Council unanimously recommended that the field be let to the applicant on the basis of a weekly tenancy at a weekly rent of 1/-.

INSTALLATION OF BOILER GRATE - B. MORGAN: Read following letter dated 19/9/1952 from Mr. B. Morgan, 16 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow:-

19th September, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

Some time ago I wrote you in connection with installing a boiler grate in place of the Range which we have at present. I pointed out the disadvantages of the range and would like to add further that it is most in-jurious to our health as we are inhaling snuts and fumes which float about the house whenever it is lighting.

In your reply you advised the installation of the grate at my own expense, as I am unable to meet this expense I will be much obliged if you will install the grate for me.

I am willing to pay an appropriate charge which could be collected weekly by your Rent Collector.

Trusting you will view my application in a favourable light, I am,

Yours respectfully,
Brendan Morgan.

The Council unanimously recommended that the boiler grate be installed and that the cost be recouped to the Council in the manner suggested by the applicant.

COMPLAINT FROM TENANT OF COUNCIL HOUSE AT ST. LAURENCE'S PARK: Read letter dated 4/11/1952 from Thomas Murray, tenant of 9 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, complaining about (1) Flooding (2) Condition of yard at rear of house and (3) Defect in roof.

The Chairman stated that he had received complaints from other tenants in that area and that their grievances, particularly with regard to flooding should be fully investigated. The County Manager stated that a report in connection with the matter would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime, if any urgent repairs were necessary, they would be carried out.

PROPOSED WALL AT CASTLEFIELD: Read following letter dated 30th October, 1952 from tenants of Council's houses at Castlefield:-

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30th October, 1952.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned tenants of your houses at Castlefield, respectfully apply for the erection of a concrete block wall to replace the present wire fence.

As we have already pointed out in a previous application, this wire fence is in a deplorable state of repair. The wooden staken have rotted, with the result that the fence has fallen down in places.

We trust that the Council will give this second application their immediate attention.

Signed: Margaret Kavanagh; Esther Sillery;
Patrick Foulkes; Emily Doyle;
Ellen Silleryk Vera Kavanagh;
Gerard Kavanagh; Hannah Kavanagh.

The meeting was informed that this work had been included in the Council's 1952/53 E.S.V. Grant Scheme, details of which had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval. The Council directed that the tenants be informed accordingly.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT FRIARS' HILL - MESSRS JOHN KANE: Read following letter dated 3/11/1952 from Messrs John Kane, Building Contractors, Wicklow:-

3rd November, 1952.

re: Friarshill Housing Scheme

Dear Sir,

After submitting plans and specifications for your approval of the above scheme we received a letter from your Town Planning Authority in March, 1946. In view of its contents we proceeded to prepare the site for building. A considerable sum of money has been spent in making entrance and road and a contribution to you of £60 for sewerage.

We would like to point out that due to certain derelict sites being allowed to develop (contrary to the wishes of the Town Planning Authority) our scheme had not materialised. We have repeatedly made approach to officials of your Council but so far it appears that little or nothing has been done to rectify this wrong. We can give definite proof that were it not for the fact that this development took place we would have had at the very least 3 more bungalows on this site.

Before deciding what further action it will be necessary for us to take we would be glad to have your observations. We will expect a reply on or before Monday the 10th inst.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN KANE, BUILDING CONTRACTORS.

Also read following letter dated 3/11/1952 from Mr. Myles Copeland, Friars Hill:

3-11-52.

Dear Sir,

Since building my bungalow at above address, you have allowed unsightly buildings to be erected, which in addition to their ugly appearance overshadow my bungalow, and considerably take from its value. In view of this I am now applying to you to have my valuation reduced.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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At the request of Councillor E. Kane the following letter dated 4th March, 1949, from Mr. D. O'Toole, Town Planning Consultant was read:-

4th March, 1949.

Building Scheme, Friar's Hill for Kane

Dear Sir,

I have no objection to this proposal provided (1) the radii of the footpath kerbs at the road junction shall be 35 ft. (2) red concrete or asbestos tiles shall not be used for roof covering (3) that the traffic view across the junction angles for a distance of 50 ft. along the boundary walls in all directions shall not have any obstruction higher than 3' 9".

As the existing derelict building near the road junction interferes with traffic site lines across the junction and is unsightly in appearance it is desirable that it should be removed. Provision should be made for planting trees and shrubs either in a grass margin in the roadside or in the front plots in the bungalows. Detailed plans and elevations of the plot front boundaries, entrance gate, steps etc. should be submitted.

Yours faithfully,

Dermot O'Toole

Following discussion the County Manager pointed out that since it would appear that the premises referred to were those which were being used by Mr. P. Dickenson in connection with his farming and dairy business, the site could not have been regarded as a derelict site within the meaning of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940. With reference to the suggestion that Mr. Dickenson had erected a shed without having obtained the permission of the Town Planning Authority the County Manager stated that no plans had been submitted to the Council in connection with such building and that he was aware that any building had taken place as no report relating to the matter had been submitted to him.

Plans relating to further extensions which Mr. Dickenson proposed carrying out at Friars' Hill - which plans had been prepared by Mr. J. Butler, M.R.I.A.I. and had been duly approved of by the Town Engineer - were submitted to the meeting.

Following further discussion the Council recommended that the matter be referred to the Council's solicitor and that no action be taken by the Council pending the receipt of his advice.

ROAD AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter dated 1/11/1952 for Secretary, Labour Party Wicklow Branch):-

1st November, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Committee of the above Branch to draw the attention of the Council to the condition of the road leading to The Fertilizers Factory, with the hope that the Council will take the necessary steps to have same repaired, as due to its present state, great inconvenience is being experienced by the employees in going to and coming from their work. The Committee expressed the view that as the Council are deriving up to £280 per year in Rates, the least that is hoped for is that some of this will be expended to leave the road passable for the employees.

Misc, Le Neas,
Thomas Sheridan
Secretary.

Councillor H. Everett, T.D. stated that he would like to have the question

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of liability in respect of maintenance of roads at North Quay finally determined, even if it were necessary to have the matter decided in Court.

The meeting was informed that the Council was not responsible for the maintenance of the road in question, and that the official road map of the Council did not include such road.

Following discussion the County Manager stated that he would arrange to have some discarded tarring material made available by the County Council to the Wicklow Harbour Authority.

SITE AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter dated 1/11/1952 from Secretary, Labour Party, Wicklow Branch:-

1st November, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of the above Branch to request the Council to have the derelict site, or green patch near the Fertilizer Factory and also all the old gear cleared away, as the place is most unsightly and gives a very poor impression to visitors who frequent this locality during the Summer season.

Misc, Le Neas,

Thomas Sheridan
SECRETARY.

Following discussion it was decided to communicate with Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and request them to improve the appearance of the plot referred to by the Labour Party.

DISPENSARY CARETAKER: The County Manager stated that a letter which had been received from Mrs. M. Rice, Caretaker of the Wicklow Dispensary, in connection with her remuneration had been referred to the County Council, which was the responsible Body.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: (HOUSE AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE): The meeting was informed that Mrs. E. Brady, tenant of the Council's five-roomed house at No. 3 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, had indicated that she was now prepared to avail of the Council's Purchase Scheme relating to these houses.
NOTED.

MASS PATH: Councillor E. Kane was informed that the Mass Path, as proposed, had been provided by the Council. The members pointed out that flags could be made available to the Parish Priest if they were required by him, for the purpose of continuing the Mass Path.

ARBOR WEEK COMMITTEE: The Chairman stated that the Wicklow Arbor Week Committee had held their first meeting of the Season and that among other things, they had decided (1) To erect a Christmas tree at the Halpin Monument and (2) To provide more colourful and striking shrubs and flower beds for the plot attached to the Monument - subject to the approval of the Council. The members of the Council unanimously approved of the proposal and recommended that the Council should provide the requisite labour and be responsible for the illumination of the Christmas Tree. The Council also recommended the County Manager to consider the feasibility of providing seating accommodation on the pathway surrounding the Monument.

The Chairman referred to damage which had been caused to trees which had been planted on the Murrrough. The Council decided to communicate with their tenants in that area and invite them to co-operate with the Council in their efforts to beautify that portion of the town.

DERELICT SITES: The Chairman spoke at length regarding the problem of derelict sites in the Urban area and suggested (1) that small houses, suitably designed for

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the various areas should be built on these derelict sites; (2) that the plans of such houses and of all Local Authority houses should be prepared by Architects; (3) that, as a commencement, the Council might consider building houses on the derelict sites at Friars' Hill.

Following discussion it was decided to submit a list of derelict sites in the Wicklow Urban area to the next meeting of the Council.

The County Manager stated that he would obtain the views of the Department of Local Government regarding the Council's proposal to provide small specially designed houses to meet the requirements of small families and elderly tenants.

MODEL OF "GREAT EASTERN": The Chairman stated that he understood that it was now proposed to present the model of the "Great Eastern" to the National Museum, and suggested that the Council should make an effort to obtain this very interesting exhibit which could form the nucleus of a municipal museum in Wicklow. The Council unanimously approved of the Chairman's suggestion and it was decided that Miss Halpin of Tinsilly House should be approached in connection with the matter.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Town Hall,

Wicklow.

28th November, 1952.

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

A Chera,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1952, at 7-30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wicklow. 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 meeting held on 4th November, 1952 (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Mayor of Limerick re E.S.B. charges.
3. Fixing date of Annual Fowl Market.
4. Letter from Wicklow Town A. F. C. re Murrrough.
5. Circular from Department of Local Government re State Assistance for Swimming Pools.
6. Letter from An Bord Failte re concrete roadway at the Murrrough, Wicklow.
7. Letter from Mr. A. McGuinness, Sea View Road, Wicklow, re loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
8. Circular from Department of Local Government re advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.
9. Letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. re premises of Mr. R. Dickenson at Friars' Hill, Wicklow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

19th December, 1952.

To  
The Members of the Wicklow Urban  
District Council.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Wicklow Urban  
District Council to inform you that a Special Meeting of the  
Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 22nd  
December, 1952 at 7.30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

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

A O S H B A

To consider letter dated 17/12/1952 from the Department  
of Local Government (Ref. RGR/33/5) relating to the  
proposed completion of the Concrete Road at the Murrrough,  
Wicklow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND DECEMBER, 1952

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

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

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

E. S. B. CHARGES: Read following letter dated 19/11/1952 from the Mayor of Limerick:-  
19th November, 1952.

re: E. S. B. Charges

A Chara,

I desire to refer to the last paragraph of the City Manager's letter of 19th  
July last, enclosing copy of minutes of Conference between the City Council and  
the Chairman and officials of the Electricity Supply Board regarding electricity  
charges, and to inform you that acting on the recommendation of the City Council,  
I have decided to summon a further meeting of Local Authorities to consider future  
action in the matter.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Arus na Cathrach, Limerick,  
on Saturday, 6th December at 3 p.m.

I shall be glad if you will place this letter before your Council as soon as  
possible, to enable them to send representatives to the meeting, if they so wish.

Mise, le meas,  
K. Bradshaw,  
MAYOR OF LIMERICK

It was agreed to inform the Mayor of Limerick that the Council would support  
any action which would be decided upon at the meeting to be held in Limerick on  
6th December, 1952.

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET: Monday, 15th day of December, 1952, was fixed as the date of  
the Council's Annual Fowl Market.

LETTER FROM WICKLOW A.F.C.: Read letter dated 17/11/1952 from Wicklow Town A.F.C.  
thanking the Council for having agreed to reduce the rent of the Murrrough play-  
grounds in respect of Association Football Matches. NOTED.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SWIMMING POOLS: Read following Circular (L. 5/52) of 11/11/52  
from the Department of Local Government:-

11th November, 1952.

re: State Assistance for Swimming Pools

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that as from  
the 1st April next State Assistance will be made available towards the cost of  
approved swimming pools projects, in the form of contributions towards any loan  
charges incurred in respect of such proposals.

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The Minister will be prepared to consider application for such contributions in due course subject to the following general conditions:-

- (a) Plans, specification and estimate of the work proposed for subsidy must be submitted in the usual way.
- (b) In areas where water and sewerage schemes are required such schemes must have priority.
- (c) The rate of contribution for each case will be determined individually having regard to the circumstances.

The subsidy will be made available to local authorities which themselves undertake to provide swimming pools or decide to contribute an approved proportion of the capital cost of a pool provided by the local committee.

In view of the importance of upkeep to the continued usefulness of a swimming pool local authorities will be required as a condition of the payment of the contributions to guarantee formally that the subsidised work shall be satisfactorily maintained.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Council noted with satisfaction the contents of the Circular. Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that plans relating to a proposed swimming pool at the Sea Front were being prepared by Mr. J. Butler, M.R.I.A.I. and would be submitted to the Council in due course.

With reference to complaints of members of the Council regarding the condition of (1) Plot at Sea Front, adjoining Gas Works and (2) Lower Strand Street, the County Manager stated that he would arrange to have the necessary cleaning operations carried out as soon as possible.

PROPOSED CONCRETE ROADWAY AT THE MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 10/11/1952 from the General Manager, An Bord Failte:-

10th November, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th instant regarding the provision of a concrete roadway at the Murrough, Wicklow. I am to explain for the information of your Council that this Board is not empowered and has no funds at its disposal from which to make a grant towards the cost of the work referred to. It can only be suggested that the normal sources from which funds for works of this character can be financed should be considered by the Council.

I am to express regret that the Board is unable to be of assistance to your Council on this occasion.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager stated that full details concerning the proposal had been submitted to the Department but that no reply had yet been received. Following discussion it was agreed that the County Manager would arrange to convene a special meeting of the Council when a reply from the Department would have been received.

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS (MR. A. MCGUINNESS): Read following letter dated 13/11/1952 from Mr. A. McGuinness, Sea View Road, Wicklow:-

13/11/1952.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

As you know the Council allowed me a loan under the S.D.A. Act in respect of above house.

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Due to family matter I beg permission from the Council to transfer my interest and mortgage to Mr. & Mrs. Copeland who are agreeable to take over this mortgage in the event of the Council's approval.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain,

Yours truly,

Arthur McGuinness.

The County Manager explained to the Council that Mr. & Mrs. Copeland originally had intended to build a house but that they now wished to purchase Mr. McGuinness's house - in respect of which the Council had advanced a loan of £1,400 - and to have the mortgage transferred. The Council unanimously approved of the proposal.

CIRCULAR RE ADVANCES UNDER THE SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Read following circular, dated 12/11/1952, from the Department of Local Government:-

12th November, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the Circular Letters of 21st October and 6th November, 1952, regarding advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and to enclose, for your guidance, a copy of a reply to be given to Parliamentary Questions which are tabled for to-day's meeting of Dail Eireann:

Mise, le meas, etc.

All local authorities who borrow from the Local Loans Fund have been informed that money at the rate of interest prevailing before the 6th October, 1952, will be made available to them from the Fund to enable them to consider the making of advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in the following types of cases:-

- (1) Where a partial advance had been issued.
- (2) Where a Mortgage Deed had been completed.
- (3) Where application had been made and the local authority's intimation of their acceptance of the application had been conveyed even if the Mortgage Deed had not been completed:
- (4) Where the applicant had entered into a contract to have erected or to purchase a house and documentary evidence is available to show that a deposit was paid even if no reply had been received from the local body to the application for loan facilities:
- (5) Where the applicant had entered into a contract to have erected or to purchase a house in the belief that loan facilities would be made available to him and documentary evidence is available to show that a deposit was paid although he had not prior to the 6th October made application to the local authority for such loan:
- (6) Where the applicant had entered into a contract to have erected or to purchase a house and documentary evidence is available to show that such contract had been made even though no deposit had been paid and whether or not application had been made to the local authority for loan facilities.

In cases coming with categories (5) and (6) it would be necessary for the local authority to satisfy the Minister in each case that the applicant was a person who would require loan facilities to complete the contract.

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The information so far received from local bodies in reply to my Circular confirmed the impression I held that it would take them a long time to furnish the detailed information required. There may be other deserving cases outside the scope of this rather wide range, and if any such cases are reported to me they will be sympathetically considered.

The County Manager stated that the terms of the Circular did not apply to any case in the Urban District of Wicklow. NOTED.

PREMISES AT FRIARS' HILL - R. DICKENSON: Read following letter dated 9th November, 1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

9th November, 1952.

re: Housing Scheme at Friars' Hill - Messrs Kane

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 5th inst. enclosing letters from Messrs Kane and Mr. O'Toole, together with a copy of the County Manager's Order, and as requested the following are the answers to the three queries:-

(1) Mr. Dickenson's premises could not be regarded as a derelict site. The definition of a derelict site under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940 is very clear and as the site in question is used by Mr. Dickenson in connection with his dairy and farm business it could not be possibly deemed a derelict site under the above Act.

(2) Since the Council did not make a Prohibition Order under the Town & Regional Planning Acts they cannot now compel Mr. Dickenson to remove any structures that were erected by him without the necessary permission from the Council.

(3) Since Mr. Dickenson has now lodged plans which have been approved of by the Town Engineer it would now be in order for the Council to give him permission to proceed with and complete the work.

The fact that the work was commenced without getting permission does not affect the position.

Yours faithfully, etc.

In view of the advice of their Solicitors, the Council unanimously recommended that permission to proceed with and complete the work on his premises at Friars' Hill, in accordance with plans submitted by his Architect, be granted to Mr. R. Dickenson. It was also decided to request Mr. Dickenson to paint the existing structure.

NON-ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLOR AT MEETINGS: The meeting was informed that Councillor J. Brennan had not attended a meeting of the Council since 6th May, 1952. The Council unanimously agreed that Councillor Brennan's absence was due to special circumstances.

MODEL OF "GREAT EASTERN": Read communication dated 8/11/1952 from the Administrator, National Museum of Ireland, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter relative to the model of the "Great Eastern" and stating that the matter was receiving attention. NOTED.

WAGES INCREASES: Read following letter dated 28/11/1952 from the Head Office, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

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28th November, 1952.

re: Wages - Wicklow U.D.C.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 24th ultimo we are to advise that present wages in the employments mentioned by you are as follows:-

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| (1) Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. | - | £5. 17. 0. | per week |
| (2) D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd.  | - | £5. 0. 0.  | per week |
| (3) J. P. Hopkins & Son Ltd.  | - | £4. 0. 0.  | per week |
| (4) S. V. Delahunt & Co.      | - | £4. 10. 0. | per week |

We may add that claims for increased wages have been served on the employers mentioned, claims which if conceded will bring the rates above £5. 3. 6.

In addition to the above employments in the urban district building labourers have at present a rate of 2/3d. per hour and are expected to be granted an additional 3d. per hour in the near future.

In these circumstances we request and expect that arrangements will now be made to have the U.D.C. workers paid a rate of £5. 3. 6. per week with effect from the date of our claim, 5th September, 1952.

Your early and favourable reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION

The County Manager stated that when details regarding the proposed increase of 12/6d. per week had been submitted to the Department a reply had been received drawing attention to the terms of a circular issued in December, 1950 which indicated that the remuneration of employees should not exceed the wage rate paid locally in what is regarded by the local authority as employment of a comparable nature. Following discussion it was agreed that, for the present, the maximum increase which the Council could grant would be 9/- per week thus bringing the weekly wage of the labourers employed by the Council to £5. 0. 0. The Council also unanimously recommended that the increase should be effective from the 5th September, 1952.

SERVICES FOR HOUSE OUTSIDE URBAN AREA: Read following letter dated 20/11/1952 from Mr. Peter Tyrrell, The Brambles, Church Hill, Wicklow:-

20th November, 1952.

The Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have received permission from the County Council to erect a bungalow on a site at Rocky Road, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, just outside the Urban boundary.

I request your permission to avail myself of the Urban facilities afforded to the houses already on that land.

I agree to accept the same conditions as are in existence at present.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Tyrrell

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The Council was informed that the advice of the Solicitor had been obtained regarding the attitude which the Council should adopt in connection with the granting of permission to persons residing outside the Urban boundary to avail themselves of the Council's water and sewerage services.

Read following letter dated 1/12/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

1st December, 1952.

re: Houses outside Urban area. - Water and Sewerage Services

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 29th ult. to hand.

As regards Mr. Peter Tyrrell, it would appear the Council has committed itself to grant the same facilities as those supplied to Messrs Uttley and Manweiler.

If there are further applications received by the Council they will have to be considered in the light of the difficulties experienced by the Council during the past Summer and Autumn.

The Council may consider it advisable to explain matters to Mr. Arthur Delahunt, having regard to the previous correspondence you had with him in connection with the matter.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager stated that it would appear that the Council were not entitled to supply water to persons residing outside the Urban area.

Following discussion it was decided to inform Mr. Arthur Delahunt and the Classic Building Company that the Council would not be in a position to grant permission to the owners or occupiers of any further houses to be built outside the urban area to avail themselves of the Council's water and sewerage services. The Council recommended, however, that Mr. Peter Tyrrell should be afforded the same facilities as had been granted to Messrs P. J. Manweiler and B. Uttley.

ADDITIONAL ENTRANCE TO COUNCIL HOUSE: Read following letter dated 24/11/1952 from Mr. James Devlin, 2 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow:-

24th November, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to enquire if it would be possible for me to obtain permission to make an entrance into the rear of the above address for a small car which I am about to purchase.

I will make the entrance from St. Laurence's Road to the rear of the house.

I would be very grateful if it would be possible as I would like to have the car off the road during the hours of darkness.

Trusting I will have a favourable reply from you,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

James Devlin.

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The Council recommended that permission be granted subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer.

PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF "GLEN" FIELD: Read following letter dated 24/11/1952 from District Officer, Lane Project Office, Wicklow:-

24th November, 1952.

re: Proposed Reclamation of "Glen" Field at Dunbur, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of the 6th ultimo in above, I should be glad if you could let me know if the field in question is at any time likely to be utilised for building sites.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
Peter J. Finnegan  
DISTRICT OFFICER

The Council agreed that it was unlikely that the field would be used for building purposes at any time in the future and directed that the district Officer be informed accordingly.

LIGHT AT NEW PARK ROAD: Read letter from Mr. Francis Finlayson, New Park Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council to provide a public lamp at New Park Road. Following discussion it was decided to adjourn the matter to the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council.

WATER AND SEWERAGE AGREEMENTS- BASIL S. UTTLEY: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to agreement between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Basil S. Uttley of Ard-na-Mara, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, relating to the making available by the Council of a supply of water for domestic purposes to Mr. Uttley, at an annual rent of £3.

The Council's seal was duly affixed to the water agreement.

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

"That the Council's seal be affixed to agreement between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Basil S. Uttley, Ard-na-Mara, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, relating to the granting of permission by the Council to Mr. Uttley to avail himself of the Council's sewerage services subject to an annual charge of £2.

The Council's seal was duly affixed to the sewerage agreement.

REPAIRS TO LANE AT BALLYGUILLE: Read following letter dated 29/11/1952:-

29. 11. 1952.

A'Chara,

re: Repairs to Lane at Ballyguile

We the undersigned request that your Council would kindly cause some very urgent repairs to be carried out to that portion of the lane leading from the public road at Ballyguile to A. O'Reilly's cottage, Ballyguile.

The Council repaired the lane some five or six years ago but it is now gone into a very bad state of repairs and is urgently in need of attention.

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We have already from our own resources repaired that portion of the lane leading from O'Reilly's to our houses at Ballyguile.

Early attention in the matter would be much appreciated by us.

Signed: Ellie O'Sullivan  
D. Doherty  
Andy Reilly.

The County Manager submitted the official road map to the meeting and pointed out that the lane in question did not form part of the road system for the maintenance of which the Council was liable. Following discussion it was decided, at the suggestion of the Town Engineer to inquire from the Department of Local Government whether a grant under the local authorities (Works) Act could be made available for the purpose of improving the drainage of the area in the vicinity of the Laneway.

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BOILER GRATE: Read following letter dated 2/12/1952 from Mrs. M. Kilcoyne, 38 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow:-

2/12/1952.

Dear Sirs,

It must be 1½ years or more since I wrote you with reference to having range out and boiler grate installed instead. You said I could at my own expense. Recently I learn, however, that you intend doing this job for another tenant with an increase in rent.

Would you be able to do the same for me?

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion the Council directed that Mrs. Kilcoyne be informed that there would be no objection to her proposal to remove the range and instal the boiler grate provided that she would defray the cost of the removal and the installation.

MARINE HOTEL PREMISES: The meeting was informed that a Dutch Textile Firm (Holmond Textile Co.) was anxious to establish a branch of their industry in Ireland and that details of the attractions which Wicklow had to offer as a location for industrial enterprises had been forwarded to a manufacturer's agent who was in touch with the Firm.

Read following letter dated 30/9/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

30th September, 1952.

re: Wicklow Textiles Ltd.

A Chara,

The County Council, some years ago, on the recommendation of the Wicklow Urban District Council leased to Wicklow Textiles Ltd. the premises formerly known as the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, of which the Urban Council is the Ground Landlord. The lease to the Wicklow Textiles Ltd. was made on condition that the premises would be used as a factory.

It is noted from Stubbs Weekly Gazette of 24th September, 1952 that a Petition for the winding up of the Company known as Wicklow Textiles Industrials Ltd. is to be heard on 20th October, 1952. The Solicitors for the Petitioners are Messrs Hickey & O'Reilly, 14/15 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin, and the Petitioners are United Silk Mills Ltd. of Krefeld, Western Germany. If the Company be wound up as a result of this Petition, the County Council would have to arrange

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for the termination of the present lease, and it is considered advisable to inform the Urban Council of this position.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The meeting was informed that Wicklow Textiles Ltd. had been requested to indicate what their proposal was with regard to the future use of the Marine Hotel premises for industrial purposes but that no reply had yet been received by the Council. The County Manager stated that a further letter in connection with the matter would be forwarded to the Company.

COMPLAINTS RE ROADS ETC: Councillor J. Rourke referred to the unsatisfactory condition of the road at the junction of Castle Street and Quarantine Hill. Councillor Rourke also referred to the path - about 10 ft. wide - opposite the new houses at Lower Monkton Row and suggested that the width of the path should be reduced considerably. The Town Engineer stated that he would attend to the matters raised by Councillor Rourke.

HEDGES ALONG BRICKFIELD LANE: Councillor A. Finlayson referred to the unsightly condition of the hedges along Brickfield Lane and suggested that the owners of the land in question should be requested to cut and trim their hedges. The Council approved of Councillor Finlayson's suggestion.

E. S. V. GRANT: The Town Engineer stated that he had received information that the Scheme which he had submitted in connection with the E.S.V. Grant had been approved of by the Department of Public Works and that work on the Scheme already had commenced. NOTED.

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

"That we tender our sincere sympathy to Mr. B. O'Toole in his recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his daughter".

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

6/1/53  
C.W. Hudson



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 22ND DECEMBER, 1952.

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

The Town Engineer was also in attendance. The meeting was informed that the County Manager could not be present as he was attending a meeting in Bray.

CONCRETE ROAD AT MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 17/12/1952 from the Department of Local Government (Ref. RGR/33/2)

17th December, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 21st ultimo and 5th ultimo on the subject and to state that it is considered that a 16' roadway in concrete would be most economic and suitable for the completion of the road at the Murrough. It is noted that such a road is estimated to cost £2450 and that the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd. is prepared to make a maximum contribution of £700 towards the cost.

The Minister regrets that it is not possible to make a grant from the Road Fund available for this work. It is open to the Council to consider the desirability of raising the balance of the money required for the scheme by way of short term loan from their Treasurer.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Also read following letter dated 22/12/1952 from the Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., Wicklow:-

22nd December, 1952.

re: Proposed Loan for Construction of Concrete road at the Murrough

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 19th instant, I have to state that the Bank would be prepared to grant an advance in an account to be opened styled as above, repayable over a period of fifteen years, on the usual conditions. Interest at Rate B.(2) which at present is 5%

Yours faithfully, etc.

The meeting was informed that if a loan, repayable at 5% over a period of 15 years, were obtained from the Council's Treasurer the resulting loan charges would be equivalent to an average annual rate levy slightly in excess of 4d. in the £ throughout the fifteen year period. In this connection it was pointed out that the loan would be repaid by the Instalment method and that the necessary rate levy would be reduced from 5d. in the £ in the first year to 3d. in the £ in the fifteenth year.

The meeting was also informed that the County Manager favoured

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the raising of the loan repayable over 15 years as he considered that apart from the fact that the road when completed would be a decided asset to a local industry, the Council would have provided an essential amenity for a sea-side town.

Following discussion during which Councillor C. W. Hudson suggested that the Wicklow County Council should be requested to contribute to the cost of the Scheme;

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and on the understanding that a sum of £700 will be lodged with the Council by the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co. Ltd. before the commencement of the work we hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £1750 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of providing a 16' concrete roadway, 1650 ft. in length at the Murrough, Wicklow - such loan to be repayable over a period of 15 years.

Furthermore we direct that the Wicklow County Council be requested to make a contribution towards the cost of the work."

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., who stated that steps should be taken to ensure that the proposed road would not encroach upon a portion of the Murrough which would be suitable for industrial sites, the Chairman agreed to inspect the proposed site of the roadway in the company of the Town Engineer. The meeting authorised the Chairman and the Town Engineer to decide finally upon the direction which the road should take.

VACANT HOUSE AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: The meeting was informed that the Council's House at No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue had become vacant and that applications for tenancy had been invited. It was also stated that such applications would have to be received prior to 5 p.m. on 30/12/1952. Following discussion during which Councillor J. Everett, T.D., mentioned that he understood that one of the existing tenants of the Council at St. Patrick's Avenue desired a transfer to the vacant house, it was agreed to deal with the matter at the meeting of the Council to be held on 6th January, 1953.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that the Public lights should not be extinguished at 12 midnight as it was desirable that persons arriving on the last Dublin-Wicklow bus should not find the town in darkness. Following discussion it was agreed to request the E.S.B. to extend public lighting in Wicklow town to 12-15 a.m. and in order that there would be no additional expenditure involved, to arrange for the lighting of the lamps 15 minutes after the scheduled lighting-up time.

Councillor A. Finlayson pointed out that there were two public lamps, only a short distance apart, at Fitzwilliam Road, although there was no public lamp at New Park Road. Councillor Finlayson suggested that one of the lamps at Fitzwilliam Road (the lamp opposite the premises of Mr. Charles Byrne) should be transferred to New Park Road. The Council agreed to obtain a quotation from the E.S.B. in connection with the matter.

WAGES INCREASE: In reply to Councillor J. Rourke who stated that at their meeting on 2nd December, 1952 the members of the Council had been under the impression that the increase of 9/- per week in the wages of the Council's employees would be effective as from 5th September, 1952, the Town Clerk stated that subsequently it was learned that the rate of £5. 0. 0. per week being paid by Messrs D.H. Haskins

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& Son Ltd. to persons in comparable employment had been effective as from 25th October, 1952 and that consequently the County Manager was not in a position to approve of the payment of the increased rate to the Council's employees as from a date prior to 25th October, 1952. Following discussion it was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Council to be held on 6th January, 1953.

E.S.V. SCHEME - RATE OF WAGES: In reply to Councillor P. Doyle the Town Clerk stated that apart from the Foreman who was a tradesman and received the tradesman's rate of pay, the men employed on the Council's E.S.V. Scheme were paid at the rate which applied to the Council's permanent employees viz. £5. 0. 0. per week. Following discussion during which it was pointed out that the men should be paid at the builders' rate, Councillor J. Bourke stated that he would arrange to have a formal claim in connection with the matter submitted by the local branch of the Union.

UNSIGTLY PLOTS ETC: In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D., the Town Clerk stated that Messrs Phamrock Fertilizers Ltd. had indicated that they would remove the unsightly debris and scrap-iron from the plot opposite their factory premises at North Quay, Wicklow.

Reference was also made to the dumping which was taking place on the plot adjoining the Mill Yard at South Quay, Wicklow. It was decided to draw the attention of the S.S.O. to the matter.

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C.W. Hudson

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

2nd January, 1953.

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 January, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le méas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh  
CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meetings held on 2nd December, 1952 and 22nd December, 1952 (copies herewith).
2. Resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C. re employment of persons in receipt of state pensions.
3. Letter from Corporation of Limerick re Valuation System.
4. Letter from Irish Red Cross Society re contribution by Sanitary Authorities to the funds of the Society under Section 40 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948.
5. Letter from the National Museum of Ireland re model of the "Great Eastern".
6. Sealing of Water and Sewerage Agreements - Wicklow U.D.C. to P. J. Manweiler.
7. Letting of Council house at No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.
8. Supplementary Estimate in respect of Waterworks.
9. Letter from Mr. G. Dobson re Glen Field.
10. Letters from Irish Transport & General Workers' Union re wages of Council's employees.
11. Report from Town Engineer re proposed alterations to 6 houses at Castle Street, Wicklow, the property of Mr. W. Murphy.

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH JANUARY, 1953

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

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke.

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meetings held on the 2nd December, 1952 and 22nd December, 1952, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF STATE PENSIONS: The following resolution, passed by Letterkenny Urban District Council, was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That the Council deplores the growing tendency to appoint to lucrative position from public funds, those who are already in receipt of substantial pensions from the State. The Council considers that it is not in the best interests of the country to give further public employment to those whose pensions are adequate. This practice, which appears to be growing, deprives younger men of the opportunity which is rightfully theirs and forces them to look outside the country for a livelihood. The Council calls upon the Government to ensure that no one, in receipt of a state pension of more than £400 per annum, is again employed in any position rewarded out of public funds.

Copies of this resolution to be sent to all Local authorities".

RESOLUTION RE VALUATION SYSTEM: Following discussion the following resolution, passed by the Corporation of Limerick, was passed unanimously by the Council:-

"That as we consider the present valuation system unjust and inequitable, we call on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation to repeal the Valuation Acts and to substitute therefor an Act whereby rates would be assessed on land values".

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY: Read letter dated 5/12/1952 from the Irish Red Cross Society requesting the Council to be good enough to consider the inclusion in their Estimates for 1953/54 of a contribution under Section 40 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948 to the funds of the Society's Water Safety Section which was established in 1945. Further consideration of the matter was adjourned to the Estimates meeting of the Council to be held in March, 1953.

MODEL OF "GREAT EASTERN": Read following letter dated 5/12/1952 from Mr. G.A. Hayes-McCoy, Historical Section, National Museum of Ireland:-

5th December, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Your letter regarding the model of the steamer "Great Eastern" raises matters which are still the subject of discussion with my

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authorities here. I shall write you again as soon as possible in response to the request which you make.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

WATER AND SEWERAGE AGREEMENTS - P.J. MANWEILER: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That the Council's seal be affixed to agreement between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Philip J. Manweiler, of St. Joseph's, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, relating to the making available by the Council of a supply of water for domestic purposes to Mr. Manweiler at an annual rent of £3."

The Council's seal was duly affixed to the water agreement.

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

"That the Council's seal be affixed to agreement between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Philip J. Manweiler, St. Joseph's Ballynerrin, Wicklow, relating to the granting of permission by the Council to Mr. Manweiler to avail himself of the Council's sewerage services subject to an annual charge of £2."

The Council's seal was duly affixed to the Sewerage Agreement.

LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSE AT NO. 2 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: The following application for tenancy of No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, were submitted to the meeting:-

- (1) Mr. Arthur McGuinness, Sea View Road, Wicklow.
- (2) James Ryan, Railway Hotel, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.
- (3) Peter J. O'Keefe, 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow (Transfer).
- (4) Winard Rosarius, 21 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.

Following discussion the Council unanimously recommended (1) That Mr. P.J. O'Keefe, tenant of Council House at No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, be transferred to No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue and (2) That Mr. James Ryan be appointed tenant of No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, to be vacated by Mr. O'Keefe.

The meeting was informed that a Notice to Quit had been served on Mrs. Eileen Gill, tenant of No. 20 St. Laurence's Park, in which house Mr. Rosarius, wife and three children were residing as sub-tenants.

WATERWORKS - EXCESS EXPENDITURE: Details relating to expenditure in respect of water supply services for 1952/53 were submitted to the meeting. The County Manager explained that the excess expenditure was due to the necessity for additional periods of emergency pumping and also to the fact that a new engine had been installed at Marilton the weekly hire charge in respect of which was £3. compared with 12/6d. per week for the old Ruston Engine.

Following discussion during which it was suggested that, in view of the fact that the emergency pumping would be necessary for a number of years it would be an economic proposition for the Council to purchase the new engine from the County Council, the Town Engineer was instructed to submit a special report in connection with the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson, seconded by

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Councillor J. Rourke, and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the requirements of Section 25(1) of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to the County Manager exceeding the sum specified in Estimate of Expenses in respect of water supply expenditure for 1952/53 by £346.

LETTING OF GLEN FIELD - G. DOBSON: Read following letter dated 31/12/1952 from Mr. G. Dobson, Dunbur Road, Wicklow:-

31/12/1952.

Dear Sir,

I understand the field known as the Glen Field at Dunbur Road is being let for tillage (and cleaning) as from 1st April next.

I am willing to undertake the cleaning and tillage of same provided I am given a lease of the field for eight eleven month periods at a yearly rent of £16. for the first two years, and for the remaining five £25. per year, I being responsible for all fencing etc.

In making this application perhaps you would be kind enough to bring it up at your next Council meeting.

Faithfully yours, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter until a decision would have been made by the Land Project Office, Department of Agriculture, with regard to the Council's application for a grant in respect of the reclamation of the Glen Field.

WAGES OF COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES: Read following letter dated 16/12/1952 from the General President, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

16th December, 1952.

Dear Sir,

re: Wages - U.D.C.

We are to refer to our letter of the 28th November last in connection with above and to state that we inadvertently quoted the rate of £4. 0. 0. as operating in Messrs J. P. Hopkins & Son Ltd. Please note this rate should have been quoted at £4.10. 0. and £4. 15. 0. as the rates payable to the employees of that Firm.

We are also to refer to your letter of the 9th instant wherein you state the operative date for the new rate of wages for the labourers and carters employed by Wicklow U.D.C. is from the 25th October, 1952, whereas the proper date should be the 5th September.

We are therefore to request that this matter have your early attention.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 20/12/1952 from the Town Clerk:-

20th December, 1952.

re: Wages - Wicklow U.D.C.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 16th instant (Ref. M/35)

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I am to point out that the increase in wages paid by Messrs D.H. Haskins & Son Ltd. did not become operative until the 25th October, 1952. Accordingly it was necessary for the Council to arrange that the increase in the wages of their employees should be effective from the same date.

In this connection I wish to point out that the Council are not authorised to pay wages to their employees in excess of remuneration being paid locally to persons in comparable employment.

Misc, 1c meas, etc.

Read letter dated 23/12/1952 from The General President, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

23rd December, 1952.

re: Wages - Wicklow U.D.C.

Dear Sir,

We are to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant regarding above, the contents of which we note.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion during which the members of the Council stressed that they were under the impression that the increase would be effective from 5th September, 1952, when they agreed to increase of 9/- per week, the County Manager stated that he would submit details regarding the matter to the Department of Local Government and apply for the special sanction of the Minister to the payment of the increase as from 5th September, 1952.

E.S.V. SCHEME - RATE OF WAGES: Read following letter dated 31/12/1952 from the Secretary, Wicklow Branch, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

31st December, 1952.

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of above Branch that your Council has men employed at the laying of footpaths at Castle Street and Castlefield. I have been informed that the men employed at this work are paid at the rate of £5. 0. 0. per week. The rate payable for this type of work is £5. 8. 0. per week as such is comparative with the work done by building trade. I am therefore directed to press very strongly for the building trade rate of wages. Trusting you give this your immediate attention,

Faternally yours, etc.

Following a long discussion during which the County Manager pointed out that it had always been the practice to pay the Council's ordinary rate of wages in respect of the making of concrete roads, it was agreed (1) that the builder's rate of wages should be paid to men employed by the Council to build walls and (2) that the ordinary rate of wages payable to Council's employees should be paid to men employed by the Council in connection with the making of concrete footpaths and concrete roads.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO 6 HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: W. MURPHY: Read following letter dated 2/1/1953, from the Town Engineer:-

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2nd January, 1953.

re: Proposed Alterations to 6 Houses at Castle Street, Wicklow: Property of Mr. W. Murphy

A Chara,

In accordance with the request of the Urban Council, I have now considered the question of re-conditioning, altering and re-constructing those houses in order to provide 6 dwellings which might be suitable to house "old people" or a restricted number of occupants in accordance with the minimum standards which might be approved by the Department of Local Government. The houses are in a very bad state of repair and would need to be plastered externally and internally.

The whole layout of the plan both ground floor and first floor would need to be altered entirely to provide standard lower space. It will be remembered that recently I submitted a plan which showed these 6 houses reconstructed so as to provide 3 dwellings only which would have provided very acceptable houses in regard to floor space and accommodation at reasonable cost. In the present instance, I suggest that the work be advertised and carried out by contract. My estimate for the present proposal is £452. per house. If approval is given to the plan by the Department, a detailed specification can be prepared. The proposals include provision of an outside fuel store.

Misc, le meas, etc.

Also read following letter, dated 3/1/1953, from the Town Clerk to Mr. William Murphy:-

3rd January, 1953.

re: 6 Houses at Castle Street

A Chara,

With reference to the two houses at Castle St., Wicklow, which recently were occupied by Messrs John McCormack and Albert E. Howes, and in respect of which houses Demolition Orders have been made, I am directed to inquire as to the price at which you would be prepared to dispose of these two houses to the Wicklow Urban District Council.

I am also to request you to be good enough to indicate the amount which you would expect to receive from the Council for the six houses (i.e. the entire row of houses, inclusive of the houses formerly occupied by Messrs McCormack and Howes).

Please forward a reply so as to reach me not later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 6th January, 1953.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The meeting was informed that Mr. Murphy's agent had indicated that Mr. Murphy did not wish to value the property and was awaiting receipt of the Council's offer.

Following discussion the County Manager stated that it would be necessary for the Council to obtain further particulars regarding costs in order that it might be possible to calculate the approximate rents at which the reconstructed houses might be let. The Manager also pointed out that the Scheme could then be submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request that a special grant towards the cost of the work be made available. The Council unanimously approved of the County Manager's recommendation.

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LANEWAY AT BALLYGUILLE: The meeting was informed that application had been made to the Department of Local Government for a grant of £95 under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, for the purpose of carrying out improvements to the Laneway known as "O'Sullivan's Laneway" at Ballyguile, Wicklow. NOTED.

CONCRETE ROAD AT THE MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 1/1/1953 from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

1st January, 1953.

re: Concrete Road at the Murrough

A Chara,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 30th instant, requesting a contribution from the County Council towards the cost of providing a concrete road at the Murrough, Wicklow. The matter will be submitted to the next meeting of the Council to be held on the 12th January, 1953.

Misc, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BOILER GRATE: Read following letter dated 30/12/1952 from Mr. Brendan Morgan, 16 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow:-

30th December, 1952.

re: Installation of Boiler Grate

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 20th December, 1952, informing me that I will be obliged to pay the whole cost of installing the grate in one sum.

You will remember before the last Council meeting I wrote you proposing to pay an amount weekly. I understood this proposal was accepted and passed by you and the only remaining thing was to arrive at the sum I should pay per week.

We have not lighted the range for the past six weeks as it was impossible to stand the smoke and smuts and consequently we have had no fire (except a small oil stove) and no hot water.

I feel very unfairly treated in this matter as it is impossible for me to pay £17. 9. 0. in one sum.

Trusting you will give my case a considerate hearing and favour me and my family with the comfort and facilities we are entitled to as your tenants.

I remain,

Yours obediently, etc.

The County Manager pointed out that if the Council granted Mr. Morgan's application a number of similar applications inevitably would be received, by the Council. The Manager also stressed that if the Council intended granting such applications the initial expenditure to be incurred by the Council would be very considerable and that he did not think that the Department of Local Government

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would sanction the incurring of such expenditure by the Council.

The Town Engineer gave a report to the meeting of an interview which he had with Mr. Morgan regarding the condition of the range. The Engineer stated that he had arranged to visit the house again when Mrs. Morgan would have returned home.

Following discussion the Council unanimously agreed that it would not be possible to accede to Mr. Morgan's request that the cost of installation of the boiler grate should be defrayed by weekly instalments.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - DUNBUR ROAD: Read following letter dated 5/1/1953 from Mr. G. Nichols, Dunbur Road, Wicklow:-

5th January, 1953.

re: Public Lighting - Dunbur Rd.

A Chara,

I have been requested by several residents of Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to draw the attention of your Council to the inadequate public lighting along this road, particularly from the junction with Seaview Road to the Golf Links gate. On this stretch of road there are only two public lights, and as members of the Council are aware, such lighting is totally inadequate, particularly in view of the fact that several bungalows along this road are more than 100 ft. back from the road ditch, these having been erected in conformity with regulations set out by your Council.

I would also point out that this area is rapidly becoming one of the highest rateably valued areas in Wicklow Urban District and as such, the residents are of the opinion that they are surely entitled to such amenity in the matter of public lighting. There are E.S.B. poles (4 poles) available on which to have the light placed.

In this matter also I would refer to a previous application made by me on behalf of the residents of this area about thirteen months ago, requesting adequate public lighting, but at that time, the application was referred to the Estimates Meeting, and deferred.

I would therefore ask your Council to give this application favourable consideration and arrange for the necessary light to be erected, without further delay.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read report from Town Engineer recommending that an additional lamp be provided at a point opposite the centre bungalow.

The Council unanimously recommended that the lamp be provided.

TENANT OF 5 GLENVIEW ROAD: Read following letter dated 5/1/1953 from Mr. Michael Hanlon, tenant of No. 5 Glenview Road, Wicklow:-

5/1/1953.

Sir,

I would be obliged if the Council will change name of tenancy from mine to my grand-daughter Bridget as she has been reared with me all her life from 2 months old and I am now getting on in years and have no one else to look after me and I am anxious that she continues to live with me.

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Hoping you will give this application your kind consideration,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Michael Hanlon.

Also read report from Rent Collector stating that Mr. Hanlon and his wife resided at No. 5 Glenview Road, Wicklow, and that their granddaughter Bridget (Mrs. N. Thornton) resided with her husband at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

Following discussion the Council agreed with the contention of the County Manager that the Council could not accede to Mr. Hanlon's request.

DERELICT SITES - 1952 SURVEY: The Town Engineer submitted reports and maps relating to 14 derelict sites in the Urban District of Wicklow. The County Manager explained that details relating to all derelict sites in the urban area would have to be submitted to the Department of Local Government prior to 31st January, 1953. NOTED.

COMPLAINT RE RANGES: Councillor J. Everett, T.D., stated that a number of tenants of new council houses in the Castlefield area had made complaints regarding the unsatisfactory condition of their ranges. The Town Engineer stated that he would make enquiries concerning such complaints.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., it was decided to inquire from the E.S.B. whether an improvement in public lighting could be effected by having the cowls on the public lamps cleaned.

SEATS AT BLACK CASTLE: The Town Engineer was instructed to improve the appearance of the area adjoining the entrance to the Black Castle and to arrange to have suitable seating accommodation provided at this point.

SILVER STRAND-BRITTAS COAST ROAD: In reply to the Chairman the County Manager indicated the position with regard to the County Council's proposals relating to the completion of the Silver Strand Brittas Coast Road and stated that the matter would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council.

PROTEST RE ACTION OF ENNISKILLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL: Councillor J. Rourke proposed that the Council should protest very strongly against the action of the Enniskillen Borough Council which had dismissed 13 Catholic workers engaged on a special relief scheme because they had absented themselves from work on New Year's Day for the purpose of attending Mass. The Chairman and other members of the Council unanimously associated themselves with Mr. Rourke's proposal.

*C. W. Hanlon*  
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,  
 Wicklow.  
 30th January, 1953.

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 February, 1953, 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 meeting held on 6th January, 1953 (Copy herewith).
2. Letter from Anti-Partition Association re Enniskillen Borough Council.
3. Letter from Department of Industry & Commerce re pollution by oil of coastal waters.
4. Circular from Irish Tourist Association re local contribution in respect of Tourist Promotion and Development.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government re decoration of Urban area.
6. Execution of Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) - loan of £200 for purchase of field at Marlton Road, Wicklow.
7. Sealing of Sewerage and Water Agreements (The Wicklow Urban District Council and Peter Tyrrell.)
8. Correspondence re concrete road at the Murrough, Wicklow.
9. Letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council re Marine Hotel, Wicklow.
10. Letter from "Trees for Ireland" re Arbor Week, 1953.
11. Letters from E. S. B. re public lighting.
12. Letter from Wicklow An Tostal Council (Sports Sub-Committee) re special train service.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 1953

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman  
 (Presiding), Councillors J. Everett, T.D.  
 P. Doyle, A. Finlaysón and J. Rourke.

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 6th January, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

COMPLAINT RE RANGES: The Town Clerk informed Councillor J. Everett, T.D., that owing to the illness of the Town Engineer a report on the condition of the ranges in the Council's new houses in the Castlefield area was not yet available.

PROTEST RE ACTION OF ENNISKILLEN BOROUGH COUNCIL: Read following letter dated 12/1/1953 from the Anti-Partition Association:-

12th January, 1953.

A Chara,

We are directed to send you the following resolution from the Executive of Cumann Briseadh na Teorann:-

"We the Executive of Cumann Briseadh na Teorann ask the public bodies of Ireland to express themselves upon the action of the Emergency Committee of the Enniskillen Borough Council which dismissed 13 Catholic Workers engaged on a special Relief Scheme because they went to Mass on New Year's Day after asking for permission and in the belief that it was given (at their own expense).

Further we ask you to condemn the Enniskillen Borough Council for failing to reinstate the men when the misunderstanding was explained at a full Borough Council meeting on January, 7th.

We ask also for an expression of dis approval of the action of this gerrymandered Council of a predominantly Catholic town which has now decided that its employees shall not be allowed leave of absence (even at their own expense) to attend religious services on Holy Days.

Is sinne, le meas, etc.

The meeting was informed that the Protest which the Council had made at their meeting on 6th January, 1953 in connection with the matter had been brought to the notice of the Anti-Partition Association. NOTED.

POLLUTION OF COASTAL WATERS: Read following letter of 9/1/1953 from the Department of Industry and Commerce:-

9 Eanáir, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to inform