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you that he has received representations from various interests regarding the pollution by oil of coastal waters.

The problem is assuming serious proportions and as a preliminary to the consideration of remedial measures inquiries are being made with a view to ascertaining the cause and source of the pollution. The Minister would be glad of the co-operation of your Council in the matter and he would appreciate if, in the event of any part of the sea coast within the area of jurisdiction of your Council being affected by oil pollution, samples of deposits from any affected beaches could be made available for analysis. Each sample, which should not exceed a few ounces, should be:-

- (1) placed in a watertight tin container.
- (2) clearly labelled to show the place and date of collection and
- (3) forwarded directed to the Storekeeper, Coast Life Saving Stores, Rere of 2 Merrion Square, Dublin.

A similar inquiry has been addressed to all sanitary authorities whose jurisdiction extends to any part of the sea coast.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager stated that in the event of any portion of the beach becoming affected by oil pollution arrangements would be made to collect samples and forward them to the Coast Life Saving Stores as suggested.

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: Read following letter from Irish Tourist Association:-

January, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed to request that you be good enough to include in your Rates Estimate for the coming financial year a sum for Tourist Promotion and Development.

As you are aware the Local Authorities are empowered by the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, to enter into an agreement with an approved body such as the I.T.A. and pay thereto a local contribution for the purpose referred to above. The Act provided for payment of such contributions, as follows:-

In the case of County and County Borough Council - The proceeds of a Rate of One Penny in the £ - (amended by the Tourist Traffic Act, 1939, to Three pence in the £ in the case of County Boroughs).

In the case of Borough and Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners The proceeds of a rate of Three pence in the £

The I.T.A. is a National, democratically controlled Organisation the majority of its Councils of Directors being representatives of the various Local Authorities. Over the years the support and co-operation of these Authorities has enabled the Association to play a major part in developing tourism in Ireland the value of which, as an export business, has been officially estimated at between £25/£30 million annually.

By comparison, however, the Association's total revenue is meagre, apart from which its expenses have risen steeply over the past few years in consequence of depreciation in money values. In the circumstances, but more particularly because of the inauguration of An Tostal in Easter of this year - in the general promotion of which the I.T.A. is taking a major part - my Directors would welcome a larger contribution than heretofore by your Councils.

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In the event of having to forego the pleasure of a personal visit I should deem it a favour if you would kindly bring this matter to the notice of your County Manager and of your Council members at the appropriate meeting. Thanking you in anticipation,

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

DECORATION OF URBAN AREA: Read following Circular (G.1/53) of 9/1/1953 from the Department of Local Government:-

9th January, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he proposes including in a forthcoming Local Government Bill a section empowering Borough Corporations, Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners, by resolution, to incur expenditure, not exceeding in any year 3d. in the £ of the rateable valuation on the decoration of their areas for occasions of public rejoicing or for other appropriate occasions.

In anticipation of the enactment of the necessary covering legislation, the Minister will raise no objection to the local authorities mentioned incurring expenditure within the limit indicated with An Tostal.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was decided to defer consideration of the matter to the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

PURCHASE OF FIELD AT MARLTON ROAD - EXECUTION OF DEED OF CHARGE: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor P. D. J. J. and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) relating to Loan of £200, repayable over 7 years, for the purchase of field at Marlton Road, Wicklow, from Mrs. K. M. Richards, for the purpose of improving the Council's Emergency Water Supply Scheme.

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

WATER AND SEWERAGE AGREEMENTS - PETER TYRRELL: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

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

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to agreement between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Peter Tyrrell, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, relating to the granting of permission by the Council to Mr. Tyrrell to avail himself of the Council's sewerage services subject to an annual charge of £2.

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

CONCRETE ROAD AT THE MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 9/1/1953 (Ref. L.86/57/1) from the Department of Local Government:-

9th January, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 23rd ultimo and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has sanctioned the proposal of the Wicklow Urban District Council to raise a loan of £1,750 for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the concreting of the road at the Murrough, Wicklow, the loan to be obtained from the Council's Treasurer and to be repayable over a period of fifteen years with interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the Treasurer.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read following letter dated 27/1/1953 from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

27th January, 1953.

re: Concrete Road at the Murrough

A Chara,

Your letter of the 30th December, 1952, conveying the request of Wicklow Urban District Council that the County Council make a contribution towards the cost of providing a concrete road at the Murrough, Wicklow, was brought to the notice of the County Council at their meeting held on the 12th instant. The Council decided to make a contribution of £600 towards the cost of the work provided that the Council's Law Agent was satisfied that the Council would have legal authority to make such a payment.

The advice of the Council's Law Agent has now been obtained and he points out that the site of the proposed road is situated within the Urban District and it is not a main road and that under such circumstances and in his opinion if such a payment were made the amount thereof would be surcharged. The Law Agent indicated that as the Law stands at present, the Urban Council are liable to maintain and construct their own roads except in the case of a road which has declared a Main Road by the Minister.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed to request the Wicklow County Council to take the necessary steps to have the proposed road regarded as a Main Road and thereby enable the County Council to make a contribution of £600 towards the cost of the road.

MARINE HOTEL, WICKLOW: Read following letter dated 13/1/1953 from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

13th January, 1953.

re: Marine Hotel, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have been informed by Mr. Hubert O'Dwyer, Solicitor, 5 St. Andrew Street, Dublin, that he has been instructed by Messrs

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and Fitzgerald to inform the Council that they are using their best endeavours to have a new venture commenced at the Marine Hotel, Wicklow, and hope to write to the Council shortly in the matter.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

ARBOR WEEK: Read following letter dated 27/1/1953 from Hon. Secretary, "Trees for Ireland", 30 Westmoreland St., Dublin:-

27th January, 1953.

re: Trees for Ireland

Dear Sir,

This year's "Arbor Week" has been fixed for the period commencing 10th March and ending on 17th March, St. Patrick's Day. Already plans have been made for the holding of a National Arbor Day in Dublin when members of the Government, the Dail, the Senate, the Corporation and County Council and other public authorities as well as representatives of national, cultural and social organisations will take part in a ceremonious planting.

Numerous branches of "Trees for Ireland" have been formed and these bodies are arranging their own local functions. In addition it is hoped that this year, as in the last two seasons, County and Urban Councils will do some planting during Arbor week as an earnest of the national awakening to the importance of trees.

Planting may be done in town and village parks, in squares and fair greens or in plots of waste ground or along roads and streets. In some places it may be possible to form plantations of appreciable size on lands already in the possession of the authority or on sites purchased or leased for the purpose, or donated by a well-wisher. The actual number of trees planted does not matter as much as the spirit in which the work is done.

The details of the ceremony will vary from district to district and are best left in the hands of the people of the locality. With the support of public representatives and officials, clergy and teachers it should be possible to arrange a function which will catch the interest of all and gain valuable publicity.

My committee earnestly request your co-operation in the important work on which they are engaged. At the moment we are endeavouring to find out what it is proposed to do this year in the counties and in the towns and villages, so as to get all possible advance publicity in the press and on the radio. Will you please write and let us hear what it is hoped to do in your district? Even an bare outline of your plans will be of help.

I enclose a few leaflets and assure you that my committee will give all possible information on request.

Yours truly, etc.

The meeting was informed that the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association at their meeting on 30/1/1953 had decided not to have any planting ceremony in 1953. The Branch, however, intended to carry out a programme of tree-planting as in previous years.

Read following letter dated 3/2/1953 from the Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Branch, Trees for Ireland:-

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3rd February, 1953.

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

At a meeting of the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association held on 30th January, 1953, it was proposed by Mr. C. Gelletlie, seconded by Mr. M. J. Butler and resolved:-

"That we hereby recommend the Wicklow Urban District Council to raise a loan of £200 repayable over 10 years for the purpose of carrying out a Scheme for the planting of trees and shrubs in the Urban District of Wicklow on a larger scale than has been attempted hitherto."

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Town Clerk stated that the Chairman (Councillor W. Clarke) had suggested that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the letter to the monthly meeting of the Council to be held in March, 1953.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - LAMP AT NEW PARK ROAD: Read following letter dated 22/1/1953 from the Electricity Supply Board.

22nd January, 1953.

Public Lighting - Newpark Road

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 23rd ultimo in above regard, we wish to advise you that the provision of a public lamp at the requested position will necessitate the erection of a network extension comprised of three poles, switchwire, and neutral with 10kV guard, earth and ground stays, at a cost of £72. 16. 0.

The cost of transferring an existing lighted public lamp from Fitzwilliam Road (opposite the premises of Mr. C. Byrne) to one of the poles on the above mentioned extension will amount to 10/-

On receipt of your Council's undertaking to pay the total amount of £73. 6. 0. quoted herein arrangements will be made accordingly.

Mine faithfully, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting of the Council and in the meantime to inquire from the E.S.B. whether the quotation, which the Council considered exorbitant, could be reduced.

The meeting was informed that the E.S.B. who had indicated that the lamp would be provided free of initial cost to the Council, had been requested to provide an additional lamp at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. NOTED.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE: Read letter dated 23/1/1953 from the Hon. Secretary, Sports Sub-Committee, Wicklow An Tostal Council, suggesting that the Council request C.I.E. to provide a special train service from Dublin to Wicklow on the occasion of the Pedal Cycle Race to be held in Wicklow on 5th April, 1953. The Town Clerk stated that C.I.E. had been requested to provide the service but that no decision regarding the matter had yet been made. NOTED.

GRANT UNDER LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT: Read following letter dated 10/1/1953 from the Department of Local Government:-

10 Eanáir, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer

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to previous correspondence on the subject of works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act and to enclose herewith formal notification of approval to Scheme no. W.2 and of the allocation of a grant in respect thereof. Approval is conditional on the submission of a Certificate signed by you on form W.7. a copy of which will be found attached to this Department's letter, W.202/1/4 of 19/2/1952.

The funds available in the current year for works under the Act are limited and a further grant this year will not be possible. The proposal submitted with your letter of the 30th ultimo is however under examination and a further communication in relation thereto will be addressed to you.

A copy of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Town Surveyor.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The formal notification indicated that a Grant of £400 had been sanctioned to meet the cost of carrying out drainage work at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, and that the approved work would have to be completed during the financial year ending 31st March, 1953.

Read following letter dated 30/1/1953 from the Wicklow Branch of the Labour Party:-

30th January, 1953.

Sir,

I am directed by the committee of the above Branch to draw your attention to the large number of unemployed in the Urban area. As your Council, sometime ago, decided to expend some money on repairs to St. Patrick's Road and the new road leading to Manure Works, we request these works be carried out without any further delay thereby relieving in a small way the unemployment that prevails here in Wicklow.

Yours obediently, etc.

The County Manager stated that he would arrange to have work on the drainage scheme commenced as soon as possible under the supervision of Mr. R. Fenelon, B.E. In reply to Councillor J. Everett, T.D. the Manager stated that the men to be employed would be recruited from the Labour Exchange.

WAGES OF COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES: Read following letter dated 1/2/1953 from the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union:-

1st February, 1953.

re: Wages Increase (Retrospection)

A Chara,

We have not heard if the Minister for Local Government has sanctioned the payment of 9/- per week retrospective from the 5/9/1952 to 25/10/1952 to our members employed as cleansing staff by your Council. This increase of 9/- per week was accepted and payment to be from the 5/9/1952 by your Council where as our members only received payment from the 25/10/52. We are therefore claiming from the 5/9/1952. We trust you give this matter your immediate attention.

Fraternally yours, etc.

Read following letter dated 29/1/1953 (Ref. E.L.86/38) from the Department of Local Government:-

29th January, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 12th January, 1953 in regard

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to the wages of Urban employees I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the fixing of wage rates and the operative dated thereof is a matter for the Manager having regard to existing local conditions.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager stated that the Department's letter was in reply to his application for the Minister's sanction to payment of increase of 9/- per week to Council's employees from 5/9/1952. The Manager also pointed out that, in view of the Department's reply he could not approve of payment of the increase as from a date earlier than 25/10/1952 from which date Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd. had been paying their employees £5. 0. 0. per week. Following discussion the County Manager agreed to ascertain the rates of wages being paid by the Wicklow & District Gas Co. Ltd. to their employees.

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT MARLTON ROAD: Read following letter dated 12/1/1953 from Mr. Noel Murphy, 21 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow:-  
12th January, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I would like to point out that before the Urban Council proceeds with the demolition of the above house, that I intend to seek permission to let the house as a store. Please let me know if this is possible and do not send anybody to demolish the house until this matter is straightened out.

Gratefully yours, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed that there would be no objection to the proposal to let the structure for use as a store provided that Mr. Murphy would be prepared to carry out the alterations and repairs which would be necessary before the building could be regarded as being suitable for such purposes.

SIX HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: The meeting was informed that the following letter had been forwarded, without prejudice, to Mr. Wm. Murphy, Castlefield, Wicklow, and that no reply had yet been received from Mr. Murphy:-

21st January, 1953.

re; 6 Houses at Castle Street

A. Chara,

I am to inquire whether you would be prepared to accept a price of £50 (fifty pounds) for your six houses at Castle Street, Wicklow.

In this connection I am to state that this offer of £50 is conditional on the Council's obtaining the approval of the Minister for Local Government to their proposals for the reconstruction of the six houses in question.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Council recommended that a further letter be sent to Mr. Murphy requesting him to indicate the price at which he would be prepared to dispose of his six houses to the Council.

TENANCY OF NO. 5 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: Read letter dated 8/1/1953 from Mr. Jas. Ryan, thanking the Council for having appointed him

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tenant of No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

Read letter dated 21/3/1952 from Mr. J. Ryan, tenant of No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, stating that he intended to instal a boiler grate in the house and requesting the Council to grant him some allowance in respect of the range to be removed. The meeting was informed that the Town Engineer would be requested to submit a report on the matter.

TENANCY OF COUNCIL'S HOUSE AT NO. 2 CASTLE STREET: Read letter dated 3/2/1953 from Miss Elizabeth Cleary, stating that her father Daniel Cleary, the tenant of No. 2 Castle Street, Wicklow, had died on 27/12/1952 and requesting the Council to appoint her tenant of the house. The Council unanimously recommended that Miss Cleary be appointed tenant of No. 2 Castle St., Wicklow.

COMPLAINT RE STOPPAGE OF WORK: Councillor J. Everett, T.D. stated that he had received a complaint to the effect that an official of the Council had prohibited persons from proceeding with certain work which was being carried out on a site at the junction of St. Patrick's Road and Fitzwilliam Road. The Town Clerk stated that he understood that the Town Engineer had communicated with the parties in question and had pointed out that no plans had been submitted to the Council in connection with the building and that they should not proceed any further with the work until he would have carried out an inspection. The Town Clerk stated, however, that the sudden illness of the Town Engineer had prevented him from carrying out the inspection. Following discussion it was agreed that an Engineer would carry out an inspection and submit report without delay.

MILK STRIKE: Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., and resolved:-

That we hereby call upon the Government to arrange for a conference of Producers, Distributors and Consumers under an independent Chairman with a view to reaching an early and satisfactory settlement of the present milk strike.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives of late Mr. Thomas Brennan, T.D."

The resolution was passed in silence.

*William Glavin*  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1953.

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

27th February, 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 March, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh

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## A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 3rd February, 1953. (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Standing Committee of Sinn Fein re An Tostal etc.
3. Letter from Anti-Partition Association re parade to be held in Dublin on Easter Monday.
4. Letter from St. Patrick's Pipe Band re Council's Annual Contribution.
5. Sealing of Deed of Charge (Wicklow U. D. C. to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) re loan of £1750 for purpose of completing concrete road at the Murrrough, Wicklow.
6. Circular from the Department of Local Government re care and maintenance of Burial Grounds.
7. Letter from E. S. B. re public lighting at New Park Road, Wicklow.
8. Letting of vacant Council Houses at (1) No. 9 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Rd., Wicklow (2) No. 26 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.
9. Letting of vacant Council house at No. 6 St. Patrick's Avenue. (Five-roomed house to be let at Economic Rent).
10. Letter from Mrs. M. Kinsella, tenant of Council's house at No. 20 Castle Street, Wicklow, re range.
11. Letter from Mr. J. Wynne, Lr. Strand Street, re Demolition of Houses.
12. Letter from Wicklow Branch of Trees for Ireland Association re loan of £200.

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 1953

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

The County Manager was also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 3rd February, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTER FROM SINN FEIN: The following letters received from Sinn Fein were marked "read":-

12th February, 1953.

A Charide,

The Standing Committee of Sinn Fein calls on you collectively and individually to use the powers conferred on you by your electors to cry halt to the continually increasing national demoralisation of our land.

Preparations are being made for "An Tostal". Sinn Fein holds that a genuine "Hosting of the Gael" in a free Ireland would be indeed a glorious event, but this Anglicising display in a partitioned land, where cheap imitation and adulation of our one enemy, England, is the order of the day, where Rugby, Soccer, Cricket and Hockey will be the high lights of the Sports Section, will not be an Irish Festival, but an English Festival held in Ireland. There may be a hurling match in Croke Park, and some Irish Drama in Galway, but anyone who reads the Programmes of "An Tostal" will see how devoid of Irish inspiration is the whole conception.

Sinn Fein calls your attention to the Rugby Match between Ireland and France in Belfast on Saturday, 24th January when in addition to national susceptibilities being offended by the playing of a foreign game, our Nation was grossly insulted by the playing of England's National Anthem as ours. That Irishmen, present at the game cravenly accepted this insult to the nation was deplorable, while the players had they been Irishmen worthy of the name, should have informed the French team that under such circumstances they had no option but to refuse to play. The French team know now the falseness of the pretence that Ireland is free.

The members of Sinn Fein confidently trust, a chairde that your resentment at this insult is no less than theirs and await your public dondemnation.

Is sinne, le meas, etc.

28th February, 1953.

A Chairde,

In addressing this circular to you all collectively and individually, we are calling on you to aid in making the Country's protest effective against any suggestion of participation in the Coronation Ceremonies of the Queen of England, who in her title has the effrontery to proclaim herself "Queen of Northern Ireland".

It has been rumoured that Representatives of the Free State are thinking of assisting at that ceremony.

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If such official action has been considered by any Public Representative in this country, either in Leinster House or our of it, it should be made clear to all such that their presence at this Ceremony, at which the Queen of England will be crowned as "Queen of Northern Ireland" is treachery to our Country, for their presence there acquiesces in that proclamation; and shows them supporters of Partition. Words do not count against usurpation and Partition. By their deeds you shall know them.

We cannot at the present time abolish Stormont; and its representatives will naturally assist at the Coronation of England's Queen, since it is the presence of her Army of Occupation on our territory that upholds the powers of these descendants of alien Planters.

We call on you all, local Representatives of the people of Ireland, to condemn all such activities. It was the local Councils that voiced the peoples' feelings and guarded their rights from 1916 to 1921.

We ask you to give the same National lead now. Remember your attitude to our call to you will be on record - and remember Ireland is listening to you now - and will judge you accordingly.

We trust you will join with us in organising meeting to denounce the English Queen's assumption of the title "Queen of Northern Ireland" as likewise to denounce any move by any Irish Representatives to assist at this Ceremony which offers so great an insult to our land.

Sinne le meas, etc.

ANTI-PARTITION PARADE: The following letter from the Anti-Partition Association was marked "read":-

Feabhra, 1953.

A Chara,

May we ask you to put our invitation to take part in a great demonstration of National solidarity on Easter Monday in Dublin, before your Council. It is an All Ireland Anti-Partition parade and Robert Emmet Commemoration, the second big event of An Tostal. We are conveying it is partnership with the Anti-Partition League, Belfast, with the consent of the Tostal authorities. Invitations have gone to all National Organisations.

The plans is as follows:- a wreath will be laid on the 1916 graves by representatives from the public bodies of each county. Parade assembles at the Croppies Acre, where great number were slaughtered in 1796, and proceeds to St. Catherine's Church, Thomas St., outside which Robert Emmet was executed 150 years ago this year. Parade proceeds through old Dublin to Dublin Castle where representatives of the Four Provinces will lay wreaths for men whose heads were spiked on the Castle walls in our past history. From there to O'Connell St. where we hope to lay the wreath to Emmet at the Chuchullaim Statue. Judge Matthew Troy, New York, leader of the Minutemen, will give a short oration. It is hoped that some of the Minutemen will attend.

The parade will be in counties which will march in alphabetical order in their provinces, Ulster leading.

Organisations participating within the counties may identify themselves by banners smaller than the County banner. Executives of National and Civic organisations will be given separate places.

Each county should bring at least one band (Tyrone is bringing 25 bands).

Please help us to see that no tourists leave this country again

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with the story that Ireland is indifferent to the British occupation, to the treatment meted out to the Six County Minority, and that she has ceased to be interested in the cause of freedom.

Is mise, le meas, etc.

ST. PATRICK'S PIPE BAND: Read following letter dated 9/2/1953 from St. Patrick's Pipe Band:-

9th February, 1953.

Dear Mr. O'Ceallaigh,

The Committee of the above wish to express their very sincere thanks for your cheque value £35. 0. 0. in respect of rates struck on behalf of the St. Patrick's Wicklow Pipe Band.

The members of the Band also join in their appreciation, and trust that this contribution will be continued during the coming season.

With renewed thanks to yourself and the Council members.

Yours sincerely, etc.

It was agreed to defer the matter to the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council.

DEED OF CHARGE - LOAN OF £1,750: Read following letter dated 13/2/53 from the manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., Wicklow:-

13th February, 1953.

Wicklow Urban District Council - Loan for Construction of a Concrete Road at the Murrough

Dear Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence, I enclose for execution by the Council, engrossment of Deed of Charge, together with approved Draft thereof for reference. Kindly let me have in course a copy of the resolution as to the execution of the Charge and let me know to what account the amount of the Loan is to be credited.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager explained that steps had been taken by the County Council to have the proposed road regarded as a Main road in order that the County Council would be in a position to make a contribution of £600 towards the cost of the work and that details regarding the matter had been submitted to the Department of Local Government. NOTED.

It was also agreed to defer the sealing of the Deed of Charge

CIRCULAR RE BURIAL GROUNDS: Read following Circular No. L3/53 of 17/2/1953 from the Department of Local Government:-

17th February, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous Circular letters in which the attention of sanitary authorities was drawn to the need for a new and more vigorous campaign to ensure improvements in the care and maintenance of burial grounds, and to state that the Minister is glad to note from the replies furnished to the

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Circular letter of 31st May, 1950, that improvements are being effected and continue to be effected in the system of burial ground maintenance. Much remains to be done, however, and the Minister wishes that a strenuous effort be made on the part of sanitary authorities to ensure that improvements already made are maintained and that the maximum possible further improvement in the position is attained. It is particularly desirable that burial grounds should be tidily and tastefully kept in view of the expected influx of visitors in April and the following months. A special effort should accordingly be made this year.

The following suggestions made in previous Circulars are brought again to the attention of the local authority:

A better system of burial ground inspections should be instituted lists of necessary improvements and items of maintenance should be compiled and the service of selected road workers should be made available for short periods to deal with such items of work; with the co-operation of the Diocesan authorities the official activities of the local authority should be extended and voluntary effort in regard to burial grounds vested in the local authority and the remainder which are not so vested should be intensified. As regards voluntary effort it is recommended that the local authority should encourage the promotion of local committees who, under the general guidance of the parochial clergy, would arrange for the better maintenance of burial grounds outside the control of the local authority and for the making of recommendations for the improvement of those vested in the local authority. Attention is drawn to the powers conferred by Section 45 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, in regard to the charging of fees for the maintenance of private graves and it is suggested that those powers should be brought to the notice of persons likely to be interested.

It is requested that a fresh survey of burial grounds in the sanitary district should now be initiated and that the findings should be acted on with promptness. Reports which disclose overcrowding should be referred to the County Medical Officer for his opinion regarding closure on the grounds set out in Section 162 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

The information gained regarding each burial ground should be recorded as fully as possible. A suitable form for the purpose is in use in County Carlow Health District, and specimen copies may be had on application to the Secretary, County Council, Court Place, Carlow

Copies of the reports received by the sanitary authority from the officer instructed to carry out inspection of burial grounds on the lines suggested should be furnished to the Department.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to draw the attention of the Wicklow County Council to the unsatisfactory condition of the Burial Grounds at G lenealy, Castletymon, Three-Mile-Water, Ennereilly and Killiskey.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT NEW PARK ROAD: Read following letters, dated 18th and 20th February, 1953, respectively from the E.S.B.:-

18th February, 1953.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 16th instant stating that the quotation submitted in our letter of the 22nd ultimo for £72. 16. 0. in respect of installation work at above location is considered too high. It is noted that you wish to be advised if the cost of network extension could be reduced by altering the proposed route.

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We are referring the matter to the Board's District Engineer for his report and shall write to you further on receipt of same.

Yours faithfully, etc.

20th February, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 16th inst. in above regard, we wish to advise you that a reply has now been received from the Board's District Engineer in regard to the query contained therein.

It is pointed out in the reply that the quotation submitted for the extension at above location was given for the shortest possible route, and no reduction is possible in the amount quoted. In the circumstances we should be glad to receive notification of your Council's final decision in the matter.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

LETTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES AT (1) 9 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow and (2) 26 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.

The Chief Medical Officer in his report dated 3rd March, 1953, placed the applicants for tenancy of Council House at 9 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, in the following order:-

1. Edward Ryan, 3 Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow.
2. Christopher Dunne, 1 Ballynerrin, Wicklow.
3. John Vickers, Bond St., Wicklow.
4. Kathleen Kennedy, 24 Kilmantin Rd., Wicklow.
5. John Flynn, 5 New St., Wicklow.
6. Maurice Dunne, High St., Wicklow.
7. Maurice O'Brien.
8. Nevin Thornton, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
9. Elizabeth Murray, 14 Monkton Row, Wicklow.

The details concerning each application were submitted to the meeting by the County Manager and following discussion the Council unanimously recommended that Peter Clarke be transferred from No. 8 St. Laurence's Rd. to No. 9 St. Laurence's Road and that John Vickers be appointed tenant of No. 8 St. Laurence's Road. The County Manager pointed out that Miss B. Keogh, in whose house at Bond Street, John Vickers and family were residing, was in receipt of Home Assistance and that an arrangement could be made whereby the amount of such assistance could be increased subject to the condition that Miss Keogh would agree not to take any more sub-tenants into the house.

No. 26 St. Laurence's Park: The County Medical Officer placed the applicants for No. 26 St. Laurence's Park in the following order:-

- (1) Thomas Reyburn, 4 Hillside, Wicklow.
- (2) Edward Hanlon, 38 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- (3) Maurice R. O'Brien, 4 Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
- (4) Martin Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow.

Following discussion the Council unanimously recommended that Thos. Reyburn be appointed tenant of No. 26 St. Laurence's Park. The Council also agreed that the application of Christopher Dunne should receive favourable consideration when the next Council house would be available.

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TENANCY OF NO. 6 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: The Council unanimously recommended that Gerard J. Heaslip, 9 Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, be appointed tenant of the Council's five-roomed house at No. 6 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

COMPLAINT RE RANGE: Read letter dated 26/2/1953 from Mrs. M. Kinsella tenant of Council's house at No. 20 Castle St., Wicklow, complaining about the condition of the range. Read following letter of 3/3/1953 from the Acting Town Surveyor:-

3rd March, 1953.

re: Ranges at Castle St. Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 2nd March and previous correspondence in connection with the above I wish to report that I have inspected the ranges in cottages occupied by the undermentioned:-

Mrs. Kinsella, Castle St., Wicklow.  
Mrs. Byrne, Castle St., Wicklow.  
Mrs. Vickers, Castle Avenue, Wicklow.

I found that the fires of these ranges were smoking badly and on investigation discovered that this was due to the fact that the aperture at the rere of the fire-box was too small. This is a fault in that type of range, which can be remedied by having a plate at the at the back of the fire-box taken out, fixed down, and replaced.

As an experiment I had the plumber do this work to the two houses in Castle Street. Since then I have inspected the ranges and they are working satisfactorily. The cost per range is approximately 24/6.

In this connection I suggest that the Council consider having this alteration made to all the "Park Type" of range in the Castle Street area.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council approved of the recommendation of the Acting Town Surveyor.

DERELICT SITES AT STRAND STREET: Read following letter of 20/2/1953 from Mr. Joseph Wynne, 11 Lr. Strand St., Wicklow:-

20th February, 1953.

Sir,

I beg to ask if it be possible to have the following matter put before your next meeting: to have the houses unoccupied demolished as they are only a dumping ground and at present been used for same. I take paying guests during the Summer months, they have visited the place and owing to the bad state of the surroundings they refused to take my place.

Trusting you will have this matter brought up at your meeting.

Thanking you, etc.

Following discussion it was decided to ascertain the cost of clearing the sites in question.

TREES FOR IRELAND: Read letter dated 3/2/1953 from the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association recommending the Council to raise a loan of £200, repayable over 10 years for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the planting of trees and shrubs in the Urban District of Wicklow on a larger scale than has been attempted hitherto. The Chairman gave details to the meeting of the work which already had been carried out by the Branch. Following discussion it was agreed to defer making a final decision with regard to the matter until a scheme would have been submitted to the Council by the Association.

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MARITIME EXHIBITION: Read following letter dated 20/2/1953 from Mr. Fintan Murphy:-

20th February, 1953.

re: "Great Eastern" & Halpin Bequest

Dear Town Clerk,

Referring to our telephone conversation yesterday I put the matter before the Executive Committee of the Maritime Institute of Ireland last night and I am pleased to inform you that they accepted the proposal in principle to lend you the model and other relics of the Exhibition subject to certain information and safeguards.

1. Where is it proposed to house the exhibition.
2. Is it intended as a permanent exhibition or only for the period of An Tostal?

The Conditions would be:-

1. We will deliver to the Town Hall or proposed Municipal Museum in time for exhibition in connection with An Tostal.
2. The "Great Eastern" items distinguished by an asterish in the list attached will be exhibited as "The Halpin Bequest" on loan from Foras Muiridhe na hEireann (The Maritime Institute of Ireland) during An Tostal period and thereafter as arranged by us.
3. Whilst in the custody of your Council every care will be taken to protect the articles against damage or theft and will be insured against Fire, housebreaking and larceny at the Council's expense.
4. The articles are to be handed to the Institute's duly authorised representative on demand for removal at any time after An Tostal period subject to one month's notice in writing.

Please confirm this to the Institute's Hon. Secretary, C/o Messrs Kevan & Sons, Auditors & Accountants, 1/3 Westmoreland St., Dublin.

Yours sincerely, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed to request Mr. J. Butler, M.R.I.A.I., to submit a report with regard to the provision of suitable accommodation for the purpose of housing the model and the other items of the Bequest and pending the provision of such accommodation it was decided to inform the Maritime Institute that the Council would be prepared to keep the items in their offices at the Town Hall, Wicklow. The Council also directed that their thanks be conveyed to the Institute for the manner in which they had dealt with the matter.

AN TOSTAL: The Council approved of the recommendation of the Wicklow An Tostal Council that the railings at the Halpin Monument be painted and that window boxes be provided for the Town Hall. It was also agreed to obtain an estimate of the cost of painting the railings at The Mall.

It was decided to request the Post Office Authorities to remove the telephone poles adjoining the Halpin Monument.

Details were submitted to the meeting concerning the arrangements which were being made by the An Tostal Council with regard to the ceremonies which would take place on Easter Sunday in connection with the opening of the Festival. The members of the Council indicated that they would be present at High Mass and would then march to Fitzwilliam Square, where the official opening would take place.

IMPROVEMENT OF ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: The County Manager informed the meeting that work on the improvement of St. Patrick's Road would commence on the resumption of duty by the Town Engineer.



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BELL FOR SOUTH AFRICA: Read following letter dated 25/1/1953 from Rt. Rev. Hugh Boyle, Bishop of Port Elizabeth, South Africa:-

25th January, 1953.

My dear Mr. Clarke,

I have just learned from Fr. Bullard that you have promised to provide a bell for our Mission Church at Grahamstown. I wish to thank you and through you, the members of your Council for your generous gift. A bell is very necessary for a mission as many have no clocks or watches. You will all be sharing in the good work of calling them to Church. Be assured of our gratitude and prayers for you and all your members and your families. We appreciate your kind interest in the work of the Irish Secular Priests of this Diocese.

Yours v. gratefully, etc.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had made final arrangements with regard to the transport of the Bell. NOTED.

TRANSFER - A. MCGUINNESS TO H. COPELAND ETC: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Consent to the transfer and assignment by Arthur McGuinness to Henry Copeland and Bridget Copeland of all the leasehold estate described in Folio 131 of the Register of Leaseholders, County Wicklow.

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Consent on the Deed of Charge.

FORESHORE WORKS - ENGINEER'S FEES: Read following letter (Ref. E.L. 86/2) of 17/2/1953 from the Department of Local Government:-

17th February, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letters of the 3rd January, 1953 and 3rd November, 1952, in regard to the payment of fees to Mr. J.T. O'Byrne, Town Engineer, in respect of foreshore works at Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the matter has been carefully reconsidered, and in the circumstances, he will raise no objection to the payment of fees at the rate of 4% on the cost of the works executed in this instance.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Manager pointed out that the fees would relate to work which would form part of the Comprehensive Improvement Scheme for Foreshore Protection which had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and in respect of which work it was hoped a Government Grant of £3800 would be made available. The Manager stressed that the work would be a work of improvement as distinct from ordinary maintenance. NOTED.

LEASE TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. Read following letter dated 25/2/1953 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

25th February, 1953.

D.U.D.C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Dear Sir,

We enclose copy of a further letter received from the Department of Industry & Commerce today.

On the 10th October last we forwarded copy of the Department's

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letter of the 9th idem. referred to in the last paragraph of letter enclosed.

The Department is anxious to obtain payment of the increased rent.

Have you received the plans, etc. from the Company which the Department require?

We have been unable to get a reply to our letter written to Mr. M.E. Veale, Solicitor for the Company.

Pending completion of the Leases with the Company we suggest you charge a rent for "use and occupation" of the several premises, which will be the same amount as the sums provided for by the several leases.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The meeting was informed that Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. had indicated that the charging of a rent for "use and occupation" would not involve the Council in any legal commitments. NOTED.

RECLAMATION OF FIELD: Read following letter dated 3/3/1953 from the District Officer, Department of Agriculture, Land Project Office, Wicklow:-

3rd March, 1953.

re: Reclamation of "Glen Field" Corporation Lands

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your Council's application under the Land Project in respect of proposed reclamation of above, I wish to state that I have made a detailed inspection of the lands and I have concluded that out of a total area of approximately 10½st. acres involved approximately 9½st. acres can be effectively reclaimed. In order to meet the requirements of the Land Project, reclamation will consist of:-  
(1) uprooting and removing all scrub (gorse etc.)  
(2) and ploughing.

On the satisfactory completion of reclamation the Council would be entitled to a Cash Grant of £49. 15. 0. In addition to this Cash Grant the Department of Agriculture would arrange to supply Ground Limestone to the value of £27. 5 0. and phosphates to the value of £18. 10. 0.

It must be clearly understood that approval of the proposed reclamation work is not implied herein. Official approval on the recognised form cannot be issued until such time as the Council's tenant or tenants who are users of the lands in question have given their written consent to the execution of the proposed reclamation work or alternately until such time as the tenancy of tenancies are terminated.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter of 31/12/1952 from Mr. George 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-months 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. Yours faithfully, etc.

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Following discussion during which members of the Council indicated that the Grant would not be made available to persons enjoying the use of the land on the basis of an 11 months tenancy it was agreed that the work should be carried out by the Council and that tenders for the carrying out of such work should be invited.

PROPOSED STORE AT MARLTON ROAD: The meeting was informed that Mr. N. Murphy, 21 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, had been requested to submit a sketch and a brief description of the alterations he proposed to make to his premises at Marlton Road, in order that they would be suitable for use as a store. NOTED.

LEGAL FEE - PREPARATION OF LETTING AGREEMENT: Councillor J. Everett, T.D., referred to an account of £2. 1. 6. which had been forwarded to Mr. J. Kehoe, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, suggested that the amount was exorbitant as a charge for the preparation of a letting agreement relating to a field at St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow. The County Manager pointed out that as the tenancy in question was not on the basis of an 11 months agreement it had been necessary to have a special agreement prepared and stamped. Following discussion the Manager stated that he would ascertain from the Solicitors whether the charge in this case could be reduced.

COMPLAINT RE CONDITION OF COUNCIL HOUSE: Read letter dated 2/3/1953 from Mr. W. Dickenson, 18 St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow, referring to the condition of the house of which he is tenant and stating that the repairs should be carried out immediately. The Council decided to refer the matter to the Town Engineer.

PATH AT CASTLE STREET: Read letter from Mrs. Sadie Malone, 32 Castle Street, Wicklow, requesting the Council to indicate when they proposed providing a concrete path opposite the house in Castle Street. The Council decided to request the Town Engineer to submit a report in connection with the matter.

FENCING AT CASTLE PARK: Read letter dated 3/3/1953 from the tenants of Council's houses at Castle Park complaining about the condition of the wire fences dividing their plots. The meeting was informed that the necessary repairs were about to be carried out. NOTED.

INSTALLATION OF BOILER GRATES: The meeting was informed that a number of applications had been received from tenants for permission to instal boiler grates in Council houses and that the Town Engineer had been requested to submit a report in connection with the matter. NOTED.

CLEANING OPERATIONS: Councillor C. W. Hudson stated that the Wicklow Tourist Development Association, at their last meeting had suggested that among other things, the Council should (1) apply snowcem to the concrete railings along Bachelors' Walk (2) Circularise the householders in the Main Street with a view to preventing the sweeping of litter on to the Main Street (3) Make arrangements for the sweeping of the streets of the town on Saturday evenings during the period of An Tostal.

The Council approved of the recommendations of the Association.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF 6 HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: Read letter dated 11/2/1953 from Mr. Wm. Murphy, Castle Field, Wicklow, stating that he was willing to accept £100 in respect of the acquisition of his 6 houses at Castle Street, Wicklow. The County Manager stated that full details regarding the Council's proposal in connection with the 6 houses in question had been submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request that the maximum grant be made available to the Council for the purpose of carrying out the Scheme

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Following discussion it was agreed to offer Mr. Murphy £80 for his six houses.

PRICE OF BUTTER: Councillor C. W. Hudson protested against the increase in the price of butter as from 1st March, 1953, in view of the fact that the increase in the price of milk would not become effective until 1st April, 1953. Councillor Hudson also referred to the big difference between the cost of imported butter and the price at which it was being sold to consumers. The Chairman and other members of the Council supported the views of Councillor Hudson.

*W. J. Murphy*  
4th April 1953.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
2nd April, 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, 7th April, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.

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A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March, 1953 (copy herewith.)
2. Reslution from Limerick Corporation re Local Elections.
3. Resolution from Limerick Corporation re admission of the representatives of the people of the Six Counties into the Dail.
4. Sealing of Lease, Counterpart and Memorial (Wicklow Urban District Council to Michael McMahon)
5. Sealing of Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) re Loan of £1750 for purpose of completing concrete road at the Murrough, Wicklow.
6. Election of person to fill vacancy which has occurred in the membership of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee by reason of the resignation of Mr. Andrew D. Finlayson.
7. Letter from Wicklow Tourist Association re Holiday Guide.
8. Correspondence re Ranges.
9. Letter from Mrs. Julia Wake, re transfer of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 1953

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

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION RE LOCAL ELECTIONS: The following resolution received from Limerick Corporation was unanimously adopted:-

"That wem the members of the Limerick City Council request the Minister to allow the holding of local elections this year at the end of our statutory period of office.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all local authorities"

ADMISSION OF SIX-COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES TO DAIL EIREANN: The following resolution received from Limerick Corporation was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

That we, the members of the Limerick City Council request the Government to convene a meeting of An Dail for the sole purpose of determining the question of the admission of the representatives of the people of the Six Counties into An Dail and, if necessary, that the matter be submitted by referendum to the decision of the people of the Republic.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to all public bodies.

LEASE (WICKLOW U.D.C. to M. MCMAHON): It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That Council's Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial (Wicklow Urban District Council to Michael McMahon) relating to lease of plot of ground with the house shop offices and premises thereon fronting on the Main Street of the Town of Wicklow for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1949 at a yearly rent of £4. 0. 6. (four pounds and six pence)"

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

SEALING OF DEED OF CHARGE - LOAN OF £1750: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Council's seal be affixed to Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to the Hibernian Bank Ltd.) relating to loan of £1750 repayable over a period of 15 years for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the concreting of the road at the Murrough, Wicklow".

The County Manager explained that it was necessary to execute the Deed of Charge although the full amount of £1750 would not now be required by the Council due to the fact that the Wicklow County Council had been authorised to contribute £600 to the cost of the work., in respect of which the loan had been raised.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Read following letter dated 27/3/1953 from C.E.O., County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:-

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27th March, 1953.

S. O'Ceallaigh, Uas.,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that Mr. A. D. Finlayson, by letter dated 20th March, 1953, has resigned from membership of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, to which Committee he had been elected by your Council.

Mr. Finlayson's resignation was accepted by my Committee at its meeting held on 24th instant.

I have to request that you invite your Council to fill the vacancy thus created, in accordance with Section 12(1) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

Mise, le meas, etc.

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

"That we hereby elect Very Rev. M. Blake, P.P., to fill the vacancy which has occurred in the membership of the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee by reason of the resignation of Mr. Andrew Finlayson".

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT: Read following letter dated 8/3/1953 from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Tourist Association:-

8th March, 1953.

re: Wicklow Tourist Association

A Chara,

At a meeting of the Wicklow Tourist Association recently, a protest was made against the attitude of Fogra Failte, in publishing only one Guide to cover the Counties of Wicklow and Wexford.

It was felt, that in view of the increased contribution now being made to Tourism by County Wicklow, and the claims of the County as a Tourist attraction, it was entitled to an independent Guide, and that matter is being taken up with Fogra Failte by the Wicklow Tourist Association.

A request is being made for the publication of a comprehensive and up-to-date Guide to County Wicklow alone, and in this connection I am instructed to ask for the support of the Wicklow Urban Council and the other contributing Bodies. It is suggested that the Urban Council would also approach Fogra Failte with a view to obtaining more appropriate publicity for Wicklow County as a Tourist Resort.

The Wicklow Tourist Association has on previous occasions protested in this respect, and this year a "Holiday Leaflet" was issued in respect of Wicklow Town, which is however, not considered adequate. (copy enclosed)

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager stated that he understood that a similar letter had been addressed to Wicklow County Council and Bray Urban District Council and that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting of these Bodies. The Council suggested that it might be

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feasible not to pay the amounts being contributed by the County Council and the Urban Councils of the County to the Irish Tourist Association but to utilise the total amount for the purpose of publicising the tourist attractions and amenities of County Wicklow.

RANGES: Read following letter dated 18/3/1953 from Mr. Geo. O'Brien, tenant of the Council's house at 1 St. Laurence's Park:-

18th March, 1953.

Mr. Kelly,  
Town Clerk.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully ask for permission to remove the boiler from the range in my house and fit it as a boiler grate.

Yours respectfully, etc.

Read following report dated 20/3/1953 from the Town Engineer:-

"There is no objection provided:- (1) Tenant does works at own expense (2) Delivers range which is Council's property to Town Hall (3) Acknowledges that boiler grate is property of Council."

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne.  
20/3/1953.

Also read following letters:-

March 1st, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I have been directed by the Committee of the above (Wicklow Jubilee Nursing Association) to request permission to remove the existing range in the nurses house and replace it with a boiler grate.

Yours faithfully,  
N. Sheane,  
Hon. Sec.

21st January, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I would feel grateful if your Council would make an allowance to me on the range at present in my house at No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue as I want to install a boiler grate, as this is rather an expensive item an allowance on the range would help to reduce the cost.

I have already installed a pretty large cooker. The range would be very little used.

Yours faithfully,  
James Ryan.

16 St. Laurence's Park,  
Wicklow,  
28th February, 1953.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to installation of Boiler Grate I have had the Range taken out and a boiler grate installed at my own expense and I will be much obliged if you can see your way to grant me some allowance for range which is as new.

Yours faithfully,  
Brendan Morgan.

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It was pointed out that Mr. O'Brien had applied for permission to remove the boiler from the range and that in this respect his application was different from the other applications received. The Town Engineer stated that he would be prepared to approve of Mr. O'Brien's proposed alteration. Following discussion the Council agreed with the recommendations of the Town Engineer and directed that the applicants be informed that there would be no objection to their proposals regarding the removal of ranges and the installation of boiler grates provided that (1) They would carry out the work at their own expense (2) They would return the ranges to the Council and (3) they would acknowledge that the boiler grates were the property of the Council.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PLOT OF GROUND AT DUNBUR ROAD: Read following letter dated 23/3/1953 from Mrs. Julia Wats, Hillcrest, Dunbur Rd, Wicklow:-

23rd March, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for permission to have my interest transferred in the properties shaded in the enclosed map and therein marked with an X, to J. D. Haughton, Seaview Road, Wicklow.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly give the matter your earliest attention.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The meeting was informed that the Council's Solicitors had been requested to advise regarding the type of assignment which the Council might be in a position to approve of in this case, but that no reply in connection with the matter had yet been received. In this connection it was pointed out that it had been suggested to the Solicitors that it might be desirable, in view of the limited area involved, to include a covenant providing against the erection of structures on the plot in question. The Chairman stated that he understood that it was proposed to widen the corner at the junction of Sea View Road and Dunbur Road and that accordingly it would seem desirable that this matter should now be finalised. Following discussion it was agreed to defer the matter until the Solicitor's advice would be available and a report would be received from the Town Engineer.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS: Read following letter dated 13/3/1953 from the Wicklow County Council:-

13th March, 1953.

re: Care and Maintenance of Burial Grounds

A Chara,

I am to acknowledge receipt of yours of 6th instant, regarding condition of certain burial grounds in the County Health District and to state that the matter has been referred to the Council's Engineering staff for attention.

Misc, le meas, etc.

NOTED

The Council agreed with the suggestion of the County Manager that in future the maintenance of burial grounds should be carried out by the Direct Labour method.

Read following letter dated 7/4/1953 from tenants of Council's houses at Castle Field:-

7th April, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Would you be able to oblige with a bit of a concrete path out to

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the gate from the other path that half way. The path is terrible after the rain the houses are destroyed with the clay in around the house. And oblige 4 people.

Sgd. James Hill, James Doyle,  
James Doyle, M. Quinn.

The Council directed that a report should be submitted by the Town Engineer.

FENCING AT BOYS' PLAYING PITCH AT THE MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 4/4/1953 from Rev. Bro. Augustine, De La Salle Brothers Wicklow:-  
4/4/1953.

Dear Sir,

With regard to the boys' playing pitch on the Murrough, we would be very thankful if the Urban Council would provide some kind of a protective railing or fence from the Marine to the G.A.A. pitch. This request is to protect the boys, during the games, which they play there. During the past two years at least a dozen incidents have given cause for much concern. The boys during the heat of the game, due to eagerness and excitement forget about everything except the ball, and in rushing across the road, become an easy prey for passing motorists. Fortunately T.G. no serious accident has occurred, but we feel it is time to draw your attention to that fact, and to safeguard the boys under our care.

We would like the Urban Council to reconsider the letting of the Murrough for boys' matches. The present fee is 10/-. We would be very grateful if we could have the Murrough free of charge for boys' matches on those days and evenings when we intend to take a game. It happened last year that the fee of 10/- for the Murrough exceeded the takings on the gate by 3/9d.

Hoping that you will give my requests every consideration,

Is mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed (1) Not to charge rent in respect of boys' G.A.A. matches on the Murrough. (2) To provide a railing as requested. It was agreed that it would not be desirable to have wire fencing.

The Council also directed (1) To erect a "Drive Slowly" sign at the entrance to the Murrough (2) To request Wicklow Motor Ltd. to co-operate with the Council in an effort to prevent speeding along the Murrough road. In this connection the County Manager pointed out that it was very desirable that motor vehicles should not be allowed to travel at high speed along a road-way which served a public park.

TENANCY OF COUNCIL HOUSE: Read following letter from Mrs. E. Gill, tenant of No. 20 St. Laurence's Park:-

20 St. Laurence's Park.

Dear Sir,

As Mr. Dunne the Rocky Road got the Council house at 12 Castle Park at your last meeting he asked me if I would exchange with him as I wanted to be down near my mother. I am expecting to go to hospital any day and I want my mother to look after the Children. Mr. Dunne would like to have my house at 20 St. Laurence's Park as I have a big garden and it is no use to me as my husband is in England, and I have no one to look after it, I am on my own that what I want to get down near my mother I would be thankful if you could do your best for me. Mr. Dunne is willing to pay the 15/- a week rent. Trusting you will understand my circumstances.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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Read following letter from Mr. Christopher Dunne, Ballynerrin,  
Wicklow:-

2nd April, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice that Mrs. Gill at No. 20 St. Laurence's Park is willing to exchange with me at No. 12 Castle Park (former tenant Mrs. Doyle) and I'm willing to exchange with Mrs. Gill and also I'm willing to pay 15/3d. rent at No. 20 St. Laurence's Park and Mrs. Gill is willing to pay 10/6d. for key for my house at 12 Castle Park.

Trusting this will meet with your kind consideration and approval.

I remain,  
Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion the Council approved of the proposal provided that Mrs. Gill would increase her weekly payments in respect of arrears of rent due by her.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF COUNCIL HOUSES: Councillor P. Doyle was informed that the Council had definitely decided to carry out the painting of 80 houses by the contract method. The Chairman agreed with the Town Engineer that July would be an appropriate month in which to advertise the work in order that the actual painting could be carried out during the Autumn months, which was considered the most suitable time for such work. It was agreed that the tenders should be submitted to the Council before acceptance.

*C. W. Hudson*  
*5/5/53*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 30TH MARCH, 1953

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

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES: At the suggestion of the Manager the Council agreed to adopt the procedure of previous years and to examine each item on the Manager's explanatory tables, copies of which had been circulated to the members.

EXPENDITURE:

Roads: Following a detailed examination of the recommendations of the Town Surveyor the Council decided to carry out the following special roadworks:-

ROAD	AMOUNT
Quarantine Hill	£49. 0. 0.
Bond Street	£190. 0. 0.
Green Hill	£126. 0. 0.
New Park Road	£ 30. 0. 0.
St. Laurence's Road	£30. 0. 0.
Church Hill and Church Road	£105. 0. 0.
Convent Road	£125. 0. 0.
	£655. 0. 0.

It was agreed that the following monies would be available for the works:-

Amount provided in Estimates for special roadworks	...	£280.
E.S.V. Grant 1953/54 (Estimated Grant £300)		
(Local Contribution £75)	...	£375.
		£655.

CONCRETE ROAD AT MURROUGH: The County Manager informed the Council that as a result of special representations which had been submitted to the Department of Local Government the Minister had approved of the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to contribute £600 towards the cost of the concrete road at the Murrough and that accordingly the loan charges for 1953/54 would be reduced from £204 to £134. The Chairman and members of the Council congratulated the Manager for having effected the reduction.

The figure therefore adopted by the Council in respect of road expenditure was £1406 as compared with the Manager's figure of £1476.

SANITARY SERVICES:

Light at New Park Road: A sum of £78 for light at New Park Road was deleted.

The Town Engineer stated that he would make a personal approach to the E.S.B. with a view to having the quotation for the provision of a lamp at New Park Road substantially reduced.

Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society: A sum of £40 in respect of contribution to Irish Red Cross Society for water safety activities was deleted.

A sum of £10 in respect of Regional Water Supply Scheme was also deleted.

The total reduction in respect of Sanitary Services amounted to £128.

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**HOUSING SERVICES:** Following a long discussion the amount provided for maintenance and repair of Council's houses was reduced from £750 to £650. It was agreed that tenders should be sought for the painting of 80 houses.

**GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:** The following reductions were made in the items under General Urban Purposes:-

Tourist Development	...	...	...	£7.
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	...	...	...	£20.
Foreshore Maintenance	...	...	...	£24.
Ant Tostal Decorations	...	...	...	£120.
Salaries	...	...	...	£50.
				£221.

**RECEIPTS:**

**Contribution by Harbour Authority:** It was agreed that the annual contribution of the Harbour Authority towards loan charges was too small and a sum of £80 (i.e. an increase of £60) was included in the receipts opposite this heading. It was decided to communicate with the Harbour Authority and to request them to increase their annual contribution by £60.

**ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES:** It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. O'Rourke and resolved:-

That having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1954, as set out in tables A, B, and C thereof and that we determine the Rate set out in Column 8 (eight) of Table C of the Estimates adopted by us, viz. Municipal Rate of 33/2d. (three hundred and ninety eight pence) in the pound, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1953.

**MANAGER CONGRATULATED:** The Chairman and members paid tribute to the manner in which the Estimates had been submitted to them by the Manager.

The Chairman and members and the County Manager paid tribute to the work of the Town Clerk who was about to leave Wicklow for the purpose of taking up another appointment. On this connection the Manager informed the Council that he proposed appointing Mr. J. Hurley of the Arklow U.D.C. Staff as temporary Town Clerk.

**APPOINTMENT OF TENANT - NO. 4 BUNGALOW, CASTLE PARK:** The following report of the Chief Medical Officer was submitted to the meeting:-

20th March, 1953.

re: Vacant House - No. 4 Bungalow, Castlepark, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I am not clear as to whether a three year qualification is required or not. In my opinion some such rule is necessary as otherwise there is nothing to prevent a person from any part of the country obtaining a house in Wicklow. Accordingly, I append two lists of recommendations, one based on no residence qualifications and the other based on three year qualifications:-

- (a) No residence qualifications:
- (1) Esther Mary Thomas, 5 Castle Park, Wicklow. Four in family. Lodger in Council house. Total in house - 11
  - (2) Christopher Dunne, 1 Ballynerrin, Wicklow. Family three. lodger in Soldier's Trust house. Total in house - 7
  - (3) Maurice R. O'Brien, 4 Dunbur Rd., Wicklow. Family 6. Previously reported on.
  - (4) William J. Lawlor, 18 High St., Wicklow. Family five. Three rooms. 15 months in area.
  - (5) James P. Doyle, 15 Monkton Row, Wicklow. Family three. Four rooms. Roof poor and house needs repair. Six months in area.

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- (6) M. V. Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow. Family two. Lodger in Council house. Total in house - 3.
- (7) Robert Byrne, no address. Single.

Anne Doyle, 12 Castle Park, Wicklow, is an applicant for a transfer and Edward J. Marah C/O Lake View House, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, lives and works in the rural district.

(b) Three year qualification:

- (1) Christopher Dunne, 1 Ballynerrin, Wicklow.
- (2) Maurice R. O'Brien, 4 Dunbur Rd., Wicklow.
- (3) M. V. Ryan, Bollarney, Wicklow.
- (4) Robert Byrne.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read letter of 30/3/1953 from Mrs. A. Doyle requesting a transfer from 12 Castle Park (2 storey house) to No. 4 Bungalow, Castle Park, Following discussion the Council recommended that Mrs. A. Doyle be transferred to No. 4 Castle Park and that Christopher Dunne be appointed tenant of No. 12 Castle Park.

**ACCOMMODATION FOR "GREAT EASTERN" MODEL:** Read following letter dated 26/3/1953 from Mr. John P. Butler, M.R.I.A.I:-

26th March, 1953.

re: Accommodation for "Great Eastern" Model and Other Items of Nautical Interest

Dear Sir,

Regarding proposed accommodation for the above, there appears to be several alternatives which might be considered by your Council. These include (1) housing the exhibition in existing Council buildings: (2) erecting a suitable structure on Council property and (3) erecting this structure elsewhere in or about the town.

In my opinion the existing Council buildings and property are not suitable nor are they sufficiently convenient to ensure that the exhibition would be availed of by the public, particularly by strangers to the town.

Regarding a site elsewhere in the town it seems that there are certain considerations which are desirable and these may be stated as follows: (1) The exhibition should be housed in such a manner and on a site which would be accessible, and prominently located and, (2) if possible it should be associated with the existing Halpin Monument.

Should the exhibition not fulfil conditions under (1) it is possible that it would not be availed of by the public and that in time it would become a Memorial rather than an Exhibition.

Taking the above factors into account I would recommend that your Council consider erecting a building on the site of the present Halpin Monument. Such a building could be situated at the Bridge Street corner of this plot with its roof in or about highest ground level of the plot, and with the present garden continued over the roof. The sides of the building adjoining streets might be constructed of concrete or timber piers with the spaces between filled in with glass.

The accompanying sketch indicates roughly the appearance and plan of such a building.

The ground levels about this plot, particularly the fall from Main Street to Bridge Street, should facilitate the construction of a building along the lines indicated on drawings, and, in my opinion, such a building should not detract from the general appearance of the site but might be considered to enhance it.

The exhibition, if housed here, would have the advantages of (1)