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Dear Sirs,

Is it possible to get permission from the Wicklow Urban Council to erect an out-house of concrete blocks and asbestos roof size 10' x 8' in my garden at No. 2 Castle Park.

Signed: Andrew Dunne

The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the proposal. It was unanimously agreed to grant permission provided the structure, when completed, would not be used for sheltering animals or for human habitation.

COMPLAINTS RE RANGES: Complaints from Mrs. J. Corkish, 12 St. Dominick's Road and J. Kilbride, 16 St. Dominick's Road, concerning the ranges at their houses were referred to the Town Surveyor for inspection and attention.

PATH AT URBAN VILLAS: Arising from a letter received from the tenants of six Council houses at Urban Villas regarding the condition of the paths leading to their houses, the Town Surveyor indicated that the necessary repair work would be carried out within the coming weeks.

ERECTION OF WALL AT SEAVIEW ROAD: The undergiven letter from Mr. W. Clarke, "Finisterre", Wicklow, was read:-

24th May, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter in connection with the building of wall around my premises, I would like to know if your Council would have any objection to my taking in a small portion of ground beside the road on the northern end of my property. The only reason I would like to take in this piece of ground is to prevent it been used as a dump, in view of the fact that the Council has already straightened out the public road at this point. You may remember that the Council took a very small portion of my field when easing the corner.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council unanimously granted permission in the matter. At this stage Mr. J. Brennan (Councillor) asked that permission might be given him to continue the wall around his premises. No objection was raised to this proposal and it was agreed that Councillors W. Clarke and J. Brennan should meet the Town Surveyor at the site and inspect the proposed works.

HOUSE AT CASTLE STREET: The following memorandum from Town Clerk was read:-

re: Attached Letter from Mrs. J. Duffy

I transmitted the observations set out in the attached letters to Mrs. E. Malone and Mrs. J. Duffy on the 29th ultimo, arising from the letter received from the latter with regard to her seeking permission to gain entry to one of 6 unfit houses at Castle St. Mrs. Malone called to the office yesterday morning and informed me that Mrs. Duffy had gained entry to one of the houses. I thereupon informed her that this action would be seriously prejudicial to the negotiations presently being made in the matter of disposal and reconstruction of the house in question. I informed her further that the onus of ensuring that Mrs. Duffy quitted this house forthwith rested with her (Mrs. Malone). Thereupon Mrs. Malone undertook to visit the house and ascertain whether the house was still being occupied, as she informed me that the subject's brother had requested her to return to the house where she had previously been in residence prior to taking up abode in this unfit house.

I have not yet heard further from her but I presume that she

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is endeavouring to clear up the matter. She has given an undertaking not to permit any other person to gain entry here.

D. J. O'Connor  
TOWN CLERK

Noted. The matter to be followed up.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Finlayson directed attention to the abundant growth of thistles at Castle St. The attention of Town Surveyor to be drawn to this matter.

The Town Clerk was directed to enquire from the Chief Educational Officer whether sanction had yet been received to the proposal to dispose of the disused Vocational School to the Urban District Council for a nominal consideration.

A report and estimate was requested from the Town Surveyor regarding the provision of an amenity service road to the seafront. It was felt that this work would form part of a future E.S.V. Scheme.

Before concluding the business of the meeting the Chairman moved that a Vote of Sympathy be extended to Councillor Rourke on the death of his siter and to the Town Clerk on the death of his uncle. The Vote was passed in silence.

A Vote of Congratulations was extended to Councillor Clarke on his co-option as a member of Wicklow U.D.C. and to Councillor Everett on his election to An Dáil; this latter vote was also extended to Mr. M. Deering and Mr. P. Brennan. Councillor J. Brennan was also welcomed back to the meeting after a lengthy absence.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

*W. Clarke  
6th July 1954*

ANNUAL MEETING: HELD ON 25th JUNE, 1954

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), P. Doyle, J. Clarke, J. Brennan. Councillor C. W. Hudson had indicated his inability to be present.

In attendance: Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor. The County Manager apologised for non-attendance.

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

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

Councillor W. Clarke signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the members for the great honour they had bestowed on him by again electing him as their Chairman.

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

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

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

RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: It was unanimously decided that the following members of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board should be appointed:-

Councillor W. Clarke, J. Brennan, E. Kane, A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Rourke and J. Clarke.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Abstract of Accounts relating to the financial year 1953/54 was placed before the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Clarke, and agreed:-

"That in accordance with the terms of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby approve of the following excess expenditure incurred during the financial year 1953/54:-

Roads .....	£464
Sanitary Services .....	Nil
Housing .....	£245
General Urban Purposes ...	£272

USE OF MURROUGH: Applications from:- (a) Wicklow Regatta Committee, and (b) Prior, St. Augustine's, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, for use of the Murrough during period 24th July to 8th August and 8th July to 22nd July, respectively were placed before the meeting. Permission was unanimously given in both cases - fees of £5 and £2 being stipulated.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND: A discussion took place regarding the utilisation of the Fund for Voluntary Civic Improvement. A suggestion was made regarding the improvement and development of the Blackcastle area. It was agreed after further discussion to include this item for discussion on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting of the Council.

Arising from this subject Councillor W. Clarke protested in

strongest terms against damage being caused to seats at Castle Street. He appealed to the people residing in this area to display deeper civic spirit and to co-operate with the Council in its endeavour to provide these amenities in the town.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS: The Council unanimously extended to Councillor Everett, T.D., their congratulations on his appointment to the Ministry for Justice and wished him a speedy recovery from his present illness.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: A Vote of Sympathy was passed to Councillor O'Rourke on the death of his wife which had occurred since last meeting. All the members associated themselves with the vote and the Town Clerk on behalf of the staff, joined in this message of sympathy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*B.G.  
6/7/54*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
2nd July, 1954.

To:  
The Chairman and Each Member 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 July, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

- ✓1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings held on 1st June, 1954, and on 25th June, 1954.
- ✓2. Resolution from Anti-Partition Association.
3. Proposals to expend Fund for Voluntary Civic Improvement.
4. Any other business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 6TH JULY, 1954

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Chairman), J. Brennan, P. Doyle, J. Clarke and A. Finlayson.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 1st June, 1954 and of Annual Meeting held on 25th June, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FOR ANTI-PARTITION ASSOCIATION: The undernoted resolution from the Anti-Partition Association was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That the Irish Government adhere to a policy of strict non-co-operation in political matters with the military and police forces of the Occupying Power in the Six-Counties".

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND: Arising from a discussion on this subject at a previous meeting of the Council the Chairman reiterated that, heretofore, all schemes which had been suggested for the utilisation of the fund for voluntary civic improvement had been deferred or abandoned for various reason and it now seemed that the donors of the fund were anxious that some scheme should be put in hand with least delay possible. Replying to queries the County Manager stated that the fund must be expended directly by the Council and could not be canalised to any other body. After a lengthy discussion, when many varied schemes had been suggested, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Clarke, seconded by Councillor Brennan:-

"That a scheme for improvements at Seafrost, which would include cleaning, levelling, provision of paths and low retaining wall and suitable planting, be carried out with the moneys available in the Civic Improvement Fund".

It was agreed that with the aid of whatever moneys remained unspent after completion of this work, if any, and of further contributions which might be made to the fund, the Council at a later stage could undertake the erection of a two-way shelter in this vicinity. It was also agreed that the proposals of the Tourist Development Association should be obtained so as to avoid an overlapping of schemes and also to ascertain whether facilities for swimming had been incorporated in their scheme, and further to relate the development works at the Seafrost with those of Mr. Butler, Architect, as indicated on plan, which was now in the possession of the Development Company.

DEVELOPMENT OF BLACKCASTLE AREA: The Town Surveyor had been requested at a previous meeting to prepare a report and estimate for improvements at Blackcastle area and a plan and estimate for the proposed laying of a new road, at an estimated all-in cost of £5,000, was placed before the meeting. The Council unanimously approved of the Scheme as submitted. It was agreed that the matter be referred to An Bord Failte with a request for a grant towards discharging this work.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: Councillor Brennan queried the present position in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme for Council houses. He was informed that the Scheme had been deferred pending the availability of statistics relating to Legal Costs and Stamp Duty which had not yet come to hand. It was agreed to endeavour to ascertain specific fees for each house in respect of Legal Costs for the next meeting.

MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS AT COLLEY ROW: The following memorial from residents at Colley Row was read:-



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Colley Row,  
Wicklow.  
3/6/1954.

Dear Sirs,

We the tenants of above locality wish to draw your attention to the fact that after rainfall, water flows in front of our houses. It mainly comes from the old Dunbur Road and we respectfully suggest that it could be easily diverted to an existing drain which runs along the lane by the Fever Hospital and towards the Ball Alley. This drain is in need of cleaning at the upper end where there is stagnant water.

We also take this opportunity to make application for the provision of a concrete footpath on our roadway. As we previously pointed out this locality happens to be inhabited by quite a number of elderly people, and any of your officials will verify the roadway passing by the houses is the worst in the town, being almost completely covered by sharp chippings and difficult to walk on.

Signed: Stephen Ruane, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. R. J. Walker,  
Mr. C. Byrne, Annie Malone, Ellen Malone,  
Mr. T. Dunne, Christina Byrne, K. Sutton  
Margaret Kinsella.

With regard to the provision of a footpath it was agreed to defer this matter for consideration to the annual estimates meeting. However, the Town Surveyor was directed to arrange for the cleaning of the drain.

SCAVENGING: Arising from a report received from Town Overseer and from a discussion which took place at a previous meeting in relation to the mis-use of communal ashpits in the Ballynerrin area, it was agreed after a lengthy discussion to circulate to the residents in this area a request to co-operate with the Council in the interests of Public Health, in preserving the proper utilisation of the communal pits provided in this area. Several members proposed discarding these pits but it was agreed to await the outcome of this appeal before taking any action in the matter.

DAMAGE AT MURROUGH: The following report from the Town Overseer was read:-

Sir,

I wish to report that one of the Council workmen reported to me that a lot of damage had been done over the holidays to the inclosure around the G.A.A. pitch on the river Murrough.

I have inspected the grounds and the following timber has been taken by some persons unknown at present:-

32 post - 5ft. 3" x 3" oak  
104 yds top rail - 3" x 3" larch  
24 yds. stays 4" x 1½" larch

One length of top rail is laying about 100 yds. from the inclosure beside where a fire has been lighting during the holidays by someone camping.

I am, Sir,  
Yours obedient servant,  
B. O'Toole.

It was agreed after discussion to erect a sign - "Camping prohibited except with prior permission of Council" - in the vicinity of the Marine Hotel. It was also agreed to prepare Bye-Laws for the regulation of camping in this area and to submit the draft bye-laws to the next Council meeting for consideration.

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REMOVAL OF RANGES: Permission was given to the following tenants to remove ranges from their houses and replace with open fireplaces on the usual conditions:-

John S. Byrne, Denis Hanlon, St. Laurence's Park, G. Vickers, Mrs. E. Reilly, Mrs. M. Murphy and Mrs. E. Doyle, Castle Park, Thomas Kelly, St. Dominick's Road.

PRELIMINARY HOUSING REPORT: Reported dated 1st July, 1954, from Mr. J. P. Butler, M.R.I.A.I., submitted to meeting. In his report the Architect recommended the following sites as being most suitable:-

- (a) Strand Street Upper and Lower
- (b) Bond Street.
- (c) Castle Street.
- (d) Monkton Row Upper and Lower
- (e) Ball Alley
- (f) Dispensary Lane
- (g) High Street.
- (h) Fitzwilliam Road.
- (i) St. Patrick's Road.
- (j) Friars' Hill.

After lengthy discussion, when other aspects of the Architect's report were considered, the Council approved of sites ((d) and (e) above, suitable for 10 houses (8 houses at Ball Alley and 2 at Upper Monkton Row). It was decided to enquire into ownership of the other sites in preparation for future schemes and to submit these sites for 10 houses to the Department for approval.

SCENIC PARKING PLACE AT BALLYGUILLE ROAD: The Chairman remarked about the desirability of providing a Scenic Parking Place on the Ballyguille Road which met with the unanimous approval of the Council. It was agreed to obtain an estimate for the discharge of the work and to request An Bord Failte to assist financially in the project.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Town Surveyor was requested to submit an estimate to the next meeting for the removal and improvement of existing steps at Dunbur Terrace.

This concluded the business of the meeting.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
30th July, 1954.

To:

The Chairman and Each Member of the  
Wicklow Urban District Council:

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday, 3rd August, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 9th August, at 7-30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor  
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 6th July, 1954, (copy herewith).
2. Resolutions from Tralee, Ceanannas Mór and Clones Urban District Councils.
3. Letter from Department of Local Government re 6 houses at Castle Street, Wicklow.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed contribution under Section 3 of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931.
5. Report re proposals of Electricity Supply Board to improve the existing public lighting system in Wicklow.
6. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD on 3RD AUGUST, 1954.

In attendance: D. J. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 9th August, 1954, at 7-30 p.m.

*William Clarke*  
*16th August 1954*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 9TH AUGUST, 1954

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

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town  
 Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Consultant Architect (Housing) Mr. J. P.  
 Butler and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 6th  
 July, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND: Arising from minutes, Councillor  
 Everett referred to the resolution passed at the previous meeting,  
 regarding the scheme approved of by the Council for the utilisation  
 of the moneys lying dormant in the Fund for Voluntary Civic Im-  
 provement, and pointed out that the work carried out at the location  
 selected by the Council was not in accordance with the terms of the  
 Council's resolution. During a discussion when many members ex-  
 pressed dissatisfaction with the nature of the scheme discharged to  
 date, the County Manager stated that he had been aware of the  
 existence of a plan, prepared by the Architect, Mr. Butler, for the  
 Wicklow Tourist Development Company, and desired to relate the  
 scheme to be discharged by the Council with the proposals of the  
 Architect as set out on this plan. Unfortunately, however, it was  
 not possible to obtain this plan at the time when the present  
 scheme was put in hands. It would have been desirable if the Town  
 Surveyor had prepared and submitted a plan of his proposals before  
 commencing with this work. When he (County Manager) became aware  
 that work was progressing on the scheme he directed that a plan be  
 obtained from the Town Surveyor, which, when it came to hand, was  
 submitted forthwith to the Regatta Committee for their approval.  
 When, on 20th July, 1954, the Wicklow Regatta Committee wrote in reply  
 to the Town Clerk's letter of 16th July, stating that the members  
 of the Regatta Committee welcomed the scheme of improvements as  
 suggested by the Council, he, therefore, considered that the Scheme  
 as undertaken, was in accordance with their wishes.

The Town Surveyor stated that he formed the impression that  
 the work was urgent for the purpose of utilising the dormant money  
 in this Fund and regretted having misinterpreted the wishes of the  
 Council in the matter.

The Chairman, in bringing the discussion to a close, pointed  
 out that there was yet a balance of £280 (approx.) in this Fund,  
 and the Council might wish to suggest a scheme for expending this  
 sum. It was agreed to convene a special meeting of the Council  
 for Monday, August, 16th at 7-30 p.m. to decide upon a scheme and  
 in the meantime to discontinue all work on the present scheme.

HOUSING: The Chairman referred to a discussion which took place  
 at the previous meeting of the Council arising from the submission  
 of the Preliminary Housing Report of the Architect, Mr. Butler. He  
 pointed out that the Architect had recommended and the Council had  
 approved of the selection of derelict sites at Ball Alley and  
 Monkton Row suitable for the erection of 10 houses. Since that  
 meeting, however, it had transpired that the County Medical Officer  
 was not in concord with the selection of these sites and also that  
 the erection of houses (8) at Ball Alley was in contravention of  
 the Town Planners Report - the site in question being reserved for  
 use as a Bus Terminus.

The County Manager stated that subsequent to the meeting he

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inspected the sites in company with the Architect and was of the  
 opinion that building on derelict sites in the town was reduced  
 to nil. He pointed out how acute the need for parking facilities  
 would be in future years in the event of the expansion of the  
 town in a southerly direction and stated that even at present  
 the need for parking facilities existed. He referred to the  
 availability of developed building sites at St. Patrick's Road,  
 but the members expressed the view that these sites were too  
 far removed from the town centre.

The Architect stated that in making his report he was con-  
 fined to considering the possibilities which the derelict sites in  
 the town offered. In making his recommendations he had chosen  
 the sites which offered least difficulty. However, he could not  
 say that these sites were really suitable.

A discussion on several of the sites treated in the  
 Architect's report ensued, in the course of which the Chairman  
 stated that the utilisation of the derelict sites in the town  
 would serve the dual purpose of cleaning these unsightly plots  
 and meeting the housing requirements at the same time. On the  
 suggestion of the County Manager it was agreed that a committee  
 of the members present at the meeting should accompany the Manager  
 and the Architect on an inspection of the sites on Thursday, 12th  
 August, at 10 a.m.

RESOLUTIONS FROM TRALEE, CEANANNUS MOR AND CLONES U.D. COUNCILS:

Resolutions from the above local authorities in connection  
 with (a) Partition in Ireland (b) Purchase of ground rent interests  
 and (c) superannuation of auxiliary postmen, were read and approved.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE 6 HOUSES AT CASTLE ST.:

The following letter from the Department of Local Government  
 was read:-

10th July, 1954.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 24th March, 1954, re  
 Letting Certificates, setting out the position in regard to the  
 repair of certain houses formerly occupied by persons rehoused  
 by the Wicklow Urban District Council, I am directed by the  
 Minister for Local Government to state that it is noted that a  
 proposal by the Council to reconstruct a block of 6 houses at  
 Castle Street is referred to as being still under consideration  
 by this Department. In that connection, I am to state that the  
 matter of the acquisition and reconstruction of the houses in  
 question was discussed with representatives of the Council in  
 this Department in January last, and following that discussion  
 a further inspection of the houses was carried out by this  
 Department's Inspector accompanied by the Council's re-presen-  
 tatives.

The further inspection referred to confirms the position  
 as set out in the first paragraph of this Department's letter of  
 3rd November, 1954, on the subject, and accordingly the Minister  
 cannot see his way to alter the decision conveyed in the second  
 paragraph of that letter. I am, accordingly, to inquire what  
 action the Council now proposes to take in regard to houses Nos.  
 5 and 11 Castle Street.

Mise, le meas, etc.

After a discussion it was decided to indicate to the Depart-  
 ment that the Council was not satisfied with the Minister's  
 decision and to ask for reconsideration.



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TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1931: Read the undernoted letter of 7th July, 1954, from Department of Local Government:-  
7th July, 1954.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 30th March last forwarding the Estimate of Expenses and Determination of Rates in the Pound and to state with regard to the proposed contribution of £20 for tourist development that a contribution under Section 3 of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, may be made only to a body which is an approved company within the meaning of Section 2 of the Act. The Irish Tourist Association is at present the only approved company under the Section.

Section 4 of the Act of 1931, contemplates expenditure by local authorities on publicising the advantages of their districts for holiday purposes by means of newspaper advertisements, posters, placards, etc. The proposed contribution would not appear to come within this provision.

Misc, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

IMPROVEMENTS AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM:

The meeting was informed that the E.S.B. had under consideration proposals for the overhaul of the existing Public Lighting System of 95 lamps at Wicklow. The provision of 37 additional lamps at a cost of £191 (approx.) was recommended and the cost of the overhaul of the existing system and their replacement by up to date Dublin type lanterns and brackets, without any additional lights, at a cost of £35 was suggested by them.

The Council expressed the view that the E.S.B. should undertake renewals without additional cost to the Council. They pointed out that the contract sum paid each year would seem to cover capital cost, renewals and appropriate fittings.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD: Under date July, 24th, 1954, the Wicklow Tourist Development Co. Ltd., wrote to the Council enclosing plans for proposed development at the Murrough, Wicklow, and applying for a lease from the Council "of that part of the River Murrough from Parnell Bridge on the south to C.I.E. railway line on the north and from the river on the west to the railway line on the east". Excluded from this area, of course, would be Council housing, Hostel and grounds and part of Murrough held by C.I.E."

After a brief discussion it was agreed to defer this matter for consideration, in committee, with members of the Tourist Development Co., Ltd., at the special meeting to be held on Monday 16th August. It was agreed, in the meantime, to seek the advice of the Law Agent regarding the practicability of leasing this portion of Corporate property.

BYE-LAWS FOR REGULATION OF RECREATION GROUNDS (MURROUGH): A draft bye-law prepared by the Council's Legal Advisor, for the regulation of the recreation grounds at the Murrough, Wicklow, was presented to the meeting. It was pointed out that one of the principal reasons for introducing these bye-laws was for the purpose of the proper management and regulation of camping in this area.

It was agreed to have the draft bye-laws circulated to the members before their next monthly meeting.

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STEPS AT DUNBUR TERRACE: The following estimate, requested at the previous meeting, was submitted by the Town Surveyor:-

9th August, 1954.

re: Steps at Dunbur Terrace

A Chara,

With regard to the lower steps if the wall and piers are removed together with the wall up along the steps and the latter replaced by galvanised tubular handrailing the estimate of cost is £31.

As the regards the upper steps towards golf links end, the pier and wall up the steps could be removed and similarly replaced by galvanised tubular handrail at a cost of £22. 10. 0.

I suggest this would be better than closing the entrance altogether.

J. T. O'Byrne,

After consideration it was agreed to defer the matter for inspection to Thursday, 12th August, when the committee of Councillors were in course of inspecting the derelict sites for housing purposes.

SCENIC PARKING FACILITIES: Arising from a letter from An Bord Failte, stating that the proposed works at Black Castle Park would not rank for assistance from the Bord's funds, the Town Surveyor submitted an estimate of £4,700 for the provision of a scenic parking space to contain 35 cars (approx.) at Greenhill Rd.

The Council discussed the report of the Town Surveyor at length and decided to refer the matter to An Bord Failte, indicating that a more economic scheme would be drawn up if the Bord felt that this was desirable and requesting them to indicate whether the scheme, in principle, would rank for assistance from the Bord's funds.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: Particulars of legal costs, stamp duty and registration fees which had been obtained from the Council's Solicitor were submitted to the meeting. The County Manager detailed to the members the effect which these costs would bear to the weekly annuities, varying from 7d. per week in respect of the houses the sale price of which were not in excess of £350 to 2/- per week in respect of the recently constructed houses.

It was agreed to circulate these particulars to the tenants.

LEASE - MINISTER FOR FINANCE TO WICKLOW U.D.C. - FORESHORE AT EAST PIER - AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S SEAL TO ENDORSEMENT:

Proposed by Councillor Finlayson, seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and agreed:-

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Endorsement in the Lease of 24th April, 1951, Minister for Finance to Wicklow U.D.C., whereby as provided in such endorsement, an increased rent of £5. 5. 0. per annum will be charged by the lessor (Minister for Finance) in the event of the lessee (Wicklow U.D.C.) granting a sub-lease of that portion of land containing five perches of the premises, demised by the aforementioned lease, to Wicklow Fertilisers Ltd."

The rent previously charged under the Agreement of 24th April, 1951, was 5/-. The foreshore included in lease includes part of the plot leased by Council to Wicklow Fertilisers Ltd. at a yearly rent of £20.



CONNECTION TO WATERMAIN: The Council was informed that Mr. M. Hudson, Ballinacor, Wicklow, wished to obtain permission to connect to the Urban Council's water supply, though he resided outside the Urban area. The meeting was further informed that the County Council had no objection and that in the course of a report the Town Surveyor stated that he had no objection but pointed out that the water in this main was unfiltered.

The Council stated that they had no objection but to indicate to Mr. Hudson that the water at this point was unfiltered and that he would be required to make his own arrangements for filtration, if he decides to connect thereto, and, to request his views on the matter.

NAMING OF NEW PARK ROAD: The following letter from Mrs. G. F. C. Healy was read:-

Ardaluinn,  
New Park Rd.  
28/7/1954

A Chara,

(a) Would it be possible to have the name of this road put up so that people would know it by its new name.

(b) Would it not be a good idea to put a notice showing where the station of Coras Iompair Eireann is situated. Strangers to Wicklow have several times asked me where it is.

Yours truly, etc.

In reference to the second paragraph of the letter it was stated that this had been referred to C.I.E. authorities for consideration.

With regard to the first paragraph Councillor Everett stated that this road had never been officially named though other Councillors were of the opinion that it had. It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting and in the meantime to endeavour to establish whether the Council had given consideration to this subject previously and also to consult the residents of this locality in the choice of an official name.

OTHER BUSINESS: Approval was granted to Ellen Whittaker, No. 2 Urban Villas, to leave her house for a period of 3 months from 14th August, 1954, an applying for permission.

Mrs. M. Hanrahan, Ancaster Rd., Liverpool, sought an extension of time to the Repair Order served in respect of her premises at No 15, Castle St., Wicklow. It was agreed to extend the period within which the necessary repairs are to be carried out to 31st October, 1954.

Mr. T. Doyle, Strand St., applied for a reduction of rent in respect of the grazing of a pony at Marlton Rd to 2/-, which the Council agreed to give effect to from 5th July, 1954.

Permission was given to Rev. M. Blake, P.P., to reserve one of the playing pitches on the Murrough on Sunday, 26th September, 1954, for the purpose of holding a Motor Cycle grass track gymkhana, in consideration of a fee of 10/-. Arrangements to be made with the club customarily deriving use from the particular pitch to be reserved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Andrew D. Finlayson*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
12th August, 1954.

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

A Chara,

A special meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 6th August, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor  
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Deputation from Wicklow Development Co. Ltd. re proposed development of land at River Murrough, Wicklow. (in committee)
2. Report of Council's committee re inspection of derelict sites for housing purposes.
3. Report of Council's committee re proposed improvement of steps at Dunbur Terrace.
4. Deferred consideration of Scheme for Voluntary Civic Improvement.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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SPECIAL MEETING:

HELD ON 16TH AUGUST, 1954

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

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town  
 Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Consultant Architect (Housing) Mr.  
 J. P. Butler and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

DEPUTATION FROM WICKLOW DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD., RE PROPOSED DEVELOP-  
 MENT OF LAND AT RIVER MURROUGH, WICKLOW, (IN COMMITTEE):

A deputation, consisting of Messrs M. Butler, J. Clancy and  
 H. C. Delahunt, was received by the meeting.

The Chairman, in opening the discussion, retraced the salient  
 points which had been considered by the Council at their monthly  
 meeting, when the letter of 24th July, 1954, from the Tourist  
 Development Co., was placed before that meeting. He stated that  
 since that meeting the Council's Solicitors, Messrs J. H. McCarroll  
 & Co., had advised - "that the Council are entitled to lease  
 corporate property for a term not exceeding 31 years at the best  
 rent obtainable" under the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act,  
 1840, and that "a lease for longer than 31 years can only be  
 granted with the consent of the Minister for Local Government,  
 except in the case of building leases"

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which the deputation  
 stated that they appreciated the wariness with which the Council  
 approached an application of this nature and they went on to  
 detail the objects which the Development Co. had in mind.  
 Councillor Everett, at this stage, indicated the difficulty which  
 would arise in endeavouring to reach agreement with the bodies who  
 derived use from the playing pitches at this location. The County  
 Manager then examined, item by item, the general outline plan  
 submitted and pointed out that in the application for a lease  
 that portion of land north of the Marine Hotel situate on the east  
 side of the new concrete road, which the Council were desirous  
 of retaining for use for industrial development was included.

After further consideration the Council agreed that they  
 would give favourable consideration to the granting of a lease  
 of that portion of the Murrough, indicated on plan submitted, ex-  
 cluding that area on the east side of the new concrete road, north  
 of the Marine Hotel to the railway line on the north, provided  
 agreement is reached with the several bodies deriving use from the  
 playing pitches situated thereat and that the scheme, as envisaged  
 by the Development Co., for the development of the area concerned,  
 and, as outlined generally on the plan submitted, was approved by  
 their parent body. In the event of agreement not being reached  
 in relation to the playing pitches, it was agreed that this  
 portion should also be excluded.

The deputation then withdrew.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: The Chairman briefly outlined the  
 event which had transpired in relation to the utilisation of the  
 moneys for Voluntary Civic Improvement. A discussion, upon the  
 lines recorded in the minutes in respect of the monthly meeting,  
 followed. It was pointed out that a balance of £280 (approx.)  
 remained unspent and that a scheme for the expending of this  
 sum should now be drawn up. The desirability of erecting two-  
 way shelters, as mentioned at last meeting, was considered inter  
 alia. The County Manager pointed out that any work discharged

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should be with a view to facilitating the donors to the fund and  
 in this connection he suggested that the Architect might prepare  
 a scheme, in conjunction with the Regatta Committee, for the  
 utilisation of the balance of the Fund remaining unspent, for  
 partial development with regard to the provision of a swimming  
 pool - the scheme in full to be discharged over a period of years  
 with the possible appropriation of moneys made available by way  
 of E.S.V. grants. It was agreed to have the Architect prepare  
 a comprehensive plan, to be examined at a future meeting by the  
 Council, at which, the attendance of members of the Regatta  
 Committee and Swimming Club would be requested.

IMPROVEMENT OF STEPS AT DUNBUR TERRACE: Arising from discussion  
 at monthly meeting of Council and to subsequent inspection by a  
 committee of Council members, it was agreed to place a handrail  
 in position of present wall at Dunbur Terrace, which the Town  
 Surveyor estimated would cost £31. Authorisation to the excess  
 expenditure was unanimously voted by the Council. It was agreed  
 to defer the question of remedying the upper side of the steps to  
 enable it to be observed whether the improvement discharged at the  
 lower end would of itself rectify the entire position.

HOUSING - INSPECTION OF SITES: Details of a survey, which had  
 been carried out by a committee of members of the Council in company  
 with the County Manager and the Consultant Architect were reported  
 to the meeting. Sites at Castle Street, Castlefield, Lower  
 Monkton Row, Dispensary Lane, Fitzwilliam Row, Ball Alley, St.  
 Patrick's Road, Friars' Hill, High Street and Terrett Lane had  
 been inspected.

The Council discussed the facilities afforded by each site  
 in great detail and after due consideration were unanimous in  
 their selection of the following sites, suitable for the er-  
 ection of sixteen houses:-

- (a) Castlefield - 3 (opposite Sweeney's garage)
- (b) Castle St. - 2 (south side)
- (c) Castle St. - 2 (west side)
- (d) High St. - 1 (Kearney)
- (e) High St. - 2 (Minister for Posts & Telegraphs)
- (f) Ball Alley - 6 (near alley)

It was agreed to request the Consultant Architect to prepare  
 lay-out plan and other appropriate data for submission to the  
 Department.

PAINTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES: It was directed that this item should  
 be put on the Agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the  
 Council and that the Town Surveyor should arrange to submit an  
 estimate for the discharge of this work for presentation to that  
 meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Andrew D Finlayson*



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
3rd September, 1954.

To:

The Chairman and Each Member 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 September, 1954, at 7-30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

## A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of adjourned meeting held on 9th August, 1954, and of Special meeting held on 16th August, 1954.
2. Applications for renewal of Cinema Licences.
3. Consideration of Scheme for external painting of Council houses
4. Letting of vacant house at No. 3 Dunbur Terrace (if report is available from County M.O.H.).
5. Naming of road, known locally as New Park Road.
6. Notification of Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote allocation, 1954/55.
7. Any Other Business.

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1954

In the absence of Mr. W. Clarke (Chairman) who had indicated his inability to attend, Mr. A. Finlayson, presided. Also present were Councillors J. Brennan, E. Doyle, J. Clarke and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of (a) Adjourned monthly meeting held on 9th August, 1954, and (b) Special meeting held on 16th August, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: The Council were informed that the appropriate fee had been remitted in both cases.

Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and agreed:-

"That we approve of the fixing of the Council's Seal to the Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of Rialto Cinema and Abbey Cinema, Wicklow, subject to compliance with the County Fire Officer's requirements!"

CONSIDERATION OF SCHEME FOR EXTERNAL PAINTING OF COUNCIL HOUSES:

The Town Surveyor submitted an estimate in sum of £420 for the external painting of 60/66 houses, by Direct Labour, at Kilmantin Road, Glenview Road, St. Laurence's Road, Castle St., Dunbur Rd., Monkton Row and Castle Park. Having regard to the amount provided in the Estimates under Housing Maintenance and Repairs (£650) and to the sum expended to date under this heading (£258), it was decided to reduce the number of houses to be painted to 50, these to be selected by the Town Surveyor.

Councillor Finlayson at this stage suggested that the work might be undertaken by contract.

Councillor Doyle and Councillor Everett seconded that the work be proceeded with forthwith by Direct Labour.

Councillor Finlayson proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Brennan:-

"That tenders be sought for the painting of Council houses by Contract!"

The amendment was defeated by 3 votes to 2 votes, as follows:-  
For amendment: Councillors Finlayson and Brennan (2)  
Against Amendment: Councillors Clarke, Doyle and Everett (3)

The original motion was carried as a substantive resolution.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT NO. 3 DUNBUR TERRACE: The Chief Medical Officer in his report dated 7th September, 1954, placed the applicants for tenancy of No. 3 Dunbur Terrace, in the following order:-

1. James Redmond, 19 Monkton Row, Wicklow.
2. James Noctor, High St., Wicklow.
3. Michael Wynne, 7 Strand St., Wicklow.
4. John O'Neill, 4 Castle St., Wicklow.



5. Patrick Power, 7 Convent Rd., Wicklow.  
6. Mrs. Olohan, The Mall, Wicklow.

The details concerning each of the applicants were submitted to the meeting. It was felt, after prolonged discussion, that, in view of the remuneration enjoyed by Messrs Redmond and Noctor, both these applicants would be more appropriately considered for tenancy of the houses, which the Council were undertaking to provide in the near future, and having regard to the circumstances of Mr. Michael Wynne, the Council unanimously agreed to appoint him as tenant.

NAMING OF ROAD - KNOWN LOCALLY AS NEW PARK ROAD: After discussion, when the views of the residents in this locality were considered, the Council unanimously agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Brennan:-

"That the road branching from Fitzwilliam Road and locally known as New Park Road be officially named St. Manntan's Road!"

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEME VOTE 1954/55: Notification of the allocation of a grant of £900, subject to a local contribution of £90, dated 16th August, 1954, was placed before the meeting, accompanied by a report from the Town Surveyor. The Council at the Estimates meeting in March agreed to provide a local contribution of £75. In order to avail of the full amount of grant the Council gave approval to an excess expenditure of £15, under this heading. In addition to works suggested for performance at the Estimates Meeting, the Town Surveyor recommended the discharge of the following works for the utilisation of the excess of the grant over the estimated figure:-

Kilmantin Road - tarring	
New Park Road - tarring	
St. Laurence's Road - tarring	
Lr. Monkton Row - tarring	
Sea Front - tarring	
Colley Row footpath - tarring	... £601. 0. 0.

The inclusion of certain works at Morton's Lane was suggested by members. It was finally agreed to defer this matter for consideration to a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14th September, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. and in the meantime to circulate to the members the details contained in the Town Surveyor's report.

It was also agreed to defer consideration of schemes under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, to this meeting, pending the availability of a report from the Town Surveyor.

DRAFT BYE-LAWS - RECREATION GROUNDS: The Council indicated that they were generally agreeable to the draft-bye laws for the regulation of pleasure ground at Murrough, Wicklow. To be submitted for provisional approval of Minister for Local Government before adoption!"

6 HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: The following letter from Department of Local Government was read:-

31st Lunasa, 1954.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 11th ultimo regarding the proposed acquisition and reconstruction of 6 houses at Castle St., Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that full consideration has been given to the views expressed by representatives of the Council who discussed the proposal in this department in January last and that following this discussion a further inspection of the houses in question was

carried out by an inspector from this Department accompanied by the Council's representatives.

As already pointed out the further inspection confirmed the position outlined in Department's letter on 3rd November last and the Minister remains of the opinion that the purchase and reconstruction of these houses is an uneconomic proposition. He is accordingly unable to alter the decision already conveyed to you in the matter.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

SCENIC VIEW - GREENHILL ROAD: The following memorandum from the Town Surveyor was read:-

6th September, 1954.

re: Scenic View - Greenhill Road

A Chara,

The Representatives of An Bord Failte has inspected this place with me in accordance with the layout plan which was submitted to the Board. It was considered that a more restricted area might be taken in for the present than that which I had indicated, and I understand that a communication will issue from the Board to the Council conveying its views in this connection.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

CONNECTION TO WATERMAIN: The following letter dated 23/8/1954, from Mr. M. Hudson, Ballinacor, Wicklow, was read, arising from a communication addressed to him from the previous Council meeting:-

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter of 11th August granting permission to me to connect to the Urban Council water main at Marlton, Wicklow. I note your remarks re filtration and would be obliged if you will at your convenience let me know the cost to me of making the connection, and also what yearly rate would be payable to the Urban District Council. On receipt of above information I will let you have my views on the matter.

Thanking you for your early reply,

Yours truly, etc.

The Council agreed to fix a rent of £3. per annum. The Clerk to endeavour to give an estimate to Mr. Hudson of the estimated cost of connection.

PUBLIC LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT: The following correspondence dated 14/8/1954 from the E.S.B. was read in reply to representations which had been conveyed to them as a result of a discussion at the previous meeting regarding the proposals of the E.S.B. to improve the existing public lighting system in Wicklow:-

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 11th inst., concerning quotation submitted for the replacement of the existing Public Lighting System in above town, and note the views expressed by your Council in this matter.



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It is pointed out that the work to be undertaken covers the replacement of the existing installation by the provision of new lanterns, control gear and brackets, which are greatly superior to the old lighting equipment. It is regretted, therefore, that no reduction can be made in the amount quoted for the replacement of the existing system by the proposed new installation.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council reiterated the views expressed at the previous meeting and directed that it should be pointed out to the E.S.B. that the presence of the cowls on the public lamps would appear to them to restrict the lighting effect of these lamps and they suggested that they might be removed so as to give maximum benefit. The further observations of the Board to be requested.

PLAQUE AT BLACK CASTLE, WICKLOW: The undernoted letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, was read:-

25th August, 1954.

A Chara,

Wicklow County Council, with the aid of a grant from An Bord Fáilte recently erected a descriptive plaque in an oak frame at the Black Castle, Wicklow. The Council's Clerk of Works has now reported that this plaque has disappeared and that he has been unable to find any trace of it. The matter has been reported to the Garda Síochána.

I am to request you to bring this matter to the notice of the Urban District Council at the next meeting.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED. The Council directed that the Board of Works should be requested to take over the control of the Black Castle, forthwith, as the structure was deteriorating rapidly and certain repairs, such as painting, etc., were imminently required to preserve the structure.

LEASE OF PLOT TO T. DICKENSON: It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Everett, and agreed:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial - Wicklow U.D.C. to Thomas Dickenson, demising that plot of ground consisting of 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  perches statute measure, at the junction of Colley St. and St. Dominick's Rd. at a yearly rent of £1. for a period of 31 years from 25th March, 1948"

APPLICATION FOR LEASE - J. ROURKE: Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. Solicitors, wrote on behalf of Mr. John Rourke applying for lease of a plot of ground situate at Summer Hill, Wicklow, which had been granted by the Chairman and Commissioners of the town of Wicklow under Lease dated 7th February, 1876, to Mr. Geo. Doyle, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of 16/-. This lease expired on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 1950.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Clarke, and agreed:-

"That a lease of that plot of ground situate at Summer Hill, Wicklow, formerly leased to Mr. George Doyle, under lease of 7th February, 1876, be granted to Mr. John Rourke for a period of 75 years at 24/- per annum"

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OTHER BUSINESS: Mrs. E. Fallon, Abbey St., Wicklow, wrote requesting the provision of a public light outside her premises. Whilst it was regretted that the Council could not undertake to provide an extra light, it was directed that Mrs. Fallon should be informed that the E.S.B. were being requested to remove the cowls on the lamps so as to get maximum lighting benefit from each standard.

Councillor Doyle queried the charge to be made in respect of ground rent in connection with the Tenant Purchase Scheme. The County Manager stated that an annual charge of £1. per annum would be made at the expiration of the annuity repayment period. It was then disclosed that a charge of 5d. per week in respect of ground rent was included in the annuity figure. It was agreed to have the Solicitor submit his observations regarding this point and to convey whatever details regarding ground rent to the prospective tenant purchasers.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*William J. Clarke*  
5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1954



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING:

HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1954

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. W. Clarke, Mr. A. Finlayson presided. Also present were Councillors J. Brennan and J. Clarke. Councillor C. W. Hudson had indicated his inability to be present.

In attendance: The Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor. The County Manager had indicated at the previous meeting that he would be unable to be present.

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEME 1954/55: The Council were informed of the appropriation of a grant of £900, subject to a local contribution of £90, under the scheme. The proposal of the Town Surveyor, together with the works which the Council proposed to have discharged in connection with the Scheme at their Estimates Meeting, had been circulated to the members,

After discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Rourke, to carry out the works as decided upon by the Council at the Estimates Meeting in addition to the proposals now submitted by the Town Surveyor. It was suggested that the following works might also be included:-

Morton's Lane; gulley at Quarantine Hill; path at Wilkinson's, Bridge St; loose flagstones in Main St; path at Forty-foot Road; minor repairs at Turner's Corner, Castle St., etc.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949: Under date of 6th September, 1954, the Local Government Department had requested the submission of schemes for consideration under above scheme. The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

A Chara,

Having considered proposals for scheme to be carried out under this Act in accordance with letter from the Department of Local Government dated 6th September, 1954, re 1954/55 Programme, I offer as a suggestion the cleaning up of the river between the bridges and above the Parnell Bridge, and that the sum of £1200 be applied for as a grant towards the cost of relieving, to some extent, the area which has silted up.

In submitting his report the Town Surveyor pointed out, however, that the control of the river at this point was the responsibility of the Harbour Board. After further discussion it was unanimously agreed to make the submission, as outlined in the report of the Town Surveyor to the Department for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Brennan raised the question of the cleaning of the right-of-way to the Boatguard houses at Summer Hill - matter to be examined.

The Chairman suggested offering of a reward for information leading to the disclosure of identity of the persons responsible for the removal of the plague from Blackcastle, Wicklow. Arising from this matter it was agreed to have a notice erected at the Blackcastle prohibiting camping at this site except where the prior permission of the Council was sought and obtained. The attention of the Town Sergeant to be drawn to the need for frequent inspections with regard to the presence of campers at the various areas in the town.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*William Clarke  
5th Oct - 1954*

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

30th September, 1954.

To the Chairman and Each Member of the  
Wicklow Urban District Council:

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 5th October, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,  
D. J. O'Connor  
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of (a) monthly meeting held on 7th September, 1954 and (b) special meeting held on 14th September, 1954. (copies herewith).
2. Affixing of Seal of Council to Assignment - Bradshaw to Bradshaw.
3. Letter from E.S.B. re Public Lighting in Wicklow.
4. Letter from An Bord Failte re Scenic View near Wicklow.
5. Letter from An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain re Leasing of Murrough.
6. Letter from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club re leasing of Murrough.
7. Submission of preliminary sketch plan - Civic Improvement Fund.
8. Any Other Business.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING: HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER, 1954

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

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th September, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14th September, 1954, Councillor Finlayson mentioned the question of the cleaning of the right-of-way to the Coastguard houses at Summerhill and stated that he thought that the Council at their Special Meeting had agreed to carry out this work, but the minutes of the meeting merely recorded that the matter was to be examined. Councillor Brennan concurred with this observation. However, it was explained that the cleaning of this right-of-way would be the joint responsibility of the occupiers of the houses in question as it was a right-of-way to serve these houses only and was not a public thoroughfare. This was agreed upon and the minutes of the Special Meeting were then adopted and signed by the Chairman.

AFFIXING OF SEAL TO ASSIGNMENT - BRADSHAW TO BRADSHAW: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and agreed:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to Assignment, dated 15th March, 1954, Bradshaw to Bradshaw, to which the consent of the Council was indicated at Monthly Meeting held on 2nd February, 1954."

(Premises demised by the Council by lease dated 5/12/1950 to Wicklow Mineral Water Co. Lessees interest subsequently acquired by Messrs J. R. Bradshaw and R. H. Black. The Assignment of 15/3/1954 is of Mr. Bradshaw's interest to his wife).

LETTER FROM E.S.B. RE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN WICKLOW: The following letter of 13/9/1954 from E.S.B. was read:-

13th September, 1954.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 9th inst., in above regard, contents of which have been noted.

The cowls to which you refer are it is presumed the opalescent glass shades which are fitted to the lanterns. The removal of these as suggested would result in glare with consequential danger to traffic. It is not considered prudent in the circumstances to have the removal of these shades effected except by direction of your Council.

With regard to the quotation already submitted for the replacement of the existing installation by new and improved lanterns, we would again confirm with regret that the work proposed cannot be undertaken except in accordance with the terms submitted. These it is pointed out are most favourable to your Council, and further delay on the part of your Council may result in the quotation having to be amended.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The meeting was informed that a quotation in sum of £35 had been submitted for the overhaul, improvement and renewal of the existing

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lighting system and the provision of up-to-date Dublin type lanterns and brackets.

It was agreed to request the E.S.B. to submit further details and to indicate whether these improvements would result in a more powerful lighting system.

SCENIC VIEW NEAR WICKLOW: The undernoted letter of 21/9/1954 from An Bord Failte was read:-

re: Scenic View near Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am to refer to correspondence in connection with this project and to state that the matter has been carefully considered by the Board. It was decided, however, that the scheme as proposed was not one which would rank for assistance from Board funds.

Yours faithfully, etc.

When a brief discussion had taken place it was agreed to request An Bord Failte to consider a modified scheme in this connection.

APPLICATION FOR LEASING OF MURROUGH: Consequent upon decision which the Council reached at their Special Meeting held on 16th August, 1954, when a deputation from An Comhaltas Failte Chill Manntain attended on the meeting, in relation to their application for a lease of a portion of the Murrough, Wicklow, for development of this area under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, lengthy correspondence from An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain and St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club, dated 30th September, 1954 and 29th September, 1954, respectively, was read.

An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain in their letter stated that they had arranged a meeting with the representatives of the sporting bodies deriving use from the playing pitches at the Murrough, Wicklow, as suggested by the Council, and had obtained the full co-operation from all the bodies concerned subject to confirmation by their (the representatives) Committee in the case of St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club. In conclusion they requested that the Council might inform them of the terms under which they would grant a lease, stating that they would convey these terms to the various Clubs and afterwards arrange with the consent of the Council, to have embodied in the terms of the lease or introduced into the sub-lease or letting, the arrangements which the Company will make with each organisation!

St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club wrote stating that a report in the "Wicklow People" stating that all clubs concerned with the playing pitches at the Murrough, Wicklow, had accorded full co-operation to the development efforts of An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain, was inaccurate insofar as it related to their Club. It was indicated that the representatives of the Club, who had examined the proposals of the Company, had pointed out that any decision regarding the pitch would have to be made by a full Committee of the Club. Subsequently the Committee of the Club decided not to accept the plans submitted by the Company for the development of the playing pitch. They now, in consequence, desired to renew their application for a lease of the pitch stating that the lease would be required for the purpose of developing the ground into a first class pitch and enclosing same.

Both applications were considered at great length. Regarding application of An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain it was unanimously agreed: (a) to exclude from any lease to be granted the two pitches known as the G.A.A. pitches or playing grounds, and (b) to defer consideration with reference to the remaining area, north of the G.A.A. pitches and await receipt of any plan of development which the Company might be prepared to submit for this area and until all matters preliminary thereto had been resolved by the Company.



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In regard to the application of St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club it was decided, after prolonged discussion, not to lease the plot in question as the Council felt that the requirements of St. Patrick's Club were being adequately met under the existing arrangements. It was stated that the Council had no intention of interfering with the existing facilities of the sporting bodies unless with their agreement. The Chairman said that he felt this had been made sufficiently clear at the previous meeting when it had been agreed that, in the event of an agreement not being reached in relation to the playing pitches, this portion should also be excluded for the lease which An Comhaltas Failte Chille Mamtain had applied for to that meeting.

Concluding the discussion the Council unanimously agreed to give St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club an assurance, in writing to the effect that they would safeguard and guarantee to them the facilities which they had heretofore enjoyed at the two pitches on the Murrough, known as the G.A.A. pitches free from interference and with the operation of existing terms as to fees.

**CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:** Under dated of 30th September, 1954, An Comhaltas Failte Chille Mamtain wrote applying for a lease of that portion of land at the Murrough, Wicklow, on the west side of the new concrete road bounded on the north by the several playing pitches and on the south by existing houses, for development as a Children's Playground. In the course of their letter they stated:-

"....We have been assured by officials of An Bord Failte that it is a most desirable suggestion and one which should receive the approval of the Board and their financial assistance. The Company would like to get ahead with the final plans and estimates for the scheme on this portion of the Murrough.

To do so, the Company agreed that the best method to push it ahead would be to devise this as a scheme separate from the remainder of the developments envisaged for the Murrough. Consequently I was instructed to inform the Council that the Company would be greatly obliged if the Council would consent to make a separate lease of this portion of the Murrough to them, and to state their most favourable terms and conditions, in order to give the Company the best possible case to present to An Bord Failte when the plans are finally drafted and presented to them for approval and financial support.

Upon receipt of the Council's consent and terms the Company's Architect will prepare the plans and these will, in turn be first submitted to the Council, and then with the approval of the two bodies - Council and Company - the plans and estimates will be sent to An Bord Failte"

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Council would favourably consider granting a lease for a period of 31 years an annual rent of £1. 1. 0. per annum, of that plot of ground marked No. 5 on plan in possession of the Council, but with the exclusion of the right-of-way along river bank, for development as a Children's Playground, subject to the covenant that the Development Works to be approved by the Council and be carried out within a period of three years from date of lease. Architect to be instructed regarding omission of permanent right-of-way along river bank and be requested to prepare a map showing clearly the area in question.

**PRELIMINARY SKETCH PLAN - DIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, under date of 15th September, 1954, submitted a preliminary sketch plan outlining development of area in vicinity of Gas Works and incorporating works already carried out by the Council. When the Council had examined the plan in detail it was agreed to request the Architect to submit an estimate of cost and detailed drawings in connection with the provision of a Children's Paddling Pool, occupying the position of pool set out on his preliminary plan. The Architect to be requested to prepare as economic a design as

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possible having regard to the funds available and the dimensions of the Paddle Pool to be such as would facilitate the gauging of international standard pools measurements on the open sea side of the pool and adjoining the pier wall.

**CIRCULAR H. 8/1954 of 24/9/1954 - RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS:** The County Manager synthesised the contents of this Circular letter for the members informing them that under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, a housing authority may make a grant to a person executing repairs to a premises for the preservations and improvement thereof, which are suitable for occupation by persons of the Working Classes, of an amount equal to one-third of the cost of repairs or £80, whichever is the lesser. The Minister May make a similar grant.

The meeting was informed that nine houses were subjected to Repair Notices under Section 19 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, at present and would rank for consideration for a grant. It was proposed by Councillor Finlayson and seconded by Councillor Brennan, and agreed, to adopt Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954. It was further agreed that the nine persons subjected to repair notices might be informed of the availability of these grants.

**HOUSING PLANS:** Councillor Brennan expressed a desire for a departure from the standard type of house plan, in connection with the Housing Scheme under contemplation, to which suggestion the Council agreed. It was desired that the houses would possess some individual characteristics suitable to the locality in which erected. The members, on enquiry, were informed of the present position relation to the site plan which it was hoped would be submitted by the Architect in the coming week.

**FIRE INSURANCES:** The Council unanimously agreed to increase indemnity in respect of certain fire insurances, upon the advice of the County Manager, as per details submitted.

Arising from this matter Councillor Brennan queried the possibility of remodelling the exterior of the Town Hall. Further consideration of this matter was deferred to the Estimates meeting.

**PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT THE MURROUGH:** The hours of opening of the Public Convenience at Murrough was queried. The Council desired that it might be open to the public during the winter months. Report on the matter to be made available to the next meeting.

**PROPOSED ERECTION OF GARAGE AT DUNBUR ROAD - FINLAYSON BROS:** An application dated 5th October, 1954, from Messrs Finlayson Bros., for permission to erect a garage at house occupied by Mr. Gallagher Dunbur Road, was placed before the meeting. It was agreed to grant permission subject to compliance with the requirements of the Town Surveyor.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCILLOR E. KANE:** The undernoted letter from Councillor E. Kane was read:-

A Chara,

Owing to pressure of business I have been unable to attend many meetings for the past several months and as this situation is likely to continue, I wish to tender my resignation,

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Kane's reasons for absence as an excuse in writing, as required by the appropriate enactments and desired that he continue in office.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** A resolution from Bray U.D.C. calling upon the