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the Minister for Industry and Commerce to examine the possibility of providing nationally owned ships to overcome the chaotic conditions which exist at Dun Laoghaire and Holyhead, was marked "read"

Permission was given on application to Messrs B. Higgins and Thos. Hudson Hanan, St. Laurence's Park, for removal of ranges at their dwellings and replacement thereof with an open fireplace, on the usual conditions.

It was agreed to put on the Agenda for the next meeting the selection of a name for the reconstructed Fever Hospital which will shortly be opened as a Preventorium for primary T.B. cases.

Mrs. E. Byrne of 12 St. Laurence's Park applied for permission to erect a structure at the rear of her house. Further particulars of extension to be requested together with sketch plan.

A letter from S. Walpole, 12 Campden Hill Gardens, London, W.8, regarding provision of chairs at Seafrost, Wicklow, was also read.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Wicklow Council
2nd Nov. 1954.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

29th October, 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, 2nd November, 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 Monthly Meeting held on 5th October, 1954, (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Wicklow County Council re suggestion of a name for reconstructed T.B. Preventorium.
3. Correspondence from E.S.B. re Public Lighting - Wicklow.
4. Correspondence re disposal of Old Technical School to Urban District Council.
5. Letter from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, re Civic Improvement Scheme.
6. Submission of map by Mr. J. P. Butler, delineating the site at Murrough for proposed development as a Children's Playground - application for lease.
7. Letter from Ace Products Ltd. re plot of ground at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.
8. Letting of vacant house at No. 8 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
9. Report from Town Overseer re Convenience at Murrough.
10. Copy of letter from the Minister for Local Government re recent Conferences on Management system.
11. Memorial re provision of Public Lighting at St. Manntan's Road and on Mass Path.
12. Circular letter from Dublin Ratepayers' Association re proposed National Meeting of Ratepayers.
13. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To:

Each Member:

A Chara,

Your special attention is drawn to Item No. 6 on the Agenda for the monthly meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7-30 p.m. This item concerns the proposed leasing of a site at the Murrough to An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain, for development as a Children's Playground.

The Council, at the October Monthly Meeting agreed that they would give favourable consideration to the granting of a lease of the area in question for a period of 31 years at an annual rent of £1. 1. 0. per annum. It was directed, however, that the Architect should prepare a map of the plot in question with the area clearly delineated.

This map has now come to hand and will be available for examination when the Council are considering the proposed leasing of the plot.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER, 1954

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), A. Finlayson, J. Brennan, C. W. Hudson, J. Clarke, P. Doyle, J. Rourke 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 the monthly meeting held on 5th October, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

SUGGESTION OF NAME FOR RE-CONSTRUCTED T.B. PREVENTORIUM: Letter dated 17th September, 1954, from Wicklow County Council with regard to above was read to the meeting. It was agreed to defer consideration of this subject to a further meeting.

LETTER FROM E.S.B. RE IMPROVED PUBLIC LIGHTING - WICKLOW: Under date 19th October, 1954, the Council was informed by letter from the E.S.B. that for an annual contract sum of £448 (i.e. £29. 15. 0. in excess of contract sum for 1954/55) the existing lighting system in Wicklow would be replaced by 95/200 watt Dublin-type lanterns with fitted prismatic glass refractors which would ensure better and more even distribution of lighting over the road surface. Existing control gear would be replaced where necessary and new solar dial time switches installed. The work arising in respect of the replacement of the existing lanterns would be carried out at no additional expense to the Council. The hours of lighting would be the same as those at present in operation, i.e. from dusk to midnight.

The Council fully discussed the matter and agreed to accept the quotation in sum of £448. However, the Council was desirous of providing 300 watt lanterns in the Main Street (i.e. from Grand Hotel to Market Square) and it was agreed that if the provision of these 300 watt lanterns did not substantially increase the quotation arrangements should be made to have the E.S.B. proceed with the replacement of the existing system with new-type 300 watt lanterns in the Main Street and 200 watt lanterns elsewhere.

CORRESPONDENCE RE DISPOSAL OF OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL: The following extract from a letter dated 20th October, 1954, from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee was read:-

"At its February meeting my Committee proposed to dispose of the old school to your Council for the nominal consideration of £5. Under the terms of the lease the purchase price for the premises has to be approved by the Minister for Education, and it would appear that the Minister does not consider the nominal sum of £5 to be adequate. For your further information the original cost of the structure and later additions thereto was in the region of £1,000, of which sum one half would have been contributed by the Department of Education.

The Committee at its meeting yesterday decided to request your Council to make what could be regarded as a reasonable offer for the premises, having regard to their present state of repair!"

The Department of Education in the course of their letter stated:-

"In accordance with the terms of the lease, the Urban Council has now the option of purchasing the premises from the Vocational Education Committee at a price to be approved of by the Minister for

Education, and since the Department contributed a substantial sum by way of special grant towards the cost of the building in the first instance, it is to be expected that a fair price will now be obtained for it."

After discussion during which the Council expressed the view that having regard to the use to which the Council intended to put the premises, viz: Boys' Club, Museum, etc. and also to the present state of repair of the premises and to the covenant in the lease, whereby at the expiration or sooner determination of the term of lease the lessees would surrender the premises "in good order, repair and condition" the members felt that the matter should be referred back to the Department of Education, quoting the views of the members and requesting that the premises be made available on the terms agreed upon by the Vocational Education Committee and as conveyed to the Council. It was further agreed that the Minister for Education be requested to meet a deputation from the Council in relation to this matter. The deputation to consist of the Chairman and the County Manager.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: The following letter from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, dated 16th October, 1954, was read:-

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 7th inst. and the request from the Urban Council that I should submit an estimate of cost and detailed drawings for a Children's Paddling Pool.

The provision of a Paddling Pool as contemplated by the Council, partly set into the Harbour, would involve costly containing walls, filling etc., and in my opinion could not be satisfactorily built for the sum the Council have in mind - i.e. about £800 - £900.

Should the Council wish to proceed with the scheme I will be very glad to prepare the detailed drawings and have everything in readiness to commence work when the necessary money is available.

I shall be obliged to have the Council's further views in this matter and assure them that I will be happy to carry out whatever proposals they may decide.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The members considered the matter very fully, and agreed to request the Architect to prepare a sketch plan, showing eventual development in stages and to give an estimate of cost for each stage, viz: Paddling Pool for Children and later a Swimming Pool.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE BY AN COMHALTAS FAILTE CHILLE MANNTAIN:

Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, under letter dated 11th October, 1954, submitted map showing plot at Murrough, Wicklow, which An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain desired to lease from the Council for development as a Children's Playground. The members examined the map of the plot and noted that the right-of-way along the river bank was excluded. It was then proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed:-

"That a lease of that portion of ground at Murrough, Wicklow, as delineated on map submitted by Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, be granted to An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain for a period of 31 years at an annual rent of £1. 1. 0. lease to be subject to condition that if the Company cease to function, or to operate the site themselves it shall revert to the Council!"

LETTER FROM ACE PRODUCTS LTD RE PLOT OF GROUND AT BALLYNERRIN, WICKLOW: The undernoted letter, dated 8th October, 1954, from Ace Products Ltd., was read:-

8th October, 1954.

re: Plot of Ground at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

Dear Sirs,

We wish to inform you that at a meeting of our Board of Directors held on Saturday, 18th Sept., it was decided that we surrender the lease of the above plot, as it would be a considerable time before we could develop it.

The Company therefore regard it as a liability whereas you may have some immediate use for it, to the benefit of the town.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Approved. The Council agreed to advertise the site for a light industry. It was also agreed that a deputation from the Council consisting of the Chairman and County Manager together with a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce, should meet the Minister for Industry and Commerce regarding the development of industries in Wicklow.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT 8 GLENVIEW ROAD: The County Medical Officer in his report dated 22nd October, 1954, placed the applicants for tenancy of No. 8 Glenview Road, in the following order:-

A Chara,

I recommend as follows:-

1. Joseph Fitzgerald, Colley St.
2. James Noctor, High Street.
3. Patrick Kavanagh, High Street.
4. James Rowan, 13 Dominick's Road.
5. Patrick Kelly, 16 Fairview Road.
6. Thomas Doyle, 19 Castle Street.
7. Patrick Power, 7 Convent Road.
8. Andrew O'Reilly, 2 St. Bride's Ecc.
9. James Hanlon, 4 Strand Street.
10. Miss A. Kavanagh, 41 Castle Street.

I have made no mention of Mrs. K. Kennedy, who is at present in St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, as she has no house to inspect. On the other hand she has no house to go to on her discharge, and as will be seen from Rev. Sr. Peter's letter, two of her children are school going age. I leave this matter in the hands of the Council.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The details concerning each of the applicants were submitted to the meeting. The Council agreed to appoint Mrs. Kathleen Kennedy as tenant having regard to all the circumstances relating to her particular case subject to this person making satisfactory arrangements for the maintenance of her children.

REPORT RE OPENING OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT MURROUGH: The Town Overseer in the course of a report regarding the proposal of the Council to open the convenience at the Murrough during the Winter months, stated that in his opinion an attendant would be required as otherwise the electric fittings, etc., would be broken or removed as he had experienced previously. The Council agreed, after discussion that the Overseer should arrange to open the convenience on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All removable fittings to be taken away prior to opening to prevent pilfering.

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LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT: The following letter dated 9th October, 1954, from the Minister for Local Government was read:-

Dear Manager,

I should like, having completed the programme of conferences on the management system, to express to the local bodies who were represented at them, to their representatives and to yourself my thanks for the very generous co-operation of all local authorities concerned in arranging the conferences and in placing before me the useful and informative views which the public representatives had to express. I should like, also, to thank the elected members and managers who made themselves responsible for functions associated with the conferences.

These conferences enabled me to acquire an understanding of the merits and demerits of the management system from the point of view of the local representatives and this understanding will influence very considerably the recommendations which I will make in due course for the amendment of the law relating to management.

I should be glad if you would place this letter before each local authority which took part in the conference in your area.

Yours sincerely, etc.

NOTED.

MEMORIALS RE PUBLIC LIGHTING: Memorials from residents of Fairview Rd. and Ballynerrin regarding the provision of extra public lighting in the vicinity of Shanty Lane, St. Manntan's Rd., and Mass Path, were read.

It was agreed to obtain a quotation from the E.S.B. regarding the provision of an additional light at the junction of St. Manntan's Rd. and Mass Path.

HOUSING: The following report dated 28th October, 1954, from the Chief Medical Officer regarding the sites selected for the proposed erection of 10 houses in Wicklow was read:-

A Chara,

I have inspected the sites in question and have marked them A, B, etc., on the plan which I return herewith. A is definitely unsatisfactory. B would be fairly satisfactory but I understand that the Post Office have acquired this site and presumably will want an entrance from High Street. C, Ball Alley, is in my opinion definitely unsuitable. It is bowl-shaped and, in view of its situation, I do not think it would be satisfactory. It is surrounded by County Council Offices, County Hospital, Fever Hospital and the Convent is adjoining. Much development would be required and, I presume, that in the process, the Ball Alley an amenity of the Town, would disappear. It would also be detrimental to the amenities of the Hospital. I do not approve of this site, which, in my opinion, should be left as an open space. D, while not ideal, is fairly satisfactory. E and F are not particularly good but might possibly be built on.

Misc, le méas, etc.

The Council was informed that the report of the Chief Medical Officer together with the report from the Architect accompanied by the draft lay-out plan had been submitted to the Department. It was directed that the Department be requested to expedite submission of their observations on the sites.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter from Dublin Ratepayers' Association, regarding a proposed National meeting of Ratepayers, was marked "read".

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Letters from Mrs. Mary Dickenson, Friars' Hill and James Fitzgerald, St. Dominick's Rd., regarding choked gullies were referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.

A letter from the Prioress, Dominican Convent, was read regarding the planting of shrubs on their foreground over-looking the Ball Alley, stating that it was hoped that shrubs which were planted some years ago would in time cut out the unsightly view. The letter stated further that shrubs which had been planted in other parts of the grounds had been torn up by trespassers.

The Waterworks Overseer in the course of his report stated that a large quantity of sand would be required and also a new ladder for work at the filter beds and hip boots for employees working in the streams. Approved.

The Town Overseer reported that the field known as the "Glen Field" recently reclaimed, would require to be advertised for re-letting for next season. It was agreed to insert an advertisement in the "Wicklow People" in this connection for letting for one-acre.

It was directed that correspondence be addressed to the Council's Solicitor regarding the institution of legal proceedings against Miss G. & M. Hamilton, Main St., Wicklow, in connection with the recovery of field at Dunbur Road.

Councillor Rourke was welcomed back to the meeting after a lengthy absence. Councillor Rourke in replying paid high tribute to the staff of Loughlinstown Hospital.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*William Clarke
7th Dec 1954*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

3rd December, 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 December, 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 Meeting held on 2nd November, 1954 (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Office of Public Works re National Monuments.
3. Letter from E.S.B. re provision of 300watt lanterns in Main St.
4. Letter from E.S.B. re additional lighting at junction of St. Mamtain's Rd., and Mass Path.
5. Letter from An Bord Failte conveying their agreement to subvent the cost, up to a stated maximum, for the provision of a Scenic View at Greenhill Road.
6. Letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce re "Halt" Signs.
7. Letter from Department of Local Government re reduction of interest rates.
8. Letter from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., enclosing plans and specification relating to proposed extension to their premises at North Quay.
9. Letter from Industrial Development Authority in connection with Industrial Development in Wicklow.
10. Fixing date of Annual Fowl Market.
11. Arrangements for all-night public lighting - Christmas pperiod.
12. Regional Water Supply Scheme.
13. Vacant house at No. 8 St. Patrick's Avenue.
14. Old Technical School.
15. Deferred consideration of selection of name for reconstructed T.B. Preventorium.
16. Consideration of tenders - 11 months letting of "Glen Field" for conacre.

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17. Letter from Department of Local Government re Scheme submitted under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
18. Memo from Town Surveyor re E.S.V. Scheme 1954/55.
19. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER, 1954

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

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 the monthly meeting held on 2nd November, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor J. Clarke stated that he was of the opinion that the Council had decided to seek a quotation for the provision of a public light in the vicinity of Shanty Lane at the previous meeting. It was agreed, after discussion, to request the E.S.B. to submit a quotation in this connection to the next meeting.

LETTER RE NATIONAL MONUMENTS: The undernoted letter dated 17/11/54 from the Office of Public Works was read:-

National Monuments

In reply to your letter dated the 9th September, 1954, regarding the Black Castle, Wicklow, we wish to state that this Castle is the subject of a Preservation Order made by the Minister for Finance in 1940 under the National Monuments Act, 1930. The existence of this Order does not, however, empower us to undertake any repair or maintenance work at the structure.

We are advised that the Castle is not of sufficient interest to warrant being taken into full State care. Should your Council, however, be interested in taking over the Castle for preservation, consideration could be given to the revocation of the Preservation Order to enable them to do so.

The Council expressed surprise regarding the contents of the letter and directed that it be indicated to the Office of Public Works that the Blackcastle is considered by the Council and people of Wicklow to be of sufficient importance and interest to justify being taken into state care.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - 300 WATT LANTERNS IN MAIN ST: The following letter from E.S.B. was read:-

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 5th inst., stating that your Council has accepted the quotation submitted for the replacement of the existing Public Lighting Installation by new and improved equipment at a total annual charge of £448. for year ending 31st March next. In view of the possibility of your Council deciding to have 300 watt lanterns erected in the Main Street in lieu of the proposed 200 watt lanterns, we are withholding authorisation for the new work to be undertaken, pending a decision being made by your Council in the matter.

For your information, we would point out that the extra charge arising for the lighting and maintenance of each 300 watt lamp in lieu of the proposed 200 watt, would amount to £2. 2. 0. per lamp per annum.

Immediately on receipt of your Council's decision regarding

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the installation of 300 watt units, we shall authorise the required work to be put in hands and completed as soon as possible.

Kindly let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was unanimously agreed not to take any action with regard to the provision of 300 watt lanterns in the Main St. at this stage in view of the additional expenditure involved viz: 13 lanterns at £2. 2. £27. 6. 0. It was further agreed that arrangements should be made to have the E.S.B. proceed with the replacement of the existing system with the new Dublin-type lamps and brackets and if it is noted that the lighting in the Main Street is not substantially improved arrangements would then be made for the provision of 300 watt lanterns.

ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT ST. MANNTAN'S ROAD/MASS PATH: In the course of a letter dated 1/12/1954 the E.S.B. in response to a request for a quotation for the provision of an additional light at the junction of St. Manntan's Road and the Mass Path, stated that "there is no existing L.T. networks between pole 276 and 10KV pole 22 as indicated on map by you. Accordingly the operation of a 200 watt lamp in this position will necessitate the erection of a network extension at a total cost of £75 to your Council, payable on completion of work!"

Consideration with regard to the matter was deferred to the Estimates meeting.

SCENIC VIEW NEAR WICKLOW: The following letter dated 25th November, 1954, from An Bord Failte was read:-

Dear Sir,

I am to refer to your letter of 3rd November, with estimate enclosed from the Town Surveyor for scenic view at Ballynerrin Greenhill Road. The proposal has been considered by the Board which has agreed to subvent the cost of the work proposed up to a maximum of £950. This estimate of £950 is regarded by the Board as a final one and the Board will not be prepared to consider any application for a further grant to cover any excess expenditure which may be involved.

Yours faithfully, etc.

A plan and details of work was submitted by the Town Surveyor. The Council examined the plan and learned that the work was to proceed forthwith. Regarding the recruitment of labour it was mentioned that as far as possible Urban workers would be employed but that it would be necessary to engage labour from without the Urban area in connection with the quarrying and carting of materials. It was further agreed to adjust the rent in respect of an 11 months letting of the field, in which the park is situate, to Mr. John Doyle over the unexpired period of letting. The provision of seats and planting of shrubs as part of the scheme was desired by the Council.

The Chairman expressed the deep appreciation of the Council and of the people of Wicklow to An Bord Failte for their generous assistance and desired that this message of appreciation might be conveyed to An Bord Failte. Appreciation was also expressed to the County Manager for his efforts in the matter.

"HALT" SIGNS: In a letter of 19/11/1954 the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce wrote requesting that the Council might consider the advisability of placing "Halt" signs at various points converging on Church Hill and Church Road. The Gardaí authorities in a letter stated that they had no objection to the erecting of the signs and suggested erecting a sign at the junction of Church St and Fitzwilliam Square. The Town Surveyor in a letter on the subject stated that the signs would cost £4. 17. 6. each.

After discussion it was agreed to defer the matter for con-

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sideration to the Estimates meeting.

REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATES: The undergiven Circular H.12/54 from the Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the Minister for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, has given a direction under Section 12 of the Act fixing at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made or or before 1st December, 1954.

Mise, le meas,

The meeting was informed that this reduction would have an effect of reducing the loan charges by $4\frac{1}{2}$ d on each £100 borrowed over a 50 year period.

NOTED.

SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LIMITED: Under date 11th November, 1954, Shamrock Fertilisers wrote stating that plans for the erection of an extension to their factory at North Quay would be submitted by their Architect and requesting that approval to the erection of the extension would be given as early as possible. In the course of their letter they stated "you will see from the plans that we will require all the ground which you have agreed to lease to us and as we may require further extension we would request you to let us have all the plot of ground which was originally granted to us and which you later took back". The meeting was informed that reference was quite probably being made to the site which had been leased to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. under date 10th August, 1953.

In a reply to a query the County Manager stated that a covenant in this lease to Wicklow Saw Mills provided for the erection of buildings of cost at least one thousand pounds within 3 years from the date of demolition by the Council of the site thereat. However, the meeting was informed that five of these eight houses were yet occupied and this prohibited the Council from taking any immediate action in the matter.

Approval to the erection of an extension to their premises was unanimously given to Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., on the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Hudson.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN WICKLOW: The undernoted letter of date 29th November, 1954, from the Industrial Development Authority was read:-

29th November, 1954.

Dear Mr. Flannery,

I am much obliged for the information set out in your letter of the 26th instant and will take steps to ensure that it is brought to the notice of Members and officials of the I.D.A. and to the attention of the New Industries Branch of the Department of Industry & Commerce. Any help that I personally can give in this regard will be gladly given.

Representations have been too in the same direction by the Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce to whom we have furnished such information of the kind sought as is available.

Yours sincerely, etc.

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The County Manager informed the Council, in committee, of the discussion which had taken place between the deputation from the Council (Chairman, Mr. W. Clarke and the County Manager) and Mr. Duffy, Chairman of the Industrial Development Authority, and an official from the Department of Industry & Commerce. The deputation was assured that everything would be done to induce interested persons to establish an industry in Wicklow. The deputation stressed at great length the facilities available for industries in Wicklow and the availability of potential industrial sites. The deputation was informed that the degree of local interest and the preparedness to invest local capital in an industry was a determining influence in attracting an industry, together with the extent of unemployment in the area. The possibility of establishing a certain type of industry, the particulars of the cost of plant of which were not available at the time of discussion but was believed to be very high, would be investigated by the Industrial Development Authority.

The members expressed thanks to the Chairman and the County Manager for their efforts in the matter and a vote of thanks was also expressed to Mr. Everett for his assistance in arranging for the reception of the deputation.

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET: Monday, 20th December, 1954, was fixed as the date for the Annual Fowl Market.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - CHRISTMAS PERIOD: It was unanimously agreed to arrange for all-night Public Lighting on Friday, 24th December and Saturday, 25th December, 1954, as in previous years.

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The County Manager informed the meeting that the report from the Consultant Engineer, Mr. P. F. Purcell, in connection with the Regional Water Supply Scheme had been received and was considered by the Wicklow County Council at their November meeting and that approval from Wicklow Urban District Council was awaited before the documents in relation to the scheme would be approved. The regional scheme envisaged supplies for Wicklow Urban, Rathnew, Ashford and Ballinalea. At a later date it could be extended to Brittas Bay. The scheme had been delayed for some time because of the E.S.B. proposal for a hydro-electric scheme at Annamoe which could now reasonably be expected not be proceeded with within the next five years in view of the other schemes to which the E.S.B. were already committed.

The Consultant Engineer proposed taking the water from the Vartry River in the Devil's Glen at a point where it could readily be connected with the E.S.B. reservoir in the event of the hydro-electric scheme being proceeded with, or, if not proceeded with, from Lough Dan if the quantity of water required warranted such. The route of the pipeline from Rathnew to Wicklow would run via Keatingstown in preference to the Main Rathnew-Wicklow Road, unless proposals were put forward for maintaining the pipeline along the latter route. The scheme now submitted would provide for the establishing of a reservoir near Wicklow of 100,000 gallons which would provide a supply as a stand-by and would also provide for an extension to the Brittas Bay area at a later date.

The County Manager regretted not having the appropriate statistics relating to the estimated cost with him but, subject to correction, he said the estimated cost of the scheme was £90,000 - £100,000, which on an apportionment of 30% on Wicklow Urban area and 70% on the county would represent a rate of 2/8d in £ (2/- stated) on the Urban rates and 3.6d on the County Rate.

The Council agreed to give approval to have the documents in relation to the matter completed and expressed the view that when the tenders for the work would be obtained and examined a more accurate indication of the commitments of the Council would be available.

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VACANT HOUSE - NO. 8 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: Five applications were received:-

1. James Gerrard, Main St.
2. Gunter Kohler, Dunbur Rd.
3. Edward G. Ryan, St. Patrick's Avenue,
4. Charles E. Vize, "Ard-Keen".
5. Owen Finlay, Main St.

The Council considered the applications in detail and following a lengthy discussion unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Jas. Gerrard as tenant.

Arising from consideration of these applications the Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the erection of 4 better-class (3 bedroomed) semi-detached houses, on a Council owned site, on the proposition of Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle. It was directed that the Architect be requested to prepare lay-out plan for these houses at the site at Ballynerrin Lower, adjoining the eight existing houses, to the next meeting of the Council so as to enable early submissions to be made to the Department in the matter.

OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL: The County Manager stated that the deputation from the Council had attended on the Minister for Education, in connection with the acquisition by the Council of the premises in the Main St. formerly used as a Technical School, as desired by the Council. A communication dated 6/12/1954 has now come to hand from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that the Chief Educational Officer had received sanction from the Minister for Education to the acquisition by the Council of the Old Technical School premises in consideration of the payment of £5. It was requested that in view of the consideration being a nominal sum the Council might discharge the costs of Surrender. This was agreed to. It was also requested that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Surrender endorsed on lease dated 4th October, 1904. Accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Rourke and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Surrender endorsed on lease dated 4th October, 1904, Urban District Council of Wicklow to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, which provides that in consideration of the payment of £5 by the Wicklow Urban Council to the County Wicklow Vocational Educational Committee, the Committee shall surrender and assign to the Council that plot of ground together with building (heretofore used as a Technical School) at Main St., Wicklow, to hold for the residue of the term of lease, viz: 75 years from 4/10/1904.

USE OF OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL PREMISES AS BOY'S CLUB: Under date 3/12/1954 Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., wrote to the Council enclosing Agreement for leasing by the Council granting permission to the Trustees of the Wicklow Boys' Club to use two rooms in the premises at Main St. for Boys' Club as from 8th December, 1954, at an annual rent of £1. The letter also queried who was responsible for the cost of preparation of Agreement. The Council agreed to discharge the costs in this connection.

It was proposed by Councillor Rourke, seconded by Councillor Hudson and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement dated 3rd December, 1954, Wicklow Urban District Council to Trustees of Wicklow Boys' Club, granting permission for the use of two rooms in the premises at Main Street, Wicklow, (heretofore used as a Technical School) as a Boys' Club as from 8th December, 1954, at an annual rent of £1. It being noted that the Agreement provides that the letting is for the temporary convenience of the Council only."

NAMING OF T.O.B. PREVENTORIUM: The County Manager stated that he was pleased to inform the members that owing to a marked decline in the incidence of T.B., there may not now be need for the provision of a preventorium and accordingly the suggestion of a name for the preventorium could be deferred indefinitely.

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TENDERS FOR 11 MONTHS CON-ACRE LETTING - GLEN FIELD: Two tenders received, viz:-

H. W. Hopkins, Wentworth Place, Wicklow, in sum of £45.
Robert Dickenson, Friars' Hill, Wicklow, in sum of £35.

It was unanimously agreed on the proposition of Councillor Hudson seconded by Councillor Rourke to accept the tender of Mr. H. W. Hopkins, in sum of £45.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT: Letter dated 29/11/1954 from Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to the work on the Leitrim River under the Local Authorities (Works) Act proposed for execution in the current financial year submitted with your letter of the 15th September last, and to state it is considered that having regard to the fact that the section of the river proposed to be cleaned is tidal, no worthwhile benefits would be likely to accrue from the execution of the work which would justify the expenditure involved. For this reason, therefore, the scheme as submitted cannot be approved.

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

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Town Surveyor under date 7th December, 1954, submitted the following alternative works:-

A Chara,

I submit hereunder a list of alternative works in this connection:-

1. Provision of new piped gullet at Wolohan's Lane, St. Patrick's Road and at Kennedy's field.
2. Piped gullet at plot field, St. Patrick's Road.
3. Piped gullet at junction of St. Laurence's Rd. with St. Patrick's Road.
4. Concrete piping in water table on sides of Convent Road towards Mount Carmel.
5. Piped gullet at Sullivan's Lane and cleaning of side drains and dykes on the lane, and repairs to surface.
6. Piped gullet at Urban District Bounds Ballynerrin Upper (end of Convent Road near Weafer's house).
7. Pipe drain and widening of water channel in Colley Street.
8. Piped gullet at bottom of Green Hill Road and wall 3' high to enclose plot at rear of Convent Road cottages.

I estimate cost of the above works at approx. £510, 0, 0. and I recommend that the Department be asked to sanction these proposals immediately. I have already discussed the matter with an Engineering Inspector from the Department, and having regard to the recent heavy rain and floods, if these items are carried out, there should be some relief afforded.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Council unanimously approved of the Scheme as submitted.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1954/55: The undernoted memorandum of 30th November, 1954, from the Town Surveyor was read:-

re: Grant £900 - Local Contribution £90 = £990

A Chara,

The works to be carried out under this grant were approved by the Council in September last pending sanction from the Department.

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Included in the list of works were certain tar surfacing jobs, but owing to the continued bad weather and the excessive wet condition of the ground, I suggest that such works be deferred until some more favourable opportunity, and that the money be diverted to the reconstruction by steam-rolling of Colley Street which is a road badly in need of repairs and upon which it has not been possible to give attention for a number of years. The works therefore that I suggest should be carried out are:-

1. Reconstruction by steam-rolling of Colley Street and Old Dunbur Road £674
2. Bond Street (as already submitted) £215
3. Concrete footpaths at Colley Row and Morton's Lane £101

So that some of the local unemployed may get work for Christmas I propose to start a few men in the quarry on Friday, 3rd Dec., 1954.

Mise, le mens, etc.

The Council approved of the revised scheme as submitted.

APPLICATION FOR LETTING OF TWO FIELDS AT OLD DUNBUR ROAD: Mr. George Dobson, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, applied for an eleven months letting of two fields at Old Dunbur Road, Wicklow, in sum of £12. 13. 8. for concrete stating that he would sow grass seeds also if the Council supplied them.

Approved from 1/1/1954.

CHRISTMAS TREE: The Chairman stated that in response to a public appeal for funds in connection with the erection of a Christmas Tree at Fitzwilliam Square £2. 15. 0. had been subscribed which merely discharged the printing costs. He stated that the cost of erecting the tree would amount to £17 (approx.). He invited the views of the Council on the matter. After discussion the Council to appropriate the equivalent of the product of 1/2d. in £ under Public Parks for the purpose of providing the tree and authority to the excess expenditure involved was voted under Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1950.

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The Chief Educational Officer wrote under date 25/11/1954 stating that Mr. W. Clarke became disqualified from membership due to non-attendance at meetings and requesting that Mr. Clarke be re-instated or appoint some other member of the Council to the vacancy.

It was unanimously agreed to re-appoint Mr. W. Clarke to the Committee.

DAMAGE AT SEA-FRONT: The Town Overseer reported that wilful destruction had been caused to the shelters at the seafront, tar having been spread on the seats. He reported that he caused the seats to be cleaned and painted, but again the seats were ill-used and a number of concrete posts removed.

The Council condemned this blackguardly behaviour in the strongest terms and directed that the matter be referred to the Gardaí for attention.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT DUNBUR ROAD: Lt. Col. T. E. B. Beatty's application for an additional light at Dunbur Road was deferred for consideration to the Annual Estimates Meeting.

COUNCIL V. HAMILTON - FIELDS AT DUNBUR ROAD: The following letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, dated 8/11/1954 was read:-

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8th November, 1954.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 6th inst., we duly instituted proceedings for the recovery of possession of the field in question and the case is listed for hearing at the present Circuit Court. Due, however, to the fact that there are two long Jury Trials the case will not be reached.

The Circuit Judge will probably come back in a month or so to hear this case and several others which were not reached.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

CARAVAN SITES: The Irish Tourist Association in a letter of 25/11/1954 requested to be furnished with particulars relating to the conditions obtaining with respect to caravan sites so as to enable them to provide tourists with up-to-date information in this regard.

The Council discussed the matter at some length and agreed to inform the Irish Tourist Association regarding the availability of space for 20 caravans (approx) provided that the trailers were equipt with their own toilet arrangements. Water is available and a weekly rent of 10/- obtains. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should prepare a map of the area and the views of the County Medical Officer regarding the number of caravans which should be accommodated might be obtained. The Council would then designate the site as Caravan Site.

ROAD AT BALLYGUILLE: A letter from Mr. T. O'Sullivan, regarding the poor condition of the lane between the Main Road and Reilly's Cottage was read. The Town Surveyor pointed out that this work was included in the revised Local Authorities (Works) Act, Scheme and it was decided to await the outcome of the submissions being made to the Department. It was directed that Mr. O'Sullivan be informed of the position and that if the work is carried out it will be discharged under the Local Authorities (Works) Act Scheme and not as a service lane for which Council is not responsible.

OTHER BUSINESS: The absence of Mrs. Whittaker from her house at No. 2 Urban Villas was approved for compassionate reasons, for a further three months from 15/11/1954, the Council having considered a letter from Dr. David Monger, 71 Cardiff Road, Cardiff, stating that for medical reasons she was not fit to return to her house.

A letter from Mr. A. Jameson, 5 St. Kevin's Tce., applying for a new sink, was read. The members were informed that the sink was not broken but merely chipped. Read.

Mrs. B. Whelan, 16 Castle St., wrote enquiring why she had not been advised of the availability of reconstruction grants in respect of her house at Castle St., where she had desired to instal sanitary accommodation etc. The members were informed that only those persons on whom Repair Notices had been served had been circulated under the provisions of Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954. It was agreed to direct Mrs. Wheeler to such a reconstruction grant from the Department of Local Government.

Arising from a complaint received from Mrs. F. Conway, regarding the range at her address, at No. 2 Castle Avenue, the Town Surveyor was instructed to inspect the appliance.

A draft of lease to An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain in connection with the leasing of a plot of ground at the Murrrough, Wicklow, for development as a Children's Playground, was submitted by Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, under date 3/12/1954, for approval. The Council fixed 1st January, 1955 as the date of

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transfer and approved of the draft with other minor amendments.

Councillor Finlayson referred to the dangerous condition of the pier at Blackcastle, Wicklow. He stated that the pier was supporting a large canopy and was very dangerous. The matter to be referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.

The members agreed to give two tables, which are held in store in the Town Hall, on loan to the Boys' Club when the Fowl Market had been held.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*H. Parker
4/1/55*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
31st December, 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, 4th January, 1955, 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 Meeting held on 7th December, 1954. (copy herewith).
2. Letter from E.S.B. re additional lighting at Morton's Lane.
3. Letter from Irish Tourist Association re local contributions under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1939.
4. Submission of lay-out plan in connection with proposed erection of 4 better-class (3 bedroomed) houses.
5. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 4TH JANUARY, 1955

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), C. W. Hudson P. Doyle, J. Rourke, 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 the monthly meeting held on 7th December, 1954, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

QUOTATION RE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING: A quotation from the E.S.B. dated 13/12/1954 in connection with the provision of an additional public lantern at Morton's Lane for an annual contract sum of £5. 3. 0. was deferred for consideration to the Estimates Meeting.

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION: A letter from the Irish Tourist Association, undated, regarding the making of contributions by Local Authorities under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1951, was read. After consideration the members unanimously decided to defer the matter for consideration to the Estimates meeting.

LAY-OUT PLAN FOR 4 (3 BED-ROOMED) HOUSES: Under date 3rd January, 1955, Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, submitted a lay-out plan for the proposed erection of 4 (3 bed-roomed) houses at Ballynerrin Lower:-

3rd January, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I enclose two copies of Draft Layout Plan for proposed houses at Ballynerrin Lower. These houses are situated south of existing houses and have a combined frontage of 144'0" onto existing road. The total depths of the plots vary from approximately 110'0" to 120'0" and the houses are set back about 36'0" from centre of road. The aspects of the new houses would be south east and north west.

The site is about 2'0" above road level and rises rather sharply from west to east. With the exception of a footpath, the site is completely developed and includes a 12'0" roadway with a 4" water main and sewer at rear of houses.

It is estimated that the overall saving on the cost of the houses, by reason of existing development, would be approximately £350. 0. 0. A footpath and boundaries are all that are required to complete the development.

In planning the houses it is suggested that the Parlour on the ground floor be omitted and that two large and more useful rooms be provided instead of the usual three - one as a living-dining room and the second as a kitchen-breakfast room. This arrangement would not interfere with the accommodation on the first floor nor would it make the houses anything dearer.

Yours faithfully,
John P. Butler

The members unanimously approved of the lay-out plan and also agreed to the Architect's suggestion regarding the use of the ground-floor, space, viz: living room cum dining room and kitchen cum breakfast room. Lay-out plan to be submitted to Department for sanction and Architect to be requested to proceed with house designs as soon as Departmental approval is received.

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AFFIXING OF SEAL: It was 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 would 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."

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson seconded by Councillor E. Clarke and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Surrender endorsed on lease dated 27th February, 1952, Wicklow U.D.C. to Ace Products Ltd., which demised that portion of ground at Ballynerrin Lower containing 1 acre 3 roods 5 perches to Ace Products Ltd., for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £12. 10. 0."

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter from Mr. Malachy Hynes, C/o Irish Independent Offices, Dublin, regarding a request for the inclusion of Wicklow in his series of articles currently appearing was read and noted.

A Vote of Congratulation was passed to the crew of the Wicklow Lifeboat arising from the activities which took place off Wicklow head on 8th December, 1954, when Wicklow and Arklow Lifeboats went to sea to stand-by when a distress signal was received. Mr. J. T. O'Byrne on behalf of the crew members thanked the Councillors for their vote of congratulation.

A report from Mr. L. O'Boole, Rent Collector, stating that lead waste piping had been removed from a number of houses in Castle St. and Monkton Row was referred to the Gardaí for attention. The members strongly condemned this wanton damage.

The tenancy of No. 7 St. Bride's Tce., was surrendered by Mr. Jas. Kelly, as he was presently residing in England and has been for eleven years or more. The Council formally accepted the surrender of tenancy and having discussed the circumstances relating to the case in committee, decided not to take any action relating to the appointing of a tenant at this stage. It was agreed, however, that if the house should become vacant (a Mr. McEvoy, step-father of Mr. Jas. Kelly and an O'Neill family being presently residing therein), Mr. Patrick O'Neill would be sympathetically considered for the vacancy.

Mr. Patrick Dunne, 32 Glenview Road, wrote requesting permission to open the paling in front of his house to permit the entry of a pony's cart. The Council had this matter under consideration on two previous occasions and had decided to refuse permission. The matter was again discussed at length and it was decided to again refuse permission as it was felt that if permission was granted it would seriously impair the amenities of the locality.

A letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union dated 12th October, 1954, regarding the submission of a proposal to give effect to the Temporary Allowance (1953) viz: 10% from 1st November, 1952 to 31st March, 1953, was read. It was agreed to defer consideration of this item to the Estimates Meeting. The members were informed that the amount required would be £46 (approx.)

The Chairman queried the present position regarding repairs to a range in Council House at Castle Avenue, tenanted by Mr. W. Conway. The Town Surveyor stated that he inspected the range and certain repairs had been carried out. However, he understood that Mrs. Conway would like a larger range, that this could not be arranged. The Town Surveyor stated further that if another range from stock could be provided it would be done. The County Manager stated that if the tenant was seeking a new range in such a case it would be provided on a

repayment basis. It was finally agreed that the Town Surveyor might arrange to carry out a further inspection with a view to remedying defects in the appliance.

It was directed that the Cheap Fuel Scheme suppliers be requested to provide proper storage for the turf supplies so as to enable the participants in the scheme to collect the fuel in a dry condition.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Warrant to Justice
1st Feb 1955*

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It was directed that the Cheap Fuel Scheme suppliers be requested to provide proper storage for the turf supplies so as to enable the participants in the scheme to collect the fuel in a dry condition.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th January, 1955.

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, 1st February, 1955, 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 meeting held on 4th January, 1955. (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re Temporary Allowance, 1953.
3. Resolution from Longford Urban District Council re prohibiting the holding of fairs on public streets and the provision of up-to-date Fair Grounds.
4. Resolution from Sligo Mental Hospital Board.
5. Letter from Office of Public Works re Black Castle, Wicklow.
6. Letter from Wicklow County Poultry-Keeper's Association re fixing of date of Annual Fowl Market.
7. Letter from Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce re public lighting at St. Manntain's Road.
8. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY, 1955

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

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 the monthly meeting held on 4th January, 1955, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE 1953: A letter from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union dated 13th January, 1955, requesting that the Council might reconsider their decision regarding the payment of temporary allowance in respect of period 1st November, 1952, to 31st March, 1953, was read to the meeting. The County Manager detailed the history relating to the application and stated that the amount involved would be £46 (approx). Councillor J. Clarke queried the position regarding Mr. J. De Courcy, Waterworks Overseer, and Mr. B. O'Toole, Town Overseer. The County Manager stated that whilst Mr. De Courcy was regarded as an officer of the Council for superannuation purposes the various temporary allowances had not at any time been applied to him as his remuneration was determined in relation to the rates obtaining for employment of comparable nature. The position regarding Mr. B. O'Toole would bear examination. The County Manager pointed out further that Mr. De Courcy's remuneration had been revised as from 5/9/1952 from £370 per annum to £400, in addition to emoluments valued at £20. The present application takes effect as from 1/11/52 only.

After further consideration the Council agreed to give effect to the temporary allowance as from 1/11/52 to 31/3/53 on the motion of Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle. The Council further authorised the excess expenditure of £46 (approx) as required by Section 25 of the County Managements Act, 1940.

RESOLUTION FROM LONGFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL: A resolution from Longford Urban District Council regarding the provision of up-to-date fair grounds for the holding of fairs was marked "read".

RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO MENTAL HOSPITAL BOARD: The undernoted resolution from Sligo Mental Hospital Board was adopted unanimously:-

"That we the members of the Sligo Mental Hospital Board, wish to congratulate all the I.R.A. men on the stand taken by them when being tried for their efforts to remove the invader from their native soil. We wish to pledge them our assistance in the ideals for which they are imprisoned. We also call on the Government to pass a Foreign Enlistment Act whereby nationals of the Republic will be deprived of their citizenship if they enlist in the British or other foreign armies. Copies of this resolution to be sent to all public Bodies in the Twenty-Six Counties"

NATIONAL MONUMENTS: The undergiven letter from the Office of Public Works dated 13th January, 1955, was read:-

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In reply to your letter dated 9th December, 1954, regarding the Black Castle, Wicklow, we wish to state that as already pointed out the Castle is not of sufficient interest to warrant being taken into full State care. Should your Council, however, be interested in taking over the Castle for preservation, consideration could be given to the revocation of the existing Preservation Order to enable them to do so.

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Following a brief discussion the Council directed that the Office of Public Works be requested to indicate the amount of financial assistance which they would be prepared to offer in the event of the Council deciding to take the Black Castle into their care.

FIXING DATE OF ANNUAL FOWL MARKET: The following letter from the Wicklow County Poultry Keeper's Association dated 4th January, 1955, was read:-

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the members of the above Association, and also the Glenealy branch of Macra na Feirme, and the Ashford Branch of the I.C.A. we wish to draw your attention to the dissatisfaction felt by a large number of poultry producers at the late date on which the Wicklow Turkey Market was held in 1954. As no doubt you are aware, export of poultry and turkeys closed before the Market was held, thus not giving producers a chance to bring their birds to Dublin in the event of their not procuring a satisfactory price in Wicklow. As a result of this quite a number of large producers of turkeys, marketed their birds prior to the Market. We feel that sufficient consideration was not paid to the convening of the market, or the producers. Not only was the Market small, but we feel that the shopkeepers in Wicklow suffered as a result also. People who sell their produce will usually spend some of their gains in the shops before returning home. If their produce has sold well, and good prices have been produced they will be in a position to settle outstanding accounts and perhaps embark on further purchases.

In future may we ask that a more careful consideration be paid to the most important section of the community in arranging the date for the market, namely the Producers, without whose efforts the market would be unnecessary. It is generally felt that the market should be held at least nine or ten days before Christmas, thereby giving an opportunity to those buyers who must obtain their birds in good time, to attend the market.

If in the fixing of dates for future markets we can be of any help, we would be only too pleased if you would consult our Committee, most of whom are producers, and who are in touch with a large number of producers.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Hudson, to consult the Association with regard to the fixing of a date for the Annual Fowl Market in future years.

EXTENSION OF E.S.B. CURRENT: The Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce under dated 25th January, 1955, wrote as follows:-

A. Chara,

Having written to the E.S.B. with reference to the non-existence of light and power extensions along the new St. Manntan Road area to serve a number of houses and a small industry which has been held back for lack of electric power, the Chamber of Commerce received a reply to the effect that in the case of an industrial supply they require a minimum revenue guarantee to replace a contribution, and in the case of public lighting for local authorities extensions are chargeable as for an similar installation work. At the meeting of the Chamber it was pointed out that further building is proceeding on this new road, which is the only residential one in the urban area lacking this amenity. I have been asked to write to the E.S.B. again on the matter, and at the same time, invite the Urban Council to give their support in ob-

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taining the necessary extension along this road without having individuals being made contributors or guarantors to this particular body in view of the circumstances which exist here.

Misc, le meas, etc.

After consideration the Council agreed to support the application of the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce in the matter and to request the E.S.B. to extend their low tension network to this locality without requiring the payment of a capital cost of £75, as indicated in their letter of 1st December, 1954. The Council felt that this request was not unreasonable in view of the income which would accrue to the E.S.B. having regard to the extent of development which has taken place in this vicinity within the past few years and to the anticipated development which will be made in the coming years.

PROVISION OF LIGHTING AT NORTH QUAY: A letter dated 31st January, 1955, from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., applying for lighting at North Quay on the road on which their factory is situated, was referred to the Harbour Commissioners for attention.

OTHER BUSINESS: Having considered a report from the Rent Collector in the matter, the Council gave permission to Mrs. Susan Kelly, 16 Fairview Rd., and Mr. Hugh O'Neill, 2 St. Laurence's Rd., to exchange tenancies.

Having considered a report from the Rent Collector the Council agreed to appoint James Jameson to the tenancy of 6 Kilmantin Rd., Wicklow, in succession to his father, recently deceased.

Lengthy correspondence was read from Mr. John S. Byrne in reply to a communication addressed to him by the Town Clerk regarding his failure to notify the Council of his absence from house at 33 St. Laurence's Park. The Council were informed that the person had gone to England sometime in December and from his correspondence it would seem that he intended remaining there until August. The County Manager informed the meeting that Mr. Byrne had been written to indicating that this period of absence could not be permitted but that subject to the Council's approval being obtained at the February meeting leave of absence up to the end of February would be granted provided the rent was clear at all times. The Council considered the matter fully and agreed to give him leave of absence to 31/3/1955 and the matter would then come up for review at the April monthly meeting.

The cleaning of a gully at Bath St., opposite Gas Manager's residence, and the inspection of a house at St. Brile's Tce., in which there was evidence of dampness, were referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.

The members again queried the present position regarding the proposed erection of 10 houses on derelict sites and the erection of 4 (3 bedrooomed) houses at Ballynerrin, Wicklow. On being informed that the matter was still with the Department it was directed that further reminders be sent requesting that the Department might make their early observations available.

It was directed that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to close up the houses at High St., as they were presently becoming a nuisance by reason of entry being gained through the windows from which the stones had been removed.

Details of work, in relation to two houses at Quarantine Hill, proposed to be discharged by Mr. Matthew Turner, Summer Hill, Wicklow, and for which he proposed to apply for a Government Reconstruction Grant, were referred to the meeting. The Council unanimously approved of the work.

A letter from Mrs. E. Malone regarding three vacant houses at

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Castle St., Wicklow, for which she sought a remission of rates was referred to the meeting. The County Manager informed the members that the rates in respect of these three houses could be struck off at the close of the year on the grounds that beneficial occupation had not been possible.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: The County Manager informed the members that it had come to his notice that four persons to whom loans had been advanced under the terms of the Council's Scheme under the provision of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 1899-1954, had contravened the terms of the Scheme insofar as the sub-letting of the premises had been effected without the consent of the Council being obtained in the first instance. The persons were:- (Dates of completion of Mortgage given in parentheses):-

Francis M. Finlayson (6/9/1949); Andrew J. Finlayson (6/9/1949); Patrick P. Finlayson (14/3/1951) and Edward Hynes (11/11/1953).

The Council considered the matter at some length and directed that these persons be requested to submit an explanation, in writing, for presentation to the Council for consideration at the next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

C. J. Hudson
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow.
 25th February, 1955.

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, 1st March, 1955, 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 meeting held on Tuesday, 1st February, 1955 (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Office of Public Works re National Monuments.
3. Report from Chief Medical Officer re Caravan Site at Murrough.
4. Application from Wicklow Fertilisers for extension of Public Lighting in the vicinity of Bond Street.
5. Reply from E.S.B. re provision of low-tension network in the vicinity of St. Manntan's Road.
6. Various correspondence re Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
7. Application from Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for wages increase for their members employed by Wicklow U.D.C.
8. Letters from Mrs. Whittaker and Mr. John S. Byrne re absence from houses.
9. Submission of sketch lay out plan by Mr. A. D. Finlayson for building sites at 'Bog Field', Dunbur Road.
10. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 1ST MARCH, 1955.

Present: In the absence of the Chairman, who had indicated his inability to be present, Councillor C. W. Hudson presided. Also present were Councillors J. Brennan, A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Clarke, J. Rourke 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 the monthly meeting held on 1st February, 1955, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

SUPPLY OF FERTILISERS FROM WICKLOW FACTORY: Before commencing with the ordinary business of the meeting the undernoted resolution was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"We ask that the Government would arrange for an immediate settlement of the difficulty between Irish Sugar Co., and Smamrock Fertilisers Ltd., so that the factory at Wicklow can remain in production. We are alarmed at the proposal to license the importation of fertilisers which would result in grave unemployment in Wicklow".

It was directed that a copy of the resolution should be wired with all convenient haste to the Department of Industry & Commerce, Dublin.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS: The following letter dated 16th February, 1955, from the Office of Public Works, was read:-

16th Feabhra, 1955.

In reply to your letter dated 3rd February, 1955, regarding the Black Castle, we have to inform you that there are no funds at our disposal from which we would be empowered to give financial assistance to your Council in the event of their deciding to take the Castle into their care."

Following a brief discussion the Council agreed to request the Town Surveyor to submit an estimate of cost for preserving the structure with a view to ascertaining whether financial assistance might be made available from some other source.

CARAVAN SITE: The undernoted letter dated 16th February, 1955, from the Chief Medical Officer was read:-

16th February, 1955

A Chara,

The granting of permission for caravans in the Urban District is of course, a matter of policy. I am not aware that any of the other Urban Districts in the county have granted such permission. Having regard to the present proposal I note that approximately 20 caravans are suggested for one acre. Maximum building density is 16 houses per acre. (fully serviced).

I recommend as follows: Not more than 16 caravans to be permitted. The Council to provide flush lavatories, the effluent to be dealt with by a septic tank. I would estimate that there should be 6 W.C.'s. There should be a concrete refuse container and this should be cleared weekly by the Council. Alternatively bins might be supplied.

Mise, le meas, etc.