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The Council considered the matter at some length and having regard to the considerable expense which the requirements of the C.M.O. would entail decided to take no action with regard to designating the site as a Caravan Site. The report of the Chief Medical Officer was accordingly marked 'noted'.

**SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD. - PUBLIC LIGHTING:** A letter dated 7th February, 1955, from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., was read:-

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of 2nd instant.

There appears to be a misunderstanding as to where we require the installation of street lighting. The part of the road on which we consider street lighting is most urgently required is between the last lamp-standard some distance from the bridge and the entrance door to the factory offices. This part of the road, we understand, is the responsibility of the Urban Council.

Trusting you will give this matter your immediate attention,

Yours faithfully, etc.

The meeting was informed that Wicklow Harbour Commissioners had already decided to provide four additional public lighting in this locality and accordingly it was agreed that this information should be conveyed to Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd.

**PUBLIC LIGHTING AT ST. MANNTAIN'S ROAD:** A letter of 7th February, 1955 from the E.S.B. in reply to correspondence addressed to the Board from the previous meeting of the Council, was read. The letter stated, in effect, that the E.S.B. could not extend the low-tension network to this locality without the stipulation as to minimum revenue guarantee or the payment of a capital charge. (which the members were informed was £75), which arrangement obtained in all areas. The members felt that no useful purpose would be served in pursuing the matter further and it was agreed to defer the matter for consideration to the Estimates meeting.

It was also agreed to defer for consideration to the Estimates meeting the application of Mrs. Eliz. Fallon, Abbey St., for the restoration of a public lantern outside her premises at Abbey St.

**SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS LOANS:** Arising from discussion which took place at the previous monthly meeting of the Council in this regard, the undernoted letter of 4th February, 1955, from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, was read and noted:-

4th February, 1955.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 31st ult., and we note that certain Borrowers under the above Acts have not been residing in the houses.

The Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899 provides that the Council can grant a loan in certain instances and provides that before making an advance under the Act the Local Authority should be satisfied among other things that the applicant intends to reside in the house.

Section 7, sub-section (1), (2) and (3) of this Act enumerates the different instances in which the Council can suspend the condition as to residence.

If a condition as to an advance is broken by the Borrower the Council have statutory authority to have the premises put up for sale and the surplus (if any) after paying the Mortgage to the

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Council is paid to the Borrower.

If this condition was enforced by the Council it would apparently mean that the Council would have a number of houses for sale and having regard to the present position as regards sale of houses it would be very unlikely to sell these premises.

Furthermore, the security of the house is not in any way lessened by the Council suspending the condition as to residence.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager supplied the Council with details relating to the matter and stated that explanations had been received from three persons concerned but that no comment had been received from the remaining offender, viz: Mr. E. Hynes, whom it seemed had not resided for any period in the house acquired under the provisions of the Scheme. The members having given due consideration to the matter, decided to accept the three written explanations submitted and directed that Mr. Hynes be corresponded with in the strongest possible terms pointing out that unless his written observations regarding his failure to comply with the terms of the Council's Scheme under these Acts were submitted forthwith he would be required to pay the outstanding balance of the loan.

**APPLICATION FOR WAGES INCREASE:** Under dated 22nd February, 1955, and 24th February, 1955, Irish Transport & General Workers' Union and Plumbing Trades Union applied for an increase of 10/- per week in the rates of remuneration of their members employed by the Wicklow Urban District Council.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the rates of wages of employees of local authorities were governed by a Circular letter M.L. 76/50 issued in December, 1950. This circular authorised the adjusting of the rates of wages, not subjected to specific sanction, where the rates paid would not exceed the rate paid locally for employment of a comparable nature. The meeting was then informed of the rates obtaining locally for employment which would appear to be of a similar character. These rates varied from £5 per week to £5. 6. 6. per week. (This latter rate obtains for an employment which the members on a previous occasion felt was an employment which the members on a previous occasion felt was an employment of a comparable nature). The County Manager further informed the meeting that specific sanction would be required where it was proposed to vary the rate of wages to a rate exceeding the locally observed rate for comparable employment.

The members considered the matter at length and decided to grant an increase of 7/6d. per week for labourers with effect as from 9/2/1955, on which date the application for an increase was first made. It was further agreed to grant an increase of 7/6d. per week to Mr. J. De Courcy and Mr. B. O'Toole, Waterworks Overseer and Town Sergeant respectively also with effect from 9/2/1955. Authorisation to the excess expenditure involved in the financial year 1954/55 being given in anticipation of specific sanction being obtained.

**ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSES:** Correspondence was read from Mrs. Whittaker, 2 Urban Villas, and Mr. John S. Byrne, 33 St. Laurence's Park, both presently resident in England, regarding their absence from Council houses and applying for permission for further leave of absence. Mrs. Whittaker's application which was accompanied by a medical certificate, was considered and the members were informed that she had up to the date of the meeting availed of 6 months leave of absence. The Council's agreed to give her leave of absence for a further month, i.e. to 31/3/1955, the matter to be then reconsidered. Mr. Byrne was granted permission to 30/6/1955.

**LEASING OF DOG FIELD:** Bearing date 25/2/1955 Messrs Finlayson Bros. submitted a sketch lay-out plan for development of a building site

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for eight houses at 'Bog Field', Dunbur Rd., which they held on lease from the Council, under the following covering letter:-

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge received your letter of the 16th Nov., 54 and note that the Council had been able to make satisfactory arrangement in re Miss D. Wall's interests.

In noting this fact, I presume that your statement that I 'may make arrangements for the development of the sites' may be taken by me as indicating that the development of the site which I propose will date as from this 16th Nov., when your Council notification that the arrangements with Miss Wall were completed. I would greatly appreciate a statement from the Council to this effect.

I am enclosing Site Plan as requested.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager pointed out that the sketch plan submitted was not sufficiently detailed and indicated the manner by which it fell short of requirements, viz: no contours shown or relative floor area and levels of each house, no reference to water supply nor was there any section shown for main sewer.

The Council discussed the matter at some length in the course of which they were informed that the lease of 27th May, 1952, provided that eight houses were to be constructed within 3 years from 25th March, 1952, when a rent of £35 per annum would become payable, however, 1/- per site i.e. 8/- in all, would only be changed pending completion of the houses.

This matter was deferred for consideration to the Statutory date for the holding of the Estimates Meeting and Mr. Finlayson intimated that a detailed sketch plan would be made available to that meeting.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: Under date 4/2/1955, Mr. J. P. Butler, submitted a sketch plan of a combined Children's Paddling Pool and Swimming Pool sited beside the Harbour Beach and adjoining the factory of Messrs Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. No discussion took place on the subject as it was pointed out to the members that the pools had been sited on an area which has already been leased and in respect of which plans for the construction of premises for storage facilities had already been approved. The Architect's covering letter stated as follows:-

Dear Sir,

With reference to earlier correspondence in connection with the above and my submission of Preliminary Sketch Plan on the 15th September, 1954, showing Children's Paddling Pool located in the Harbour. I am now of the opinion, after consideration and from enquiries made, that the practical difficulties to be met during the construction of this pool would be very great and maintenance against damage by winter seas could be very costly.

As an alternative to this original scheme, I have indicated on the enclosed Plan a site, which, being above sea level, could be developed as a combined Children's Paddling Pool and Swimming Pool, and would not represent the difficulties which would almost certainly be met with in the Harbour.

The cost of construction in this alternative site would be considerably less than works of a similar nature set in the Harbour.

In the revised scheme the Paddling and Swimming Pool are shown as part of the Park constructed alongside Harbour Beach. The site

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for the pools is, with exception of about 6 semi-derelect houses, free of buildings and its location adjoining Park and Beach should prove popular and safe for children. Ample car parking facilities are available in immediate vicinity of Pools.

As indicated on enclosed plan, the Pools are enclosed on the South, East and West by Spectators stands which consist of reinforced roof over Bathing Boxes and need only be of simplest construction.

On the North side the Pools might be enclosed by railings leaving outlook over Harbour unobstructed. Water supply for pools to be pumped from Harbour.

The completion of entire scheme shown could be spread out over a number of years and might be carried out in the following stages.

- (1) Completion of Park and planting, including at least temporary protection to embankment during winter months.
- (2) Construction of Children's Paddling Pool including surrounding walls. Space for Swimming Pool to be used in interval as Playground for children.
- (3) Construction of Swimming Pool, stands etc.
- (4) Provision of Car Park, resurfacing of roads etc.

Should the Council consider this alternative plan more satisfactory than the original I will be glad to prepare details for Stage (1) above with a view to having the work carried out immediately.

Yours faithfully, etc.

CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954: A summary of the Bill, which had been forwarded to the members with the minutes of the previous meeting at the request of the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities, was noted.

SITE AT HIGH ST - DEPARTMENT OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS: The undernoted letter of 24/3/1955 from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs was read and noted:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 3rd and 16th instant, we have had the premises at High Street inspected and on that occasion there did not appear to be any evidence of sanitary or other nuisance. Steps are being taken, however, to have any windows through which entry might be gained suitably sealed up.

Mise, le meas, etc.

LETTER FROM ST. PATRICK'S G.A.A. CLUB: The following letter was read from Secretary, St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club, dated 26th February, 1955:-

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence regarding the above, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that in spite of rulings made by your Council regarding the use of the various playing pitches, the G.A.A. pitch is now being used constantly by other Clubs in the Town, i.e. Rugby and Association Football. Not alone is the pitch being rendered unplayable for our forthcoming competitions for the Life-boat Trophies, but our goal posts have been removed by the Rugby Club and used for their games.

The regulations set out by your Council regarding these pitches have been completely ignored by both Rugby and Soccer Clubs, and it now appears that all clubs are concentrating on leaving the Gaelic Football pitch in such a state as to render it unfit for our coming games.

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Under the circumstances, I would request the Council to indicate to the two clubs concerned that they must play on the pitches as previously used by them and not in future to trespass on the G.A.A. pitch.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The complaint was fully considered and it was directed to write to the Secretaries of the Football and Rugby Clubs to the effect that interference from their Clubs with the pitch on the Murrrough referred to as the G.A.A. pitch would have to cease as in the event of further complaints being received no further lettings would be made to their Clubs. It was also directed to require these Clubs to restore the pitch to the condition in which they found it before they commenced to use the pitch without first obtaining the consent of the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club as agreed upon at an earlier meeting of the Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** An application by Mr. Liam Turner, Quarantine Hill, for a grant from the Council under Section 12 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1954, was read. The meeting was informed that Mr. Turner was seeking a state reconstruction grant for the reconstruction of two houses at Quarantine Hill and that the Council could, if they so wished, advance a grant equal to the State Grant, viz: one third cost of work or £80, whichever, is the lesser.

On being informed that the amount of advance to be made would fall on rates it was agreed not to make the grant.

Complaints were received from the following tenants and were referred to the Town Surveyor for attention (a) Jas Fitzgerald, 4 St. Dominick's Road (b) Mrs. Corkish, 12 St. Dominick's Road.

Councillor Doyle queried position regarding repairs to be discharged to house at No. 8 St. Dominick's Road occupied by Mr. M. Neill. The Town Surveyor stated that the inclemency of the weather had delayed the work, but that the work would be taken in hand at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor O'Rourke enquired regarding the present position relating to the recovery of a field at Dunbur Road from Mr. H. Hamilton. The Manager informed the meeting that it had been found necessary to withdraw the case from hearing at the last sitting of the Circuit Court but that proceedings were being instituted afresh.

Councillor J. Clarke, on being informed, of the position with regard to the claim submitted to the Council's Insurers, in connection with an accident which occurred at the public depot at Blackcastle, as a result of which the Council's carter sustained the loss of his horse and severe damage to his cart, suggested that the insurers be requested to indicate the amount of ex gratia payment which they would be prepared to make in the matter. The other members concurred with this suggestion.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Wm. J. Clarke*  
5/4/55

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

16th March, 1955.

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

A. Chara,

I hereby give your notice that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Wednesday, 30th March, 1955, at 7-30 p.m. The County Manager's Estimates and Report are appended hereto.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 30th MARCH, 1955

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

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, 5th April, 1955, at 7-30 p.m.

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5th April  
1955*

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

1st April, 1955.

To:

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

A Chara,

The Adjourned Annual Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 5th April, 1955, at close of business of the Ordinary Meeting which is scheduled for 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

The Minutes of the Annual Estimates Meeting are appended hereto.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
10th March, 1955.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on  
the 31st March, 1956.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details are given of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending on the 31st March, 1956. The Estimates will be considered at the statutory Estimates Meeting which this year will be held on Wednesday, 30th March, 1955.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £32590 and total receipts at £14029. The net amount to be levied from rates, therefore, is £18561.

The expenditure under the four main accounting headings is given hereunder, with the corresponding figures adopted for 1954/55 shown in parenthesis:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>		<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Net Expenditure</u>
Roads	£1462	(£1445)	£50	(£60)	£1412 (£1385)
Sanitary Services	£4260	(£4052)	£229	(£230)	£4031 (£3822)
Housing	£12720	(£12222)	£10775	(£10530)	£1945 (£1692)
General Urban Purposes	£14148	(£13551)	£2975	(£2980)	£11173 (£10571)
	£32590	(£31270)	£14029	(£13800)	£18561 (£17470)

Credits of £468 are available and after the application of these the net amount required is reduced to £18,093.

A rate of 1d. in the £ would produce £41. 7. 9. in the coming year and the net requirements of £18,093 would require a rate of 36/5d. in the £, which would be an increase of 2/2d. over the rate for the present year which is 34/3d.

The increase in the estimated expenditure is explained in detail later, but briefly they arise under the following headings:- County Council Demand £340 (8½d); Public Lighting £124 (3d); Revision of remuneration £140 (3½d); Provision for Housing Reconstruction Grants £100 (2½d); New housing scheme £40 (1d); Election Expenses £85 (2d); Additional provision for housing repairs £50 (1d.); An Tostal Decorations £40 (1d); Provision for road signs, extra insurances, increase in cost of food for School Meals, and provision for retirement allowance for employee, £149 or 3½d.

**ROADS:** In the Estimates for 1955/56 the same amount as last year (£75) has again been included for the Council's contribution to Employment Schemes. In the present financial year a state grant of £900 was received. This was a substantial increase over the sum which the Council had anticipated might be made available, viz: £350. The additional grant enabled the Council to carry out some very necessary improvements to urban roads. The following

works were undertaken:- Steam rolling of Colley St., and Old Dunbur Road; tar surfacing of Bond St; laying of new roadway from the North Quay beyond Bond St. which provides access to Harbour and to industrial premises. A number of minor works yet to be carried out include the provision of concrete footpaths at Colley Row and Morton's Lane.

The provision made for Ordinary Road Maintenance is £587, which is practically the same amount as allowed in the present year. This provision is intended to meet the cost of ordinary road repairs during the year. It has been the practice of the Council in recent years to allow £280 for Special Works on roads such as tar spraying and re-surfacing, and a similar amount is included in the attached estimates. The Town Surveyor, however, has submitted a list of special works, which would according to his estimates cost £1739. The list of works recommended by him are:-

1. Monkton Row Lower	.....	£90.	0.	0.
2. St. Kevin's Road	.....	£42.	0.	0.
3. St. Dominick's Road	.....	£40.	0.	0.
4. Fair Green	.....	£78.	0.	0.
5. Green Hill Road	.....	£180.	0.	0.
6. Friars' Hill and Rocky Road	.....	£70.	0.	0.
7. South Quay (Bridge St. to Bus Stop)	.....	£60.	0.	0.
8. Strand Street Lower	.....	£194.	0.	0.
9. Part Bayview Road and Morton's Lane	.....	£125.	0.	0.
10. Bond Street	.....	£175.	0.	0.
11. Fairview Road	.....	£225.	0.	0.
12. St. Laurence's Road	.....	£185.	0.	0.
13. St. Manntan's Rd.	.....	£275.	0.	0.

The Town Surveyor has indicated that the work on Fairview Road, St. Laurence's Road and St. Manntan's Road are very essential.

It would be evilent that if the Council were to include provision for all the foregoing works in the rates estimates for the coming year the increase in the rate would be considerable - a rate of 3/6d. in the £ would be required. Instead of including in the estimates the very considerable sum which would be required to meet the cost of the foregoing works, it is suggested that, in accordance with the practice in recent years, the Council might determine a number of works to which priority would be given and then arrange to carry them out with the amount of £280 included in these estimates, together with whatever sum might be made available by way of Employment Schemes grant.

Some time ago the Council had under consideration the question of providing special warning signs at important road crossings in the Urban area and decided to defer the matter until the Estimates Meeting. These signs were estimated to cost £25 and this sum is now show in the estimates.

#### SANITARY SERVICES:

Water Supply: The provision made for the cost of waterworks roughly corresponds to that allowed for 1954/55. It is considered that it will be necessary to continue in the coming year the special pumping arrangements from the stream at Marlton, and that in fact it will cost about £20 extra (the cost last year was estimated at £240.) As pointed out when submitting previous estimates this special pumping arrangement will have to remain in operation until additional water can be made available from the proposed Regional Scheme. In the past year (1954) the Council's Consultant prepared a Regional Water Supply Scheme which provides for the taking of water from the Vartry River, which would enable a link-up with Lough Dan to be arranged if the Electricity Supply Board do not proceed with hydro electric development. This modified scheme was submitted to the Department of Local Government for their views some time ago.

Domestic and Street Scavenging: Under this heading it is necessary to provide, for a part of the year, for a retirement allowance in respect of an employee who has indicated that he proposes to retire in November next: the cost will be £55 in 1955/56. Every year the County Medical Officer has recommended that a general Domestic Scavenging Service might be provided, but no sum has been included in respect of it. When this matter was investigated by the Council about two years ago, it was found that to make available a general household refuse collection service in the town would cost about 2/- in the rates and consequently it was decided to defer the proposal.

Burial Grounds: In the coming year the Demand from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the maintenance of the cemetery at Merrymeeing shows a reduction of £37.

Public Lighting: The amount included for maintaining the existing public lighting service is £488. This is an increase of £28 over the sum allowed last year and it is due to the fact that the Council arranged recently, for certain improvements in the existing service. The provision of better lamps has, however, involved the Council in increased maintenance charges.

In addition the Council was informed of the cost entailed by the provision of four extra lamps. It was asked that these four lamps be provided at St. Manntan's Road, Dunbur Road, Morton's Lane and Abbey St., but the cost was found to be £96. This sum is now included in the attached estimates. By far the greater part of the expenditure would be entailed by the provision of a new lamp at St. Manntan's Road (cost £80).

HOUSING: The net cost of housing for the coming year is estimated at £1,945 which compares with £1,692 last year - an increase of £253.

In the past year the Council allowed £650 for repairs but as this sum is not found to be adequate the amount included for the coming year is £700 - an increase of £50.

During the past year it was decided that it would be essential to increase the value insured in respect of some of the Council's houses. It was felt that the sums for which some of them were insured would not be adequate having regard to the level of present building costs. This decision resulted in an increase in premium payments of £30 for the coming year.

Recently the Council received applications for special Grants under the Housing Act, 1954 from a number of owners of unfit houses in respect of which Repair Notices had been served under the Housing Acts, and the tenants of which had been provided with alternative accommodation by the Council. The Council is empowered to make a grant towards the cost of repairs which would be equal to whatever grant might be made from State Funds. In order to meet possible expenses under this heading a sum of £100 is included. It will be recollected that the Council decided to defer further consideration of applications until the Annual Estimates were being determined.

The Council has also decided to proceed with a Scheme for the erection of houses on a number of derelict sites and also to arrange for the building of a number of houses at Ballynerrin, on a site which has already been developed. Whilst it is intended that the houses at Ballynerrin would be let at a rent sufficient to meet all the capital charges involved, the Scheme for houses on derelict sites would require a subsidy from the rates and for this purpose a sum of £40 has been included in the attached estimates.

Small Dwelling (Acquisition) Acts: Whilst the loan charges under this heading show an increase of £120, this does not involve any cost to the rates as the charges will be met in full by borrowers

repayments. The number of loans made by the Council under these Acts is 15.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

Tourist Development: The sum allowed by the Council last year was £20 and this is again included. It should be mentioned, however, that in 1954/55 no payment has been made as the Council had intended that the sum should be paid to the local Organisation which has been dealing with the tourist publicity, supplying information to enquirers, etc. The Department of Local Government are not prepared to agree to this proposal and indicated that the only Company which would be given approval under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1931, is the Irish Tourist Association.

Foreshore Maintenance: For maintenance work at the Foreshore £150 is again provided. Apart from the necessity for meeting urgent repairs it is advisable that the Council should endeavour to maintain the existing protection works as it was indicated some years ago that the Central Authority would not be disposed to make State Grants if works which were only being provided from such Funds were not maintained. So far no definite indication has been received as to the grants, if any, which may be received from the National Development Fund towards the cost of Foreshore Works. Recently, however, it was noted that monies had been voted by the Oireachtas in respect of National Development Works and the Department has again been written to regarding the urgent necessity for Foreshore Protection Works at Wicklow.

Ant Tostal Decorations: Local Authorities may incur expenditure on the decoration of their district for Ant Tostal in the event of the Council deciding to make any special arrangements of this character. A sum of £40 has been included.

School Meals: The cost of food for the coming year is estimated at £200, which is an increase of £40 over the present year. The provision for additional expenditure is based on the experience in the current year. In addition to the £200 expenditure on food, £72 will be required for preparing and serving the meals. (This is the same amount as last year). The Council obtains 50% recoupment on the cost of food, so that the net increase would be £20. It should be mentioned that the increased expenditure on food is due to the fact that a greater number of children now participate in the Scheme. The number in 1953 was about 90 and in 1954 it was up to 110.

Allotments: The outlay on Allotments is £298, and is almost recouped in full from State Grants. The number of allotments in the present year is over 50.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: The expenditure on the supply of fuel for necessitous households is again estimated at £1050. Practically the entire cost is recouped from State Funds and by the County Council (the latter Body meets the cost in respect of Public Assistance recipients). The number of households benefiting under the Scheme vary from 180 to 200 per week.

Election Expenses: To meet the cost of local elections, which it is expected will be held in June, 1955, a sum of £85 is included in the Estimates.

County Council Demand: This Demand again shows an substantial increase, the amount being £340 which is equivalent to a rate of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. Last year the increase in the Demand was equivalent to  $1\frac{1}{11}$ d. in the £. The following table shows how the Demand for 1955/56 compares with that for the present year:-

	1955/56	1954/55	Increase or Decrease
Main Roads	£1748	£1563	£185 (Inc)
Public Assistance	£737	£2906	£2169 (Dec)
Mental Hospital	£1278	£863	£415 (Inc)
Health Services	£3576	£1240	£2336 (Inc)
General Purposes	£896	£1097	£201 (Dec)
Separate Charges	£407	£633	£226 (Dec)

The increase in the Demand is mainly due to Health items (Health Services and Mental Hospital). The County Council has explained in detail, when the Annual Estimates were being submitted, that that Body is required to make provision for many new services under the Health Acts.

GENERAL: The Estimates now submitted for your consideration would require a rate of 36/5d. in the £, which is an increase of 2/2d. over that levied in the present year. They contain, however, a number of new items, such as additional lighting etc., which the Council may consider should be amended or deferred.

It is only fitting that I should pay tribute to the manner in which the Town Clerk (Mr. O'Connor) and all the other officials of the Council have discharged their duties in the past year. They have all given excellent service which is resulting in a satisfactory standard of performance generally. Once more I would wish to convey to the Chairman and members of the Council my sincere appreciation of the assistance and advice they have afforded in connection with all aspects of administration during the present year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1955/56

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>		
Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes	75	75
Ordinary Roads Works (Wages: £512 Materials £75	587	587
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.	280	-
Erection of Roads (Halt) Signs	25	-
Retiring Allowances	71	71
Salaries	101	101
<u>LOAN CHARGES:</u>		
1953 St. Patrick's Rd., Improvement	197	197
1953 Murrrough Concrete Road	126	126
	<u>£462</u>	<u>1157</u>
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Salaries	559	559
Retiring Allowance	55	55
Water Supplies (Wages £529 Materials: £85)	614	614
Water Supplies - Pumping Scheme	260	260
Sewerage (Wages £58 Materials £30)	88	88
Public Convenience	20	20
Scavenging (Domestic and Street)	680	680
Burial Grounds	140	140
Public Lighting	488	488
Additional Public Lighting	96	-
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1935 Sewer and Water Expension	59	59
1937 Waterworks Improvement	257	257
1898 3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund Etc.	46	46
1922 3½% Stock - Do.	510	510
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Rd)	134	134
1950 Extension of Watermain (Dunbur RD)	159	159
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	41	41
1952 Purchase of field at Marlton Rd. (Waterworks)	34	34
1955 Regional Water Supply	10	10
	<u>£4260</u>	<u>4164</u>

HOUSING SERVICES:

Housing of the Working Classes

Maintenance and Repair	700	350
Salaries (Apportionment of Town Surveyor and Overseer)	100	100
Rent Collector's Poundage	345	345
Printing, Stationery & Advertising	45	45
Insurances	129	129
Rates on Council Houses	2568	2568
Housing Letting Grant	40	40
Housing Reconstruction Grants	100	-

Loan Charges:

1932 10 Houses Scheme	233	233
1934 28 Houses Scheme	639	639
1937 28 & 10 Houses Scheme	29	29
1937 120 Houses Scheme	152	152
1938 120 Houses Scheme	2572	2572
1940 120 Houses Scheme	103	103
1940 34 Houses Scheme	974	974
1942 34 Houses Scheme	84	84
1947 80 Houses Scheme	65	65
1948 80 Houses Scheme	2620	2620
1955 Erection of Houses (10) on Derelict Sites and 4 (3 bedroomed) Houses	40	-
1898 3 1/2% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	20	20
1955 Housing (Reconstruction Grants) Fund etc.	-	30

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan	72	72
1948 Loan	240	240
1949 Loan	480	480
1950 Loan	370	370

£12720 12,260

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

Town Hall Expenses	68	68
Tourist Development	20	-
Demolition of Ruinous Buildings	5	5
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	50	-
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £109; Materials £50)	159	159
Foreshore Maintenance	150	150
Tree Planting	38	38
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridges	5	5
Band Performances	35	35
Milk and Dairies Acts	1	1
Window Tostal Decorations	40	-
School Meals; Cost of Food Administration	200	200
	72	72
Allotments	298	298
Salaries	1036	1036
Rate Collector's Poundage	431	431
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corporate Estate)	91	91
Superannuation: Rate Collector	350	350

£3049 2939

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (CONTD)

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
	3049	2939
Audit Fees	46	46
Legal Expenses	120	120
Election Expenses	85	35 (the appointed over 3 years)
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	135	135
Rents on Council's property	50	50
Rates on Council's property	280	280
Insurance on Council's property	14	14
Public and E.L. Insurances	95	95
Office Expenses	50	50
Discount on Rates	70	70
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	180	180
Cheap Fuel Scheme	1050	1050
Treasurer's Interest	10	10
Rent of Pound	39	39
Miscellaneous	40	40
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1946 New Footbridge	70	70
1898 3¼% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	123	123
<u>County Council Services:</u>		
Main Roads	1748	1748
Public Assistance	737	737
Mental Hospital	1273	1278
Health (County)	3576	3576
General Purposes (County) (Including Fire Brigade)	896	896
Separate Charges (Including Library)	407	407
TOTAL	£14148	13,988
TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES	£32590	31,569

R E C E I P T S

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<u>ROADS:</u>	£	£
Estate Duty Grant	50	50
	£50	50
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Domestic Scavenging	85	85
Water Rents	125	125
State Subsidy to Loan Charges	19	19
	£229	229
<u>HOUSING SERVICES:</u>		
<u>Housing of the Working Classes</u>		
State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre 1948 Schemes)	2380	2380
State Grant: New Houses	344	344
Subsidy to Interest Rates	280	280
Rents inclusive of Rates	6530	6530
State recoupment of Housing Letting Grant	26	26
<u>Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:</u>		
Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)	64	64
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)	1151	1151
	£10775	10775
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>		
<u>State Grants:</u>		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	67	67
Railway and Harbour Charges	110	110
School Meals	100	100
Recoupment of losses on Allotments	290	290
Fuel Scheme	500	500
<u>Other Receipts:</u>		
Fuel Scheme - Recipient's contribution and recoupment from Co. Council	538	538
Corporate Estate Rents	1210	1210
Town Hall Letting (Library)	10	10
Licences and Fees	3	3
Refund of fees by Officers	18	18
Half rent of Pound - Wicklow County Council refund	19	19
Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges	100	100
Miscellaneous	10	10
TOTAL	£2975	2975
TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES	£14029	14,029

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1955/56

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	<sup>1157</sup> <del>£1462</del>	£50 ✓	<sup>1107</sup> <del>£1412</del>
Sanitary Services	<sup>4164</sup> <del>£4260</del>	£229 ✓	<sup>3935</sup> <del>£4031</del>
Housing Services	£12720 <sup>12260</sup>	£10775 ✓	<sup>1485</sup> <del>£1945</del>
General Urban Purposes	<del>£14148</del> <sup>13988</sup>	£2975 ✓	<sup>11013</sup> <del>£11173</del>
	<del>£32590</del> <sup>31,569</sup>	£14029	<sup>17,540</sup> <del>£18561</del>

Deduct Credit ..... :.....  
 Total requirements to be met by Rate levy ..... £18093  
 Municipal Rate of 1d. in £. produces ..... £41. 7. 9.  
 Rate in £ to meet total requirements of £18,093 would be 36/5d. in £.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total Valuation as per Valuation List ..... £10660. 12. 0.

Valuation:

Buildings ...	£9639. 11. 0.	
Less Remissions under Housing Acts	<u>£283. 1. 4.</u>	£9356. 9. 8.
Land .....	£806. 6. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes	£52. 5. 0.	
2/5th reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5th of £754. 1. 0)	<u>£301. 12. 4.</u>	£452. 8. 8.
Land used as Railways:	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: 2/5th reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£20. 2. 0.</u>	£30. 3. 0.
Railways rated in full ...		£12. 0. 0.
Half Rents:	£140. 0. 0.	
Less: 1/2 reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£70. 0. 0.</u>	£70. 0. 0.
Telegraphs .....		£1. 10. 0.
Yards .....		<u>£11. 0. 0.</u>

Total Valuation for Rating Purposes £9933. 11. 4.

Rate of 1d. in £. produces: £41. 7. 9.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
1st April, 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, 5th April, 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 monthly meeting held on 1st March, 1955. (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Naas U.D.C. re Supplementary Housing Grants.
3. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed erection of 4 (3 bed-roomed) houses.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government re sites for proposed erection of 10 houses and other pertinent correspondence.
5. Reconsideration of matters relating to leasing of 'Bog Field' (sketch plan to be submitted).
6. Submission of sketch plan by Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, of proposed Paddling and Bathing Pools - Voluntary Civic Improvement Scheme.
7. Letter from Mr. E. P. Hynes, relative to loan obtained under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
8. Letter from Association of Municipal Authorities re City and County Management (Amendment) Bill, 1954.
9. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed adjustment in wages of Council's employees.
10. Letters from Wicklow Rugby Football Club and Wicklow Town A.F.C.
11. Sealing of Transfer: Annie Kennedy to Wicklow U.D.C.
12. (a) Memorial from tenants of Urban Villas re provision of wall to rere of houses and (b) application for provision of wall at No. 32 Castle Street.
13. Correspondence and reports re absence from Council houses.
14. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 1955

Present: Councillor Wm. Clarke (Chairman), Councillors J. Rourke, P. Doyle, J. Clarke, J. Everett, T.D., J. Brennan and A. Finlayson. Councillor C. W. Hudson had written regretting his inability to be present.

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 March, 1955, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minutes a letter was read from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., expressing thanks to the Council for the public support and help which the Council gave in the recent dispute in which they were involved and which was now satisfactorily settled.

RESOLUTION FROM NAAS U.D.C. A resolution from Naas U.D.C. suggesting that the income limits as provided by the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952, for qualification for Supplementary Housing Grants be amended and that immediate remedial legislation be introduced to provide for grants being made by Urban Authorities to persons in substantially higher income categories, was marked "read".

PROPOSED ERECTION OF 4 (3 BED-ROOMED) HOUSES: The undernoted letter from the Department of Local Government dated 25th March, 1955, was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo relative to the proposed erection of 4 better-class houses at Ballynerrin, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that in view of the extent of the programme for re-housing working class families living in unhealthy, overcrowded or condemned dwellings which still remains to be undertaken by the Council he is not prepared to approve of the proposal to erect better-class houses. If it is not considered desirable to develop the Ballynerrin site for working class houses the Council might lease the sites to individual applicants for the erection of houses thereon by private enterprise.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The matter was considered by the Council at some length and as the members felt that there would not be any private persons interested in the site it was decided unanimously to let the matter rest.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF 10 HOUSES: The following letter of 8th March, 1955, from the Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 30th October, 1954, regarding the development for housing purposes of derelict sites in Wicklow, and to state that having regard to the report of the County Medical Officer the only sites which appear to be available and suitable for the erection of houses are those at Castle Street (D.E.F. as shown on the map enclosed with your letter). The report of the Town Surveyor on these sites should be submitted and as Site D. only is owned by the Council their proposals for the acquisition of Sites E. and F. should be indicated.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The members were informed that Sites E and F referred to in

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the Department's letter and situated at Castle Street, Wicklow, were owned by the Misses Hamilton, Main St., and that under date 22nd February, 1955, the Misses Hamilton had written, in reply to an earlier letter addressed to the, stating that they did not propose to sell the sites in question as the ground served adjoining houses. The members were further informed that the site at Castle St. owned by the Council (referred to as Site D in the Department's letter) would accommodate 2 houses and that Sites E and F would accommodate 2 houses and 3 houses respectively - 7 houses in all.

The Council considered the matter in detail and decided that arrangements should be made to acquire the sites, whether by agreement or compulsorily under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, or Housing Acts, for the erection of seven houses.

BUILDING SITES AT 'BOG FIELD': Further to a discussion which took place in relation to this matter at the previous meeting of the Council, Messrs Finlayson Bros., submitted a Site Plan to the meeting. The meeting was informed that the plan was not yet sufficiently detailed as the plan did not properly show lay out, floor levels and areas of each houses, or depths of sewers, etc.

The Manager informed the members of the covenants of lease dated 27th May, 1952, which provided, inter alia, that eight houses were to be constructed within 3 years from 25/3/1952, when a rent of £35 per annum would become payable, however, 1/- per site, i.e. 8/- in all, would only be charged pending completion of the houses. (Councillor Finlayson withdrew from the meeting at this stage to facilitate discussion on the subject). The meeting was informed of two courses which lay open to the Council, viz: (a) Obtain legal opinion as to termination of lease owing to a breach of covenant or (b) full rent of £35 per annum to be charged with effect from 25/3/1955 and the period within which the houses are to be erected to be extended for a further 3 years, i.e. to 25/3/1958. The members desired that the latter course might be taken. The result of the discussion was conveyed to Councillor Finlayson, who on behalf of Messrs Finlayson Bros., accepted the findings of the members. It was accordingly decided to grant a further extension of three years from 25/3/1955 for the due erection of eight houses and a rent of £35 per annum to become payable as from 25/3/1955. Amended site plan to be submitted without undue delay.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: Under dated 8th March, 1955, Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, submitted a further sketch plan for the proposed provision of Paddling Pool-cum-Bathing Pool sited between the Wicklow Gas Works and the Harbour beach. The members deferred consideration of the matter to their next meeting but requested that the Architect might be requested to indicate the probable cost of the work and the respective depths and measurements of bathing and paddling pools, etc.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: Arising from correspondence addressed to him from the two previous meetings of the Council regarding his failure to reside in houses in respect of which a loan under the Council's Scheme had been advanced, the following letter of 7th March, 1955, was read from Mr. E. P. Hynes:-

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant I wish to state that due to unforeseen circumstances my plans were upset, with the result that I was obliged to temporarily let the premises in question.

The reasons were purely personal and the letting is only of a temporary nature.

I have, of course, paid the annuity up to date and I really did not think that I was guilty of any default as I was aware that other Borrowers had for different reasons not occupied their houses at ~~xxx~~ the time.

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I trust, therefore, that this explanation will be accepted by the Council.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The members unanimously agreed following a short discussion to indicate to Mr. Hynes that unless he occupied the house before June 1st, 1955, he would be required to repay the loan.

CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954: A letter of 23rd March, 1955, from the Association of Municipal Authorities regarding suggested amendments to the City and County Management (Amendment) Bill, 1954, was read. Amongst the suggestion there was one from Drogheda Corporation suggesting that the appointment of a Rate Collector in a Borough or Urban District be a Reserved Function. The Council decided to take no action in the matter and the letter was accordingly marked 'noted'.

WAGES ADJUSTMENT: Arising from a decision at the previous meeting of the Council to grant an increase of 7/6d. per week to employees of the Council, the following letter of 28th March, 1955, from the Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd March, 1955, regarding the wages of employees of the Wicklow Urban District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he is reluctant to authorise a departure from the principles laid down in paragraph 11 of Circular Letter E.L. 76/50 of 23rd December, 1950, in this matter. In the circumstances I am to state that every possibility of fixing a wage rate without contravening the rules laid down in the Circular should be investigated.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The County Manager informed the members that the maximum local rate presently obtaining for what is considered to be employment of comparable nature is £5. 6. 6. In effect this means that if the Council agree to grant an increase of 6/6d. per week no specific sanction will be required. Following short discussion the members agreed to recommend an increase of 6/6d. per week in respect of outdoor employees of the Council with effect as from 9th February, 1955, bringing the weekly wage to £5. 6. 6. per week.

Murrrough Lettings: Lengthy correspondence was read from the Secretary, Wicklow Rugby Football Club, in reply to correspondence addressed to that Club from the previous Council meeting arising from a complaint received from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club regarding the removal of goal posts and the use of the pitch by various clubs regardless of the rulings made by the Council in the matter. The letter from the Secretary of the Rugby Club dated 28th March, 1955, was as follows:-

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of the above Club to reply to your letter of the 7th instant concerning use by this Club of the centre pitch on the Murrrough.

In this connection my Committee desires to point out that the allegation by the Chairman of the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club, as conveyed in your letter, that this Club has been constantly deriving use of the centre pitch on the Murrrough without first seeking the consent of the G.A.A. is without foundation. The fact is that the Wicklow Rugby Football Club has only used the pitch in question once during the past year. I am further directed to point out that this Club has on all occasions, when use of the centre pitch was sought in the past, made application to the Council to utilise it.

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In the absence of any other direction from the Council the Committee of this Club has always considered the Council the appropriate body to whom application for the renting of public property should be made, and the Club has acted accordingly.

My Committee wishes to deny emphatically the allegation conveyed in your letter that the pitch in question has been rendered unplayable for future G.A.A. competitions. It particularly wishes to refute the implication that this Club has damaged the pitch in any way. In this connection it is desired to inform the Council that several hours were actually spent by the members on the one occasion on which the Club used the pitch during the past year in clearing away loose stones from the surface of the ground.

On the recent occasion, when the goal-posts were removed to another part of the pitch, they were replaced by the members of this Club without avoidable delay.

Whilst my Committee proposes to comply with the wishes of the Council with regard to procedure for future lettings of the ground in question, it feels certain that the Council will appreciate that this Club has always followed the normal procedure in the matter of application for renting of land, which is either the property of the Council or is controlled by them.

My Committee requests that this letter be brought to the notice of the Council at their next meeting so as to correct any misapprehension which may have resulted from certain allegations made to the Council by the Chairman of St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club.

Finally, the Committee of the Wicklow Rugby Football Club wishes me to convey the best thanks and appreciation of the Club to the Wicklow Urban Council for their kind co-operation in the past in the matter of the letting of the Murrrough to the Club.

Yours faithfully, etc.

A letter of 26th March from the same Club was also read applying for permission to use the centre pitch on the Murrrough on Easter Monday. The Council agreed that unless the written consent of the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club was forthcoming in the matter, the permission of the Council would not be granted as it had been decided that this playing pitch would be completely reserved to the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club in the same manner as the uppermost playing pitch was intended for use by the other clubs.

In regard to a letter received from the Secretary, Wicklow Town A.F.C., requesting a copy of the letter of complaint received from the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club the members agreed that copy correspondence be furnished as requested.

SEALING OF TRANSFER: It was proposed by Councillor Everett and seconded by Councillor Finlayson and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to Transfer (undated) Annie Kennedy to Wicklow U.D.C., in connection with the transfer of that plot of ground situated at Ballynerrin Lower and containing 26 perches statute measure"

APPLICATION FOR PROVISION OF FENCING: A Memorial from the tenants of Council houses at Urban Villas requesting the provision of a wall at the back of the houses; a memorial from the tenants of Council houses at Dunbur Terrace, requesting the provision of railings for their gardens, and an application from Mr. H. Moody, 32 Castle St., to have the concrete wall at Castle St., extended to replace the existing ditch around his house (which the Town Surveyor estimated would cost £85) were read. As no funds were available to discharge the work the applications were 'noted'.

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ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSES: Mrs. R. Bell, 21 St. Laurence's Rd., applied from an address in England for leave of absence for three months from her house. The members considered the matter at some length and decided that if Mrs. Bell had not resumed occupation of the house by 1st May, 1955, steps would be instituted to recover possession of the house.

Mrs. E. Kelly, 29 St. Laurence's Park, applied for leave of absence from her house at above. The application was granted, the key of the house to be deposited with Town Clerk.

Medical Certificate having been considered Mrs. Whittaker, 2 Urban Villas, was granted further leave of absence to the 30/4/55.

The following report from the Rent Collector dated 5th April, 1955, was placed before the members:-

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry in connection with the following tenants of Council houses - Miss Sheila Hall, 13 Glenview Road, Mr. John Doyle, 10 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road and Mr. James Murphy, 36 Glenview Road, I have the following observations to submit:-

No. 13 Glenview Road - Tenant: Miss S. Hall: Miss Hall has taken in to reside with her a family by the name of Rowna, consisting of Mr. Rowan, his wife and baby, who were formerly residing at No. 13 St. Dominick's Road, with Mr. Thos. Dickenson, father of Mrs. Rowna. The weekly rent of Miss Hall's house is 5/6d. which is paid to date. Miss Hall is now working as domestic with Mrs. Brady, The Mall, Wicklow, and sleeps at No. 13 Glenview Road.

No. 10 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road - Tenant: John Doyle: In connection with Mr. John Doyle not residing at No. 10 Bungalow, of which he is the tenant, Mr. Doyle is a married man with no family. His wife is at present residing in England. Mr. Doyle is a labourer employed by Messrs D. H. Haskins & Sons. He gets his meals with his sister who resides at The Mall and sleeps in his house. The weekly rent is 8/-

No. 36 Glenview Road - Tenant: James Murphy: In connection with Mr. James Murphy, tenant of No. 36 Glenview Road - Mr. Murphy is a widower employed as a labourer by the Dominican Convent, Wicklow. He gets his meals with his sister who resides at No. 10 Convent Rd., and sleeps in his house. The weekly inclusive rent is 5/6d. which is paid to date.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Noted.

HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS): A letter of 1st April, 1955, from Mr. Michael Hanlon, 5 Glenview Road, was read requesting that the tenancy of the house might be transferred to Mrs. Thornton, his grand-daughter, who had resided in the house from infancy and who was now paying the rent in respect of the house. The Council decided not to effect the transfer forthwith but directed that it be indicated to Mr. Hanlon that Mrs. Thornton would be appointed tenant in succession to his tenancy.

Mrs. Susan Kelly, 2 St. Laurence's Road, applied to have a grate which she possessed installed in place of the range which she requested might be removed. The members decided not to accede to the request as in the event of a new tenancy the Council might be required to re-install a new range and furthermore it would serve to establish a precedent which the Council be very reluctant to create.

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BLACK CASTLE: The following report from the Town Surveyor of 5th April, 1955, was read resulting from a discussion which took place at the previous Council meeting:-

A Chara,

I examined these ruins in order to decide what should be done by way of "pointing" and dubbing up to preserve the last remains of the structure.

Scaffolding will have to be erected very carefully and it is estimated that £285 would be the cost of the work. I suggest Bord Failte be asked to subscribe towards the project.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The members unanimously agreed to request An Bord Failte for a grant-in-aid.

SUBMISSION OF AUDITOR'S REPORT: The report of the Auditor, Mr. J. E. Curran, on the audit of the accounts of the Council for the financial years ending on 31st March, 1953, and 31st March, 1954, was placed before the meeting. The report had been circulated to the members.

Noted.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter from Mr. John Bradshaw, Main St., regarding the condition of the Quay Wall at South Quay was read. The letter was marked 'noted' as the matter was one for consideration by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

Councillor Doyle referred to the position of a litter basket at Abbey St., and requested that in view of the narrowness of the footpath that the basket might be removed and placed on a standard on the opposite side of the street. This was agreed.

An interesting letter from the Town Clerk (B. Sunderhurst), Mudgee, New South Wales, was read to the effect that the Mayor of Mudgee, Alderman Robert A Roth, accompanied by his wife and daughter, would call to Wicklow during their European itinerary and request that he might be officially received and recognised as Mayor of Mudgee.

The Council directed that correspondence be addressed to the Town Clerk of Mudgee stating that the Council of Wicklow U.D., would be pleased to extend a welcome to Alderman Roth and were pleased to note that he had included Wicklow in his itinerary.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*B. Blake*  
3/5/55

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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ADJOURNED ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING:

HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 1955

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

Councillor C. W. Hudson had submitted written notification regretting his inability to be present.

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

EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES: On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to examine each item on the Manager's Explanatory Tables, copies of which had been circulated, as had been the procedure in previous years.

EXPENDITURE:

Roads: Following a detailed examination of the recommendation of the Town Surveyor, the Council decided to list the following roadworks for priority, to be discharged with the aid of E.S.V. Grant (£850 anticipated) and local contribution of £75:-

Monkton Row Lower	£90.	0.	0.
Friars' Hill and Rocky Road	£70.	0.	0.
Bond Street	£75.	0.	0.
Fairview Road	£225.	0.	0.
St. Laurence's Road	£185.	0.	0.
St. Manntan's Road	£275.	0.	0.
	£920.	0.	0.

The Council decided to delete the provision of £280 for Special Road Works as it was the considered opinion of the members that in view of the amount of repairs and improvement carried out in recent years and also having regard to the substantial increase in the amount of E.S.V. Grant obtained in the previous two years the provision of £579 for road repairs and maintenance and of £75 as a local contribution towards road improvement was adequate.

The members also agreed to delete the sum of £25 included for the provision of halt signs.

This represented a total reduction of £305 on Road Services as proposed by the County Manager.

SANITARY SERVICES:

Amount proposed by County Manager	£4260.	0.	0.
Amount adopted by Council	£4164.	0.	0.

The reduction of £96 was effected by deleting the provision made by the County Manager for additional public lighting.

Housing:

A reduction of £460 on the figure proposed by the County Manager (£12720), WAS EFFECTED AS FOLLOWS:-

Maintenance and Repair of Houses: Reduction of £350. It was decided that in the coming year the scheme providing for the external painting of Council houses by rotation would not be carried out. The matter would again be considered at the Estimates Meeting for the 1956/57 financial year.

Reconstruction Grants: The provision of £100 made by the County

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Manager under this heading was deleted and in lieu thereof a sum of £30 was included under loan charges. The question of the making of grants and raising a loan for the purpose would be considered during the year.

Proposed Erection of 10 Houses: A sum of £40 was included by the County Manager to provide for loan charges in the coming year. However, it was agreed, the County Manager concurring, that it would appear that the scheme would not progress sufficiently in the coming year to warrant the inclusion of loan charges.

General Urban Purposes: The following reductions were made in the items under General Urban Purposes:-

Tourist Development	£20
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	£50
Ant Tostal Decorations	£40
Election Expenses	£50
	£160

With regard to Election Expenses the members unanimously agreed to apportion these expenses over three years, i.e. a sum of £35 to be included in the ensuing two financial years.

RECEIPTS:

The members adopted the figures provided by the County Manager under Receipts for all services without alteration.

Adoption of Estimates: It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke, and resolved:-

"That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1956, as set out in Tables A, B, and C, thereof and we determine the rate set out in column 8 (eight) of Table C of the Estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 34/3d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1956!"

MANAGER AND OFFICIALS CONGRATULATED: The Chairman and members paid tribute to the manner in which the Estimates had been submitted by the County Manager and also congratulated him and the other officials of the Council for the manner in which the affairs of the Council had been administered during the year.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*W. Clarke  
 5/5/55*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
29th April, 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, 3rd May, 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 5th April, 1955 and minutes of Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 5th April, 1955. (copies herewith).
2. Submission of sketch plan by Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, of proposed Paddling and Boating Pool - Voluntary Civic Improvement Scheme.
3. Correspondence re Closing of Road - Wicklow Races.
4. Fixing of date of Rates Meeting.
5. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 3rd MAY, 1955

Present: Councillor W. Clarke (Chairman), Councillors J. Brennan, C. W. Hudson, P. Doyle, H. Rourke, J. Clarke and A. Finlayson.

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 5th April, 1955, and of the Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on the same date were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND: The undernoted letter dated 27th April, 1955, from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, was read:-

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 7th inst., I submit information with regard to Paddling and Boating Pool.

(1) Estimate of Cost:

Paddling Pool, including water supply	£1,000. 0. 0.
Footpaths, kerbs, shelter and car park	£600. 0. 0.
Levelling Park and planting	£250. 0. 0.
Seating	£150. 0. 0.
Total	£2,000. 0. 0.

In this scheme it is intended that the Paddling Pool and containing walls should be constructed of concrete and that the depth of water in the pool would vary from about 3" to a maximum of 15". Concrete paths about pool and through park would be 10'0" wide and the path on the southern end of Pool would terminate at a shelter which would act as a screen between the Park and the industrial area below it. A number of steps are provided from the paths to beach.

It is intended that the area of Park not covered by Paddling Pool should be levelled and prepared for planting grass and ornamental trees or shrubs.

The embankment adjoining beach would be repaired. In this connection it is difficult to provide adequate protection at a reasonable cost to this embankment during exceptionally severe winter months and perhaps the easiest solution would be to rebuild it, when damaged, at the beginning of summer.

The overall length of Paddling Pool is about 14080" with a maximum width of 60'0" reduced at the narrowest point to 20'0". A small concrete island and fountain are included in the centre of the Pool.

A car park for about 10 cars is provided adjoining pool.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The members were informed that £270 (approx) remained unspent in the Fund for Voluntary Civic Improvement. The plan which the Architect enclosed with his letter was examined by the members and following a short discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of the subject to the next meeting when it was hoped that Councillor Everett, who was also a member of the Regatta Committee, who are donors to the fund, would participate in a discussion on the matter.

CLOSING OF ROADS - WICKLOW RACES: The following letter of 4/4/55

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from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. was read:-

Dear Sir,

My Committee have instructed me to formally apply for permission to close the roads Wicklow-Beehive-Rathnew-Wicklow, for the Leinster Two Hundred Motor Cycle Races to be held on Saturday, 18th June, 1955, between the hours 2 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. and on the previous evenings of the 16th and 17th June, 1955, between 7-30 and 9-30 p.m. for practising. We shall also require a closing order for the Leinster Trophy Car Races run over the same Circuit on Saturday, 9th July, 1955, between the hours 2-30 and 6 p.m. and on the evenings of the 7th and 8th July between the hours of 7-30 and 9-30 p.m. for practising.

It is also the club's intention to hold a speed Hill Climb on the Sunday, 10th July, for which a road closing order will also be necessary from 1.30 to 6.30 p.m. in respect of which is locally known as the Rocky Road from its junction with the main Wicklow-Rathnew Road (Friars' Hill) to its junction with Waterworks Lane.

In organising these Wicklow Circuit events the control of the approach roads to the circuit has always been a source of trouble to sponsors and my Committee would be very appreciative if a method could be devised in co-operation with the local authority and the Garda, whereby the use of these approach roads could be confined to bona fide spectators and their transport.

I might add that the A.A. are prepared to provide for such signs as would be required for the diversion of other traffic.

I should be glad to have your suggestion on the matter.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The members were also informed that Wicklow County Council had approved of the closing of roads at Wicklow on the dates and at the times mentioned above.

The Council unanimously agreed to the proposed hours of closing and indicated that they would assist in the every possible way in confining the approach roads to bona fide spectators and their transport in accordance with any reasonable scheme which might be devised by the promoters.

FIXING OF DATE OF RATES MEETING: The Council unanimously fixed Monday, 16th May, 1955, as the date for the making of a Municipal Rate at 7 p.m.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS: The Council unanimously passed a vote of congratulations to Mr. Seamus Dunne and Mr. David Hopkins, on the proposal of Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Finlayson, who figures prominently recently in the international sphere of sport.

CLEANING OF TOWN FOR TOURIST SEASON: Councillor Hudson remarked that in view of the approaching tourist season a "spring-cleaning" of the town could be caused by public spirited townspeople by whitewashing old walls and house painting. Arising from this observation a lengthy discussion ensued regarding certain unsightly areas in the town and the necessity for the cleaning of areas near Harbour (Harbour Road property) and at Ballynerrin upper. The abuse of the public refuse pits by children and the abstraction of refuse therefrom and scattering on the roadways was also discussed. Some members suggested closing these pits but in view of the obvious necessity of providing a scavenging service in lieu thereof and the resultant cost this was not considered feasible. No decision taken.

APPLICATIONS FOR S.D.A. ACTS LOANS - (a) PATRICK J. LAWLESS: (b) THOMAS F. BRODERICK: Applications for a loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts from (a) Mr. Patrick J. Lawless, Trinity,

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Ashford, in respect of the proposed erection of a house at St. Manntan's Road and (b) Mr. Thomas F. Broderick, 12 The Mall, Wicklow, in respect of the proposed erection of a house at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, were placed before the meeting.

The Council, being satisfied as to the applicant's ability to repay the loans, recommended a loan equal to 80% of the market value of the houses, in both cases, as determined by the Town Surveyor, on the proposition of Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Brennan. Town Planning consideration to be given in due course.

ELEVEN MONTHS LETTING - MR. M. OLOHAN: The Council unanimously recommended that Mr. Matthew Olohan be granted an 11 months tenancy, commencing on 1st May, 1955, in respect of field at St. Patrick's Rd., at a rent of £6. 15. 0, per annum (inclusive of rates).

CORRESPONDENCE FROM E.S.B.: The undernoted letter of 28/4/1955, from E.S.B. was read to the meeting:-

Dear Sir,

It has been observed that the Kilpoole Road has been extended and a Bark Space built out practically under the Board's 10,000 volt electric line to Brittas Bay, and the Board does not appear to have been advised in advance of the work.

The normal minimum clearance between the ground and such lines is 18' and it is proposed to gain such minimum clearance from the structure in question by moving pole No. 15 towards Wicklow. The estimated cost of this work, including staying of Pole No. 15 and adjacent pole No. 14 and altering and extending the conductors, is £50. I shall be glad if you will let me have your Official Order so that the work may be undertaken immediately and the risk removed before the tourist season.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion the Council directed that the E.S.B. be corresponded with pointing out that the Council could not agree to contribute to the cost of moving the pole but that if the Board decided to move the pole at their own expense they might arrange to move the pole in a southerly direction, i.e. behind the car park.

APPLICATION FOR LETTING OF PLAYING PITCH AT MURROUGH: Under date 30th March, 1955, the Honorary Secretary of Wicklow Town A.F.C. applied for use of the centre pitch at the Murrough on Sunday, 29th May, 1955. The Council unanimously agreed that unless the written consent of the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club was received in the matter, the permission of the Council would not be granted.

TENANCY OF 11 ST. BRIDE'S ROAD: Mrs. George McLoughlin, submitted an application for tenancy of 11, St. Bride's Road, in succession to the tenancy of her mother, Mrs. Sullivan. A report from the Rent Collector stated that at the time of Mrs. Sullivan's death her two married daughters and their families resided in the house with her, Mrs. McLoughlin being the younger daughter. He pointed out further that the elder daughter and her family had since gone to reside in England.

The Council agreed that if Mrs. McLoughlin transmitted to the Council her sister's written consent to the transfer of the tenancy to her (Mrs. McLoughlin) they would have no objection to granting her application.

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSE: Mrs. Whittaker, 2 Urban Villas, submitted a further medical certificate from an address in England, occasioning her inability to return to her house for the time being. The Council decided in view of the house being vacant since 14/8/54, that unless occupation of the house was resumed by 30th May, 1955, the tenancy would be terminated.