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LETTER FROM ST. PATRICK'S PIPE BAND: The following letter of 16/4/55 from St. Patrick's Pipe Band was read:-

Dear Sirs,

The Committee of the above wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of Cheque value £35. 0. 0. being the Annual Contribution from the rates towards the upkeep of the St. Patrick's, Wicklow Pipe Band.

The Committee and members of the Band appreciate very much this helpful contribution to its funds, as the expenses are numerous and costly.

With renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely, etc.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB: The undernoted letter of 3rd May, 1955, from Honorary Secretary of Wicklow Swimming Club was read:-

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Club, I hereby apply to the Wicklow Urban Council to have the swimming platform re-erected on the new Pier.

This year the Club would like to ask your indulgence on a further matter. In view of the fact that the County Wicklow Swimming Association have made Wicklow the permanent venue for their County Championship Gala, my Committee would be grateful to your Council if they would extend the present platform by 24 ft.

As the existing structure will only accommodate four competitors under I.A.S.A. Rules, the above Association have stipulated that the platform be increased considerably.

With the aid of the proposed enlargements the Regatta Gala and similar functions which are attracting increasing outside competitors and spectators, could be run off in a much more attractive and business-like manner.

We would also like to bring to your attention the appalling lack of dressing facilities for men in this, the principal bathing area of the town. Our Club have already provided accommodation for ladies and wonder if the Council have anything in mind with regard to the men's dressing shelter. We mention this to you as our plans already submitted are unable to be proceeded with, due to the difficulty title to the plot of ground at the foreshore.

I feel sure that this application will have your sympathetic consideration and await your early reply in due course.

Yours truly, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed to request the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to indicate the assistance which they would be prepared to give in the matter.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The Schedule of Uncollected Rates was examined and explained by the County Manager.

The Collection, 94.299% was considered very satisfactory having regard to the number of cases in which the Collector was restricted from instituting steps to secure settlement. The Artizans' Dwellings' Rent Collector was also congratulated on his collection representing 98.716 of accrued rent.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Abstract of Accounts relating to the financial year 1954/55 was placed before the meeting and examined.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING:

HELD ON 16th MAY, 1955

Present: In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke, the Chair was taken by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, also present were Councillors P. Doyle, J. Clarke and J. Rourke.

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

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE FOR 1955/56: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following rate and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us, viz:

Municipal Rate for the services of the year ended 31st March, 1956, of Four hundred and eleven pence made up as follows:-

Urban Roads	26.75 pence
Sanitary Services	95.08 pence
Housing	35.88 pence
General Urban Purposes	44.48 pence
County Council Services	208.81 pence

And that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statement and Certificates of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1955/56 and that the necessary notice be published forthwith.

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate Book for the year ending 31/3/1956.

RATE WARRANT: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to Warrant in respect of 1955/56 to be issued to Mr. James T. Murphy, Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District!"

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Warrant.

Before the close of the meeting a Vote of Sympathy was passed with the Chairman on the occasion of the death of his brother, Fr. Michael Clarke, which was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor J. Rourke. The other members present and Town Clerk associated themselves with this expression of sympathy.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

3rd June, 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, 7th June, 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 3rd May 1955 and of Special Meeting held on 16th May, 1955.
2. Submission of sketch plan by Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, of proposed Paddling Pool and Boating Pool - Voluntary Civic Improvement Scheme.
3. Any Other Business.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 7TH JUNE, 1955

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, was in the chair in the absence of the Chairman Councillor W. Clarke, who was absent owing to a recent family bereavement, also present were Councillors A. Finlayson, J. Brennan, J. Rourke, J. Clarke, P. Doyle, 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 Special Meeting held on 16th May, 1955, and Monthly Meeting held on 3rd May, 1955, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY: The Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke wrote to the meeting expressing sincere appreciation and thanks to the members and staff for the vote of sympathy on the death of his brother.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: A letter of 27th April, 1955, from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, which is recorded in the minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd May, 1955, was again read to the meeting. The members were informed that £279 (approx) remained unspent in the Fund for Voluntary Civic Improvement and it was noted that the Architect estimated that the project would cost £2000. Following a short discussion it was agreed to defer the matter to enable the Regatta Committee, who are donors to the Fund, to submit their views on the proposal and further consideration would then be given to the matter by the incoming members following the quinquennial local elections to be held on 30th June, 1955.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: Arising from a decision taken by the members at meeting held on 5th April, 1955, in relation to an advance made to Mr. E. P. Hynes, Market Square, Wicklow under the provisions of Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, in respect of the erection of a house at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow, the members were informed that despite the requirements of the Council that the borrower should arrange/into occupation of the premises before 1st June, 1955, which was conveyed to him in a letter of 7th April, 1955, it was noted that Mr. Hynes had not arranged to comply with the wishes of the Council and in a letter of 7th June, 1955, he stated:-

7th June, 1955

re: Loan under Small Dwellings Act

Dear Sir,

In reply to your recent letter in connection with above I wish to refer you to my letter of 7th March.

The position as stated therein remains unchanged.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed that the Council's Solicitor should correspond with Mr. Hynes pointing out that the house at Dunbur Road, in respect of which the advance of £1600 was made on 13th November, 1953, would be recovered by the Council unless he made arrangements to repay the amount of principal and interest accrued on foot of loan.

APPLICATION FOR CARAVAN SITE: Under date 31st May, 1955, Mr. George Ruffli, Rathmines West, Dublin, applied for a site at Murrrough, Wicklow, to accommodate a small two-wheeled caravan for the month of July. In response to a query addressed to him with regard to his proposals for providing sanitary accommodation it transpired that he

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possesses a toilet tent with a Racasan toilet which he proposed to use if it conformed with the Council's requirements. It was unanimously agreed to approve of the application provided that the County Medical Officer had no objection. Rent of 10/- per week to be charged.

TOWN PLANNING: (a) An application accompanied by a plan from Wire Ropes Ltd., Wicklow, of 6th June, 1955, applying for Town Planning permission in connection with the proposed extension of their factory premises at North Quay, Wicklow, accompanied by a report from the Town Surveyor stating that he had no objection to the proposed extension provided that the proposer ensured that he was not interfering with the lights or structure of the adjoining premises of Messrs. D. H. Haskins & Son. The Council unanimously agreed to grant permission provided an indication was given by Messrs Haskins & Sons that they had no objection to the proposed extension insofar as it affected their premises.

(b) Applications from Mr. Patrick J. Lawless, Ashford, of 2nd May, 1955, and Mr. Thos. P. Broderick, The Mall, Wicklow, of 27th April, 1955, for Town Planning permission in connection with their proposals to erect houses at St. Manntan's Road, Wicklow and St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, respectively, accompanied by plans and Town Surveyor's reports recommending approval were referred to the meeting.

Permission granted in both cases.

(c) An application of 22/4/1955 from S. V. Delahunt & Co., Abbey St., Wicklow, for permission to erect stores at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, in accordance with plan submitted together with a report from the Town Surveyor recommending approval was submitted to the meeting. The members expressed their displeasure at the delay in submitting the plan for approval. The Town Surveyor stated that any delay which had occurred was attributable to him. Following further discussion during which it was asserted by some members that the work was in progress it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Hudson seconded by Councillor Brennan to grant permission. Councillor Everett dissenting.

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSES: A further medical certificate was submitted to the meeting from Mrs. E. Whittaker which would occasion her absence from house at Urban Villas until the end of July. The members were informed that the house was vacant since 14/8/1954 and that at their last meeting it had been decided that unless the house was occupied by 30th May, 1955, the tenancy would be terminated. Following a short discussion it was agreed to issue Notice to Quit and formally terminate the tenancy.

The Rent Collector reported that Mrs. Mary Bell was still absent from her house at 31 St. Laurence's Road. The members were informed that it was agreed at the April monthly meeting that if Mrs. Bell had not resumed occupation by 1st May, 1955, steps would be taken to recover possession of the house. It was decided following a short discussion to formally terminate the tenancy by serving Notice to Quit.

The members were acquainted with the position regarding the tenancy of No. 4 Dunbur Terrace, which was as follows:- Mrs. Sussana Gregory was appointed tenant in June, 1954. On 20/5/55 the Rent Collector reported that the tenant had left the house and was residing in England. Notice of intention to vacate the house was not given and arrears of £3. 5. 3. in respect of rent had accrued and a considerable amount of damage had been caused. On the advice of the Council's Solicitor it was arranged to terminate the tenancy before advertising the house for re-letting. Consequently Notice to Quit was served on 27th May, 1955, which expired on 4th June, 1955, and the Solicitor has now been instructed to take appropriate action for recovery. The members concurred with the action taken in the matter.

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PROPOSED ERECTION OF 10 HOUSES: At their monthly meeting held on 5th April, 1955, the Council decided that arrangements should be made to acquire the two sites at Castle St., Wicklow, for the purpose of accommodating 5 houses, whether by agreement or compulsorily under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 or Housing Acts. The reputed owners had indicated that they were not prepared to dispose of the sites in question as use was being derived from them by the occupants of adjoining houses. Accordingly, with a view to ascertaining whether the sites fall within the definition of a derelict site as contained in the Act of 1940 an inspection by the Health Inspector was caused and under date 7th June, 1955, he reported as follows:-

re: Housing Sites at Castle St., Wicklow

Dear Sir,

I have inspected the 3 sites mentioned in your letter of April last and find that the 2 sites owned by Misses Hamilton are in my opinion not really derelict sites nor are they likely to become insanitary from dumping etc. The site No. 3 on plan is fenced by a wall on one side and wire fence on the other sides. Site No 2 (Misses Hamilton) is also properly fenced in by post and wire fence. The other site which is the property of the U.D.C. is a derelict site and is likely to become insanitary from dumping etc.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was pointed out to the meeting that in view of the Health Inspector's report the Council would be precluded from acquiring the sites under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940. The matter was discussed at some length following which it was decided, Councillor Finlayson dissenting, to acquire the sites compulsorily under the Housing Acts. It was also unanimously agreed to request the Consultant Architect to prepare house plans, which would be subject to approval by the Department, with a view to obtaining tenders for the erection of two houses which would be accommodated on the remaining approved site at Castle St., which was owned by the Council.

Before concluding the business of the meeting it was pointed out that as the statutory date of the next monthly meeting would fall on 5th July, the date of retirement of the outgoing members, it would be necessary to transact the ordinary business of that meeting at the First Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, 11th July, 1955.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow,
 6th July, 1955.

To:
 Each Member of the
Wicklow Urban District Council:

A Chara,

As the statutory date for the holding of the Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council coincides with the Ordinary day of Retirement of the outgoing members, i.e. 5th July, 1955, the business of the said Monthly Meeting will be taken at the close of business of the First Annual Meeting to be held at 12 noon on Monday, 11th July, 1955, at the Town Hall, Wicklow,

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor
 TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th June, 1955, (copy herewith).
2. Circular Letter G. 5/55 of 1st July, 1955, from Department of Local Government re City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.
3. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow.
 6th July, 1955.

To:

Each Member of the
Wicklow Urban District Council:

A Chara,

The first Annual Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 11th July, 1955, at 12 o'clock noon. The following business will be transacted:-

1. Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be made by each Member of the Council.
2. Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman.
3. Election of Vice-Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Vice-Chairman.
4. Appointment of two members of the Council to Wicklow Harbour Authority.
5. Appointment of two members of the Council to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee.
6. Appointment of seven members of the Council to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
7. Recommendation re appointment of three members of the Council to the County Library Committee.
8. Recommendation for membership of Public Assistance Committee.
9. Appointment of Council's Delegates to attend the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.
10. To appoint any other representatives on any other committee on which the Council is entitled to representation; to appoint any other committee deemed advisable; to arrange their constitution and procedure; and to do all other things required by law to be done at such First Annual Meeting.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 11TH JULY, 1955

Present: Councillor W. Clarke (Presiding), also present were Councillors E. Hynes, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, J. Everett and G. W. Hudson.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th June, 1955, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSES AT CASTLE ST: Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Everett queried the present position relating to the proposed erection of houses at Castle Street and was informed that the following letter had been received from the Department of Local Government under date 7th July, 1955:-

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 10th June, 1955, and previous correspondence regarding the development for housing purposes of derelict sites in Wicklow and to state that no objection will be raised to the proposal to erect 2 houses on Site D. The submission of plans for these houses will be awaited. The Council's proposals in regard to sites E and F are noted.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The members were further informed that the Architect had been requested to arrange for the preparation of house designs in the matter and had also been requested to prepare a map relating to Sites E and F with a view to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

A discussion relating to the utilisation of available sites at Ballynerrin then took place and the members recalled that in a letter of 25th March, 1955, the Department had indicated that the Minister was not then prepared to approve of the proposal to erect better-class houses on this site, but had suggested that the Council might consider leasing the sites to individual applicants for the erection of houses thereon by private enterprise. The members unanimously agreed, following discussion, to request the Minister to reconsider his decision with a view to approving the erection of 4 (3 bed-roomed) houses at this location.

TOWN PLANNING: An application, undated, accompanied by a sketch plan from Mr. J. G. Lucas, Summer Hill, Wicklow, applying for Town Planning permission in regard to the proposed erection of a garage at his residence was placed before the meeting. The Town Surveyor in a report of 7th July, 1955, indicated that he had no objection to the proposal. The Council unanimously recommended the granting of permission.

PLOT NO. 3 DUNBUR ROAD: Under date 22nd June, 1955, Messrs D. H. O'Leary & Co., Solicitors, Arklow, wrote as follows:-

re: Plot No. 3 Dunbur Road, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow,
 held under lease of the 23rd August, 1949,
 Wicklow U.D.C. to Richard T. Killian

Dear Sir,

We are acting for the Vendor and Purchaser of the above premises

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the Lessee's interest of which is now held by Kathleen H. Quinn and the proposed Purchaser is Mr. Edward Lynch of Donard, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow, and who is a Rate Collector for the Wicklow County Council, and Mr. Lynch is obtaining a Loan from the Educational Building Society and among the Requisitions furnished by said Society they state that the consent of the Wicklow Urban District Council must be forthcoming to the Mortgage by sub-demise to the Educational Building Society as security for an advance of £1600 and to the exercise of the Power of Sale of the said Society under the provisions of the said Mortgage Deed. The Urban District Council must join in the Assurance to Borrower for the purpose of assenting and the Assignment must be sealed by the Council before the advance can be made available they also suggest that the restriction on alienation contained in the Lease from the Urban Council should be deleted from the Lease as the Council has no interest in the property apart from its reserved rent of £7. 10. 0. and the restriction is therefore an unreasonable and improper restriction to impose on the Lessee, and we would therefore feel obliged if you would let us hear from you as to whether the Council would be agreeable to this procedure or not.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The following letter of 30th June, 1955, from the Council's Solicitors, Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., was also read:-

re: Plot No. 3 Dunbur Rd., Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 27th inst enclosing copy correspondence received from Messrs D. H. O'Leary & Co., in respect of the above.

We do not agree that the restriction on alienation contained in the Council's Lease to Richard T. Killian should be deleted.

Previous experience in Wicklow has shown that unless this covenant is inserted the Council have no record of the different changes of ownership, and, in any event, Mr. Killian signed the Lease and agreed to this condition.

We are of opinion, however, that the Council should not oppose this application and that you should inform Messrs O'Leary & Co. that the covenants in the Lease with the above exception have been complied with.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council approved of the transfer of lease to Mr. Edward Lynch, Donard, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow, on the proposal of Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Conroy, but would not agree to the removal of the restriction on alienation contained in the original lease of 23rd August, 1949.

OTHER BUSINESS: The members unanimously recommended the acceptance of the offer of Mr. Harry Jameson, Lr. Monkton Row, Wicklow, in sum of £2, for the removal of hay from a plot at Dunbur Road containing ½ acre (approx).

An application from Mrs. Mary Quinn, 8 St. Laurence's Rd., Wicklow, to have the house at that address registered in her name in lieu of her late husband's was approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING:

HELD AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY,
11th JULY, 1955

Present: Councillor W. Clarke (Presiding, firstly as outgoing Chairman and subsequently as newly-elected Chairman), Councillors E. Hynes, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, J. Everett, T.D., and C. W. Hudson.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Each member of the Council made the formal Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint William Clarke as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council until such time as his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such"

Councillor Clarke accepted the office, thanked the members for his re-election as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

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

Councillor Hudson accepted the office, thanked the members for his re-election as Vice-Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO WICKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY: It was proposed by Councillor Everett and seconded by Councillor Conroy:-

"That Councillor P. Doyle and Councillor J. Carroll be appointed as the representatives of the Council to Wicklow Harbour Board"

The motion was deemed adopted without dissent, there being no seconder to the proposal of Councillor Byrne to appoint Councillor E. Hynes as a representative.

APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson seconded by Councillor Carroll and passed unanimously:-

"That we hereby appoint Rev. M. Blake, P.P. to act as one of the Council's appointees to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, until he becomes disqualified or until his successor is duly appointed"

It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed:-

"That we hereby appoint Councillor P. Doyle to act as one of the Council's appointees to the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee until he becomes disqualified or until his successor is duly appointed"

APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON THE RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint the following seven representatives

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to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board to hold office until they become disqualified or until their successors are duly appointed:-

W. Clarke, P. Doyle, T. Byrne, J. Carroll, T. Conroy, E. P. Hynes and E. Kavanagh.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and agreed:-

"That the following members of the Council be recommended to the Wicklow County Council for appointment on the County Library Committee:-

T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh and J. Carroll"

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND:

The appointment of delegates was deferred to a later date.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED MEMBERS FOR WITNESSING THE AFFIXING OF THE COUNCIL'S SEAL: It was unanimously agreed that Councillors W. Clarke and C. W. Hudson be deemed to be nominated members of the Council for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of the Council's Seal in accordance with the County Management Acts, 1940 to 1955.

Before concluding the business of the meeting the County Manager informed the members that under the provision of the recently enacted City and County Management (Amendment) Act, the Council had power if they so wished (1) to appoint an Estimates Committee, not exceeding in number one third of the membership of the Council, for the purpose of preparing the annual estimates and (2) to make regulations for the seeking, reception and examination of tenders. The County Manager outlined the practice which had obtained in both these matters in relation to the Wicklow Urban District Council heretofore and explained that the Council could at any later date decide what action they might take if they did not wish to do so now. The members decided un-animously not to take any action in the matter at this stage and the matter was accordingly deferred.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow.
 29th July, 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, 2nd August, 1955, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 8th August, 1955, at 7-30 p.m.

D. J. O'Connor
 TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of (a) First Annual Meeting held on 11th July, 1955 and (b) Monthly Meeting held on same date.
2. Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed erection of 4 (3 bed-roomed) houses at Ballynerrin.
3. Letting of vacant houses at No. 2 Murrough and 21 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.
4. Any Other Business.

Relax 8th Aug 55.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND AUGUST, 1955

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

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 8th August, 1955, at 7-30 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 8TH AUGUST, 1955

Present: Councillor W. Clarke (Presiding) also present were Councillors J. Carroll, T. Byrne, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, C. W. Hudson, and J. Everett, T.D.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of (a) First Annual Meeting and monthly meeting held on 11th July, 1955, and (b) monthly meeting held on 2nd August, 1955, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE UTILISATION OF SITES AT BALLYNERRIN FOR 3 BEDROOMED HOUSES: The undernoted letter of 25th July, 1955, from the Department of Local Government regarding the utilisation of developed sites at Ballynerrin for the proposed erection of 4 (3 bedroomed) houses was read to the meeting:-

25th July, 1955.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 12th instant, regarding the proposed erection at Ballynerrin of four 3 bedroomed houses and to state that, as requested by the Council, he has reconsidered the matter. He is not, however, prepared to vary his previous decision as conveyed in the Department's letter of 25th March, 1955. In his opinion the facilities available to persons outside the priority categories are sufficient to enable them of their own initiative to provide suitable accommodation. In this connection the Council might consider the financing of houses for such persons on the basis of the provision of developed sites and of loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, rates remission facilities together with such grants from State and local funds as may be appropriate.

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It is/the public interest that persons in the middle-income group, such as those referred to in your letter of 28th February, 1955, should not be dependent on the local authority for housing accommodation, and accordingly it is desirable to foster private enterprise building to cater for such persons.

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The County Manager informed the members that the persons who had previously applied for houses of this character had since secured other accommodation and that consequently the demand was not now keen. He also outlined the consideration which must be taken into account before undertaking a scheme of houses of this nature, e.g. the housing authority must firstly provide houses for those persons in need of rehousing owing to reasons which would constitute a danger to health and who are unable to provide alternative accommodation from their own resources.

A lengthy discussion followed during which suggestions were made as to the probable utilisation of the sites for working class (2 bedroomed houses or improved bungalow-type of house. The members were informed that the developed sites would accommodate twelve houses similar to the type already erected at this location. It was finally decided that the sites should be advertised with a view to leasing the sites in question to individual applicants for the erection of houses by private enterprise. It was agreed that each site would have a frontage of 50 ft, and that a rental of £5 per annum would be charged,

which would compare favourably with the rents obtaining in other areas of the town. It was mentioned that there would be accommodation for 8 detached houses, each having 50' frontage, on the developed site, and it was agreed that the Council's Consultant Architect be requested to advise regarding the lay-out of the houses and for this purpose to submit a lay-out plan.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES AT (a) 2 MURROUGH: (b) 21 ST. LAURENCE'S ROAD AND (c) 4 DUNBUR TERRACE: The meeting was informed that three of their houses had become vacant in recent weeks and that in a final examination of the applications the Acting Chief Medical Officer had decided to deal with the three houses under one report and he recommended as follows:-

1. Peter Murphy, 3 Lr. Strand St., Wicklow,
2. Arthur Tavenor, Lr. Strand St., Wicklow,
3. William O'Toole, 6 High St., Wicklow,
4. Michael Egan, 4 Lr. Strand St., Wicklow,
5. P. C. Kelly, Castlefield, Wicklow and Elizabeth Yeates, 46 Ballybeg, Rathnew, (jointly).
6. John O'Neill, 4 Castle St., Wicklow.

The members were given full particulars relating to the applications and following lengthy deliberation recommended that the houses be let as follows:-

- (a) William Colohan, 10 St. Dominick's Road (rent 5/7d. per week including rates) to be transferred to 21, St. Laurence's Road (rent 8/- per week including rates).
- (b) Wm. O'Toole, 6 High St., to be appointed to 10 St. Dominick's Road.
- (c) Arthur Tavenor, Lr. Strand St., to be appointed to No. 4 Dunbur Tee, provided the entire membership of the present household at Strand Street vacated the present unfit premises.
- (d) Peter Murphy, 3 Strand St., to be appointed to No. 2 Murrough on the same conditions as related to Arthur Tavenor. It was also decided that the appointment of Arthur Tavenor and Peter Murphy would not take effect until a Demolition Order in respect of their present accommodation had come into operation and agreement was reached to have the roofs removed.

At this stage a special report from the Acting Chief Medical Officer dated 8th August, 1955, relating to the housing condition at Lr. Strand Street was read:-

8th August, 1955.

re: Housing Condition at Lr. Strand St., Wicklow.

A Chara,

In the course of my inspection in connection with the vacant house at Dunbur Tee., I find that the existing conditions behove me to draw the Council's attention to these. There are two blocks of houses here which, in my opinion, are unfit and as things are at present, constitute a danger to public health which should not be allowed to continue. One block consisting of eight houses has three already closed by the Council and of the remaining five, two occupants are now recommended by me for rehousing, i.e. Murphy and Egan who live at Nos. 3 and 4. This leaves Nos. 1, 2 and 7 occupied and I am informed that in the case of one and two the occupation is only temporary and by one person in each case.

Of the other block comprising four houses one has already been closed, one is occupied by Arthur Tavenor, who is now recommended for one of the three vacant houses, and two are occupied. No. 9 Lower Strand Street is the end house of a further block and it is now vacant owing to the recent death of the occupant. I understand you are in communication with the owner regarding the closure of this house. The remaining three houses in this block have been partially demolished.

This problem has been dealt with in a piece-meal fashion for some

time but I think the time has now come when consideration should be given to the advisability of clearing this area. I would be glad if you would place these facts before the Council at their next meeting pointing out that the complete clearance of this area would necessitate the rehousing of two or three families.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The meeting was also informed that a report similar in content had been received from the County Medical Officer, Dr. McCarthy under date 26th July, 1955. The County Manager pointed out that the conditions here were appalling owing to the structural defectiveness of the houses and the absence of water and sewerage facilities and suggested that the area be treated by Clearance Order. He mentioned that the conditions in this area had come to light from time to time but that no appreciable improvement had been effected and he indicated that this was due to the reluctance of these persons to leave this locality for various reasons but that if a Clearance Order was in operation he pointed out that the Council could oblige them to leave subject to suitable alternative accommodation being available and the rent being within their means. (The members at this stage decided to complete the remaining business of the meeting and then continue the discussion on housing matters. However, for purposes of clarity the entire discussion is treated in this section of the minutes). On resuming the discussion the members decided to request the Architect to prepare a report and lay-out plan for a scheme of 30 houses in the area up to Territ Lane which the Council might carry out in section of 5 from time to time, having regard to the demand which might be experienced. It was indicated that the houses should be in terraces at reasonable density - 10 houses to one acre - and be conveniently situated to the town.

SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD: The following letter dated 5th August, 1955, from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. was read:-

5th August, 1955.

re: Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Dear Sir,

By Lease dated 4th July, 1916, the Council granted a reversionary Lease for 31 years to run from the 25th March, 1935 of premises situate at the North Quay to the later Mr. Joseph H. McCarroll.

The said premises now form portion of the premises on which Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. erected a factory.

The Company has now made application to us to ascertain if the Council would be prepared to grant a new Lease for 75 years and the old Lease would be surrendered.

As the Factory has been erected on the said premises with other premises also demised by the Council, the Council would be entitled to grant a 75 years Lease (Building lease) and we recommend the granting of such Lease.

Under the terms of Lease dated 10th August, 1953, granted to the low Fertilizers Ltd., now Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., the Company must get the consent of the Council to a sub-demise by way of Mortgage.

The Company wish to obtain the consent of the Council to the sub-demise to the Irish Assurance Co. Ltd. of the Leasehold interest by way of Mortgage and to any sale which may be made by the Irish Assurance Co. Ltd. hereafter.

In our opinion the Council should give the consent applied for.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager stated that he could not advise the Council to grant a new lease for a term of 75 years as the lease of 4/7/1955 had yet 10 years before expiry and he did not think it desirable to

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anticipate the action which the Council in office in 1966 would take in the matter. In regard to the application for the consent of the Council to a sub-demise by way of Mortgage of the premises leased under date 10/8/1953, the Council unanimously agreed to afford consent in the matter, the request for a new lease to be deferred to the next meeting.

AGREEMENT WITH STATUTORY BODIES (BORD FAILTE EIRE/ANN) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1955: The following letter of 10th June, 1955, from An Bord Failte and addressed to the County Manager was read:-

10th June, 1955.

Dear Manager,

I refer to my letter of 2nd April, 1954, with which was enclosed copy of memorandum of the discussion between the Board and City and County Managers concerning the discharge of such function of the Board under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, as are, to a certain extent, complementary to those of local authorities.

Section 59 (2) of the recently enacted Local Government Act, 1955, provides that, where a statutory body is of the opinion that any of its powers, functions or duties should be exercised or performed by a local authority and the local authority is able and willing to do so, the statutory body and the local authority may enter into an agreement for that purpose. Where such an agreement is entered into, officers of the local authority are enabled in accordance with Section 7 of the Act, to carry out such duties, appropriate to the nature of the power or function, as the local authority may decide.

As you are already aware, the Board is of the opinion that the implementation of such of its functions as relate in particular to the provision of works of a tourist amenity character could be more advantageously and economically undertaken on behalf of the Board by local authorities which have the necessary machinery and facilities available. Accordingly, the Board is prepared to enter into an agreement with your Council to provide grants to enable suitable approved works to be undertaken in your area. The type of works for which the Board is empowered to provide financial assistance is as set out in Section 5 of the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, an extract from which is attached for your reference.

In the circumstances, therefore, I am to invite your co-operation in bringing this matter to the attention of your Council at the earliest possible date and to say that, in the event of your Council deciding to enter into an agreement as indicated, the Board will be prepared to give favourable consideration to the provision of financial assistance for such appropriate schemes as your Council may care to submit.

I may add for your information that the Board is suggesting to Resort Development Companies eligible for the guarantee of loans under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, that they advise the Local Authorities in their area of their development proposals at the earliest possible stage in order to ensure the integration of schemes by joint action.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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

"That the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agrees in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1955, to enter into an agreement with An Bord Failte Eireann for the discharge of any powers, functions or duties on behalf of that body by the said Council"

Arising from this matter the Council decided that the Architect be requested to prepare a scheme providing for the improvement of the walk at Church Banks, Wicklow, and also the provision of a weir at a suitable point near Parnell Bridge.

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APPLICATION FOR CLARK'S PLOT - JACKSON'S AMUSEMENTS: An application of 3/8/1955 from Margaret Millar of "Jackson's Amusements", Rathnew, was received applying for permission for use of a site in Wicklow for amusement purpose for remainder of the season. The Council unanimously granted the necessary permission for use of Clark's Plot, Murrough, for this purpose at a charge of £5 per month. Arising from this matter Councillor Doyle queried the arrangements made for the closing of the public convenience at this location and was informed by the County Manager that owing to damage which had been caused it had been found necessary to close the convenience at 11 p.m. each night and he felt that this arrangement was reasonable. The members concurred with this arrangement.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER - MRS. S. VICKERS: The undernoted letter of 30/7/1955 from Mrs. S. Vickers of 5, St. Laurence's Rd., was read:-

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for leave to return to England to work, as I am a widow living on a pension of £1. 4. 0. per week, with no other income as all my family are married and if you can't see your way in letting me keep on my house I would be very thankful if you would give my daughter an exchange out of her house at 19 Glenview Road into my house as there is an extra room in it that I could store my furniture in, as I don't wish to make my home in England.

Yours sincerely, etc.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant an exchange of tenancy from 19 Glenview Rd., to 5 St. Laurence's Rd., the house to be advertised when the key of No. 19 Glenview Rd. was left with the Town Clerk.

CAMPING AT MURROUGH: The Manager stated that it was found necessary to obtain from the Council a recommendation as to the charges to be levied in respect of tents and caravans occupying sites on the Murrough during the summer season, as it was desirable, he pointed out to have such charges, as otherwise the impression might be given that the area was uncontrolled and certain undesirable elements might be enticed to camp there. Following a short discussion it was unanimously agreed to levy a charge of 1/- per night for tents and caravans and an extra charge to be made to cover the expense of making a connection to the water supply where this was required.

The question of unspread despoits of clay on the playing pitches at the Murrough was raised at this juncture and after brief discussion it was agreed to write to the persons ordinarily using these pitches requesting them to arrange to spread the soil without undue delay.

Before concluding the business of the meeting Councillor Everett queried the present position relating to the circumstances attending the advance made to Mr. E. P. Hynes under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for the erection of a house at Dunbur Road Wicklow, and in which connection a breach in the Council's Scheme in the matter occurred. The Manager read a letter of 13th June, 1955, from the Council's Solicitors, Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., which had been presented to the monthly meeting of the Council on 5th April, 1955, and which is recorded in the minutes of that meeting. He also informed the members that Mr. Hynes had sought an interview with the Chairman and himself in regard to this matter but that neither the Chairman nor he had found it possible to attend on the day appointed. After further discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and County Manager would arrange to meet Mr. Hynes on Thursday, 16th August, 1955 at 10-30 a.m. at Town Hall to discuss the matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

C. Hudson
6/9/55

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
2nd September, 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, 6th September, 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 Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 8th August, 1955. (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Macroom U.D.C. re grants for Urban Roads.
3. Deferred consideration re application of Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. for a new lease in respect of plot at North Quay, Wicklow.
4. Draft programme of works for 1955/56 under Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.
5. Notification of Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote allocation 1955/56 and submission of scheme of proposed works.
6. Letter from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. re lighting at North Quay, Wicklow.
7. Submission of map from Architect showing sites at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, which Council are prepared to lease for house erection by private enterprise.
8. Letting of vacant houses at (a) 16, St. Laurence's Park (b) 2, St. Kevin's Terrace and (c) 19, Glenview Road, subject to report and recommendation of County Medical Officer being available.
9. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1955

MONTHLY MEETING:

Present: The Vice-Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, presided in the absence of Councillor W. Clarke, who sent an apology for his inability to be present, also present: Councillors P. Doyle, T. Byrne, J. Carroll, T. Conroy, E. Hynes and E. Kavanagh.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor, and Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne. The County Manager had also sent an apology for his absence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 8th August, 1955, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM MACROOM U.D.C.: The undernoted resolution from Macroom U.D.C. was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That we, the members of the Macroom Urban District Council, consider it imperative that grants be made available from the National Exchequer towards the cost of maintaining, repairing and improving urban roads throughout the Republic. That the injustice of the present position whereby grants from the Road Fund are confined to main roads and county roads be immediately rectified.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each Urban Authority.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government."

DEFERRED CONSIDERATION RE APPLICATION OF SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD. FOR A NEW LEASE IN RESPECT OF PLOT AT NORTH QUAY, WICKLOW: The undernoted letter from Council's Solicitors, Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. was read:-

5th August, 1955.

Dear Sir,

By Lease, dated 4th July, 1916, the Council granted a reversionary Lease for 31 years to run from the 25th March, 1935 of premises situate at the North Quay to the late Mr. Joseph H. McCarroll.

The said premises now form portion of the premises on which Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. erected a Factory.

The Company has now made application to us to ascertain if the Council would be prepared to grant a new Lease for 75 years and the old Lease would be surrendered.

As the Factory has been erected on the said premises with other premises also demised by the Council, the Council would be entitled to grant a 75 years Lease (Building Lease) and we recommend the granting of such Lease.

Under the terms of Lease, dated 10th August, 1953, granted to Wicklow Fertilisers Ltd., now Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., the Company must get the consent of the Council to a sub-demise by way of Mortgage.

The Company wish to obtain the consent of the Council to the sub-demise to the Irish Assurance Co. Ltd., of the Leasehold interest by way of Mortgage and to any sale which may be made by the Irish Assurance Co. Ltd., hereafter.

In our opinion the Council should give the consent applied for.

Yours faithfully, etc.

A memorandum from the County Manager explaining the circumstances surrounding the Lease, and also stating that he had discussed the matter with the Solicitors and would advise the granting of the lease for the period requested and at the rent present being charged: viz 31 years at a rent of £9. 12. 6. was read. The Council discussed

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the matter fully and finally it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and resolved:-

"That subject to the surrender of Lease dated 4th July, 1916, - the Urban District Council of Wicklow to Joseph H. McCarroll - we hereby grant a lease of that plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, containing 1 rood statute measure, to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., for a term of 31 years at an annual rent of £9. 12. 6."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES WORKS ACT PROGRAMME 1955/56: The Town Surveyor submitted the following draft programme of works which might be carried out, in accordance with circular received from the Department of Local Government:-

1. Cleaning of Marlton River and Branches	£500
2. 120 l. yds. 15" piping in road - Friars' Hill to Grand Hotel	£260
3. Storm catch pit at Hospital Gate	£75
	<u>£835</u>

The Council unanimously approved of the programme of works, Councillor Conroy being informed by the Town Surveyor that the drain outside Dickenson's houses on Friars' Hill would also be dealt with.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1955/56: Circular Letter R.201/8/3 of 28th August, 1955, notifying a grant of £800 subject to a local contribution of £80 from the Department of Local Government was read. In this connection the following report of 6th September, 1955, from the Town Surveyor was submitted to the meeting:-

A. Chara,

With reference to your memo of 30/8/1955 I suggest that the following schemes be approved by the Council:-

1. Fairview Road - Tarring	£240
2. St. Laurence's Road - Tarring	£195
3. St. Manntan's Road - Tarring	£295
4. Mass Path in concrete - Ballynerrin	£180
5. Corner at Castle St. (Moody's)	£100
6. Corner at Convent Road (Manning's)	£150
7. Cooper's Lane - surface stone grouting	£75
8. Coates' Lane - Grouting	£170
9. Lr. Monkton Row - Grouting	£150
10. Path at Bayview Rd (tarmac)	£80
11. Bachelors' Walk Path	£180
12. Brickfield Lane - cleaning, levelling, and widening to 9 feet	£425
	<u>£2,240</u>

Although only £880 is allowed it is as well to put up additional schemes to the Department from which a selection might be made. The Council could of course put the above schemes in order of priority if it so desires and may indeed suggest others outside this list having due regard to whether they would qualify.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The Council discussed the items on the report and finally put the following items in order of priority for submission to the Department:-

1. Fairview Rd. - Tarring	£240
2. St. Laurence's Road - Tarring	£195
3. Mass Path in Concrete	£180
4. Corner at Castle St. (Moody's)	£100
5. Corner at Convent Road (Manning's)	£150
	<u>£865</u>

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The remaining items on the report could be used as alternative schemes, if those chosen were not approved of by the Department. Councillor Carroll mentioned the repairing of a path-way at Monkton Row, and this was also added to the list, the cost of which was estimated by the Town Surveyor to be £45. Councillor Conroy mentioned a pathway in the vicinity of the railway station, which was in need of repair and it was agreed that the ownership of this pathway should be ascertained and a report submitted by the Town Surveyor.

LETTER FROM SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. RE LIGHTING AT NORTH QUAY:

The following letter dated 22nd August, 1955, from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., was read:-

Dear Sirs,

We wish to make application for lighting facilities on the roadway at North Quay between the bridge and the end of our factory at Wicklow Saw Mills.

The Harbour Commissioners have agreed to have the E.S.B. install street lights between this point and the Packet Pier. We should be glad therefore, if arrangements can be made to have two lights installed, one at the steel E.S.B. pole inside the wall belonging to the Wicklow Saw Mills, and the other at the wooden E.S.B. pole on the other side of the road opposite Haskins Mills.

Trusting these lights can be installed at an early date.

Yours faithfully, etc.

In this connection the following report was received from the Town Surveyor:-

A. Chara,

I have inspected the area in this connection and I would recommend that 1 light only be provided for the moment, on the black wooden standard at the corner of Strand Street.

I have interviewed the Manager of the factory on this date.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The Council after, discussion, agreed to provide 1 light at the corner of Strand Street and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:- Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor T. Conroy and resolved:-

"That we agree to provide an additional public lantern at Bond St., Wicklow, consequent upon application received from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., under letter dated 22nd August, 1955, and we further approve in accordance with Section 11 of City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 of the excess expenditure involved!"

HOUSING SITES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: A report dated 17th August, 1955, with which was enclosed plan of sites, was submitted by Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, in connection with above. The plan was examined and approved by the Council. The Town Clerk stated that the sites had been advertised but to date no applications had been received.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES: No report had been received from the Medical Officer and consequently the houses could not be let. It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council for the purpose of letting the vacant houses on Wednesday, 14th September, 1955, in the Town Hall at 7-30 p.m. - the County Manager having indicated that he would be available on this date.

PUBLIC PARK - BLA/CCK/STLE: The undernoted letter from An Bord Fáilte under date 2nd September, 1955, was read:-

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A. Chara,

I am to inform you that the Board has agreed to subvent the cost of the necessary preservation works at above. The grant, however, is contingent on Wicklow Urban District Council agreeing to incorporate the site in a public park to be provided in the open space in front of the castle. This question will need to be clarified before any works are undertaken and, accordingly, I would be glad to have your Council's views as soon as possible, please.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Town Clerk pointed out that careful consideration would have to be given to this matter and the Council, before making any decision, directed that An Bord Failte might be requested to clarify the position regarding the provision of a Public Park at this locality.

Arising from this Councillor Coyle mentioned the dumping of refuse at the Black Castle. Councillor Kavanagh suggested that the refuse be dumped further south, and in this connection the Town Surveyor was requested to submit a report to the next monthly meeting of the Council.

SCHEME OF IMPROVEMENTS AT CHURCH BANKS, WICKLOW: A memorandum regarding the suggestion made at the last monthly meeting of the Council that a scheme of improvements to the walk at the Church Banks, might be undertaken in conjunction with An Bord Failte was read and in which it was stated that this scheme tended to overlap with a similar scheme envisaged by the Wicklow Development Co. A letter dated 1st September, 1955, from the Wicklow Development Co. suggesting that members of the Council might meet members of their Co., for the purpose of discussing this matter was read and approved and in this connection the following members of the Council were appointed:- Councillors W. Clarke, C. W. Hudson, E. Hynes and J. Everett. It was agreed that the time and place should be fixed by the Wicklow Development Co.

WATER SUPPLY: A report from the Waterworks Overseer, regarding the present low condition of water reservoir and streams, and was read and it was directed that notices should be issued to consumers to avoid wastage of water.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION TO COUNCIL HOUSES: An application from Mrs. M. Kinsella, tenant of Council house at 20 Castle St., for the erection of extra rooms to her house was read. The Town Surveyor estimated the cost to be £325, and the Town Clerk stated that this would result in an increase of approx. 25/- per week in the rent, in view of the fact that the Council would have to obtain a short term loan from the Treasurer for works of this nature. It was decided to enquire from Mrs. Kinsella if she was prepared to pay this rent before proceeding with the matter.

DISCUSSION RE LITTER: Councillor Hudson drew the attention of the Council to the litter which was being left on the street, and after discussion it was agreed to request the shop-keepers in the town to provide some form of receptacle in their shops and to endeavour to get the children and other customers to deposit papers etc. therein. It was also directed that a request should be sent to the schools in the town to co-operate with the Council in this matter. Councillor Conroy queried the schedule which was carried out by the scavengers and it was requested that this might be submitted to the next meeting.

ROAD SIGNS: Councillor P. Doyle mentioned the necessity for the provision of road signs at (a) The Glen Turn and (b) the junction of Castle Street/Summer Hill and the Town Surveyor stated that these would be provided.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. S. D. Conroy, 23 Kilmantin Road, requested the Council to lay concrete on the Mass Path, and it was noted that this had been included in the E.S.V. Scheme.

*S. D. Conroy
4/12/55*

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An application from John Connor, 1 Castle St., to be appointed tenant of house at above address, in succession to his mother who had died recently was approved.

Under dated 26th August, 1955, John Kinsella and Mrs. S. Kelly, tenants of No. 2 and No. 3 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road, applied for permission to instal a boiler grate in place of the range in their premises. Permission granted on the usual conditions.

An application from Christopher Dunne to erect concrete outhouse at Council house at 49 Glenview Rd., was deferred pending receipt of further details and a report from the Town Surveyor.

The Town Surveyor was requested to carry out an inspection at 18 St. Dominick's Rd., regarding complaints made by the tenant Wm. Dickenson.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and passed unanimously:-

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council extend to the members of the Wexford Senior Hurling team our sincere congratulations, on their recent achievement in winning the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Final!"

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING:

HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1955

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding),
Councillors P. Doyle, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, E. Hynes, T. Conroy and
E. Kavanagh.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, and Acting
Town Clerk, Miss M. Kavanagh.

LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES: (a) 16 St. Laurence's Park:
The report of the County Medical Officer was read as follows:-
9th September, 1955.

A. Chara,

I recommend as follows:-

1. J. Vickers, 18 Convent Road, Wicklow,
2. C. Kavanagh, 3 Castle Park, Wicklow.
3. John Leonard, 8 Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow.
4. M. Vickers, 11 High St., Wicklow.
5. Mrs. Olohan, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.

Mise, le meas etc.

In connection with this house a letter from Mr. A. Tavenor,
Lr. Strand St., who had been granted tenancy of house at 4 Dunbur Tce.,
applying for a transfer to a house at Ballynorrin was read.

The Council after discussion agreed to grant the tenancy of
16 St. Laurence's Park to Arthur Tavenor and to grant tenancy of No.
4 Dunbur Tce., to Mr. J. Vickers, 18 Convent Rd., as recommended by
the Medical Officer. In the event of J. Vickers not taking tenancy
of this house, it was recommended that the tenancy be given to Mr. C.
Kavanagh, Castle Park, who had been placed No. 2 on the report of the
Medical Officer.

(b) 19 Glenview Road: The undernoted report from the County
Medical Officer was read:-
9th September, 1955.

A. Chara,

I recommend as follows:-

1. Michael Egan, Strand Street, Wicklow.
2. J. Vickers, 18 Convent Road, Wicklow, and jointly
2. P. C. Kelly, Castle Street, Wicklow.
4. Mrs. O'Brien, 25 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
5. Mrs. Kelly, 10 Strand Street, Wicklow.

Mise, le meas, etc.

After discussion it was agreed that the tenancy of 19 Glenview
Road, be granted to Michael Egan, Lr. Strand St., and a Demolition
Order to be put in force in respect of his present accommodation at
Lr. Strand Street.

(c) 2 St. Kevin's Tce: The following report from the C.M.O.
was read:-

9th September, 1955.

A. Chara,

I recommend as follows:-

C. W. Hudson
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1. J. Fitzgerald, Colley Row.
2. J. O'Neill, Castle Street, Wicklow.
3. J. Vickers, Convent Road and jointly
3. P. C. Kelly, Castle Street, Wicklow.
5. M. Kelly, 10 Strand Street, Wicklow.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Council recommended that the tenancy of No. 2 St. Kevin's
Tce., be granted to Joseph Fitzgerald, Colley Row, in accordance
with the report of the Medical Officer and that a Demolition Order
be put into force in respect of his present accommodation.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: The Agenda for the Annual
Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held
on 20th, 21st and 22nd September, 1955, was submitted to the meeting,
but all the members stated that they would be unable to attend.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor J. Carroll,
seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and unanimously adopted, all
present standing in silence:-

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council
extend to the widow and relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Byrne,
our sincerest sympathy in their recent sad bereavement!"

The County Manager on behalf of the Staff, associated himself
with the Vote of Sympathy.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th September, 1955.

To:

The Chairmen 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 October, 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 (a) Monthly Meeting held on 6th September, 1955, and (b) Special Meeting held on 14th September, 1955 (copies herewith).
2. Resolution from Donegal County Council re system of Valuation of property.
3. Applications for renewal of Cinema Licences.
4. Application for tenancy of Old Technical School premises at Main St., Wicklow.
5. Letter from Department of Local Government re grant for foreshore protection works.
6. Letter from L.S.B. re public lighting at Strand St., Wicklow.
7. Reports from Town Surveyor re: (a) proposed erection of out office at 49, Glenview Road (b) refuse depot at Blackcastle and (c) pathway in vicinity of Railway Station.
8. Report re effect of increase in premiums of Employers' Liability Policies as warranted by Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955.
9. Letting of vacant house at No. 7 St. Patrick's Avenue.
10. Report on Street Scavenging in Wicklow.
11. Any other business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER, 1955

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding)
Councillors P. Doyle, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, T. Conroy, E. Hynes,
E. Kavanagh and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager and
Mr. B. J. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Before commencing with the business of the meeting the Vice-Chairman expressed his best wishes to the Chairman, Mr. W. Clarke, for an early recovery from his recent illness and hoped that he would soon again be amongst them. All the members joined with the Chairman in hoping for his speedy recovery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6th September, 1955, and the Special Meeting held on 14th September, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th September, Councillor Byrne referred to the misnomer applied to the laneway from Fairview Road to St. Manntan's Road as appearing in the Town Surveyor's report in which it is referred to as Mass Path. He pointed out that the impression might be given that the Council were providing the Mass Path whereas the path had been provided by the tenants in the area. The Council expressed gratitude to the people of the area for this manifestation of public spirit in providing this service from their own resources.

RESOLUTION FROM DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL: A resolution from Donegal regarding the desirability of revising the existing system of Valuation and re-Valuation of property was unanimously adopted by the Council.

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: The Council were informed that the appropriate fee had been remitted in both cases. A report from the County Fire Officer was read dated 4/10/1955 stating that both cinemas complied with regulations but recommending that the fire extinguishers in the Rialto Cinema be tested by a competent firm and that a certificate of the test should be forwarded to him. Proposed by Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

"That we approve of the affixing of the Seal of Wicklow Urban District Council to the renewal of licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909 in respect of the Rialto and Abbey Cinemas, Wicklow, subject to compliance with the requirements of the County Fire Officer"

OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL PREMISES: Two applications were received for tenancy of portion of these premises as follows:- (a) E. J. Kavanagh offering a sum of £52 per annum for use as an Employment Exchange (b) from George Murray for purposes of storing furniture. In course of a discussion on the subject several suggestions were made to which the premises could be applied were made, e.g. branch library or offices for Committee of Agriculture. Councillor Everett urged that the premises be used as County Library as it was the intention that the present headquarters accommodation at Greystones be only a temporary arrangement. Following further discussion it was finally decided on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Carroll that the branch library at present housed in the lower portion of the Town Hall should be accommodated in the Old Technical School premises at Main Street and that the Town Surveyor should submit an estimate and other details to the next meeting of the Council for the adoption of the lower portion of the Town Hall