

presently used as Branch Library, for use as a public convenience being as it is conveniently situated at the C.I.E. bus terminus. In regard to other uses to which the premises in Main St., could be devoted, having regard to the two applications which came before the meeting, it was agreed that some members of the Council together with the Town Clerk should inspect the premises with a view to recommending to the Council the allocation of remaining available accommodation.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The undernoted letter of 16th September, 1955, from the Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 11th March, 1955, and previous correspondence relative to emergency protection works on the foreshore at Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the Minister for Finance has now agreed that a grant of 75% of the cost shall be made available subject to a maximum of £3,750, in lieu of the original 50% grant which was subject to a maximum of £1,900. The increased grant is subject to the conditions that the Wicklow Urban District Council will undertake:-

1. to contribute the balance of the cost;
2. to carry out the works, and
3. to accept responsibility for their future maintenance.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The members were informed that the 75% grant would apply to expenditure up to £5000. It was unanimously decided to defer discussion on the subject pending the return of the County Manager from annual leave and the Town Surveyor to be requested to submit an up-to-date estimate in the meantime having regard to the fact that the original estimate in sum of £3,800 was prepared in August, 1952.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - STRAND STREET, WICKLOW: Arising from the decision of the Council at the September monthly meeting to provide an additional public lantern at Strand St., Wicklow, the following letter of 20/9/1955 from E.S.B. was read:-

Dear Sir,

Further to your letter of the 7th instant in above regard, the provision of 1/200 public lighting lamp on pole 184, Strand Street, will necessitate the erection of switchwire etc., at a total cost of £10. 0. 0. to your Council, payable on completion of the work.

The lamp will be maintained in operation from half an hour after sunset each evening at an annual charge of £5. 3. 0. This charge will be adjusted to cover actual lighting between date of connection and 31/3/1956.

On receipt of your acceptance of these terms and your official order to cover £10 the work will be put in hands.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council unanimously agreed to accept the terms set out in the letter and approved of this excess expenditure in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955. However, the members requested that the hours of lighting of this lantern be clarified as it would be necessary to obtain all-night lighting from this lantern to cater for the need for which the lantern is being provided.

REPORTS FROM ACTING TOWN SURVEYOR: The following reports were submitted from Acting Town Surveyor arising from matters discussed at the previous Council meeting:-

(a) Recommending approval to the erection of an outoffice, in accordance with details submitted, at 49 Glenview Road. The Council unanimously approved of the proposal.

(b) Report stating that pathway in the vicinity of the railway station was the property of Coras Iompair Eireann and that consequently the repair of the pathway would not be the responsibility of the Council. It was directed that correspondence should be addressed to C.I.E. from the meeting requesting that this pathway be put into proper repair. (

(c) Report stating that if the proposal to dump refuse at a point further south to the present depot at Black Castle was pursued it would necessitate the provision of a new road at an estimated cost of £60 and that in his opinion no useful purpose would be served by so doing. The members discussed this matter very fully and agreed that the refuse depot should in the first instance be removed from its present location; it was suggested that an alternative site would be available between the boundary of the Golf Club grounds and the Travelehawk strand. The Council approved under the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, of the estimated expenditure of £60 for the provision of a new road in the event of An Bord Failte not agreeing to include this item in the scheme to be submitted to them for the improvement of the area in the vicinity of the Black Castle. It was also directed that the Council should approve of the site finally selected if the alternative recommended by them is not chosen.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE: The members were informed that consequent upon the coming into operations of the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955, which increased the maximum rates payable in respect of Workmen's Compensation from 50/- to 90/- per week, the Council's insurers had informed them that it was found necessary to increase the pre-1953 premiums by 35%. The members were informed that this 35% increase represented an additional sum of £25. 10. 8. per annum above the sum payable in respect of last year. It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, and agreed:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby approve of the increased expenditure in respect of Employers' Liability Insurances of £25. 10. 8. per annum necessitated by the increased benefits enforced by the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1955."

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT 7 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: As only one application was received, Mr. Ed. Fitzgerald, Hillside, Wicklow, was recommended by the Council for tenancy of No. 7, St. Patrick's Avenue with rent 33/1d. (inclusive of rates).

SCHEDULE OF SCAVENGING SERVICE: As requested at the September monthly meeting the following schedule of the scavenging service was submitted for the consideration of the members:-

Monday and Tuesday: Sweep Main Street; empty 194 dust bins; empty two public ash pits at Summer Hill.

Wednesday and Thursday: Sweep Main Street, Bond Street Upper, Lr. Strand Street, Leirim Place, Church St., Wentworth Place and High Street. Empty two public ashpits at Ballynerrin. Sweep St. Laurence's Road, Kilmantin Rd., and Glenview Rd.

Friday and Saturday: Sweep Main Street; empty 194 dust bins; sweep different lane-ways and occasionally clean after road men.

The matter of scavenging was discussed at great length. Councillor Conroy suggested that the persons in receipt of domestic scavenging service should make their own arrangements for disposal of refuse having regard to the income derived from this source in sum of £95 which he considered insufficient to justify the length of time which their scavengers were engaged on this as an alternative he suggested that a new cart be provided for domestic refuse collection on contract basis and if necessary the contribution for this service be increased to cover the cost of this work.

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Councillor Everett pointed out that in cases where an employee is taken from any work and employed on a work, the cost of which was not subvented from rates, a substitute should be employed; he also stated that a monthly report should be submitted to the meeting in the matter of progress of work and the employment and disemployment of men. The various suggestions regarding the increasing of domestic scavenging contributions and the inclusion of a provision in the rate for a general scavenging service were deferred for consideration to the Estimates meeting.

BLACK CASTLE IMPROVEMENTS: The following letter of 14th September, 1955, from An Bord Failte Eireann was read:-

14th September, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7th September, regarding proposed work at the above monument. In preliminary discussions between the Town Surveyor and the Board's Archaeological Officer on 29th April, last it was understood that plans were being prepared by your Council to cut off the dump near the Black Castle from view of visitors by a 6 foot stone wall which would enclose a park adjoining the east pier promenade and that approach to the Castle would be through this park. It was with this in mind that the Board approved a grant for work to be carried out by the Office of Public Works on the Castle. I should accordingly be grateful if you could give an indication as to the likelihood of the proposed wall being built and the proposed park laid out in the immediate future. The matter is urgent in view of possible further damage to the Castle remains and the loss through vandalism of stones recovered from the recent excavations which were left on site to be incorporated in the preservation works.

The Board's requirements in the matter of the park would be met by your Council deciding in principle to provide the park and making a start in laying it out during the time or immediately after the work on the Castle is put in hands. It is appreciated that it would take some time fully to develop this park and that this development would be a gradual one.

I trust this clarifies the matter for your Council and trust you may be able to indicate your Council's agreement with the proposal.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the County Manager for his information.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The following memorandum of 4/10/1955 from the Town Surveyor was also read:-

A Chara,

With reference to letter dated 14th ultimo from An Bord Failte regarding the proposal to build a stone wall and lay out the ground in the vicinity of the Black Castle, I write to say that the matter was discussed as stated but it was clearly on the assumption that the cost would be met out of funds to be provided by Bord Failte. My estimate of the cost of this work including provision of seats and steps is £737.

It is suggested that the Council might approve of the suggestion contained in An Bord Failte's letter and agree in principle to carry out the work in providing the New Park, and that the cost of same be provided by An Bord Failte.

Mise, le meas, etc.

W. J. Hudson
7/11/55.

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The Council unanimously agreed with the proposal provided the entire cost of the laying out of a park and erection of wall would be met from the funds of An Bord Failte Eireann.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF 10 HOUSES: The Consultant Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, submitted under cover of letter 28th September, 1955, house designs and draft specifications in connection with the proposal to erect 10 houses on sites at Castle Street. The Architect's letter was as follows:-

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence in connection with the above I now enclose two copies of drawings and draft specification describing proposed bungalows at Castle Street.

The total floor area of each bungalow is 694 sq. ft. and the accommodation consists of living room, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, hall and bathroom. A small store is situated at rear of each bungalow.

Materials and method of construction are outlined in draft specification together with an estimate of approximate cost.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The members were informed that the Architect estimated the all-in cost on one bungalow, including site works, at £1500, which would require a rent exclusive of rates, of 10/- per week (approx) in the case of full subsidy houses and a rent exclusive of rates of 29/- per week (approx) in the case of the lesser subsidy houses. The members noted that the Architect was providing for wooden casement sashes having regard to the proximity of the proposed houses to the sea. The members desired that an early commencement might be made with the proposed erection of two houses on the site owned by the Council in Castle St., as it was anticipated that a lengthy period might elapse before the acquisition of the remaining two sites was brought to a finality. The house designs as submitted were approved on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy and it was directed that the designs be submitted to the Department for sanction with all convenient speed.

REPORT OF WATERWORKS OVERSEER: The following report from the Waterworks Overseer of 4th October, 1955, was submitted to the meeting:-

Gentlemen,

Reservoir and stream at Marlton have gone down very low. There is just enough water coming in from both sources to keep supply to town going for full 24 hours supply.

If there is not heavy rain very soon water will have to be cut off at night, as the Reservoir is going down very rapidly now, about 1 1/2" to 2" per day.

Filtering beds have got very much coated, and it is not possible to change beds, until we have better supply from Marlton River of reservoir. It would take a very high rainfall to improve matters.

Reservoir is down 11'5" from sill of overflow.

Yours truly, etc.

NOTED.

DATE OF NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: The meeting was informed that the ordinary date of the next monthly meeting fell on Tuesday, 1st November, 1955, which was a Bnk Holiday. Accordingly the members unanimously agreed to convene the next monthly meeting for Tuesday, 8th November, 1955, at 7-30 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. N. T. Blunden, Resident Engineer, South Quay, Wicklow, wrote under date 4th October, 1955, requesting the permission of the Council to deposit excess fill materials at the dumping site at Black Castle. The Town Surveyor reported that he had no objection to the proposal. The members approved of the application, requesting however, that correspondence be addressed to St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club with a view to ascertaining whether they would desire to have this material deposited on the playing pitch customarily used by them for the purpose of banking up the side of the grounds adjoining the river.

Councillor Doyle referred to the unevenness of the flagstones on the footpath at Market Square from the junction at Kilmantin Hill to the junction at New Street. Councillor Byrne referred to the step on the footpath on the opposite side between Power's garage and Finley's premises which he claimed was very dangerous. It was directed that a report be obtained from the Town Surveyor in the matter and that correspondence be also addressed to the County Council the road being a main road and consequently the responsibility of the County Council.

Councillor Byrne referred to the dangerous condition of the iron stopcock grid on the footpath adjoining his premises at Main St. It was directed that a report be obtained in the matter.

A number of members referred to the failure of the Gas Co. to properly reinstate certain roads in the urban district. The members felt that the officials should ensure the proper reinstatement of these roads and directed that correspondence be sent to the Town Surveyor and Gas Co., to the effect that the Council was not satisfied with the manner in which the work of reinstatement is being performed.

Arising from the foregoing Councillor Hynes referred to the poor gas supply which was noticeable for some time past. The members decided to register the complaint with the Gas Co. and request an improvement.

Councillor Byrne referred to the need for the provision of a light at Melancholy Lane which, he pointed out, was totally un-serviced in this respect. Councillor Doyle referred to the need for an additional light at Market Square. At first it was decided to defer both matters for consideration to the Estimates Meeting, but subsequently it was agreed to request the E.S.B. to submit an estimate for the provision of an additional lantern at Melancholy Lane near Delahunt's gate.

Councillor Doyle urged the members to make every effort to ensure that the proposed large scale development of the Avoca Mines would prove of benefit to the town of Wicklow, possessing as it does such a fine harbour and for this purpose to resort to every means in their power to have their harbour used to the fullest extent. Some members suggested that a meeting of delegates of all bodies in the town be called from the Council meeting for the purpose of discussing the matter but the members concurred with the Chairman's suggestion to arrange for this gathering from the next meeting of the Harbour Commissioners whom he thought would be the prop or body to sponsor such a meeting. However, it was agreed to correspond with the Harbour Master requesting him to contact forthwith all known parties with a view to informing them of the facilities which Wicklow harbour has to offer.

Before concluding the business of the meeting Councillor Everett proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. G. F. Van den Bergh on the death of his wife, which was seconded by Councillor Doyle. All the members and officials associated themselves with the vote and the vote was passed in silence all standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Ad. Hillson
7/11/55

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th October, 1955.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st November, 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 Tuesday, 8th November, 1955, at 7-30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th October, 1955, (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Fermoy U.D.C. re observance of Church Holidays.
3. Letters from E.S.B. re Public Lighting at Strand Street and Melancholy Lane, Wicklow.
4. Report of Committee re inspection of Old Technical School premises at Main St., and report from Town Surveyor re provision of toilet accommodation in Town Hall.
5. Notification from Department of Local Government re grant for foreshore protection works.
6. Letter of 20/11/1955 from Wicklow District Gas Co. re gas supply.
7. Letting of vacant house at No. 13, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.
8. Correspondence from An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo. - Tourist Amenity Schemes.
9. Plot No. 3 Dunbur Road, Wicklow (formerly R. T. Killian) - application for consent of Council to premises thereon being mortgaged.
10. Fixing date of Annual Fowl Market.
11. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER, 1955

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

In the absence of a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 7th November, 1955.

D. Hudson
7/11/55

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 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: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th October, 1955 and of Monthly Meeting convened for 1st November, 1955, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM FERMOY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL: A copy resolution from Fermoy U.D.C. requesting that the Government introduce legislation for the observance of Church Holydays in lieu of Bank Holidays was read. The Council directed that correspondence be addressed to Fermoy U.D.C. indicating that in Wicklow both Church Holydays and Bank Holydays were observed by the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM E.S.B. RE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING: The undernoted letters from the E.S.B. dated 15/10/1955 and 10/10/1955 relative to the provision of additional public lighting at (a) Melancholy Lane and (b) Strand Street were read to the meeting:-

(a)

re: Public Lighting - Melancholy Lane

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant re the above, the provision of 1/200 watt lamp at Melancholy Lane will necessitate the erection of a network extension, pole, switchwire, etc., at a total cost of £30 to your Council, payable on completion of the work.

I presume that the required hours of lighting are from ½ an hour after sunset each evening until midnight. The yearly charge will amount to £5. 3. 0. This charge will be adjusted to cover actual lighting between date of connection and 31/3/56.

Above estimate applies providing that there are no right-of-way difficulties and that you will be responsible for any reinstatement involved. On receipt of your acceptance of these terms and your official order to cover £30 the work will be put in hand.

Yours faithfully, etc.

(b)

re: Public Lighting - Strand Street

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant re the above, it was presumed from your letter of the 7th ultimo that 1/200 watt dusk to midnight lamp was required, as all other lamps in Wicklow Town are on that schedule.

The provision of 1/200 pilot light at Strand Street will necessitate the erection of a time-switch etc., at a total cost of £14. 0. 0. to your Council, payable on completion of the work.

This lamp will be lighted and maintained in operation from half-an-hour after sunset each evening until half-an-hour before sunrise at a charge of £7. 5. 0. This charge will be adjusted to cover actual lighting between date of connection and 31/3/56.

On receipt of your acceptance of these terms and your official order to cover £14, the work will be put in hands.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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A lengthy discussion ensued in the course of which the County Manager outlined the relative merits and demerits of the proposals and Councillor Byrne made strong representation for the provision of an additional lantern at Melancholy Lane in accordance with quotation from the E.S.B. The discussion culminated with a motion being put forward by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Hynes: "That the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of a lantern at Melancholy Lane dated 15/10/1955 be accepted"

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Hudson: "That both matters be deferred for consideration to the Annual Estimates Meeting"

The amendment was first put to the meeting and a show of hands resulted:

For Amendment: Councillors Hudson, Doyle, Carroll, Kavanagh, and Everett (5)

Against: Councillors Byrne, Conroy and Hynes (3)

The motion as amended was accordingly declared carried as a substantive resolution.

OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL PREMISES AT MAIN ST: The Manager informed the meeting that a Committee of members inspected the Old School Premises at Main St., on 13th October, with a view to allocating the accommodation contained therein and had decided as follows:- (by reference to a rough sketch plan which was displayed to the members):-

(a) Employment Exchange - two rooms, marked "A" and "B" on accompanying plan and containing 567 sq. ft. (approx) of floor space at an all-in rent of £67 per annum, the lessee to pay rates.

(b) Weights and Measures Office - one room, marked "D" on plan and containing 282 sq. ft. (approx) of floor space at a rent of £33 per annum, it was presumed that this would be exempt from rating being of use for a purpose of a public nature.

(c) Branch Library - one room, marked "C" on plan, and containing 399 sq. ft. (approx) of floor area at a rent of £26 per annum (as obtains for present accommodation in Town Hall), this would also be exempt from rating.

The County Manager explained that approval to the accommodation at (a) would need to be forthcoming from the Department of Social Welfare and also that the approval of the Department of Industry & Commerce and of the Garda Superintendent would be required to the accommodation at (b). He also informed the meeting that certain repairs and adjustments would be needed as in the event of the accommodation for the Weights and Measures Office being availed of it would be necessary to provide a separate entrance and also to partition off an office within the room for use by the Weights and Measures Sergeant. Certain other minor repairs and the provision of two or three electric plugs would also be required. The use of the toilet accommodation was also referred to and it was suggested that the accommodation at the rear of the premises might be reserved with the library accommodation and the remaining one could be availed of jointly by the other two users of the premises.

In the course of the discussion the County Manager also mentioned that the proposed adoption of the premises for use as County Library had not yet been considered by the County Library Committee but he felt that the accommodation therein would be entirely inadequate. Councillor Everett suggested replacing the present structure with a more permanent building but it was pointed out that the obtaining of approval to such a proposal would be most unlikely as the site of the present building was too constricted.

The Council agreed to the lettings at (a), (b) and (c) on the terms quoted.

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SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS AT TOWN HALL: The undergiven report of 7th November, 1955, from Town Surveyor was read:-

re: Proposed Public Convenience to replace Branch Library Premises at Market Square

A Chara,

I have examined the proposal and I estimate the cost of the work to be £345, providing for accommodation for both men and women.

It would be necessary to build a dividing wall in concrete, the upper portion of which would be in heavy hammered glass to ensure of the borrowed lighting from existing archway facing on the Market Sq. I do not think it would be desirable to make any opening in the gable end of the Town Hall buildings, which at present is not in a very staple condition.

Mise, le mens, etc.

In response to queries the Town Surveyor stated that he was providing for tiled floor. The members felt that he should also arrange for tiling of portion of walls and should revise his estimate accordingly. Following further discussion it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting pending the availability of a revised estimate together with a plan and specification relating to the proposed work.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Arising from letter of 16th September, 1955, received from Department of Local Government (which is recorded in Minutes of Monthly Meeting of 4th October, 1955) the following report of Town Surveyor of 3rd November, 1955, was read:-

re: Foreshore Protection

A Chara,

With regard to the recent letter dated 16th September, 1955, received by you from the Department of Local Government in which a Grant of 75% of the cost of the work, subject to a maximum of £3750, is indicated, I beg to set out hereunder my Estimate of the cost of the works proposed.

You will recall that in August, 1952, the Council adopted a report submitted by me at that date dealing with remedial works for repairs and reconstruction along the North Foreshore and that report was illustrated by appropriate plans, sections and estimate of cost which at that time, amount to £138,000 approximately. The work visualised under that heading consisted in an extension of the Promenade for a distance of almost 700 lin. yds., and included the construction of steel sheet piling, timber "cases" groynes, concrete slabbing etc. It was pointed out, however, at the same time, that works of an immediate protective type would be necessary as soon as possible, and pending the completion of major work so as to hold the then existing beach and Murrough, which has since further eroded.

This work was the provision of a series of mass concrete blocks as indicated on drawings then submitted, chained each to each for a distance of 400 to 500 lineal yards along shore, and in two lines, and was estimated at that time to cost £3,800.

It is this latter, it would seem, that the Department has now indicated the grant of 75% and consequently a total expenditure, should the Council so agree, to 25% of £5,000 may be undertaken. The estimate of cost of the work originally proposed in 1952 would, of course, now be increased due to advances in wages and materials, and it is made up as follows:-

Preparation, manufacture and laying 80 mass concrete gravity (as per Drawing) each 10 feet by 6ft 6" by 2'4"/6ft 6" linked with heavy ships iron chains included, laid on beach in two lines of 40

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blocks each; and including all charges such as Insurances, wayleaves over Railway if necessary, contingencies - £5,000.

Note: It is a pity we did not get started a little earlier in the Summer as present weather is not too good, but if anything is to be done, I should like to have a good start made before the end of December next if possible, so as to get down some of the blocks before Spring storms. Should the Council decide to have the work carried out by Contract, it will be necessary to prepare the appropriate documents and advertise the proposals.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to advertise for tenders for the carrying out of the work and a comparison could then be made with the estimated cost for the carrying out of the work by Direct Labour. It was directed that the Town Surveyor should prepare a specification of the work for this purpose. With reference to the cost of the work which the Council would bear, viz: £1250, it was directed that the Council should endeavour to secure a loan from the Council's Treasurer repayable over 15 years and in anticipation of this arrangement being successfully made it was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing of a sum of £1250, repayable in fifteen years, from the Treasurer of the Wicklow Urban District Council - Hibernian Bank Ltd - for the purpose of defraying the cost of the carrying out of Foreshore Protection Works at Wicklow!"

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT 13 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK (15/7d incl. of rates)

The report of the County Medical Officer was as follows:-

A Chara,

I recommend as follows:-

1. P. C. Kelly, 2 Castlefield, Wicklow.
2. John Leonard, 8 Fitzwilliam Road.
3. Mrs. D. Olohan, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow.
4. P. Jameson, 19 High St., Wicklow.
5. P. Kearney, New Street.
6. Mrs. Barlow, 6 St. Laurence's Road.

After discussion it was agreed to recommend the granting of tenancy of No. 13 St. Laurence's Park to Mr. P. C. Kelly, 2 Castlefield, Wicklow.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WICKLOW DISTRICT GAS CO: The undernoted letter of 20/10/1955 from Wicklow District Gas Co., was read arising from correspondence addressed to them from the previous Council meeting:-

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 6th instant has been passed on to us for attention, and the matters referred to have been investigated by one of our assistants.

It is admitted that there may be some grounds for complaint with regard to the Gas during the past few months. As you are probably aware, we have had to carry out extensive repairs to our large gas-holder. These have been completed for some time but it has not been possible to get the Gasholder back into commission owing to the shortage of water. This means that we have to work with our small gasholder only and this provides an inadequate stock of gas. We are sure that our Local Manager is doing his best under these circumstances but we would ask you to do anything you can to enable us to obtain the supply of water necessary to put the large gasholder back into use.

We are sorry to hear of any complaint with regard to the work

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of reinstatement of roads and we have insisted this matter should get immediate attention. We trust that there will be no further cause for complaint on this score.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

TOURIST AMENITY SCHEMES: Under date 15th October, 1955, An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo., addressed the undernoted letter to the Council, accompanied by sketch plans and estimates:-

A Chara,

In compliance with An Bord Failte's circular letter of 10th June last, suggesting co-operation between the Urban Council and the Development Company in the preparation of their development schemes and your Council's approval of our request to appoint representatives to meet those of the Company to consider what schemes could be usefully included in proposals to be made to An Bord Failte in accordance with that Circular, I wish to report that the conference was held on Friday, 7th October last. Present were - U.D.C. representatives, Messrs J. Everett, T.D., Minister for Justice, E. Hynes, and C. W. Hudson. Company's representatives - Messrs M. J. Butler, Chairman, A. B. Cullen, and A. D. Finlayson. Owing to regretted illness, Mr. W. A. Clarke, Chairman of the U.D.C. was not able to be present. Mr. Butler was proposed to the chair.

An Bord Failte's circular having been read by me, the Chairman explained the objects of the conference, voicing the Company's view that such co-operation with the Council was both desirable and necessary if the schemes were to be successfully carried out. The Council's representatives concurred.

Four of the Company's Schemes, as already submitted to An Bord Failte, with sketch plans prepared by the Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, M.R.I.A.I., were shown and explained to the Councillors, viz: (1) Playground for Children; (2) Caravan Site on the Murrough; (3) Outdoor Amusements and (4) Carnival Grounds.

The Council's representatives approved of the schemes as suggested, and undertook that they would recommend to the Council their approval, in principle, so that the Council might take suitable action in applying, along with the Company, to An Bord Failte for grants with which to carry them out. These four schemes are what the Company called "immediate schemes".

A number of long term schemes, which the Company had been also considering, and which would follow the more immediate ones, were also discussed. Mr. Everett particularly referred to the development of the Church Banks, river path and river itself, which has been already advocated by the Council. It was unanimously agreed to place this scheme also before the Council in a formal manner, so as to have it included in the proposals to be submitted to An Bord Failte, backed by the support of both Council and Company. Broadly speaking it would be along the lines already indicated by the Council. It was recognised that such a large undertaking would very probably take longer than in the case of the foregoing immediate schemes to bring to a successful conclusion. Their joint action would show An Bord Failte how the two bodies want such a scheme included in the approval list, and would encourage the Council and the Company to go more fully into the preliminaries. These, it was suggested, could be usefully considered by future meetings of the Committee as and when prepared by the Council's Architect.

I was instructed, as Secretary to the Company and to the special Committee meeting, to communicate the results to the Council, to enclose the Architect's sketch plans and to give the Council particulars of the four schemes referred to. If the Council or the Company desire that the Special Committee should meet at any time for further discussions of any matters relating to the schemes, to their preparation and execution, I was asked to make the necessary arrangements, and to

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request the Council to signify their approval of such an arrangement and of the four representatives already named to act in that capacity.

Misc, 1c meas, etc.

SCHEDULE - TOURIST AMENITY SCHEMES

I attach (1) sketch plans prepared by Mr. Butler in regard to the immediate and long-term proposals put forward by the Development Company and (2) approximate estimates which the Company have considered in preparing the schemes, as already submitted to An Bord Failte:-

Taking (2) separately, I wish to put before the Council extracts from the covering letter which the Company sent to An Bord Failte on May 26th last, and which in fact was following by the Board's circular of 10th June suggesting this co-operation. Grants or partial grants and loans were asked for, according to the type of scheme proposed to be carried out.

The Company's letter to An Bord Failte stressed "the extremely careful consideration, with particular reference to Wicklow's position, needs and the type of tourist sought to be attracted to it". These preparations were detailed for the Board's special information. On the matter of profits and costs, the Company also stressed that the Director's felt that the sub-committee were, if anything, inclined to be too meticulous in assessing the advantages of the schemes and their future profit making possibilities. The main consideration given was "the best interests of Wicklow".

No. 1 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND: Wicklow has no strand. Here was an ideal situation, for which the U.D.C. has given the lease. This scheme cannot be considered profit-making, but it is a venture which will repay itself a thousand-fold, and the Company with full confidence asked for a grant to cover the outlay.

No. 2 CARAVAN SITE: An Bord Failte had themselves asked the Council about a caravan site, and the Company were prepared to undertake the task as part of the over-all scheme. Whilst ensuring the best of their ability to secure an income the Company preferred to stress its advantages, how it will augment the other amenities and that a great future was promised in Wicklow for such facilities.

No. 3 - OUTDOOR AMUSEMENTS: Planning to provide for this great want at any Irish seaside resort, the Company gave primary consideration to the overseas visitors in the type of games to be provided, and for that purpose they held the Murrough was a natural playground for Wicklow, which the Company wanted to develop.

No. 4 - CARNIVAL GROUNDS: Collateral with other amusements and games, and having the promenade close by, the Company hope to prepare a proper site for the accommodation of carnival amusements, and to derive a reasonably large seasonal income.

The Board's officials when visiting Wicklow, were interested in the possibilities of the Marine Building, but in view of the position which obtains there, the Company told An Bord Failte they had refrained from making any suggestions.

The Company concluded their statement by asking, with confidence for the Board's approval of the schemes, and the necessary financial aid under the Act to implement them.

They now welcome the opportunity to have the approval and support of the Council in furtherance of these objects and the Council's agreement to execute the work entailed as soon as the Board signifies their sanction to same.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett,

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seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and agreed:-

"That we approve in principle of the following Tourist Amenity Schemes, submitted to us by An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo., under date 15th October, 1955, and indicated on accompanying plan and we recommend to An Bord Failte Eireann the issue of the required financial assistance to enable the work to be carried out:-

<u>Schemes Referred To:</u>	<u>Estimated Cost of Construction</u>
1. Children's Playground	£3505.
2. Caravan Site	£1900.
3. Outdoor Amusements (including cost of equipment)	£4550.
4. Carnival Site	£2500.
5. Development of Church Banks	(no estimate given)

The Chairman on behalf of An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo., of which he was a Director, expressed appreciation to the Council for their gesture in unanimously approving of the schemes.

PLOT NO. 3 DUNBUR ROAD: The following letter of 25/10/1955 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., was read:-

Dear Sir,

Messrs O'Leary & Co., Solicitors, for Edward Lynch, the Purchaser of the above premises has asked us to consent to the sale herein and to the premises being mortgaged to the Educational Building Society.

We would be obliged if you would let us know if the Council have any objection to the house being mortgaged.

We cannot see any objection as the Council's claim for Ground Rent would take priority to that of the Mortgage.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager informed the members that he had no objection to the proposal. It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, and agreed:-

"That we hereby consent to the Sale of premises on Plot No. 3 Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Edward Lynch, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow, and to the premises being mortgaged to the Educational Building Society!"

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET: Monday, 19th December, 1955, was fixed as the date for the Annual Fowl Market.

REPORT ON SCAVENGING: On request from Councillor Conroy the County Manager undertook to present a report to the next meeting relative to the receipts and expenditure in regard to the Council's Domestic Scavenging Service with a view to establishing whether the present service was paying for itself.

UNFIT HOUSE AT STRAND STREET LOWER: Councillor Everett queried the present position relative to the house at Lr. Strand St., from whence Wm. Tavenor and family were recently re-housed and which was owned by Mrs. J. Ring. The meeting was provided with detailed particulars attending the making of a Demolition Order on these premises and of a proposal to institute legal proceedings under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, against a certain Joseph Byrne for a contravention of this Order. A lengthy discussion following and the County Manager agreed that he would examine the position with a view to meeting the expressed wish of the Council to the effect that Mr. Byrne be permitted to remain in No. 1 Lr. Strand St., and that Mrs. Kelly, his sister, tenant of No. 3 vacate her present residence and move into No. 1 and No. 3, thus vacated, be surrendered to the Council.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing of a sum of £3,200 repayable in 50 years, from the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of defraying the cost of erecting two houses at Castle Street, Wicklow!"

The members further agreed that tenders be sought for the erection of the houses when the approval of the Department is accorded to the house designs which have been submitted.

APPLICATION FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES FOR PROPOSED BUNGALOW AT BALLYNERRIN: Read the following letter of 4th November, 1955, from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect:-

A. Chara,

I enclose location map showing plot at Ballynerrin on which it is proposed to build a bungalow for M. J. Butler, Esq., Abbey St., Wicklow.

Whilst the plot is in the County Wicklow, the water main and sewer are connected to the Urban services and in this respect I should be obliged if your Council will permit the new bungalow to be connected to these existing services.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council discussed this matter very fully being informed that at a meeting of 7/12/1952, the Council had by resolution decided not to grant these Urban services to any further houses to be erected outside the urban area. The Town Surveyor informed the meeting of the manner in which connections had been made by the three existing residents in this locality and indicated this on rough sketch plan. The members agreed that in the event of a connection being made the Council would have no responsibility for the resultant supply as being outside their functional area they had no obligations in the matter. Accordingly Councillor Hudson and Byrne gave joint notice of intention to rescind resolution of Council, passed at monthly meeting held on 7/12/1955, at their next monthly meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The following correspondence was read and noted: (a) Letter from Mr. G. F. Van den Bergh expressing gratitude to the Council for the vote of sympathy passed with him in his recent bereavement. (b) Letter of 4/11/55 from Hon. Sec., St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club stating that they would be obliged for the deposit of the excess fill material from the South Quay works on the outside of the railings adjoining the river of the playing pitch used by them at the Murrough. (c) Letter of 18/10/1955 from C.I.E. stating that they were arranging for the repair of the pathway leading from Station Road to the metal bridge as requested by the Council at a recent meeting. (d) Letter date 7/11/1955 from Irish Red Cross Society expressing thanks to the Council for contribution for promotion of Water Safety Activities.

The monthly reports of Town Surveyor and Waterworks Overseer were also read and noted.

Arising from a report from Town Surveyor in connection with the repair of pathway at Market Square/Main Street between Kilmantin Hill and New Street, the Council approved of the replacement of the path in concrete similar to that provided at Hillside on being informed that it would not be possible to re-lay the slate flags as they were beyond repair. The condition of footpath at New St., was then referred for Town Surveyor's attention. Councillor Kavanagh referred to the condition of pathway at Moreton's Lane but in the absence of the financial provision for this work, it was agreed to defer the matter for inclusion in a future E.S.V. Scheme. The adjustment of the granite kerbings in the Main St., was also referred to County Council for attention.

An application from Mr. Louis Carroll, 1 Dunbur Tee., Wicklow, for tenancy of Council's store at South Quay was deferred pending availability of a report.

An Application from Mr. M. McDonald, Abbey Garage, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, for approval in principle to the proposed erection of a garage on a plot at Marlton Road, indicated on accompanying sketch plan was also deferred pending availability of a report.

A letter from General Secretary of Civil Service Executive Officers Association under date 28th October, 1955, requesting a copy of a letter from Department of Local Government which had been addressed to Wicklow Urban District Council in relation to financial assistance available for housing purposes to persons of the middle-income group was read. Following discussion the members agreed that the Town Clerk should summarise the letter as it applied to the particular circumstances in Wicklow.

Councillor Conroy referred to the practice of a certain resident at Main Street, in placing furniture on the pathway and causing obstruction to pedestrians. It was agreed that correspondence would be addressed on the subject requiring discontinuance of this practice under the Towns Improvements Act, 1854, Sec. 72(g). He also referred to the practice of the collective parking by motorists of their cars outside the residences of members of the Gardaí. It was decided to refer this matter for attention of the Gardaí as this manner of parking was causing obstruction to all adjoining residents.

Councillor Kavanagh stressed the need for a road sign at some point on the Blackcastle/Seaview Road owing to the increased traffic on this road of late. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor would accompany Councillor Kavanagh for the purpose of carrying out an inspection of the area.

On the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was agreed to retain the services of Denis Hanlon who reaches the age of 65 on 20/11/1955 and who had earlier in the year indicated his intention to resign on that date.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A. Hudson
6/12/55

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow.
 2nd December, 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 December, 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 7th November, 1955, (copy herewith).
2. (a) Revocation of decision of Council reached at Monthly Meeting held on 2nd December, 1952, in relation to the non-availability of Urban services to hereditaments outside the functional area of the Urban District Council (of which special notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of Section 44 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847).
 (b) Application from Mr. J. P. Butler under date 4th November, 1955, on behalf of Mr. M. J. Butler, for permission to connect proposed bungalow at Ballynerrin on a plot situated outside the Urban area, to Urban water and sewerage services.
3. Correspondence and report on Old Technical School Premises at Main St., Wicklow.
4. Consideration of report and estimate for provision of toilet arrangements in Town Hall.
5. Report on Domestic Scavenging Service.
6. Application for tenancy of store at South Quay and report in connection therewith.
7. Consideration of tenders for ploughing, harrowing etc., of "Glen Field", Dunbur Road.
8. Application from Abbey Service Garage re proposed erection of garage at Marlton Road, Wicklow, together with report from Town Surveyor.
9. Arrangements for all-night public lighting - Christmas period.
10. Correspondence from Irish Overseas Insurance Brokers Ltd., re P.L. Claim - Accident to Horse at Black Castle, Wicklow.
11. Consideration of application of Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. for lease of additional plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, (in anticipation of consent of Minister for Industry & Commerce to under-leasing being available.)
12. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER, 1955

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

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

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

ITEM NO. 1 (a) and (b) on AGENDA: Councillor Hudson withdrew his Notice of Motion to rescind decision of Council reached at Monthly Meeting held on 2nd December, 1952, in relation to the non-availability of Urban services to hereditaments outside the functional area of the Council upon learning that the applicant, Mr. M. E. Butler, now proposed to erect the proposed bungalow on a site within the Urban boundary.

An application accompanied by a plan under date 2nd December, 1955, requesting Town Planning permission accompanied by a report from the Town Surveyor recommending the granting of permission was accordingly submitted for the proposed erection of bungalow on the alternative site at Ballynerrin. The Council unanimously recommended the granting of permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts and also unanimously recommended the making of a loan equal to 80% of the market value of the house, as determined by the Town Surveyor on the proposition of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson.

OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL PREMISES AT MAIN STREET AND PROPOSED PROVISION OF TOILET ARRANGEMENTS IN TOWN HALL:

The following correspondence was read to meeting in this regard:-

(1) Correspondence from Prospective Tenants

(a) Employment Exchange

Main St.,
 Wicklow.
 30th November, 1955.

A Chara,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 10th inst., regarding accommodation in the old school premises at Main Street, and to inform you that the rooms offered to me have been duly inspected and approved by the Department of Social Welfare as suitable for the purpose of Employment Exchange.

I am prepared to accept the tenancy of the rooms on the conditions set out in your letter, and would move in early in the New Year provided the necessary repairs to locks outdoors, lighting equipment, and the sealing off of partition have been effected.

(Sgd.) E. J. Kavanagh

(b) Branch Library:

Court House,
 Wicklow.
 29th November, 1955.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, regarding the use of the premises at Main Street, Wicklow, formerly used as

a Vocational School, I am to inform you that the premises were inspected by the County Librarian in regard to the proposal to use the rooms at the rear of the premises as a Branch Library. The County Librarian has reported as follows:-

"In accordance with your instructions of 9th November, 1955, I have examined the room in the former Technical School, Wicklow, recommended by Wicklow Urban District Council as a branch library for Wicklow Town, instead of the present room in the Town Hall.

The room proposed is that formerly used as a classroom by the Domestic Economy Staff of the Technical Institute. One wall is almost entirely occupied by a range. There are two water cocks in a small recess. Only about 240 feet would be available for wall shelving as compared with 336 feet of wall shelving in the existing library room at the Town Hall. The floor space is approximately the same as that of the present library room but the flooring boards badly need repair.

As the present library accommodation is better, I do not recommend the transfer of the library to this room.

I submit, however, the following as essential for Wicklow Library:-

- (1) a lending Department - approximately 1200 ft. sq.
- (2) A Children's Department - approximately 900 sq. ft.
- (3) Toilet and Staff accommodation - approximately 400 ft. sq.

In addition I would recommend as desirable a room about 600 ft. sq. to serve as a museum and tourist information centre."

It will be noted that the County Librarian does not recommend the transfer of the library to the room proposed.

I should be glad if you would bring the matter to the notice of the Urban District Council.

Misc, le meas,
K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary

(c) Weights and Measures:

Court House,
Wicklow,
24th November, 1955.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant, in regard to the use to be made of the premises at Main Street, Wicklow, formerly used as a Vocational School, I enclose herewith for your information copy of letter of 12th instant, received from Sergeant P. J. Purcell, Weights and Measures Inspector. The Assistant County Engineer has reported that the present accommodation in the Weights & Measures Office is a room 14'8" x 12'6" and an office 8'3" x 10'0". He reported also that the Weights and Measures Inspector has indicated that a room somewhat bigger than the existing one would be desirable, say 14' x 20' with an office 8' x 10' and that running water in the larger room was essential. I have since been informed by the Weights & Measures Inspector that the room in the former Vocational School proposed to be used as a Weights & Measures Office would be suitable provided that portion of it were partitioned off to make an office for the inspector and that running water is provided for the larger room remaining and also a separate entrance from the street. It is understood that the Town Surveyor is preparing an estimate of the cost of altering the room to suit the requirements of the inspector.

As regards the use of the other room for a branch library, the County Librarian has been asked to inspect the room and to submit a report as to whether it is suitable and whether any alterations or

fittings are required.

Misc, le meas,
K. J. Brangan,
County Secretary.

(2) Estimate from Town Surveyor re Repairs to Old School Premises

26th November, 1955.

A Chara,

Proposed Labour Exchange:

Repairs to 4 lights, flex and holders	£3. 0. 0.
2 Heating Plugs	£3. 10. 0.
1 Night Latch; 1 rimlock	£1. 15. 0.
Service folding doors and seal door to hall	
Seal two fireplaces	£9. 0. 0.
Paint inside: Ceiling Walls: 2 rooms	£35. 0. 0.
Roof: Replace gable one sheet over hall and 2 sheets over library	£9. 10. 0.

Proposed Library:

Cover floor with lino 47 sq. yards	£35. 8. 11.
Replace 3 lights; 2 heating plugs	£3. 10. 0.
1 Night Latch	17. 0.
2 panes glass	15. 0.
Paint inside ceiling and walls	£28. 0. 0.

Proposed Weights and Measures Office:

Seal off door from hall & seal off fireplace	£3. 10. 0.
New Office 10' x 10' with door: floor covered with lino; studded, slabbed and skimmed	£35. 0. 0.
2 Fire Plugs. Repair 4 lights	£6. 10. 0.
New door and frame for new entrance	£14. 0. 0.
Lay on water to new sink of wash-room	£11. 10. 0.
Ramp from path to new door; lay piping under ramp to drain water away and connect up to existing entrance	£15. 0. 0.
Paint inside ceilings and walls	£38. 0. 0.

Entrance Hall to Library:

Paint inside ceilings and walls	£14. 0. 0.
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Total £267. 15. 11.

Misc, le meas,
J. T. O'Byrne,
Co. Engineer.

(3) Estimate and Outline Specification from Town Surveyor - Sanitary Arrangements at Town Hall

OUTLINE SPECIFICATION

1. Take down and remove all partitions, walls, flooring, doors, windows, glazing, etc., and clear away full space to allow new building alterations as shown.
2. Build up 4½ inch thick concrete block wall to close archway at rear to divide off from Town Hall stores.
3. Lay in 5 to 1 concrete floor over full site and stepped as shown 6 inches in thickness, roughened on surface to take 6" x 6" selected hard baked ¾ inch quarry tiles P.C. 30/- per sq. yd. set in 2:1 cement mortar.
4. Build dividing wall between Men's and Women's apartments in 4½" thick x 18" x 9" concrete block walling set in 3 to 1 lime mortar (with 10% cement added) to full height 12 feet 4 inches.

5. Other dividing walls to be $4\frac{1}{2}$ " block and to height 5 ft. over floor; thereafter to be in heavy white muffed $\frac{1}{4}$ " glazing plate in $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" moulded frames and small panes 10" x 12" dimensions.
6. Provide oak seating in porches out of 3" x 12" oak planking plugged on $4\frac{1}{2}$ " thick concrete supports at 24 inch centres, standing 14 inches over floor level.
7. Provide and fix 3 No. white procelain W.C. basins and ditto cisterns (each combination P.C. £25) in positions as shown; joined in best plumbing to 4 inch S.W. drains to new manhole in road outside; drains jointed with tarred hemp and 2 to 1 sand-cement laid on 4" concrete (5 to 1); bed and haunching. Manhole to be built in 9" x 6" x 18" block to measure 24" x 24" inside dimensions and fitted with heavy round C.I. road covers. P.C. £12.
8. Provide and fix as shown 1 No. wash hand basin P.P.C. £7 with all fittings, connections ($1\frac{1}{2}$ " lead waste; $\frac{1}{2}$ " copper to watermain)
9. All walls to be tiled with selected 4" x 4" tiles and moulding 4'6" high over floor, P.C. 30/- per sq. yd. set in 2 to 1 cement mortar.
10. Provide opes and windows as shown.
11. Plaster all internal walls with 3 coats 2 to 1 cement mortar and finish in "grey" coat.
12. Paint all woodwork 3 coats selected oils.

My estimate for work is £545. 0. 0.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

The members discussed the matter very fully and examined the plan relating to the proposed sanitary arrangements in the Town Hall which the Town Surveyor submitted with the outline specification.

The members unanimously approved of the report of the Town Surveyor relating to the repairs and alterations proposed in connection with the Old School Premises at Main St., and which was estimated to cost £267. 15. 11. and in regard to the reply received from the County Librarian the County Manager explained that the Council could recover the accommodation at Town Hall, presently being used as branch library, for the purpose to which they now desired to apply the premises and the accommodation at the Old School would thus prove to be the only suitable alternative accommodation available for branch library use.

In regard to the provision of sanitary arrangements in the Town Hall the Council unanimously approved of the plan and specification as submitted and further agreed that this work be advertised for tender. With reference to the repair of the school premises it was agreed that this work should be discharged by direct labour to be commenced at the earliest convenient date as as to enable occupation thereof to be assumed early in the New Year.

With reference to the defraying of expenditure in regard to the provision of public sanitary arrangements at the Town Hall it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed:-

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing of a sum of £545, repayable in 10 yrs. from the Treasurer of the Wicklow Urban District Council, Hibernian Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying the cost of providing public sanitary arrangements in Town Hall, Wicklow, in accordance with plan and specification submitted by the Town Surveyor."

The County Manager mentioned, in regard to the alterations and repairs of this Old School Premises at Main St., that the work could be proceeded with and that the expenditure would be defrayed from Revenue Account as there was not statutory authority for borrowing for a work of this nature. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor

Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby approve of the excess estimated expenditure in sum of £267. 15. 11. for the carrying out of structural alterations and repairs to the premises at Main St., Wicklow, formerly used as a school for Vocational Education and recently acquired by the Council."

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING: A report was submitted to the meeting setting out that 149 persons in receipt of this service contributed £93. 2. 6. The cost of the service was stated to be £220. 2. 8. and that to put the service on an economical basis it would be necessary for each of these persons to contribute 30/- per annum. The subject was discussed at great length with Councillor Conroy's suggestion that a separate carter should be employed for this purpose on a contract basis so as to leave the present carter and helper in a position to devote their full time to a general street scavenging service. It was finally agreed that a report providing for a comprehensive domestic and general scavenging service would be presented to the statutory meeting in March so as to enable consideration to be given to the matter before the Estimates Meeting to be held in the same month.

STORE AT SOUTH QUAY: In connection with the application of Mr. Louis Carroll, 1 Dunbur Tee., Wicklow, for tenancy of store at South Quay, submitted under date 5th November, 1955, and which had been deferred from the previous meeting pending the availability of a report, the following reports from County Fire Officer and Town Overseer were read:-

24th November, 1955.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 18th instant, I inspected the Urban Council premises on the South Quay, Wicklow. These premises are used at present to house a fire escape and unfortunately there is no other suitable accommodation for this escape in Wicklow. A point that should be borne in mind is that Wicklow town must inevitably acquire a self propelled fire engine in the near future. The South Quay premises are excellent for the storage of such a vehicle.

I would strongly recommend that these premises should not be let for other purposes especially with regard to the above mentioned facts.

Mise, le meas,
H. R. H. Sharpe,
County Fire Officer.

Sir,

As requested I wish to state that Council store at South Quay is in use for storing the 75 ft. fire escape ladder, which is erected on wheels, and before the Council repaired this store, the ladder was stored at Dominican Convent. There is no store there now.

Also the store is used for tar-boiler, and tar in barrells etc. and was used as the Council's turf store should the Council require same again.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
B. O'Toole.

The members directed that with a view to letting the store in question to the applicant that the storage accommodation in the Town Hall should be examined as to the feasibility of transferring the equipment presently stored at South Quay to the Town Hall. The matter to be considered again at next meeting.

"GLEN FIELD" DUNBUR ROAD, WICKLOW: The County Manager informed the meeting that the field had been reclaimed and fertilised to the specification of the Department of Agriculture in February, 1954, and

that two successive crops of wheat had been taken from the field. He also informed the members that in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Agricultural Officer it was intended to re-seed for grass direct about the end of April and that accordingly tenders had been invited for the ploughing, harrowing, leaving ready for grass seed and rolling. The following tenders had been received:-

- (a) Robert Dickenson, Friars' Hill: £26 (if given option on 11 months letting for 5 years) or £54.
- (b) Edward Dickenson, Keatingstown - £40.
- (c) Samuel Hughes, Kilpeddar - £40.
- (d) Wm. Brownrigg, Rathdrum - £3. 10. 0. per acre - £33. 5. 0. for 9½ acres.

The members recommended the acceptance of the tender of Mr. Wm. Brownrigg, provided that he clarified the extent and nature of the work included in his offer.

ITEM NO. 8 ON AGENDA: The following letter of 6th December, 1955, from Abbey Service Garage was read:-

6th December, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Re our letter dated 7th November concerning new Garage and Filling Station at Marlton Road, we wish to withdraw our application of that date.

As we have now acquired a more favourable site situated at the Station Turn, Wicklow, we intend to submit plans etc., to the Council for their approval in principal at their next meeting.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING: It was unanimously agreed to arrange for all-night Public Lighting on Saturday, 24th December, 1955, and Sunday, 25th December, 1955, as in previous years.

ACCIDENT TO HORSE AND CART AT BLACK CASTLE: The undernoted letter of 10th November, 1955, from Irish Overseas Insurance Brokers Ltd., was read:-

10th November, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Further to our Mr. McGrath's discussion with Mr. Flannery, we are attaching herewith cheque for £15 as a sympathetic payment in the above connection. This appears to complete our file and we are now putting away our papers.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager explained that the Insurers had no liability in the matter and that the payment was a sympathetic payment very generously made by the Insurers. The members expressed appreciation to the Insurers for their gracious action in the matter.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE - SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The undernoted letter from Messrs M. E. Veale & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., dated 8th November, 1955, was read:-

6, Lr. Baggot St.,
Dublin.

8th November, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

We enclose herewith Original Lease dated the 10th August, 1953, (registered in the Registry of Deeds on the 1st September, 1953, No. 48 - 233).

Our clients are anxious to ascertain if the Wicklow Urban District Council would extend the plot of ground demised by the said Lease to include the triangular portion that has been hatched lightly in pencil measuring 112' on the one side and 102' on the other.

If your clients are prepared to include in this lease this additional triangular portion, we should be grateful to know if your clients would make the same the subject of a separate document or would be prepared to amend the map on the original and counterpart to include this portion.

We should be grateful to hear from you as soon as possible and need hardly add that our clients are quite prepared to be responsible for any legal costs involved in the matter or indeed the costs of an additional map that will be necessary if your clients are prepared to amend the same at this juncture.

Yours truly, etc.

A map of the plot which was the subject of the application was submitted from the Town Surveyor. The County Manager informed the members that in the event of the Council agreeing to grant a lease of the plot in question, it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Minister for Industry & Commerce as portion of the plot formed part of the foreshore which was the subject of a lease dated 24th April, 1951, from Minister for Finance to Wicklow U.D.C. He also stated that in the event of the lease being granted the proper course would be to have a separate lease for the extra plot as it scarcely could be expected that a lease of an additional plot could be arranged by merely altering a map as suggested.

Following discussion the members agreed that the purpose to which Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., propose to use the plot should be ascertained and that the Councillors would inspect the site at their convenience before the next meeting.

LOAN OF £10,000 - SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Hynes and resolved:-

"That we hereby request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the borrowing of the sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in 35 years, for the purpose of advancing loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 1899-1954"

REPORTS OF TOWN SURVEYOR AND WATERWORKS OVERSEER: The undernoted reports dated 6th December, 1955, were read to the meeting:-

6th December, 1955.

Monthly Report - November, 1955

We were engaged during the month on the usual routine of scavenging, road cleaning and hedge cutting. An extra man (Heffernan) was engaged for repairing the footpaths, etc., damaged by Department of Posts & Telegraphs in addition to our normal staff. The Accounts will be furnished to the Department in due course. The Scenic Car Park was completed by the provision of the six seats and the full amount of the grant expended has been recouped.

I regret that I have to report an emergency situation in regard to the water supply. In my memory the position was never as serious: about 3 weeks ago it appeared that the springs were about to open up but all hopes were dashed with the recurrence of the present extraordinary fine weather conditions. Unless these springs come to a head in 6 days from this date the town will be without water. We are getting every gallon possible out of the Marlton Stream by pumping and I have now again to revert to the Trailer Pump at the Waterworks in order to keep our filters full. The Reservoir level is down now about 17 feet. I would ask that the Council express its serious apprehension of the position so that the people of the Town may co-operate in every possible way to minimise a dangerous situation.

The Employment Grant Scheme was approved by the Department and work commenced on 5th instant with 9 men in Kilpool Quarry.

Town Surveyor

6th December, 1955.

Gentlemen,

Reservoir is down 16'6" and stream has fallen off. The position is very serious as Marlton Stream has also fallen off.

It will not be possible I believe to keep a supply of water constant at present rate of consumption, a reduction of hours is urgently necessary.

Water will have to be turned off or stopped in some way in cases of leakages. It is not always possible to have someone to carry out necessary repairs.

Tanks at Waterworks have gone out to-day and pressure is down well below usual point.

Engineer is doing all possible to help us out.

Yours truly,

John De Courcy.

Noted. The members expressed concern in relation to the grave situation of the water supply and appealed to the townspeople to cooperate with the Council in conserving the limited supply available. The County Manager indicated to the members the present position in relation to the Regional Water Supply Scheme in the course of which he stated that it could not be hoped that this scheme would be in operation before the expiration of twelve or eighteen months.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: A report from the Town Surveyor dated 3rd December, 1955, stating that there was no provision for the laying in concrete of the footpath between Kilmantin Hill and New St., in the current year 1955/56 and that the work would be put in the schedule of work for 1956/57.

NOTED.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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D. Hudson

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow,
30th December, 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 January, 1956, 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 6th December, 1955. (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners regarding the disposition by the Urban Council of land in Harbour area.
3. Deferred consideration of application of Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd. for lease of additional plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, (in anticipation of consent of Minister for Industry & Commerce to under-lease being available).
4. Application for tenancy of store at South Quay and report from Town Surveyor in connection therewith.
5. Correspondence from Genealogical Office.
6. Application from Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for increase in wages of cleansing staff employed by the Council.
7. Letter from An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo., in connection with proposed development work at Church Banks, Wicklow.
8. Application from Abbey Service Garage, Wicklow, for Town Planning permission for proposed new garage.
9. Any Other Business

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 3RD JANUARY, 1956

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding)
 Councillors P. Doyle, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, T. Conroy and E. Kavanagh.
 An apology from Councillor E. Hynes for his inability to attend was
 read and noted.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, and Town
 Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor. An apology from the Town Surveyor con-
 cerning his inability to be present was also conveyed to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on
 6th December, 1955, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by
 the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS: The undernoted
 resolution passed by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners at their meeting
 held on 13th December, 1955, was transmitted to the Council for their
 consideration under letter dated 15th December, 1955:-

Proposed by: Mr. T. Conroy, seconded by Mr. J. Carroll and
 resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners request the Wicklow
 Urban Council to refrain from letting or disposing of any lands in the
 Wicklow Harbour area without first consulting Wicklow Harbour
 Commissioners".

It was mentioned that scarcely any storage space was left to the
 Harbour Board near the deep water berth and in view of the possible
 need for this storage space in regard to the proposed development of the
 Avoca mines the members of the Harbour Board were justifiably concerned.
 It was agreed that henceforward the Council would consult the Harbour
 Commissioners before disposing of any property in this area.

SHAMROCK FERTILISERS - PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY: In reply to a
 query addressed from the previous meeting the undernoted letter dated
 29/12/1955, was read from Maurice E. Veale, Solicitor, Dublin, on behalf
 of Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd.:-

29th December, 1955.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated the 7th December we have now seen
 our clients with reference to the purpose to which they propose to put
 the triangular plot of ground the subject of our letter to Messrs J. H.
 McCarroll & Co., dated the 8th November last.

Our clients now inform us that they propose to use this plot to
 lay out as a lawn in front of a new Laboratory building at North Quay.

We should be grateful if you would bring this matter before the
 members of the Council for re-consideration again as promised in your
 said letter of the 7th December and to hear from you at your earliest
 convenience.

Yours truly, etc.

Some members who had inspected this site since the previous
 meeting expressed belief that the plot which was the subject of this
 application had already been fenced in by Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., with
 the plot which had already been leased to them. It was agreed that the
 Town Surveyor should inspect the site, measure and compare his findings
 with the measurements of the plot demised to Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd.
 by leased dated 10th August, 1953, and present a special report to the
 next meeting indicating whether the lessees had encroached on an area
 outside the plot demised in the lease referred to above.

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Before passing from this item Councillor Conroy referred to the
 untidy appearance of the adjoining plot which had been leased to
 Wicklow Sawmills Ltd., and stated that a quantity of timber had been
 strewn carelessly about the site. It was directed that they be
 requested to tidy up the area.

STORE AT SOUTH QUAY: The County Manager informed the members that
 he had discussed this matter with the Town Surveyor and had learned
 that it would be necessary to remove certain walls in the lower
 portion of the Town Hall if the ladder which was at present stored in
 the premises at South Quay was to be accommodated in the Town Hall.
 It was agreed that the matter would be kept under review with a view
 to ascertaining if another suitable place could be found for storing
 this ladder.

ITEM NO. 5 ON AGENDA: The following letter bearing date of 7th
 December, 1955, from Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle, was read in
 response to a letter addressed to them in relation to the Coat of Arms
 of Wicklow Town:-

7th December, 1955.

A Chara,

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd instant.

The arms Or on a staff proper a flag gold, a chief indented
 gules, are recorded as the arms of the town of Wicklow in printed
 works of reference and are also noted as such in a manuscript here.
 No armorial bearings have, however, been officially recorded here.
 It may be pointed out that Fox-Davies in his Book of Public Arms (1915)
 while noting the existence of these arms says "the design upon the
 seal is more frequently made use of".

I regret that I have no reproduction of these arms available.
 If you so wished a sketch could be prepared in accordance with pars.
 1 or 2 of the Scale which I enclose herewith.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

APPLICATION FOR WAGES INCREASE: The following letter of 21st
 December, 1955, from Irish Transport and General Workers Union was
 read:-

21st December, 1955.

re: Cleansing Staff

Dear Sir,

We desire on behalf of our above mentioned members to make a
 claim for an increase of 27/6d. per week. This in effect will
 bring these workers up to the basic rate now being paid to building
 labourers.

The above mentioned claim is based on the inadequacy of existing
 rates with the resulting hardship on our members and their dependents.
 Your early attention in this matter will oblige.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following discussion it was agreed that up-to-date particulars
 relating to present rates of wages in other employments in Wicklow
 should be obtained and that an informal discussion between the Council
 members, the County Manager and the Union representatives could be
 arranged at a later date.

DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT CHURCH BANKS, WICKLOW: The following letter of
 28th December, 1955, from An Comhaltas Failte Chille Manntain Teo.,
 was read:-

28th December, 1955.

A Chara,

As from the meeting of the Development Company held on 16th inst., I have been asked to transmit the following resolution which was passed, viz:-

Proposed by Mr. A. B. Cullen,
Seconded by Mr. A. D. Finlayson

"Having considered reports from the Directors who interviewed landowners adjoining Vartry River and Church Hill, we instruct our Architect to prepare a suitable sketch plan of public gardens on Church Banks, with pathway along the Vartry from Parnell Bridge to Brickfield Lane at the Railway Station, with a view to submitting same, as containing our suggestions, to the Urban District Council, for their completion of the full scheme of development."

I might mention that, following on the recent conference with members of the Urban Council, we undertook to have these interviews to ascertain the attitude of the landowners and rated occupiers in the vicinity of the River and Church Hill towards any such development scheme. All concerned were enthusiastically in favour of development and some asked to have it arranged when preparing the scheme to protect the adjoining property by good fencing, and to supply them with particulars beforehand. I think that the Council will be pleased to learn that there is such a good approach to the proposed schemes on the part of those concerned. As soon as the Architect prepared the sketch plan and submits it to the Company, they, on its approval will then be only too glad to refer it to the Council for their final approval.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

TOWN PLANNING - NEW GARAGE: Under date 30th December an application accompanied by a plan of a proposed garage was submitted for Town Planning approval by Abbey Service Garage, Wicklow. The County Manager pointed out that in the absence of a site plan and specification consideration could not be given to the matter. The Manager also stated that very careful consideration should be given to the matter when it would come up for consideration as the proposed structure would be sited at a very attractive entrance to the town. It was agreed to request the applicants to submit a location map and specification as the application as submitted could not be regarded as an application for approval under the Town Planning Acts.

REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The undergiven report from the Town Surveyor was read to the meeting:-

Monthly Report - December

The streets and lanes were satisfactorily maintained and repaired during the period. The Council will, however, find it necessary next year to make provision for tarring St. Laurence's Road, Fairview Road, Glenview, Greenhill and New Park Roads.

The E.S.V. Relief Scheme is proceeding - 9 men employed; work commenced on Corner in Castle Street and making concrete blocks.

I am pleased to report that the very dangerous crisis in the water situation was relieved very suddenly on the 13th and heavy rains and frost have no opened up springs; water is rising fairly well in Reservoir and water is now fully turned on. At the same time great care is still necessary to ensure against shortage next Summer as far as possible by not wasting or using unnecessarily.

Minor repairs to Council houses were carried out: weather boards on 6 houses; steel window sashes repaired on 4 houses and in 10 houses

sundry repairs such as drain boards, lavatory seats etc. In one house No. 18 St. Dominick's Road the new range was installed; No. 47 Glenview Road lavatory basin was installed and in another house a new cistern. The amount available for repairs is limited this year, but provision ought to be made next year for painting 120 houses.

The repair and reconstruction in the Old Technical School premises are proposed to start on Monday, 16th instant.

J. T. O'Byrne,
TOWN SURVEYOR

Arising from this report a lengthy discussion took place regarding the manner of carrying out repairs to Council houses. However, no decision was taken in the matter though it was discussed at great length.

VOLUNTARY CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FUND: Readletter of 30th December, 1955, from Wicklow Regatta Committee:-

30th December, 1955.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of 10th June, 1955, enclosing plan submitted by Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, for proposed Paddling Pool near the New Pier, Wicklow, I wish to inform you that at a meeting of the Regatta Committee held on 14th October last, it was agreed that monies available in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund be utilised by the Council towards the construction of a Paddling Pool in accordance with the plan submitted.

Should this project not be proceeded with, however, the Regatta Committee should be informed regarding any alternative proposals.

The plan referred to is returned herewith.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager informed the members that the estimated cost for the provision of Paddling Pool was £2,000 and that the amount remaining unspent in the Fund was £280 (approx). Following discussion the members unanimously agreed that the Town Surveyor prepare a report and estimate of improvements to Clarke's Plot, Wicklow.

REPORT RE ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSES: The undernoted report was submitted from the Rent Collector, Mr. L. O'Toole, in regard to tenants being absent from their houses:-

Dear Sir,

I wish to report the following Council houses which are not being resided in by the tenants:-

No. 2 St. Laurence's Road: Tenant - Mr. Stephen Devlin: Mr. Devlin has been absent from No. 2 St. Laurence's Road for the past three months. He paid three months rent in advance and went to visit his son who resides in England.

No. 36 Glenview Road: Tenant - Mr. James Murphy: Mr. Murphy is a widower with no family. He is employed by the Dominican Convent, Wicklow. He resides with his sister at No. 9 Convent Road.

No. 10 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road - Tenant Mr. John Doyle: Mr. Doyle is a labourer employed by Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son, Wicklow. He resides with his sister at The Mall, Wicklow. I would like to mention that Mr. Doyle is a very good tenant and keeps the house and garden in proper state of repair. In fact it is the best kept house in the row.