

No. 29 St. Laurence's Park: Tenant - Mr. Timothy Kelly: Mr. Kelly is at present employed in England. His wife and family resided in the house up to about three months ago, they are at present residing in Dublin with her mother.

No. 33 St. Laurence's Park: Tenant - Mr. John S. Byrne: Mr. Byrne is employed in England and Mrs. Byrne and his daughter went to join him about three weeks before Christmas last.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed to write to these tenants seeking explanations for their absences without prior permission being sought.

UNFIT HOUSE AT COLLEY ROW: The following letter of 3rd January, 1956, was read:-

3rd January, 1956.

Gentlemen,

I wish to inform you that I am negotiating for the purchase of the house situated at Colley Row and owned by Miss Annie Ryan, Convent Road. I have agreed on the price, but before closing the issue I will thank you to kindly let me know if the house is under condemnation and if the other 3 houses on the same row are the same and treated likewise. I also understand that a row of houses in Castle Street has been sold and they were also condemned but were not so far made fit for anyone to live in. I am quite prepared to carry out any repairs the Council may require necessary and also to build additions to it.

I will therefore thank you to let me have the full opinion of the Council on this matter so that I may know what procedure I am to adopt.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
Ruben Dover

The County Manager informed the members that Joseph Fitzgerald and family had recently been rehoused from this house and that a Demolition Order had come into operation. Following discussion it was agreed to request the Town Surveyor to submit a report and estimate to the next meeting for the rendering of this house into a fit and habitable condition.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Byrne and unanimously passed, all present standing in silence:-

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council extend to Mr. Paude Brennan, T.D., and the relatives of the late Mrs. Brennan, our sincerest sympathy in their recent family bereavement"

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Arising from a query regarding the absence of Christmas Tree at Fitzwilliam Square, the Manager expressed doubt as to the power to provide this tree from public funds.

A discussion also place regarding the proposal to reseed direct for grass in field at Dunbur Road and Councillor Conroy expressed doubt as to whether this was the proper course to take. However, no decision to reverse the decision already reached was taken.

The County Manager informed the members that an application made by the Misses Hamilton, Main St., Wicklow and Dr. Hamilton, Ferrybank, Arklow, to the Land Commission to purchase a field at Dunbur Road of which they are tenants had been considered in the Land Court on November 23rd last, and that the application had been granted. However, he informed the members that this finding was being appealed to the Judicial Commissioners in accordance with Section 14(2) of Land Act, 1931.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

A. Hudson
7/2/56

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
3rd February, 1956.

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 February, 1956, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

D. J. O'Connor
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd January, 1956 (copy herewith).
2. Letter of 26/1/1956 from Chairman (Mr. W. Clarke) indicating that he would be unable to attend the meetings of the Council for some months.
3. Consideration of proposal of Abbey Service Garage to erect a garage at the junction of Rathnew Road and Church Hill.
4. Reports from Town Surveyor: (a) Proposed improvements at Clarke's Plot, The Marrough (together with letter of 31/1/1956 from Mrs. M. Gulletlie in reference thereto). (b) House at Colley Row, Wicklow. (c) Plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow.
5. Wages of outdoor employees of Wicklow U.D.C.
6. Examination and consideration of tenders for erection of 2 houses at Castle St.
7. Consideration of proposals for re-construction of 6 houses at Castle St.
8. Report re insanitary condition of certain houses at Castle St., Lr. Strand St., and High Street.
9. Application of 3/1/1956 from Mr. B. O'Grady, Main St., for building site at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.
10. Letter dated 24/1/1956 from Leinster Motor Club Ltd. applying for permission to close road - Wicklow Races.
11. Letter dated 30/1/1956 from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee re disqualification of a member nominated by Wicklow U.D.C.
12. Coat of Arms - Wicklow town.
13. Application from tenants at Castle St., for concrete footpath.
14. Report re tenancy of No. 4, Kilmartin Road.
15. Correspondence and report re-unapproved absence from Council Houses.
16. Consideration of circumstances attending tenancy of No. 8 Glenview Road.
17. Monthly Reports.
18. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 1956

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

Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, wrote to the meeting indicating that he would be unable to attend the meetings of the Council for some months and he enclosed medical certificate to this effect. The members approved of this absence and requested that a message be conveyed to Councillor Clarke from the meeting hoping that he would soon be recovered and assume the duties of Chairman once again.

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 3rd January, 1956, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF GARAGE - ABBEY SERVICE GARAGE: A location map and covering letter applying for permission to erect a garage at the junction of Church Hill and Rathnew Road were submitted. The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that no proposals had been submitted in relation to drainage (e.g. disposal of car washings, mud etc.) levels of floors, means of entrance to and exits on to the road, details as to boundary fencing and efforts to be made to preserve the drain in the ditch along the present road, which will be fitted over for the garage. He further informed the meeting that there was no existing drainage facilities at this point. He intimated that he had met the persons concerned on the site and had discussed the matter fully with them. The had agreed that the siting of a structure of this nature in this area of the town warranted the utmost caution and they had agreed to engage a competent person to draw up plans for the structure which would be in keeping with its surroundings and to re-submit to the Council for approval.

The County Manager expressed himself in absolute disagreement with the proposal to erect a garage at this point as he felt that it would adversely effect the amenities of the district and would greatly detract from this most pleasant entrance to the town.

Following further discussion, in the course of which reference was made to the material to be used in roofing the structure, the members felt that approval in principle should be given to the erection of a garage at this site. It was also agreed that the giving of approval would be subject to the plans for the structure being approved by the Town Surveyor and satisfactory arrangements being made for drainage, entrances and exits, preservation of the existing drain etc.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CLARKE'S PLOT, WICKLOW: Arising from discussion which took place in relation to this matter at the previous meeting the following letter from Mrs. M. Gellellie, dated 31/1/1956 was read:-

Sir,

A report in the "Wicklow People" of the January meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council makes interesting reading. Mr. Flannery, Co. Manager, draws attention to "the attractive approaches to Wicklow town". Later a member is reported as suggesting "the expending of a sum of money to improve the road surfaces at the "Amusement Park". I take it that the area referred to is the approach to the sea front.

In recent Summers this space has been turned into a dumping ground for unsightly lorries, huts, caravans and rows of washing

-2-

waving in the breeze. Its general appearance has been a source of gross embarrassment to citizens of this town and has invoked much criticism from visitors.

Is it contemplated by our Urban Council to allow a repetition of these conditions this year? Surely these "amusements" could be allotted an alternative site either further up the Murrough or by the demolition of some apparently useless and very unsightly buildings in North Strand St.

It would need very little effort on the part of our Council to make this approach to the seafront a lot more attractive. In fact since the grass has been allowed to grow in the past few months the place looks quite clean and pleasant. An extra pathway by the railway wall could be surfaced with shingle from the beach, the provision of a few nicely painted garden seats would make this a lovely sheltered sun-trap. And couldn't we have one or two flower beds?

At least it is to be hoped that our Urban Council will not permit the despoilment of this area as in previous years.

I remain, Sir,

Yours etc.

The members directed that the owner of the plant which is scattered about this area should be requested to confine himself to the area adjoining his premises for the storage of this equipment.

It was agreed to request Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, to prepare a scheme of improvements for Clarke's Plot to the extent permitted by the money available in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund, i.e. £308.

UNFIT HOUSE AT COLLEY ROW, WICKLOW: Coming forward from the previous Council meeting the following report from Town Surveyor was read:-

re: House at Colley Row; Owner Miss A. Ryan

A Chara,

This house is built in masonry and is roofed in natural slates. It consists of two apartments only; the floor is in concrete; the walls are very damp and there is a fireplace in one apartment only. It measures externally only 24'6" x 15'; the internal measurements are 13' x 11'6" and 9'6" x 11'6" respectively.

The building is an extremely sub-standard structure and in order to leave it satisfactory for normal human habitation, the work required would be beyond reasonable cost. I understand that the County M.O.H. has already condemned the house, and a former tenant has already been given a new house.

The windows are insufficient in regard to the floor area, and the glass area required under the Regulations is $\frac{1}{2}$ as compared with the floor area. Consequently, new and additional windows would be required. The partition between the apartments would need to be removed and rebuilt in solid walling.

Neither sewerage nor water supply has been laid on and the nearest Council main would be 150 yards away and would involve very heavy expenditure in rock excavation. External and internal walling would need to be hacked off and replastered two coats.

I believe myself and I think the Council will agree that it would be unfair to have any family living in this house.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager pointed out that in accordance with the Housing Code the Council were obliged to require the demolition of this house as it was apparent that the house was a sub-standard structure and could not be put into habitable condition as provided for in those Acts, accordingly further representation in the matter could not be entertained. Position noted.

-3-

SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD. - PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY: The under-noted report of the Town Surveyor dated 6th February, 1956, and letter of same date from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., were read in regard to this matter:-

6th February, 1956.

re: Site at North Quay, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We refer again to our application for the purchase of the small piece of ground on the south side of our new Laboratory at North Quay, Wicklow. We have to point out, that this small piece of ground was inadvertently fenced off before building operations began at our new Laboratory. This land which we are at present seeking to purchase was, as you know, originally a dump, and as we have gone to considerable expense in constructing a very modern Laboratory, we are most anxious that the remaining part of this Site should not become a dumping ground once again, and we therefore, intend to plant a lawn at this point and make the surroundings to the Laboratory more pleasant.

Should the Council refuse our application, we will of course, remove the fence, but we reiterate that we are most anxious that the Council should accede to our request, so that the plans for the improvement of our Factory and Laboratory can go ahead.

As you are aware, we are at present employing approximately ninety men in our Wicklow Factory and fifty men in casual work on the docks. Should our plans for the future materialise, we hope that all these men will have permanent jobs with our firm.

Trusting our applications meets with the approval of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD.

6th February, 1956.

re: Plot at North Quay: Shamrock Fertilizers

A Chara,

The plot referred to in the application by M/s Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., is situated immediately to the east of the portion of ground already leased to that Company. The fence of the original plot has been continued on down the road, thus enclosing an additional portion of ground which is NOT leased to the Co.

I have pointed this out to them and informed them that they would have to remove it if the U.D.C. did not feel disposed to give this portion of ground to them. The area involved is small and the U.D.C. might be inclined to lease it if for no other reason than that Shamrock Fertilizers would then be responsible for maintaining the edge of the roadway along this frontage. However, that would be a matter for the U.D.C. to decide.

Mise, le meas,

J. T. O'Byrne

Following lengthy discussion the members directed that arrangements be made forthwith by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to have this fence removed.

WAGES OF OUTDOOR EMPLOYEES: Arising from letter of 21st December, 1955, received from Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, applying for an increase in wages in respect of their members employed by Wicklow U.D.C. the County Manager informed the meeting that the rate of wages of employees of local authorities were governed by a Circular Letter E.L.76/50 issued in December, 1950. This circular authorised the adjustment of the rates of wages, not subjected to specific sanction, where the rates paid would not exceed the rates paid locally for employment of a similar nature. He informed the meeting that these rates varied, the maximum and the one to which

-4-

it has been the practice of the Council to relate theirs to formerly, was now £5. 17. 0. per week: the present rate of Wicklow U.D.C. was £5. 6. 6. per week. This would enable the Council to grant an increase without specific sanction, of 10/6 per week. He also mentioned that a differential of 10/6 per week had existed between employees of Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban Council; the present rate enjoyed by employees of Wicklow County Council was £5. 6. 0. The Manager also informed the members that specific sanction would be required where it was proposed to vary the rates of wages to a rate exceeding the locally observed rate for comparable employment.

The members discussed the matter at length and unanimously decided to recommend an increase of 13/6 per week with effect as from 21/12/55, on which date the application for an increase was first made. It was also agreed to recommend an increase of 13/6 per week to Mr. B. O'Toole, Town Sergeant and Mr. J. De Courcy, Waterworks Overseer, also with effect as from 21/12/55. The members also expressed concern at the low rates of wages obtaining in the town. Authorisation to the excess expenditure involved in the financial year 1955/56 being unanimously given in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in anticipation of specific sanction being obtained.

At this stage of the ^{meeting} Councillor Carroll queried certain circumstances attending the non-payment of Mr. Jas. Clarke, carter, during the recent frost spell and the County Manager undertook to examine into the matter.

TENDERS - 2 HOUSES AT CASTLE ST: Pursuant to advertisement inviting tenders for the erection of 2 houses at Castle St., two tenders as set out hereunder, were opened in the presence of the members:-

(1) McNulty & Gaughan, Greystones:	Houses (above damp course)	£2209. 16. 0.
	Outoffices	£60. 0. 0.
	Site Works	£826. 17. 0.
	Bond	£20. 0. 0.
		<u>£3116. 13. 0.</u>
(2) John Kane Ltd., Wicklow:	Houses (above damp course)	£2700. 0. 1.
	Outoffices	£105. 12. 2.
	Site Works	£561. 2. 9.
	Bond	£34. 0. 0.
		<u>£3400. 15. 0.</u>

It was agreed to obtain a report from the Consultant Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, in connection with these tenders.

PROPOSED RE-CONSTRUCTION OF 6 HOUSES AT CASTLE ST: Mr. A. D. Finlayson Main St., Wicklow, submitted a plan and specification to the meeting in connection with his proposals for the reconstruction of 6 houses at Castle St. The following report from the Town Surveyor dated 26th January, 1956, was read in connection therewith:-

26th January, 1956.

re: Proposed Reconstruction of 6 houses in Castle St., Wicklow, by Mr. A. D. Finlayson:

A Chara,

The Wicklow Urban Dist. Council had the question of those houses under consideration some years ago and proposed to reconstruct them by providing 3 houses out of the six. A comprehensive and detailed scheme was prepared by me and submitted to the Department which refused sanction on the point that the houses were in a very bad state of repair, and that anyway the amount of work estimated was inadequate.

The present proposal is for a lean-to addition at the rear of each of the six houses to enclose a kitchen-scuttery and W.C. The window glass area is less than 1/10th floor area in all bedrooms. A corrugated lean-to roof would give high condensation especially with

-5-

low ceiling height 7'0" - 8'0".

Stairs are excessively steep with dangerous winders at heads.

The W.C. is situated outside in the yard and the approach is lengthy and unsatisfactory.

The result of the proposal would be to provide 6 sub-standard houses in bad repair and unsatisfactorily reconstructed.

I informed the applicant that whatever likelihood of getting approval to 3 houses (i.e. 2 into one) there would hardly be approval given to 6.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Following discussion the members unanimously agreed that approval should not be given to these proposals. It was mentioned that the provision of not more than 3 separate residences could be entertained and the members expressed themselves in agreement with this having regard to the Council's own experience relating to the reconstruction of these houses.

UNFIT HOUSES AT HIGH ST., CASTLE ST., AND LR. STRAND ST.: A report was submitted to the meeting relating to certain houses at High St., Castle St., and Lr. Strand St., in respect of which the owners had failed to discharge repairs required by statutory notices served under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931, consequent upon the re-housing by the Council of tenants therefrom. The members were informed that the Department of Local Government were keeping the matter under constant review and that the rates of subsidy on the houses to which these re-housed persons were transferred would be adjusted if repairs were not effected so as to render these houses into fit and habitable condition. It was informed to the members that failing action being taken by the owners the Council had power to enter the houses and themselves discharge the repairs and recoup the cost thereof from the owners. The County Manager further stated to the members that a query had been addressed to the Department of Local Government with a view to ascertaining whether a Reconstruction Grant would be made available to the Council if they carried out the works owing to the default of the owners, but to date no reply had come to hand.

Following discussion the members agreed that final notice should be given requiring the owners to discharge the necessary repairs within 1 month or in default the Council would invoke their powers under the Housing Act, 1931, and themselves carry out the work and recover the cost.

APPLICATION FOR LEASING OF BUILDING SITE - ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:

An application of 3/1/1956 from Mr. B. O'Grady, Main St., Wicklow, for a lease of a building site at St. Patrick's Avenue was submitted to the meeting:-

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and agreed:-

"That a lease of that plot of ground at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, possessing a frontage of 56'3" on to St. Patrick's Road, and marked Plot No. 1 on lay-out plan prepared by Council's Architect, be granted to Mr. B. O'Grady, Main St., Wicklow, for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £5. 0. 0. for the purpose of erecting thereon a house for his own occupation, the plans relating to which to be submitted and approved by the Council in due course".

CLOSING OF ROADS - WICKLOW RACES: The following letter of 24th January, 1956, from Leinster Motor Club was read:-

Dear Sir,

My Committee have instructed me to formally apply for permission to close the roads - Wicklow, Beehive, Rathnew, Wicklow, for the Leinster Two Hundreds Motor Cycle Races, to be held on Saturday, 16th

-6-

June, 1956, between the hours of two o'clock (2.0. p.m.) and six forty-five o'clock (6.45 p.m.) and on the evenings of Thursday, 14th and Friday, 15th June between the hours of seven thirty (7.30 p.m.) and nine-thirty (9.30 p.m.) for practising.

We shall also require a closing order for the Leinster Trophy Car Races run over the same circuit on Saturday, 21st July, 1956, between the hours of two o'clock (2.0. p.m.) and seven o'clock (7.0. p.m.) and on the evenings of Thursday 19th and Friday 20th July between the hours of seven thirty (7.30 p.m.) and nine thirty (9.30 p.m.) for practising.

It is the intention of the club to run two One Hundred Mile handicap races for the cars this year, hence the difference in time from last season's road closing order for this event.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Permission granted. However, on the suggestion of Councillor Everett, it was agreed to request them to open the roads at 9 p.m. if possible and for this purpose to suggest the hours of closing of from 7.00 p.m. to 9 p.m. in lieu of 7-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBER - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: The undernoted letter dated 30th January, 1956, from the Chief Educational Officer was read:-

Disqualification of Member

A Chara,

I wish to notify you that Mr. Philip Doyle, Summer Hill, Wicklow, who was nominated by your Council last July for membership of my Committee has become disqualified for membership thereof under the provisions of Section 11 (3) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930.

I have to request that your Council take steps to fill the vacancy created by the disqualification of Mr. Doyle.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Councillor Doyle expressed his regret to the members, pointing out that as he was working outside the District he had not found it possible to attend. The members agreed that the filling of this vacancy be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

COAT OF ARMS - WICKLOW TOWN: The County Manager stated to the members that he had recently been endeavouring to finalise the question of a new Coat of Arms for Wicklow and has conversations with the personnel at the Heraldic Office in Dublin in this regard. He had given the matter some thought and would suggest to the Council the inclusion of a black raven on the Coat of Arms, symbolising Wicklow's association with the Danes and Norse; also a castle symbolising the Black Castle and perhaps a beacon. An appropriate motto to be inserted on the Coat of Arms which had occurred to him - "Solus agus Sólas" - might meet with the approval of the members. The Council conveyed their approval in the matter and agreed to leave the entire question in the hands of the County Manager.

FOOTPATH AT CASTLE ST.: A memorial from four tenants of the bungalows at Castle St., Wicklow, for the provision of a concrete footpath in front of their houses which the Town Surveyor estimated would cost £102 was deferred for consideration in conjunction with the Estimates Meeting.

TENANCY OF NO. 4 KILMANTIN ROAD: A report was submitted to the meeting informing the members that the tenant of No. 4 Kilmantin Road, Mr. James Kilty, was at present an inmate in St. Colman's Hospital, and that the house was vacant as all members of the family were in England. It was also stated to the meeting that it was not likely that Mr. Kilty would return to this address and that arrears of rent was accumulating. The members agreed that correspondence should be addressed to him pointing out that if arrangements are not made for paying the rent in respect of the house the Council will recover possession.

-7-

UNAPPROVED ABSENCES FROM COUNCIL HOUSES: A report from the Rent Collector was submitted to the meeting to the effect that the following tenants had returned to their houses:- (a) Mrs. John S. Byrne, 33 St. Laurence's Park; (2) Mr. S. Devlin, 2 St. Laurence's Road; (3) Mr. John Doyle, 10 St. Laurence's Road; (4) Mr. James Murphy, 36 Glenview Road.

This report was considered in conjunction with letters of explanation from the tenants accounting for their absences. In the case of Mrs. E. Kelly, 29 St. Laurence's Park, the members agreed in the special circumstances, which the tenant had set out in a letter to the Council in the matter, to grant leave of absence to the next meeting.

Mrs. M. Crofton, tenant of 12 Glenview Road, wrote from an address in England, seeking leave of absence for 6 weeks from her house. The Council agreed to leave of absence up to date of next meeting.

Mr. Patrick Noctor, 1 St. Birde's Tee., applied to have the house recorded in his name in the Council's records. Following discussion it was unanimously decided not to take any action in the matter.

TENANCY - 8 GLENVIEW ROAD: The special circumstances attending the tenancy of this house by Mrs. Kathleen Kennedy were fully discussed following which it was agreed to take proceedings for recovery of possession.

MONTHLY REPORTS: The monthly reports of the Town Surveyor and Waterworks Overseer were read and noted. The members expressed deep satisfaction in regard to the prompt action taken by the Council's employees in rendering the roads safe during the recent frosty weather.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM AN BORD FAILTE: The following letter of 3rd February, 1956, from An Bord Failte was read:-

3rd February, 1956.

re: Black Castle

Dear Mr. O'Byrne,

I am to inform you that the Board has agreed to preservation works being carried out at above castle up to a figure of £250. The work to be done in line with that discussed by us when we visited the castle on 1st instant. It is hoped that you will find it possible to have the works completed by 31st March.

Yours sincerely, etc.

The Council approved of the works being discharged and exhorted the Town Surveyor to commence with the work at an early date. The Town Surveyor indicated that the work consisted of pointing the existing structure for preservation purposes but stated that it was not likely that the work could be completed before 31st March next.

SEALING OF DEED OF CHARGE: LOAN £1250: It was proposed by Councillor J. Carroll, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and agreed:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to Deed of Charge (Wicklow Urban District Council to Hibernian Bank Ltd.) relating to loan of £1250 repayable over a period of 15 years for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the carrying out of urgent foreshore protection works at Wicklow".

GARAGES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE, WICKLOW. A memorial from the tenants of the eight houses at St. Patrick's Ave., for the provision of garages at their residences 'without any increase in our rent' was read to the meeting and was deferred pending availability of a report and estimate.

-8-

FIXING OF DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING: Tuesday, 27th March, 1956, was fixed as the date of the Annual Estimates Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: It was directed that a report be obtained from the County Fire Officer relating to the desirability of the storage of fire equipment in the store at South Quay, whilst the remaining equipment was stored elsewhere.

Councillor Everett queried an application which had been made for a refund of rates in respect of house at Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow, and in respect of which a refund had not been made. The County Manager undertook to examine into the matter.

Councillor E. Kavanagh referred to a plot at Black Castle on which trees had been sown some years ago but had not thrived. Suggestions were made regarding obtaining advice from Forestry Department Officials. It was agreed that the matter be examined.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

W. Spulson
6/3/56

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow.
 2nd March, 1956.

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 March, 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 Tuesday, 7th February, 1956. (copy herewith).
2. Letter of 24th February, 1956, from Department of Local Government relating to proposed increase in wages of outdoor employees of Wicklow U.D.C.
3. Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union, 13th September, 1955, applying for revision of present "temporary allowance".
4. Filling of vacancy on Vocational Education Committee consequent upon disqualification through absence of Council's nominee.
5. Application from Miss K. O'Grady for building site at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.
6. Report from County Fire Officer re store at South Quay.
7. Consideration of application from tenants of eight houses at St. Patrick's Avenue for erection of garages at their residences, dated 30/1/1956.
8. Consideration of report re Domestic Scavenging.
9. Application from Messrs S. V. Delahunt & Co., under date 29th February, 1956, for permission to erect a shed in their yard at South Quay.
10. Examination and consideration of tenders for carrying out of urgent protective works at Foreshore, Wicklow.
11. Consideration of reports from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, re (a) Improvements at Clarke's Plot, Wicklow and (b) tenders received for the erection of two houses at Castle St. (if received).
12. Monthly Reports.
13. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

Monthly Meeting

Held on 6th March, 1956

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

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

Before commencing with the business of the meeting a Vote of Sympathy was passed with the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke, on the occasion of the death of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Clarke, Mount Carmel, which was proposed by Councillor Hudson and seconded by Councillor Doyle. The other members present and the County Manager on behalf of the staff, associated themselves with this expression of sympathy which was passed in silence, all standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th February 1956, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

WAGES OF OUTDOOR EMPLOYEES: The undernoted letter dated 24th February, 1956, from the Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 9th February, 1956, regarding an increase in the wages of employees of the Wicklow Urban District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he is reluctant to authorise the departure from the principles laid down in Paragraph 11 of Circular Letter E.76/50 of 23rd December, 1950. In the circumstances, the Minister considers that every possibility of fixing the wage rate without contravening the rules laid down in the Circular should be investigated.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was unanimously agreed to refer the matter back to the Minister for reconsideration.

REVISION OF "TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE": A letter dated 13th September, 1955, from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union was read seeking an increase of 12½% on gross salaries of their members with effect from 1st September, 1955.

Following lengthy consideration in the course of which Councillor Hudson suggested awaiting the outcome of the deliberations of Wicklow County Council in the matter and Councillor Conroy expressed himself in favour of acting independently of the County Council, it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and agreed, Councillor Conroy dissenting on the grounds that he felt that the claim of 12½% should be fully met:-

"That we approve of the granting of an increase of 10% on the first £300 and 6½% thereafter on gross salaries of officers employed by Wicklow Urban District Council with effect from 1st September, 1955, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby approve of the expenditure required in the financial year to 31st March, 1956, in order to give effect to this proposal."

Arising from queries relating to the Rent Collector, Mr. L. Toole, it was mentioned that the effect of this proposal on his present remuneration would only be reflected in an increase of £4. 10. 0. per annum (approx). The County Manager explained why this was so following which it was agreed to increase Mr. O'Toole's rate of commission from 6% to 6½% or by such rate as would give a proportionate cash increase to him as enjoyed by other officers following the application of the revision now proposed.

Also arising from this matter the County Manager informed the members that the Rate Collector, Mr. J. T. Murphy, had submitted his resignation with effect from 27th February, 1956.

FILLING OF VACANCY - VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: This matter had been adjourned from the previous meeting and on the suggestion of Councillor Conroy it was decided to again defer the matter for decision at the next monthly meeting. It was mentioned to the meeting that the person to be appointed need not necessarily be a member of the Council.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING SITE AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: Under date 21st February 1956, Miss K. O'Grady, applied for a lease of a building site at St. Patrick's Avenue. It was explained to the members that the application which had been considered and granted at the previous meeting should, it seems, have stood in the name of Miss K. O'Grady instead of Mr. E. O'Grady and accordingly a new resolution would be required:-

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That a lease of that plot of ground at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, possessing a frontage of 56'3" on to St. Patrick's Road, and marked Plot No. 1, on lay-out plan prepared by the Consultant Architect, be granted to Miss Kathleen O'Grady Main St., Wicklow, for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £5 for the purpose of erecting thereon a house for own occupation, the plans relating to which to be submitted and approved by the Council in due course".

Application was also made and permission granted to place sand etc., on the site pending the completion of the lease.

STORE AT SOUTH QUAY: Arising from discussion at the previous meeting of the Council the following letter, from the County Fire Officer under date 17th February, 1956, was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, I can inform you that the only fire equipment at present stored in the Council premises on the South is a fire escape ladder. This appliance is too large to be accommodated in the Town Hall, and would only be required where a building of excessive height is encountered and requires at least six men to propell and use same. The major portion of the fire equipment is stored in the Town Hall because of its being conveniently adjacent to the County Council yard. The trailer pump as you are aware has to be towed by a Council Council lorry, and during night hours a lorry is always available in the Jail yard for this purpose. During day time hours, if at all possible, we try to procure any lorry that might be loading or unloading in the County Council yard; also the fire siren is situated on the Town Hall roof.

It is my opinion that Wicklow town will have to be provided with a self propelled fire appliance in the near future. Such an appliance could not be accommodated in the Town Hall and it is in view of providing accommodation for such a vehicle that I wish to have the South Quay store available.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The County Manager explained to the meeting that it was intended to arrange for the transfer of the fire fighting unit at present serving the Arklow district to the Wicklow district following the purchase of a new unit for Rathdrum and the resultant reshuffle of equipment. In this event it would be necessary to have a suitable building in Wicklow capable of accommodating this unit and at present the store at South Quay appeared to be the only accommodation available. Councillor Conroy expressed dissatisfaction with the manner of storing this fire fighting equipment in various parts of the town and he expressed doubt as to whether the store at South Quay would prove suitable owing to the distance it would be removed from the residences of the personnel of the fire brigade and also having regard to the likelihood of flooding at this location during the winter months.

Following further discussion it was agreed to request the County Fire Officer to submit a further report in connection with the suitability of the Town Hall for use for this purpose.

Arising from this matter Councillor Conroy queried the circumstances attending a summons recently sent to the Wicklow fire-fighting unit in connection with a recent outbreak of fire at Ashford. The Town Clerk mentioned that he had received a message in this regard at his home on Sunday, 18th February, 1956, and being unable to contact the local Fire Brigade Captain or gain entrance to the fire station for the purpose of sounding the fire alarm he had contacted the County Fire Officer and the Rathdrum unit to ensure that their attendance at the outbreak was secured. Following further discussion it was agreed to have a report submitted by the County Fire Officer to the Council Council for consideration at an early date, a copy of which should be then transmitted to the members of Wicklow Urban District Council for their consideration.

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF GARAGES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: Coming forward from the previous monthly meeting the following report from the Town Surveyor under date 6th March, 1956, was read in regard to the application from the tenants of the eight 3 bed-roomed houses at St. Patrick's Avenue for the due erection of garages at their residences:-

A Chara,

With reference to the question of the provision of garages to each of the 8 houses on St. Patrick's Avenue, off St. Laurence's Road, I write to say that I dealt with this matter in a previous report, but I would have to modify my estimate to date.

The garages could be built in pairs at the rear of the houses to the south of the little accommodation road. The ground is, however, somewhat on a grade and would require excavation (Note: I do not think it would be desirable to put the garages in front of the houses, nor at the end of the concrete road).

I estimate the cost of each garage, measuring 20' x 10' inside to be £285.

The structures would be erected in 9" concrete block, rock faced, timber roofs and covered with felt and asbestos slates; one window and two half-doors; concrete floor.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The County Manager supplied the members with the details relating to cost and loan charges and mentioned that repayments in sum of 2/6d. per week would take 55 years to repay this loan. He also stated that a condition precedent to the erection of the garages would be that the cost of the provision of the garages would be redeemed by the repayment of an appropriate amount weekly with the rent. Following further discussion the Town Surveyor undertook to interview the applicants for the purpose of discussing the type of garage the applicants had in mind and also to obtain their views on a suitable position and lay-out of the proposed garages. The matter could then be further considered at the next monthly meeting.

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING: The undernoted report was submitted in this regard:-

Arising from repeated representations made by the County Medical Officer to the effect that a refuse collection service from all households in the town was considered essential from a public health standpoint, the question of the provision of a general domestic scavenging service was fully discussed by the Council at the Estimates Meeting held on 30th March, 1951. In that year a sum of £641, representing 1/6d. in £ on the valuation obtaining for 1951/52 was included for the due provision of an augmented scavenging service but the members decided after lengthy deliberation, not to proceed with this proposal.

At each subsequent Estimates Meeting the attention of the members has been drawn to the subject by the County Manager but on each occasion the members have decided not to take any action in the matter.

However, at the monthly meeting of the Council held on 6th December, 1955, the subject again arose for discussion arising from a report presented to that meeting indicating that the existing domestic scavenging service, availed of by 149 persons, was not operating on a self-financing basis and further indicating that an annual charge of 30/- per annum would need to replace the existing charge of 12/6d. per annum to place the service on an economical foundation.

At that meeting a suggestion was made that a separate carter should be employed for this existing scheme of domestic scavenging on a contract basis, as it was felt that the existing members of the scavenging staff should fully devote their time to a street scavenging service. Further discussion on the subject was deferred to the monthly meeting to be held in March when a report providing for a comprehensive domestic and general service would be presented.

(1) Contract arrangement for Domestic Scavenging: Should the members decide to take this course it will be borne in mind that a sum of £90, at present obtainable from the persons who avail of the existing service, would no longer be available and this would be reflected in the coming year by way of an additional 2½d on the rates. On the other hand the arrangement would result in an improved street scavenging service which the members might feel would justify this arrangement. Tenders would need to be sought for this contract for Domestic Scavenging. On the other hand it is probable that there would be a falling-off in the number of persons availing of the existing scheme in the event of a substantial increase in annual contributions being required by the Council.

(2) Comprehensive Street and Domestic Scavenging Service: In the current year the existing service was estimated to cost £680 and from an examination of the Expenditure Book it would appear that the amount allowed was adequate. However, as mentioned earlier, contributions in sum of £90 were taken in as credits leaving a net liability of £590 (1/3d. in £. approx).

In the coming year if the general refuse collection service were to be provided for all households the cost would have to be met in full from rates, and whereas, the present service would cost £760 (taking recent wage increase into account) the comprehensive service would cost £850 extra (£760 + £90) representing 1/9d. in £ approx., in the coming year.

(3) Adjustment of Existing Contributions: As mentioned in a report of 24th November in relation to this matter the existing arrangement for domestic scavenging collection could be placed on a self-financing basis if the persons who presently avail of this service contributed 30/- per annum in lieu of 12/6d. as obtains at present time. The position, bearing in mind the recent increase in wages, would be:-

(a) Expenditure:	Carter and Helper engaged two days per week	
	Cost of Carter and Helper per annum	£243. 10. 8.
(b), Receipts:	149 persons contributing 32/- per annum	£238. 8. 0.

The report was considered at some length following which it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the Estimates Meeting. It was also directed that a copy of the report should be circulated to the members for their examination.

TOWN PLANNING - ERECTION OF SHED AT SOUTH QUAY: Under date 29th February, 1956, Messrs S. V. Delahunt & Co., submitted an application, accompanied by plans for the erection of a shed in their yard at South Quay to replace the existing shed in that yard. The Town Surveyor reported that he had examined the plan and approved of them.

Permission granted.

CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS - FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Pursuant to advertisement inviting tenders for the due carrying out of urgent foreshore protection works, four tenders, as set out hereunder, were opened in the presence of the members:-

(a) John Kane Ltd., Wicklow.	£4192. 10. 0.
(Messrs Kane Ltd., in submitting their tender pointed out that in the event of their tender being accepted they might be able to obtain second-hand chain which, if it was approved, would reduce their price by £430. 0. 0. They also indicated that their tender was based on the assumption that they would be permitted to work on the concrete foreshore).	
(2) William Clarke Ltd., Wicklow.	£4566. 0. 0.
(3) Edward Lee, Arklow	£4598. 16. 0.
(4) Christopher G. Cooney, Monkstown, Co. Dublin	£5576. 16. 0.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the difference between the estimated cost as prepared and submitted by the Town Surveyor and the tenders now being considered was attributable to the inclusion of engineering fees equivalent to 4% of the cost of the work, and other items of insurance etc.

Following discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed:-

"That the tender of Messrs John Kane Ltd., Wicklow, in sum of £4192. 10. 0. being the lowest tender received, for the carrying out of urgent foreshore protection works be accepted subject to the Town Surveyor finding such lowest tender to be in order"

REPORT ON TENDERS FOR ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: The County Manager informed the members that owing to illness the Consultant architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, had been unable to present his report in regard to the tenders which had been received for the erection of two houses at Castle Street. The report relating to proposed improvements at Clarke's Plot, Wicklow, was also not available. It was agreed that the reports be obtained at an early date and would be considered by the members at the Estimates Meeting to be held on 27th March, 1956.

MONTHLY REPORT: The monthly report from the Town Surveyor dated 6th March, 1956, was read and noted.

Arising from this matter Councillor Conroy adverted to the rate of wages being paid to the night-watchman engaged on the drainage scheme being discharged with the aid of a grant under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, and maintained that this persons should be remunerated in accordance with the number of hours worked on the basis of the hourly rate payable to labourers. A lengthy discussion took place following which it was agreed to adjourn the matter for consideration to a further meeting as it was intimated by Councillor Conroy that a communication would issue from this employees' union in regard to the matter.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF GARAGE - ABBEY SERVICE GARAGE: The plans in connection with the proposed erection of a garage at the junction of Church Hill and Rathnew Road were submitted and examined by the members. The Town Surveyor reported that he had examined the plans and recommended the granting of permission. The County Manager referred to the pleasant lay-out and instanced the many respects in which the plan now submitted rendered the proposal so much more attractive than that at first submitted.

It was unanimously recommended that permission be given to the proposal and on the suggestion of the County Manager it was agreed that the roof of the buildings should be painted in a suitable colour as the trees, which it is proposed to plant for the purpose of screening the roof and improving the general appearance will not provide such a screen for a number of years.

SEALING OF AGREEMENT - MR. E. J. KAVANAGH: It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Hynes and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement (undated at time of sealing) between Wicklow Urban District Council and Mr. Ed. Kavanagh, Main St., Wicklow, in connection with the letting of two rooms of the Old Technical School for use as an Employment Exchange on a monthly tenancy, paying therefor a rent of £6. 10. 0. per month, rents, rates, taxes etc., being paid by the lessors".

SEALING OF MORTGAGE - S. D. A. ACTS LOAN - BRODERICK: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Mortgage dated 1st March, 1956 - Thomas F. and Annie Broderick to Wicklow Urban District Council, in connection with a loan of £1600 advanced to them by the Council under the provisions of the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, 1899-1954.

MURROUGH PLAYING GROUNDS: The undernoted letters dated 5th March, 1956, from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club and the De La Salle Brothers were read to the meeting:-

5th March, 1956

A Chara,

Several years ago this club entered into correspondence with you regarding

the obtaining of a lease from Wicklow Urban District Council for a playing pitch at the Murrrough, Wicklow, known as "the G.A.A. pitch".

I am now instructed by my Committee to again ask that a lease be granted to this Club for above mentioned plying pitch, as under present circumstances and in spite of several promises made by the Council at various times over the years, the pitch is being used by all and sundry, without permission being sought or approval being given.

I am given to understand that when a previous application was made, the main objection (or "red herring") was that an existing right of way would be interfered with. My committee desires me to state that should a lease be granted for this pitch, any right of way would be respected, and if this would not be possible, an alternative right of way would be agreed on.

In this connection, also, not so long ago, a similar application for lease was made by a local company and part of Murrrough was agreed to be leased to this company. If this is the case, the granting of a lease to portion of the Murrrough to this club, should indeed be a matter for consideration and subsequent approval by your council.

For the information of the members of the Council, for a properly developed playing pitch, grants would be forthcoming from the G.A.A. authorities, and the fact of having a suitably developed ground in a town such as Wicklow, would mean the holding of important matches here, with a subsequent increase to the local people of receipts from visitors who would patronise the matches.

As an alternative my committee might consider applying for a lease of a Council field just beyond the Golf Links and between the Main Road and the Old Dunbur Lane. This field was suggested as suitable by the Council some years ago but it would be somewhat out of the way in comparison with the pitch at the Murrrough, which is very central.

I am therefore, to ask that your Council give this application for lease sympathetic and favourable consideration.

Mise, le meas,
S. O'Ruairc,
Runai.

De La Salle Brothers,
Wicklow,
5/3/1956

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw your attention to the present state of the Boys' playing pitch on the Murrrough.

About twelve months ago, thirty to forty lorry loads of soil were put on the pitch with the result that the pitch is unplayable since then.

I would be very grateful if you could get the soil spread and some grass-seed sown during the present month, as the unplayable state of the pitch is a great handicap to the young boys of the town in preparing for the championship and various leagues.

Thanking you for your kindness to us in the past,

I remain, yours sincerely,
Brother Augustine F.C.S.

It was agreed to defer both matters for consideration to the next monthly meeting.

HOUSING LETTING GRANT: The undernoted letter dated 29th February, 1956, from the Department of Local Government was read in connection with the application of Mr. A. D. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow, for a grant under the provisions of Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, in respect of a house at Dunbur Road, Wicklow:-

29th February, 1956

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of 8th August last and to further correspondence concerning the application of Mr. A. T. Dinlayson, Main St., Wicklow, for a grant under Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, in respect of a house for letting at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, and to state that it is noted that the applicant proposes to repay the full amount of remission of rates that has been allowed.

I am to add that as indicated in the Department's letter of 25th June, last the Minister approves of the proposed grant of £400 in respect of the house in question.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager explained that the Minister may recoup 2/3rds of the assistance given and this in effect left a sum of £133. 6. 8. to be made by the Council. He also stated that in cases where a grant under this section is given a rate remission would not apply. The rates remission, he explained, was applied over a period of 7 years and would have in this case amounted in the aggregate to £130. 13. 4. Consequently it would be noted that the effect of this assistance under the 1948 Act would be practically similar to the assistance given by way of rates remission.

Noted.

RECONSTRUCTION OF SIX HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET: The undergiven letter dated 5th March, 1956, from Messrs Finlayson Bros., Main St., Wicklow, was read in regard to recent submission made by them in relation to the proposed reconstruction of six sub-standard houses at Castle St., Wicklow:-

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 9th ultimo, the reference that the houses would be unsatisfactorily reconstructed you will agree is a somewhat premature decision. In view of the recent Local Government communication that houses that were fit to be reconstructed should be reconstructed. I will be glad if you will kindly give this matter further consideration at your next meeting. I shall be glad to give any further information that you may require on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Noted. The members again reiterated that approval could not be given to the proposals submitted to the previous meeting and expressed doubt as to whether the houses could at all be satisfactorily rendered fit for human habitation.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD: A letter from Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., bearing date 2nd March, 1956, informing the Council that the fencing on the plot at "Orth Quay had been removed was noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mrs. M. Crofton; tenant of No. 12 Glenview Road, wrote from an address in England applying for leave of absence to March 13th, 1956, from her residence. The members approved of the application.

Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., wrote under date 6th March, 1956, submitting a draft map of a plot at Summer Hill, Wicklow, the subject of a renewal of a lease to Mr. John O'Rourke, for approval. The draft was duly approved.

Before the business of the meeting concluded Councillor Conroy queried the recent letting of a field at Dunbur Road, which he stated should have been referred to the members prior to making the letting. The Town Clerk stated that tenders for the letting of the field in question had been invited by advertisement and as only one tender was submitted it was thought that the matter could be disposed of without awaiting the monthly meeting of the Council. Following discussion it was directed that a report be submitted to the next meeting in this connection and also in regard to the letting of two fields, also at Dunbur Road, to the same person.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Joe Carroll
President
3/4/1956

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow.
 9th March, 1956.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on the 31st
 March, 1957

Mr. Chairman and Genetlemen,

Details of Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year 1956/57 are given in the attached tables. The Estimates Meeting this year will be held on Tuesday, 27th March, 1956.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £34,031 and the receipts are estimated at £14,488. The net amount which has to be levied from rates consequently is £19,543.

The expenditure under the four main accounting headings is given hereunder with the corresponding sums which the Council allowed for the year 1955/56 shown in parenthesis:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Net Expenditure</u>
Roads	£1503 (£1157)	£50 (£50)	£1453 (£1107)
Sanitary Services	£4607 (£4164)	£236 (£229)	£4371 (£3935)
Housing	£13015 (£12260)	£11062 (£10775)	£1953 (£1485)
General Urban Purposes	£14906 (£13988)	£3140 (£2975)	£11766 (£11013)
	<u>£34031 (£31569)</u>	<u>£14488 (£14029)</u>	<u>£19543 (£17540)</u>

An examination of the Accounts for the current year shows that credits of £504 would be available and after the application of these the net amount to be raised from rates is £19,039, which would require a rate of 37/11d. in the £. This would be an increase of 3/8d. over the rate in the present year which is 34/3d.

It should here be mentioned that the rate for 1955/56 was the same as that for the previous year and was determined after substantial reductions had been made in the provision proposed for the Council's own services in order that an increase in the County Council Demand of 8d. in the £, and increases to meet provisions for wages increases could be met.

The increases in the expenditure for the coming year is explained in greater detail later but briefly are ascribable to the following causes:-

Increase in County Council Demand 1/3d; revision of wages and salaries 1/2d; Housing Maintenance and Repair 10d; Special Road Works 5 1/2d; Burial Grounds 1 1/2d; additional public lighting 1 1/2d; An Tostal Decorations 1d;

There are other alterations in costs but the foregoing are the major additions accounting for the increase in the rate which will be required.

ROADS: As the Council's contribution to Employment Schemes the same amount as allowed in the present year (£75) has again been included. In the current year a State Grant of £800 was received. With the aid of this Grant the Council

carried out a number of essential improvements to Urban Roads, and in fact some of the works are still in progress. The Schemes arranged for the present year were:-

Laying in concrete of Mass Path;
New Walls at Convent Rd. (Manning's) and Castle St. (Moody's)
Concrete footpath at Lr. Monkton Row;
Path in tarmac at Fairview Road;
Path in tarmac at Bachelors' Walk.

For Ordinary Road Works the amount included is £708, which is an increase of £121 over that allowed last year. Part of the increase is due to the provision for wages increase. Last year, after lengthy discussion, it was decided not to allow any sum for Special Road Works, such as re-surfacing and tar-spraying. In previous years amounts ranging from £270 to £280 had been allowed for this purpose. The Town Surveyor has submitted a list of special works which he considers necessary and which would, according to his estimate, cost £2,382. The list of works which he recommends are:-

1.	Fairview Road	£250.	0.	0.
2.	St. Laurence's Road	£210.	0.	0.
3.	St. Manntan's Road	£295.	0.	0.
4.	Bond Street	£170.	0.	0.
5.	South Quay (Bridge St. to Bus Stop)	£75.	0.	0.
6.	Strand Street Lower	£210.	0.	0.
7.	Greenhill Road	£215.	0.	0.
8.	Fair Green	£90.	0.	0.
9.	St. Dominick's Road	£150.	0.	0.
10.	St. Kevin's Road	£60.	0.	0.
11.	St. Bride's Road	£60.	0.	0.
12.	Concrete Footpath at Castle Street	£102.	0.	0.
13.	Concrete Footpath at Quarantine Hill	£85.	0.	0.
14.	Concrete Footpath at Castle St. (Kinsella's)	£110.	0.	0.
15.	Concrete Footpath at Moreton's Lane and New St.	£200.	0.	0.
		<u>£2382.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

It is evident of course that all these works could not be carried out in the one year and the Surveyor suggests that the Council should establish a priority list for them. Some then could be undertaken with the provision being made for Special Road Works, and others could be carried out with the aid of the Special Employment Schemes Grant. It is felt, however, that it would be inadvisable again to follow the course which was adopted last year, namely to rely on the Employment Schemes Grant completely for the carrying out of essential road works. If there is lack of adequate maintenance that is periodic tar spraying etc., there is grave deterioration in road surfaces with the result that eventual costs will be much greater.

SANITARY SERVICES:

Water Supply: The cost of maintaining the existing water supply shows an increase of £96; this is due to recent wages increase. Provision is once again made for the pumping scheme from the River at Marlton, which helps to increase the supply taken into the reservoir from nearby streams. The cost of pumping is the same as last year (£260). If it were not for this scheme there would be a very serious shortage of water in the town during part of the year. It is to be expected that the pumping plant will have to be kept in use until the proposed Regional Scheme makes a much improved supply available. It is understood from the Consultant that the final documents relating to the design of the new Regional Scheme will be available within the next few months and that tenders can then be sought.

When the Regional Scheme is undertaken new costs, by way of loan charges inevitably must be met by the Council. These, however, will be in part offset by the saving on the existing pumping plant arrangements and in addition loan charges arising on the Stock Issue raised many years ago to meet capital costs on the existing water supply, will terminate within the next few years. These items should help to offset to a substantial degree the annual costs arising from the new Regional Scheme.

Domestic and Street Scavenging: The cost shown in the attached estimates for Scavenging is £760 and covers only the existing service. There is an increase, however, of £80 over last year, due to wages revision.

At a number of recent meetings the Council had under consideration proposals for a more comprehensive service. For many years past it has been urged by the County Medical Officer that Domestic Refuse should be collected from every household in the town and it might be mentioned that this type of service is normally provided in all urban areas. The cost of providing such a service has been given on a number of occasions when submitting the estimates.

If a general household collection were to be arranged in the coming year the total cost of scavenging would be £1610, that is an increase of £850 over the amount shown in the attached estimates. The additional rate required would be 1/9d in £.

Apart from any question of arranging for a general household collection of refuse, it is felt that the charges which at present are made to such persons as avail of the existing household collection arrangements, should be revised. The present charge of 12/6d. per household has obtained for very many years. Notwithstanding the increases in costs which have occurred since, say 1939, no revision of this charge ever has been made. It would only be reasonable that the charge should be related to the actual costs incurred. Such costs were taken out recently and as a result of the examination of the matter, it is now recommended that the charge be fixed at 30/- per household. Such a charge would almost meet the actual cost and it would be quite evident that it is not unreasonable, having regard to the general level in the rise of costs to-day as compared with 15 or 16 years ago.

Burial Grounds: The Demand from the Rathnew & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the maintenance of the cemetery at Merrymeeting shows an increase of £68.

Public Lighting: For the existing public lighting service the estimate is £488 the same as that for the present year. There is also included a sum of £57 to meet the cost of providing new lights at Strand Street and Melancholy Lane. The Council did examine some time ago the question of providing these lights and it was decided to defer decision until the Estimates Meeting.

Road to Proposed New Dumping Ground: Owing to objection to the existing dumping ground the Council have examined the possibility of arranging for a new dumping site in Travelahawk Bay. Access to this site, however, would require the construction of a new road, the cost of which is estimated at £60.

Provision of Public Sanitary Conveniences at Town Hall: It was decided some time ago to arrange for the removal of the Public Library Branch to the former Technical School and to use part of the ground floor of the Town Hall for public sanitary conveniences. The alteration and new works necessary to provide these new public conveniences is estimated at £545, involving an annual loan charge of £81. This loan would, however, be more than offset by receipts from the lettings of the premises used previously as a technical school, when such latter premises are reconstructed.

HOUSING: The net cost of housing for the coming year is estimated at £1953. In the present year the amount allowed was £1485, so that the estimate now presented to you shows an increase of £468.

Maintenance and Repair: Last year an estimate of £750 was submitted under this heading, but the Council reduced it to £350. As a result adequate monies were not available for the painting of the houses. It had always been considered that a number of houses should be painted each year as otherwise damage to wood-work naturally would result, especially taking into account the exposed position in which most of the Council houses are sited. It is recommended that for the coming year the Council should again resume the programme of painting which had been carried out for many years and which is felt to be essential for due maintenance.

Housing Grants: The Council on a number of occasions has considered applications for special grants under the Housing Act, 1954, with which unfit houses, in

respect of which Repair Notices had been served under the Housing Acts, and the tenants of which had been provided with alternative accommodation by the Council, could be made habitable. Under the Act the Council is empowered to make a grant towards the cost of repair which would be equivalent to whatever grant could be made from State Funds. The amount included is considerably small - £30, and would not of course be adequate if the owners of all the property in question proceeded with the repairs.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: Whilst the loan charges show an increase of about £200 over last year, such increase is completely met by receipts of payments made by borrowers. The total number of loans made by the Council under these Acts is 23.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

School Meals: The cost of School Meals for the coming year shows a net increase of £20, 0. 0. after taking into account State Grants. The rise in cost is mainly due to the greater number of children now partaking of the meals. The number at present averages about 125 daily, as compared with 90 a few years ago; it was only about 70 in 1949/50.

An Tostal Decorations: A sum of £40 has been included to meet the cost of decoration which the Council may provide in connection with An Tostal, 1956. A similar amount was included in the estimates last year, but the Council on considering the matter decided to delete it.

Salaries: Recently it has been agreed to revise the remuneration of the Council's staff on similar lines to that which was approved some months ago for those in other public employments such as the Civil Service etc. The last increase by way of cost of living allowance was in 1952. The cost would be £119.

Public and E.L. Insurances: The estimate under this heading is £142, which is an increase of £47 over last year and is due to the new premium rates which fall on the coming into operation of the amended Workmen's Compensation Code, providing for additional compensation.

Foreshore Protection Works: The same amount as allowed by the Council last year, viz £150 has again been included for maintenance work on the Foreshore. Apart from the necessity for meeting urgent repairs it is advisable that the Council should endeavour to maintain the existing protection works as it was indicated some years ago that the Central Authority would not be disposed to make State Grants if works which were only being provided from such Funds were not maintained.

The Council some months ago was informed that a grant of £3750 would be given by the State towards the cost of special and urgent Foreshore Protection Works, provided the Council gave a contribution of £1250. Tenders for this work have been received recently and it is expected that work will be carried out in the coming financial year. The Council's contribution towards the cost of the Scheme is being met by a Bank Loan, repayable over 15 years. The full annual charge will be £144 but it is expected that only a half of this - £72 - will have to be met in the coming year and this is the sum included in the estimates.

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

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

County Council Demand: The Demand from the County Council shows a steep rise, the amount being £612 in excess of that for the present year. This is equivalent to an additional rate of 1/3d. in the £.

The following table shows how the Demand for 1956/57 compares with that for the present year:-

	1955/56	1954/55	Increase or Decrease
Main Roads	£1736	£1748	£12 (Decrease)
Public Assistance	£455	£737	£282 (Decrease)
Mental Hospital	£1409	£1278	£131 (Increase)
Health Services	£4156	£3576	£580 (Increase)
General Purposes	£951	£896	£55 (Increase)
Separate Charges	£547	£407	£140 (Increase)

The greater part of the increase is due to the Health Services (Mental Hospital and General Health Services). There is, however, also a substantial increase in the Demand for Vocational Education.

GENERAL: It was to be expected that the rates estimate would show an increase over last year, for provision had to be made for revision in the remuneration of those employed by the Council. These revisions, of course, correspond to those which already have been applied some months ago in employments in business undertakings and public corporations generally. The increase in the County Council Demand cannot, moreover, be regarded as altogether unexpected, as the Health Services continue to expand in volume and in cost.

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

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1956/57

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	or Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>		
Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes)	75	75
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £614 Materials: £94)	708	694
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.	225	145
Retiring Allowances	71	71
Salaries	110	110
<u>Loan Charges</u>		
1953 St. Patrick's Road Improvement	190	190
1953 Murrough Road in Concrete	124	124
	£1503	£1409
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	603	603
Retiring Allowances	-	-
Water Supply (Wages £615 Materials £95)	710	710
Water Supply - Pumping Scheme	260	260
Sewerage (Wages: £66 Materials: £40)	106	106
Public Convenience	20	20
Scavenging (Domestic and Street) Wages: £760	760	760
Burial Grounds (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	208	208
Public Lighting	488	488
Additional Public Lighting	57	30
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
Provision of New Road to suggested New Dumping Ground	60	60
<u>Loan Charges</u>		
1935 Sewer and Water Extension	58	58
1937 Waterworks Improvement	250	250
1898) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock - Dividends, 1922) Sinking Fund etc.	46	46
	510	510
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	136	136
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road)	156	156
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	44	44
1952 Purchase of field at Marlton Road (Waterworks)	34	34
1956 Regional Water Supply	10	10
1956 Provision of Sanitary Accommodation in Town Hall	81	81
	£4607	£4580

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repair
 Salaries (Apportionment of Town Surveyor and Overseer)
 Rent Collector's Poundage
 Printing, Stationery and Advertising
 Insurances
 Rates on Council Houses
 Housing Letting Grant

Loan Charges:

1932 10 Houses Scheme
 1934 28 Houses Scheme
 1937 28 & 10 Houses Scheme
 1937 120 Houses Scheme
 1938 120 Houses Scheme
 1940 120 Houses Scheme
 1940 34 Houses Scheme
 1942 34 Houses Scheme
 1947 80 Houses Scheme
 1948 80 Houses Scheme
 1956 Erection of 2 Houses at Castle St.
 1898 3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.
 1956 Housing Reconstruction Grants

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan
 1948 Loan
 1949 Loan
 1950 Loan
 1956 Loan

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Maintenance and Repair	786	630
Salaries (Apportionment of Town Surveyor and Overseer)	109	109
Rent Collector's Poundage	380	380
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	45	45
Insurances	129	129
Rates on Council Houses	2568	2568
Housing Letting Grant	40	40
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1932 10 Houses Scheme	233	233
1934 28 Houses Scheme	640	640
1937 28 & 10 Houses Scheme	29	29
1937 120 Houses Scheme	152	152
1938 120 Houses Scheme	2572	2572
1940 120 Houses Scheme	103	103
1940 34 Houses Scheme	974	974
1942 34 Houses Scheme	84	84
1947 80 Houses Scheme	65	65
1948 80 Houses Scheme	2620	2620
1956 Erection of 2 Houses at Castle St.	31	31
1898 3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	20	20
1956 Housing Reconstruction Grants	30	-
<u>Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts</u>		
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1934 Loan	72	72
1948 Loan	240	240
1949 Loan	480	480
1950 Loan	563	563
1956 Loan	-	-
	£13015	£12,829

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Town Hall Expenses	68	68
Demolition of Ruinous Buildings	5	5
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	-	-
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages: £124 Materials: £26)	150	150
Foreshore Maintenance (Wages: £98 Materials: £52)	150	150
Tree Planting	38	38
Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges	5	5
Band Performances	35	35
Milk and Dairies Acts	1	1
Tourist Development	-	-
Ant Tostal Decorations	40	-
School Meals; Cost of Food	230	230
Administration	77	77
Allotments	320	320
Salaries	1153	1153
Rate Collector's Poundage	431	431
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corporate Estate)	96	96
Superannuation: Rate Collector	350	350
Audit Fees	46	46
Legal Expenses	120	120
Election Expenses	-	-
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	135	135
Rents on Council Property	52	52
Rates on Council Property	290	290
Insurance on Council Property	14	14
Public and E. L. Insurances	142	142
Office Expenses	50	50
Discount on Rates	70	70
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	180	180
Cheap Fuel Scheme	1050	1050
Treasurer's Interest	10	10
Rent of Pound	39	39
Miscellaneous	40	40
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1946 New Footbridge	70	70
1956 Foreshore Protection Works	72	72
1898 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund Etc.	123	123
	£5652	£5,612

County Council Services:

Main Roads
Public Assistance
Mental Hospital
Health (County)
General Purposes (County) (Incl. Fire
Brigade)
Separate Charges (Including Library)

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£ 5652	£ <i>5612</i>
1736	<i>1736</i>
455	<i>455</i>
1409	<i>1409</i>
4156	<i>4156</i>
951	<i>951</i>
547	<i>547</i>
£14906	<i>£14,866</i>
£34031	<i>£33,684.</i>

Total For All Services

Copyright: Wicklow County Archives

R E C E I P T S

ROADS

Estate Duty Grant

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
50	50
£50	<i>£50</i>

SANITARY SERVICES

Domestic Scavenging

Water Rents

State Subsidy to Loan Charges

93	147
125	125
18	18
£236	<i>£290</i>

HOUSING SERVICES

State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre 1948 Scheme)

State Grant: New Houses (60 Houses Scheme 1948)

State Subsidy - 2 Houses at Castle St.

Subsidy to Interest Rates

Rents inclusive of Rates

State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)

Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)

2380	2380
344	344
50	50
280	280
6576	6576
26	26
64	64
1342	1342
£11062	<i>£11,062</i>

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants:

Bounty in lieu of Rates

Railway and Harbour Charges

School Meals

Recoupment of Losses on Allotments

Fuel Scheme

Other Receipts:

Fuel Scheme - Recipients (contributions and recoupment from County Council)

Corporate Estate Rents

Licences and Fees

Refund of Fees by Officers

Refund by County Council of half rent of Pound

Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges

Miscellaneous

70	70
110	110
115	115
310	310
500	500
538	538
1347	1347
3	3
18	18
19	19
100	250
10	10
£3140	<i>£3290</i>
£14488	<i>£14,692</i>

Total for All Services

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1956/57

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	£1503	£50	£1453
Sanitary Services	£4607	£236	£4371
Housing Services	£13015	£11062	£1953
General Urban Purposes	£14906	£3140	£11766
	<u>£34031</u>	<u>£14488</u>	<u>£19543</u>

Deduct Credit £504
 Total requirements to be met by Rate Levy £19039
 Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces £41. 16. 11.
 Rate in £ to meet total requirements of £19039, would be 37/11d. in £.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total Valuation as per Valuation List		£10769. 4. 0.
<u>Valuation</u>		
<u>Buildings</u>	£9731. 11. 0.	
Less: Remission under Housing Acts	<u>£281. 10. 0.</u>	£9450. 1. 0.
<u>Land</u>	£805. 8. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes	£39. 15. 0.	
2/5th reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5ths of £765. 13. 0.)	<u>£306. 5. 2.</u>	£459. 7. 10.
<u>Land used as Railways</u> ...	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: 2/5ths reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£20. 2. 0.</u>	£30. 3. 0.
Railways rated in full		£12. 0. 0.
<u>Half-Rents</u>	£157. 10. 0.	
Less: 1/2 reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£78. 15. 0.</u>	£78. 15. 0.
<u>Telegraphs</u>		£1. 10. 0.
<u>Yards</u>		<u>£11. 0. 0.</u>
Total Valuation for Rating Purposes		<u>£10042. 16. 10.</u>

Rate of 1d. in £. produces: £41. 16. 11.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ESTIMATES MEETING:

HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 1956

Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., E. Kavanagh, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, E. Hynes, J. Carroll and T. Byrne.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, both being absent, Councillor J. Carroll, was elected as Acting Chairman.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery.

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

Expenditure:

Roads: On examining the items set out in the tables, the Council noted that a sum of £225, had been included for Special Road Works. As it was thought that the works suggested could be carried out with the aid of Road Grants, it was decided that this item should be deferred for consideration pending the Town Surveyor being present.

Sanitary Services: The Council examined the various items of expenditure under this heading and suggested as follows:-

- (a) that the charge for Domestic Scavenging be increased from 12/6d. to £1. per annum.
- (b) that the provision for a public lantern at Strand St., in sum of £27 be deleted. In this connection it was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Byrne that provision in sum of £30 be allowed for a public light at Melancholy Lane.

Arising from the question of Domestic Scavenging, Councillor Conroy referred to the fact that the back streets in the town had not been cleaned for some time. It was agreed that a report should be obtained from the Town Sergeant in the matter.

Housing: It was suggested that the estimate in respect of housing maintenance and repair should be deferred for consideration until the Town Surveyor was present, and also that the sum for housing Reconstruction Grant might be deleted, as it was not thought that it would be required in the present ^{year}.

General Urban Purposes:

Town Hall Expenses: Councillor Carroll queried if the sums allowed for Town Hall expenses and Office expenses were duplicated, and in this connection, it was agreed that a report should be obtained from the Town Clerk in the matter.

An Tostal: It was suggested that this sum should be deleted as no provision had been made in previous years.

Receipts: The Council directed that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners should be requested to increase their contribution from £100 to £250 in the present year.

A survey of the suggested amendments made by the Council in the Estimates submitted by the Manager, showed a reduction of approx. 6d. in the £. Before making any further decision, it was agreed to adjourn the meeting to Tuesday, 3rd April, which is the date of the Statutory Monthly Meeting.

Resolutions of Sympathy: It was proposed by Councillor T. Byrne

seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and passed unanimously:-

"That we extend to the Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor, our sincere sympathy in his recent bereavement occasioned by the death of his father".

The County Manager on behalf of the staff associated himself with this message of sympathy, and the vote was passed in silence, all present standing.

A vote of sympathy was also passed unanimously with the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, in his recent bereavement, occasioned by the death of his uncle.

Gasbarroll Chairman

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING: HELD ON 3RD APRIL, 1956

Present: Councillor J. Carroll, who was elected to the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillors P. Doyle, E. Hynes, E. Kavanagh, T. Byrne, T. Conroy and J. Everett. T.D.

Councillor C. W. Hudson, (Vice-Chairman) had indicated that he was unable to attend.

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

EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES: The County Manager itemised the alterations and adjustments proposed at the Estimates Meeting held on 27th March, 1956 viz: (a) reduction of £14 on expenditure relating to Ordinary Road Works, (b) reduction of £27 in the provision made for additional Public Lighting (c) deletion of the provision in sum of £30 in respect of Housing Reconstruction Grants, (d) deletion of the provision in sum of £40 in relation to An Tostal Decorations (e) increasing receipts from Domestic Scavenging by £54 by applying an annual charge of £1 in lieu of 12/6d. per annum as obtains at present and (f) increasing the annual contribution of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners towards loan charges by £150 as the present contribution of £100 was considered inadequate.

Following further examination the following alterations were made in addition to the foregoing:-

Roads: (1) Special Road Works - Reduction of £80

Amount proposed by County Manager for Road Services	£1503
Amount adopted by Council	£1409
Reduction	£94

Sanitary Services:

Amount proposed by County Manager for Sanitary Services	£4607
Amount adopted by Council	£4580
Reduction	£27

Housing Services:

Housing Maintenance and Repair: Reduction in sum of £156 made. It was proposed by the County Manager in his estimate to provide for the external painting of 109 Council houses in the coming year and a sum of £436 was included for this purpose. The members decided to provide for the external painting of 70 Council houses and allowed a sum of a £280 for this purpose thus effecting a saving of £156 under this heading.

Amount proposed by County Manager for Housing Services	£13015
Amount adopted by Council	£12829
	£186

General Urban Purposes:

Amount proposed by County Manager for General Urban Purposes	£14906
Amount adopted by Council	£14866
	£40

RECEIPTS:

With the exception of an increase of £54 under Domestic Scavenging and an increase of £150 as contribution to loan charges by Wicklow Harbour Authority the figures proposed by the County Manager under Receipts were adopted without adjustment.