

Waterworks: It will be satisfactory to the Council to learn that the water supply is now at overflow cill level and this is regarded as satisfactory at this time of the year.

Housing: The painting has been completed on the group of houses at St. Patrick's Tee. and adjoining roads as far as the bungalows where they connect with St. Laurence's Road. As I pointed out previously, the houses were found to be much in need of painting, so that the number of houses completed was somewhat less than expected - about 45 houses in all have been done, but they have been done very satisfactorily and should not require more attention for the next 5 years.

Technical School: We have had trouble in regard to the water leaking through the flat roof of the Technical School and I have had this repaired by tarring and sanding. I did not wish to go to any expense of removing the old felt but I think the job is now fairly satisfactory as we have diverted the water into the eaves gutters and removed the fascia boards. I regret to say that the roof of the Main building is showing signs of deterioration in some of the galvanised sheets, and the building will have to be repainted during the next financial year.

J. T. O'Byrne.
Town Surveyor.

In a reply to a query from Deputy Everett, the Town Surveyor explained the layout of drains and shores in the ball alley.

OTHER BUSINESS. The Manager said that the excess expenditure on the Sanitary Accommodation, Town Hall amounted to £92. The Town Surveyor in a report had explained the reasons for the overexpenditure, which was caused by the inclusion of additional items not allowed for in the original estimate. The total cost was £637 and the estimate £545. The Manager said that with the approval of the Council he intended to defray the excess expenditure as follows: £50 to be met by balance of loan charges available (£81 provided in estimates, £31 expended), leaving £42 to be met out of Revenue Account, portion of which will be offset by the sale of scrap iron estimated to realise £25 - £30 approx.

Council agreed to this proposal.

Letter from Mrs E. Gill, 12, Castle Park, applying for a transfer to the house tenanted by her mother, Mrs Kavanagh, at 5, Castlefield was read. Manager said that Mrs Kavanagh's house would become vacant shortly. Both were very good tenants and a transfer would result in Mrs Gill's rent being reduced from 15/- to 10/8. A discussion took place and the Manager advised that the correct procedure was to advertise the house and then consider Mrs Gill's application for a transfer.

Agreed.

An application from Mr. T. Rayburn for the lease of a plot of waste ground at the entrance to the Marion Boy's Club, for the storage of Milk Bottles and containers, was read. A discussion took place and some members were of the opinion that Mr. Rayburn should be allowed the use of the plot of ground. The Manager said it was generally undesirable. The meeting decided to defer a decision to a later date.

Letters from Mr. E. Malone, 8, Castle Park and Mrs M. Murphy 6, Castle Park complaining of rain coming in under the door, were read. Councillor Kavanagh explained an experiment he had carried out using light lathes attached to the door frame and which had proved successful preventing the rain coming in. Town Surveyor said he had inspected these two houses and would have them attended to shortly. On the suggestion of the Chairman the expenditure was approved in having the doors of houses where the rain was coming in, repaired in the manner explained by Councillor Kavanagh.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the March Statutory Meeting due to be held on Tuesday, 5th March would co-incide with Polling day - the General Election. It was unanimously agreed that the meeting be postponed to Monday, 11th March.

Councillor Carroll queried a refund of rates to Mr. A. D. Finlayson in respect of houses owned by him at Castle Street, as two of the houses were occupied. Manager explained that the refund related only to the vacant houses.

RE-CONSTRUCTION 6 HOUSES CASTLE STREET. The Manager said further proposal had been received from Messrs Finlayson in respect of the reconstruction of certain houses in Castle Street. Reports from the Town Surveyor and Chief Medical Officer were read. The Town Surveyor stated he had examined the documents and points out that no mention is made of houses No. 5 and No. 6. Castle Street, and it would appear as if the present proposals dealt with only houses 1,2,3,4. He indicated that the proposals now submitted are not acceptable and would not result in houses fit for habitation. He further states that he could not approve of the re-construction as apart from their actual poor condition the site is unsuitable. In his view the existing walls and roofs are in such a condition as not to permit of any scheme of satisfactory reconstruction. The County Medical Officer stated that as already indicated the premises are completely unfit and in his opinion could not be made fit at any reasonable expense, or indeed at any expense. He also recommended that the proposals be rejected and the houses demolished without delay.

The Manager said that when the Council proposed to convert these six houses into three houses, the Department would not hear of it. Messrs Finlayson's proposals had been turned down on previous occasions and the official reports rejected the present proposals also. Chairman said he thought the application should be turned down for once and for all. Agreed that proposals now made should not be approved and that the houses should be demolished.

OPENINGS IN PATHS. Councillor Doyle asked about the openings made in paths and roads by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs particularly the condition of the path at the entrance gate to the Dominican Convent. The Engineer said that the Gas Works claimed a statutory right in the opening of roadways, but the Manager always tried to meet the Council fairly well. In regard to the Department the Council could not take steps until a certain time had elapsed. Then we usually do the repairs and recharge the Department. In the meantime a danger might arise. The Town Surveyor promised to look into the matter of the path at the Convent gate and also one in Market Square, mentioned by Councillor Conroy.

Before concluding the meeting a vote of Sympathy with the wife, family, brothers and with Councillor Kavanagh, Brother-in-law, on the death of Mr. J. Fitzpatrick was proposed by Deputy Everett, seconded by the Chairman Councillor Clarke, and passed unanimously, all present standing. Councillor Kavanagh on behalf of the family and relatives, thanked Deputy Everett and the Chairman for their kind remarks.

The meeting then concluded.

*Finlayson's
11th March 1957.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
1st March, 1957.

To:

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 5th March, 1957, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 11th March, 1957, at 7-30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,
M. J. Cusack,
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5/2/1957 (copy herewith).
2. Application for permission to park caravans at Strand St., Wicklow.
3. Report re structure at Bolarney
4. **Letting** of vacant Council Houses at (1) 1, Castlefield, Wicklow. (2) 3, St. Dominick's Rd.
5. Correspondence from Association of Municipal Authorities.
6. Correspondence from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Assurance Corporation.
7. Consideration of Factories Act, 1955.
8. Sealing of Deed of Assignment D'Dyle (Julia McCall, deceased) to Giblin.
9. Sealing of Deed of Mortgage - Wicklow U.D.C. to Commissioners of Public Works, Loan of £3,000.
10. Town Surveyor's Report.
11. Any Other Business.

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M. J. Cusack
11th March 1957.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH MARCH 1957

IN ATTENDANCE: MR. M. J. CUSACK TOWN CLERK.

IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM OF MEMBERS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1957

M. J. Cusack

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 11TH MARCH, 1957

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

In attendance: Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor and
Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Arising from the minutes Councillor J. Everett, T.D., asked if Councillor Hynes could be disqualified from membership of the Council for non-payment of rates on his house at Dunbur Rd., and said further that there was a sum of £212 owing to the Council for non-payment of loan repayments. The Town Clerk stated that Councillor Hynes did not owe rates on the premises and he did not think that the Councillor could be disqualified for non-payment of the loan repayments. It was agreed to seek the Solicitor's advice on the question. The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was then read regarding the house at Dunbur Rd:-

8th March, 1957.

re: House at Dunbur - P. J. Nagle

Dear Sir,

Further to yours of the 26th ult we duly communicated the Council's terms to Mr. P. J. Nagle but he has now informed us that he proposed to hand over possession of the premises as the Council's terms would mean that he would have to pay over £3. 0. 0. per week if he were to accept the Council's terms. He states, however, he will continue to pay £10 per month until the end of this month when he hoped to hand over possession.

Kindly therefore let us know if we are to accept £10 up to the end of this month. The increased rates would not commence until the 1st prox so that £10 per month would practically cover the Council's outgoings and we would suggest accepting same. In any event Mr. Nagle would be liable for the increased rates irrespective of what Agreement was in existence.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

It was agreed to accept £10 per month from Mr. Nagle until the end of March. Councillor Conroy stated that the Council's Solicitor should be asked to be present at the next meeting to explain the legal position in regard to this house.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th February and the meeting held on the 5th March, 1957, were then taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO PARK CARAVANS AT STRAND ST - T. McAULEY:

An application dated 27/2/1957 was received from Mr. Thomas McAuley, Strand St., Wicklow, for a licence under Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1947. The County Medical Officer recommended that a licence be granted, especially in view of the fact that the caravans are only used as "winter quarters", rather than in Summer. A copy of the Health Inspector's report was read as follows:-
Dear Doctor,

I have inspected the caravan site in Strand St., Wicklow, where

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Mr. McAuley has 3 caravans parked for the winter months. In my opinion the site is suitable, having public water supply laid on to the main caravan, sanitary accommodation is available in the Pavilion close by and refuse bins are provided and emptied at regular intervals in the Council dumping ground. There are 5 persons (one family) living in the 3 caravans, which are only parked on this site from the middle of November until early in April each year.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed that a Licence be granted for the winter months November to April; licence to be renewable at the discretion of the Council from year to year. Mr. McAuley to be informed that he should apply each year for a renewal of the Licence.

REPORT RE STRUCTURE AT BOLARNEY: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at their last meeting the County Manager informed them that he would have reports submitted with regard to structure at Bolarney. A letter dated 2nd August, 1956, from the owner, Mr. T. P. Adams, stated that the cottage was let only in a temporary capacity. It had been completely overhauled and renovated and on a number of occasions he had refused to let it permanently. He undertook to let it only during the summer vacation months. He stated that there would be no possibility of any of the cottage tenants seeking any other accommodation from the local authority. A report from the County Medical Officer dated 21/8/1956 was read as follows:-

A Chara,

I know this building and although below standards now laid down, I consider that since there is careful selection of the tenants who only occupy it for a month in the summer that it is fairly satisfactory. The floor area is small but the lighting and ventilation are good and there is no dampness present. The sanitation I consider satisfactory for although technically within the Urban district, the area is rural in nature. Placed as it is in an open field with plenty of ground away from any other habitation, I can see no objection to the use of an Elsan Closet. I have heard the converse to this argument when occupants of rural cottages were looking for Urban facilities. There are many houses in Wicklow town where the structural standards are lower and where there is neither water laid on nor closet of any type - Elsan or otherwise.

I do not consider this house so unfit as to warrant action by the local authority and would recommend that the written undertaking given by Mr. Adams should be accepted.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The report of the County Medical Officer was accepted.

LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES AT 1, CASTLEFIELD AND 3 ST.

DOMINICK'S ROAD, WICKLOW: The Town Clerk stated that there were 16 applications for vacant Council house at 3, St. Dominick's Rd., and the County Medical Officer had reported on the applications as follows:-

1st March, 1957.

A Chara,

I recommend as follows:-

<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Present Housing Conditions</u>	<u>Whether member of special class</u>
John Vickers 18, Convent Rd.	Lodger Urban District house. Family 10. Total 12.	No.
Anne Kavanagh, 41, Castle St.	Single	No.

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Name & Address	Present Housing Conditions	Whether member of special class
Patrick Roche Keatingstown	Family 4. Rooms 3, Very damp	No.
Thomas Byrne, The Murrrough	Lodger, family 2. Total 7. Rooms 3. Adult overcrowding	No.
Anthony Quinn, 3, Castle St.	Family 2. Lodger Urban District house. Total 10. (of tenant's family 4 males and 2 females are over 12.) Overcrowded	No.
James Noctor, High Street	Family 5. 2 rooms and kitchenette. Light and ventilation poor. Woodwork dilapidated. Damp. Yard bad and very small. Unfit	Yes
Thomas Doyle, 7, Castle St.	Family 3. Rooms 2. Roof satisfactory Walls, woodwork and floors very dilapidated. Light and ventilation poor. Stairs dangerous. Unfit	Yes
John O'Neill, Castle St.	Family 4. Rooms 2. No lavatory. Very damp. Floor and stair bad. Unfit	Yes
William O'Brien 22, Castle St.	Family 2. Rooms 4. Fit. Upstairs rooms need repair. 6 months in area.	No.
James Canavan, 7, Bond St.	Not at address given. Stated to be lodging with Aunt at Monkton Row. Family 3. Total 4. Please see mine re this man's application for 25, Glenview Rd.	No.
James Synnot 2, Monkton Row	Family 2. Rooms 4. Roof satisfactory Needs repair	No.
Joseph O'Brien, 1, Lr. Strand St.	Family 2. Rooms 2 and back kitchen. Upstairs room very damp. Low ceiling. Light and ventilation poor. Stair poor Back kitchen dilapidated, walls and woodwork. Yard very small. Shore choked. No water, but bucket lavatory fitted. Well kept but unfit.	Yes.
George O'Brien, 11, St. Dominick's Road	Family 3. Lodger Urban District house. Total 15. Overcrowded	No.
Sarah Yeates, Castle St.	Single. Not considered. See previous reports	
James Redmond, 19, Monkton Row	Family 6. Rooms 2. No sanitary accommodation. Dilapidated. Unfit. 4 males, one female over 12 overcrowded	Yes.
Brigid Kelly, Ballynerrin	Seeks transfer from a County Council cottage	

Of the above list of applicants, I recommend James Redmond, 19, Monkton Row.

Misc, le meas, etc.

8th March, 1957.

A Chara,

With further reference to mine of the 1st inst., it has been brought to my notice that Jas. Redmond, has been rather eclectic in his applications for Council houses. He appears to have restricted himself to a particular area and has let go a number of houses in the past two and a half years without application. There are the

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further points that whilst his house is definitely unfit for human habitation, it is not perhaps so unfit as those of others in the special class, and the overcrowding as well as the unfitness influenced my choice. Further, from his income it would appear that he would be able to pay a higher rent than that of 3, St. Dominick's Rd., and this might be left for someone with a smaller income. I have again reviewed the members of the special class and all have comparatively small families. There is the further point that owing to the flaw in the Housing Act recently demonstrated in the Circuit Court, it may not be possible to make valid Demolition Orders.

Taking all these matters into account, I suggest that the local authority consider George O'Brien, 11 St. Dominick's Rd. His is a small family but the overcrowding in the house where he lodges is gross and though some overcrowding will still exist it will at any rate be relieved. There is also the point that as far as I am aware he has consistently been applying for houses over a considerable time.

Misc, le meas, etc.

It was recommended that the house be granted to George O'Brien.

1 Castlefield: The Town Clerk reported that there were 14 applications for vacant house at 1, Castlefield and in addition 3 applications for transfers had been received. The County Medical Officer reported as follows on the applications:-

Name & Address	Present Housing Condition	Whether member of the special class
Thos. Bouchier, 1, Quarantine Hill	Family 2. Rooms 3. Thos. Murphy was rehoused from here in June, '53. Repair order served appears to have been carried out	No.
Brendan Jacob, Castle St.	Family 5. Rooms 2. Dilapidated, plaster, woodwork floor. Stair bad and dangerous. Roof bad. No eave runs. Rain down. No water or sewerage Walls cracked. Yard 12' x 12'. Unfit	Yes
Anthony Quinn, 3, Castle St.	Family 2. Lodger Urban District House Total 10. (of tenants family 4 males and 2 females are over 12. Overcrowded	No.
James Redmond 19, Monkton Row	Family 6. Rooms 2. No sanitary accommodation. Dilapidated. Unfit. 4 males, one female over 12. Overcrowded	Yes
Joseph O'Brien, 1, Lr. Strand St.	Family 2. Rooms 2 and back kitchen. Upstairs room very damp. Low ceiling. Light and ventilation poor. Stair poor Back kitchen dilapidated, walls and wood work. Yard very small. Shore choked. No water, but bucket lav. fitted. Well kept but unfit	Yes
Thos. Byrne, The Murrrough	Lodger. Family 2. Total 7. Rooms 2. Adult overcrowding	No.
Edward Ryan, 3, Fitzwilliam Rd.	Family 5. (Husband in England). Rooms 2, leanto and very small room. Roof fair. Ceiling bulging. Needs repair. One male and one female over 12. Too small for the family	No.
Anthony Millet, 12, Fitzwilliam Rd.	Family 4. Lodger. Total 5. Rooms 4. Roof poor. Needs repair.	No.

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<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Present Housing Conditions</u>	<u>Whether member of the special class</u>
Thomas Doyle, 7, Castle St.	Family 3. Rooms 2. Roof satisfactory Walls, woodwork and floors dilapidated. Light and ventilation poor. Stairs dangerous. Unfit	Yes
William O'Brien, 22, Castle St.	Family 2. Rooms 4. Fit. Upstairs rooms need repair. 6 months in area	No.
Patrick Roche, Keatingstown	Family 4. Rooms 3. Very damp	No.
William Murphy, 18, Castle St.	Family 2. Rooms 3. Lavatory opens off kitchen and has no window, this to be remedied. Reasonable condition	No.
James Synnot, 2, Monkton Row	Family 2. Rooms 4. Roof satisfactory Needs repair	No.
James Canavan, 7, Bond St.	Not at address given. Stated to be lodging with Aunt at Monkton Row. Family 3. Total 4. Please see mine re man's application for 25, Glenview Rd.	No.

Of the above list of applicants I recommend Brendan Jacob, Castle St. This will leave the Castle Street block owned by Mr. Finlayson vacant except for Mrs. Yeates who has been offered accommodation and for whom the Council has now no responsibility.

Mise, le meas, etc.

After a long discussion the Council recommended as follows:-

- (1) That Mrs. E. Gill, 12, Castle Park, be transferred to the vacant house at 1 Castlefield.
- (2) That Mrs. E. Canavan, 5 St. Bride's Rd., be transferred to Mrs. Gill's house and
- (3) That Mr. Brendan Jacob be recommended for the house shortly to become vacant at 1 St. Kevin's Tee.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: The following letter was received from the Association re time of Annual Meeting after Elections:-

8th February, 1957.

Dear Town Clerk,

A Resolution regarding the above-mentioned matter, passed at the 1955 Conference of the Association, was duly forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and supported by a Deputation to the Minister in August last, and the following reply was received:-

"If the Minister could be satisfied that municipal authorities generally were in agreement that a later hour than noon would be more suitable for the holding of the first meeting after an election and if an hour were agreed on he would consider the possibility of including an amendment in future legislation giving effect to such a proposal insofar as municipal authorities other than County Borough Corporations are concerned".

When this reply was considered at last Conference the delegates generally were of opinion that the most suitable time of the day to have the first meeting after an election would be the same time as that on which the ordinary meeting are held.

It would be much appreciated if you would bring this matter before your Council/Board at an early date and complete and return to me the appended Query Form before the end of next month, if possible.

Mise, le meas, etc.

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It was agreed that the most suitable time for the First Annual Meeting after an election is that at which monthly or ordinary meetings are held.

A further letter re Street Trading was read as follows:-

8th February, 1957.

Dear Town Clerk,

re: Street Trading

The question of Street Trading has been considered on a number of occasions at Annual Conferences and Executive Committee Meetings of the Association, and it has been generally agreed that drastic changes must be made in existing legislation to give adequate protection to local traders against unfair competition by persons who do not pay local rates and who, for the most part, sell inferior goods and products of sweated labour in foreign countries.

With a view to taking effective action in the matter it was decided at the last Conference that the enclosed Summary of the Street Trading Act, 1926, be circulated to the local authorities concerned, and that they be requested to consider same and to indicate in what respects the Act is considered defective, and what amendments they feel should be made therein. It would help considerably if Councils which obtained legal advice on any aspect of Street Trading would give particulars of same.

When the above information comes to hand steps can be taken to prepare a case for submission to the Minister for Justice which should go a long way towards remedying this long outstanding grievance.

Kindly bring this matter before an early Meeting and let me have, before the end of March if possible, any submissions your Council would like to make in connection therewith.

Should you like to have some further copies of the Summary, kindly let me know and I shall forward same to you.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Town Clerk stated that he could find no record of the Council having adopted the Street Trading Act, 1926. Councillor Everett stated that he thought that some years ago the Council had taken action against street traders. It was decided that the Town Clerk should examine the position and report to the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD: A letter from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd., was read pointing out that if the Council so desired they were entitled to appoint one of the members or officials to attend their 31st General Meeting of the Company, which would take place at an early date. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Hudson and agreed, that the Town Clerk be nominated to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF FACTORIES ACT, 1955: The Town Clerk stated that the members had already been supplied with a summary of the Act, and they could see from that that the definition of a factory had been very widely extended and the duties of the local authority in connection with the Act had been increased. NOTED.

SEALING OF DEED OF ASSIGNMENT: DOYLE (REPS. JULIA MC CALL, DECD) TO GIBLIN: It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Form of Consent of Sale, whereby the Council consent to the Assignment by Wm. Doyle of Church St., Wicklow, to Richard Giblin of Ashford,

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of the piece or plot of ground with the dwellinghouse No. 12, known as "Marymount", Summerhill, Wicklow, and demised to the said Wm. Doyle as personal representative of Julia McCall, deceased for 75 years from 25th March, 1955".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Deed of Assignment.

SEALING OF DEED OF MORTGAGE - WICKLOW U.D.C. TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £3,000, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 - 1956".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Deed of Mortgage.

Councillor Conroy asked about the building of the two houses at Castle St. He stated that the specification should be placed on the Council table for their examination and he enquired as to the period in which the houses were to be finished and the conditions regarding employment on them. The Town Clerk said that the specification could be made available for the inspection of the members at any time if they so wished. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Architect as to the Contractor's compliance with the specification and conditions re labour etc, and to enquire if there was a time limit clause in the Contract, and when it could be expected that the houses would be completed.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT: The following reports were received from the Town Surveyor:-

Monthly Report, 11/3/1957

Scavenging: The road cleansing and drains were attended to and maintained in a satisfactory condition during the month.

Housing: Several houses were the subject of small repairs such as slips on doorways and plastering and repairs to ranges of a minor nature. About 35 houses were attended to.

Waterworks: I am pleased to record that the water quantity in the Reservoir is at a satisfactory level for the time of year, particularly as compared with 1956. Nevertheless, this gives no reason for any wastage, as it is not unlikely that very fine weather will materialise in the next few months having regard to the cycle of events.

Corporate Estate: The boundary wall between the Council's house at Castle St., occupied by Dickenson and the adjoining garden occupied by the Repts of the late Richard Ryder, is in an extremely delapidated condition and I have had an interview with the Solicitor acting on behalf of Ryder with a view to ascertaining an agreement as to paying half the cost of reconstruction. The estimated total amount is approx. £110, but I have been unable to get finality on the matter, and consequently I am having a temporary fence erected on the Council's side of the wall pending further negotiations.

Foreshore Protection Works: The concrete chained blocks recently erected along the North Beach (80min number) have proved a very satisfactory protection against recent storms. I offer my suggestion that the Council might seriously consider the continuation of this type of protection work northwards with an additional 100 blocks; the estimated cost of which would be approx £6,000. It would be possible, on completion of all those blocks, to fill in a roadway at the back so as to restore a substantial part of the grass margin which has been affected by coastal erosion during so many years.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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11th March, 1957.

re: Dumping Ground

I find that the sum of £60 was provided during the present year for alterations and improvements at above. I find that indiscriminate dumping of refuse has recently taken place at positions not authorised and the notices prohibiting this were demolished. Having examined the area and I do not recommend going to any further place than that which the dump is at present. I do suggest that the £60 be expended on

- (a) improving road surface.
- (b) erecting fence to restrict the point of dumping.
- (c) building a small concrete kerp at cliff edge as a safety precaution.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The Town Clerk said that the £60 mentioned by the Town Surveyor in his report referred to a sum provided in the Estimates for the current year for the provision of a new road to a suggested new dumping ground at Travel-e-hawk. A discussion took place regarding the Town Surveyor's proposal to expend this sum of money on improvements at the existing dumping ground. Councillor Carroll suggested that a shute be provided to throw the refuse out sea-wards. Councillor Conroy said he believed that the Council had undertaken to change the dump, as An Bord Failte had spent a considerable sum of money in preserving and cleaning up the Black Castle and its vicinity. It was finally agreed that the Town Surveyor proceed with the improvements of the existing dumping ground, after a consultation with An Bord Failte.

Foreshore: The Chairman said that we should proceed with the Foreshore Protection Works as outlined by the Town Surveyor in his report. The estimate for the new works is £6,000 and if the Council again secured a grant of 75% of the capital cost, there would have to be met by loan a balance of £1,500. It was agreed to defer the matter to the Estimates Meeting and the Chairman asked that an amount for loan charges be included in the Estimates.

The Town Clerk asked for approval to the overexpenditure of £35 on Housing and £25 on Corporate Estate, which is required to cover urgent Housing Repairs and Repairs to the Old Technical School. Granted.

The Chairman raised the question of the Council obtaining supplies of sand and gravel from outside sources instead of from suppliers in County Wicklow. The Town Surveyor said that he thought we had asked for tenders from local quarries as well as from Roadstone Ltd., but as far as he was aware the latter firm only tendered. He promised to look into the matter.

LEASE TO MESSRS COUPERUS: An application from Messrs Couperus, Maarssen, Holland, for the lease of two sites, previously indicated to the firm as available on the Murrrough, was received. It was agreed that a lease of the sites be granted at an annual rent of £10 per site, and that the usual clause be inserted in the lease - if the sites were not built on within two years the property and lease to revert to the Council. The Chairman said that the Firm had purchased the former premises of Ace Products Ltd., at Quarantine Hill, where they proposed to commence operations, while the factory was being constructed on the sites at the Murrrough. A resolution of welcome to Messrs Couperus was proposed by Councillor Carroll, and seconded by the Chairman. The Town Clerk was asked to convey to Messrs Couperus an expression of welcome from the Council and the towns people with their promise of every assistance possible.

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An application from Mr. J. Doyle, 17, Castle St., for permission to instal a fire grate was read. Permission was granted, subject to the usual conditions, i.e., that the grate be installed at his own expense; the range to be returned to the Council, and Mr. Doyle to acknowledge, in writing, that the grate when installed, would become the property of the Council.

The Fitzpatrick family, thanked the Council for the kind expression of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement on the death of their father.

The Town Surveyor promised to inspect the condition of the footpath at Main St., mentioned by Councillor Conroy, and flooding at Black Castle Rd., mentioned by Councillor Kavnagh.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Gas Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING: ..

HELD ON 29TH MARCH, 1957

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

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both being absent through illness, Councillor Carroll was elected on the proposition of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy as Acting Chairman.

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

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to re-consider the letting of vacant Council House, No. 1, Bungalow, Castlefield.

The following letter from the County Medical Officer was read:-

25th March, 1957.

re: Vacant Cottage at 1, Castlefield, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I have again gone into this matter carefully. While I have no direct concern with transfers from one Council house to another, I view the matter dispassionately. The transfer on the facts given would not appear to be justified: 1. One transfer has already been granted which meant a drop in rent and the granting of the present transfer would make an appreciable reduction of 4/4d. Further, if transfers are indulged in indiscriminately, the administration of a housing scheme becomes exceedingly difficult and further we have persons housed by the Council moving at their own sweet wills from Council house to Council house, whilst persons not housed have to stand in the queue. This sort of general post may be very pleasant for those already housed by the Council but those not so fortunate may find it frustrating. Jacob lives in appalling conditions and I regret that under the Housing (Management & Letting) Regulations, I have no alternative but to adhere to my original recommendation.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The County Manager explained that Mrs. Gill was not in need of a house, as she already had one and had got a transfer already from the Council. He was bound, as was the County Medical Officer to adhere to the Housing (Management & Letting) Regulations and a transfer could only be considered where the tenant was being transferred to a house with a higher rent, thereby leaving a house at a lower rent available for some person in need of housing and not able to afford the higher rent.

A long discussion took place and the Chairman finally remarked that it appeared that the Council could do nothing in the matter as the letting of houses was an Executive Function.

The Meeting then concluded.

Gas Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ESTIMATES MEETING:

HELD ON 29TH MARCH, 1957

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

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both being absent through illness, Councillor Carroll was elected on the proposition of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy, as Acting Chairman.

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

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: The Council examined the various items of expenditure under this heading and decided to defer the consideration of Special Works until a later stage in the meeting.

Sanitary Services: After examining in detail the items under this heading the Council suggested as follows:-

(1) That the provision of £48 in respect of Retiring Allowance for one of the Council's Scavenging staff be deleted as members felt that the man would not retire in December next.

(2) That the provision of £45 for Public Convenience be reduced by £15 to £30.

Housing: It was suggested that the estimate in respect of Housing Maintenance and Repair (£800) be deferred until a later stage in the meeting, also that the sum of £30 for Housing Reconstruction Grants might be deleted, as it was not thought that it would be required in the present year.

General Urban Purposes:

Town Hall Expenses: Councillor Conroy queried the amount of £68 allowed under this heading as he thought it was too high. Town Clerk said that this sum had to meet lighting, heating, cleaning and small repairs in respect of the Town Hall and was barely adequate. Agreed.

Town Hall Repairs: A long discussion took place on this item in sum of £225. The Town Surveyor outlined the work it was proposed to do. He stated that the cost of installing seven windows in the store would be approximately £175. The balance would be used to treat the front of the building and gables with "Snowcem", paint the windows, doors and to plaster and paint the Council Chamber.

It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy that a sum of £200 be allowed under this heading. Councillor Everett dissented on the grounds of absence of items.

Tree Planting: It was suggested that this sum be deleted as the local branch of the Trees for Ireland Association wound up and had handed over to the Council £10 which they had on hands.

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

Superannuation - Rate Collector: The amount of £360 allowed under

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this heading was deleted as it is no longer required owing to the death of the retired rate collector.

Proposed Foreshore Works - Loan Charges: This item was reduced by £88 as it will only be necessary to meet half the annual loan charges in the present year.

RECEIPTS: The figures proposed by the Manager under receipts were adopted without adjustment.

The County Manager now itemised the alterations and adjustments proposed by the Council. These would result in a reduction of £644 on the estimate and was equivalent to 1/3d. in the £, and a reduction of 5d. on the current year's rate of 36/9d.

The Council then returned to consider the two deferred items.

Roads - Special Works: After a discussion it was agreed that the sum of £145 as proposed by the Manager be allowed.

Housing, Maintenance and Repair: The sum proposed under this heading was £800. The Town Surveyor explained that it was proposed to paint 66 houses at a cost of over £400. The balance would be used on ordinary housing repairs but it was impossible to give details of what the repairs would be, in advance. Members were of the opinion that a list of repairs carried out in the previous month should be submitted to the monthly Council meetings. It was agreed that the sum of £800 be allowed under this heading, Councillor Everett dissented on the grounds of lack of items.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES: It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy, and resolved:-

"That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1958, as set out in Tables A, B, and C, thereof and we determine the rate set out in Column 8 of Table C of the estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 36/4d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1958."

Manager and Officials Congratulated: Councillor Kavanagh proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the County Manager, Town Clerk, and staff for the manner in which the Estimates had been submitted to them for consideration and paid tribute to the manner in which the affairs of the Council had been administered by all the officials during the year. Councillor Everett seconded the proposition and all members present associated themselves therewith. The County Manager thanked the Councillors for their remarks.

The Town Clerk was asked to convey to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Council's good wishes for their speedy recovery.

On the proposition of Councillor Hynes a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed with relatives of the late Ed. Kennedy, retired rate collector, all present standing.

The meeting then concluded.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

20th March, 1957.

To:

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

A Chara,

I hereby give you notice that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Friday, 29th March, 1957, at 7-30 p.m. The County Manager's Estimates and Report are appended hereto.

At the conclusion of the Estimates Meeting it is intended that a special meeting be held to re-consider the letting of vacant Council house at No. 1, Bungalow, Castlefield.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack,

TOWN CLERK

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
19th March, 1957.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on the 31st
March, 1958

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Details of Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year 1957/58 are given in the attached tables. The Estimates Meeting this year will be held on Friday, 29th March, 1957.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £34,757 and the receipts are estimated at £15,020. The net amount consequently which is to be levied from rates is £19,737, but some credits are available to reduce this latter sum. The expenditure under the four main accounting headings are given hereunder with the corresponding sums which the Council allowed for the year 1956/57 shown in parenthesis:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Net Expenditure</u>
Roads	£1416 (£1409)	£75 (£50)	£1341 (£1359)
Sanitary Services	£4634 (£4580)	£337 (£290)	£4297 (£4290)
Housing	£13216 (£12829)	£11283 (£11062)	£1933 (£1767)
General Urban Purposes	£15491 (£14866)	£3325 (£3290)	£12166 (£11576)
	<u>£34757 (£33684)</u>	<u>£15020 (£14692)</u>	<u>£19737 (£18992)</u>

During the preparation of the Estimates the accounts for the current year were carefully examined and it is expected that credits of £554 will be available, and after the application of these the net amount to be raised from rates is £19,183, which would require a rate of 37/7d. in the £. This would be an increase of 10d. over the rate for the present year, which is 36/9d.

Briefly, the increased outlay expressed at a poundage rate will have to be met under the following headings:-

Housing repairs 4d; County Council Demand 2d; Joint Burial Board Demand 2d; Foreshore repairs 6d; Town Hall repairs 5d. There will, however, be some increases in receipts and reductions under a number of headings and when these are set off against the foregoing increases, the additional sum required is equivalent to approximately 10d. in the £.

ROADS: For the Council's contribution to Employment Schemes the same amount as allowed in the present year (£75) has again been included. There was received this year a State Grant of £800. The Council used this grant for carrying out the following Works:-

Concrete Paths at (1) Castle Street
(2) Moreton's Lane
(3) St. Kevin's Rd.
(4) St. Bride's Rd.
(5) Strand St. Upr.
(6) Mass Path
Tar surfacing St. Kevin's Road
Cooper's Lane

Last year for Ordinary Road Works the Council allowed £694 and a like sum is included in the attached Estimates. This amount merely covers wages of workmen and a comparatively small sum (£80) for materials required in repairs. Again last year the Council agreed to allow £145 for Special Road Works, such as tar spraying and re-surfacing. A similar amount has now been included. It should, however, be mentioned that in previous years sums, which were substantially in excess of this amount had been approved by the Council for Special Road Works. Moreover for the coming year the Town Surveyor has submitted a list of special works which he submits would be necessary and which on the basis of the Estimate submitted by him would amount to £4,076. The list of works which he has recommended are as follows, and the first portion (items 1 to 6) consists of works that would require to be carried out in the coming year:-

1. Greenhill Road: patching and surface dressing	£189
2. Mount Carmel to Sullivan's Lane: patching, levelling and tar surface dressing	£200
3. Bond St: tar macadam surface dur to increasingly heavy traffic. (Note: strictly speaking this road ought to be in concrete for a distance of 250 yds., as the traffic here is extremely intensive to factories, harbour etc. - to do the road in concrete entirely would cost £1600)	£490
4. (a) Strand St. Lr: levelling, grading and tar spraying	£190
(b) Strand St. Upr: Do.	£175
5. Tar surface dressing New Park Rd. (St. Manntan's Rd.)	£348
6. Tar surface dressing St. Patrick's Rd. to Olohan's Lane	£250
7. Concrete path, Lr. Monkton Row, west side	£195
8. Concrete path, Lr. Monkton Row, east side	£98
9. Concrete path St. Dominick's Rd - front of cottages, west side	£100
10. Concrete path, St. Bride's Rd. to St. Dominick's Rd. (near Corkish's)	£75
11. Concrete Path at New St., west side	£120
12. Concrete path at New St., east side	£140
13. Concrete path, Convent Rd. cottages, north side	£255
14. Part St. Laurence's Road from concrete road to St. Patrick's Road junction	£270
15. Tar surface dressing Friars' Hill	£196
16. Repairs to Brickfield Lane: tar patching and drainage	£35
17. Concrete paths Church St., to Parnell Bridge, both sides	£180
18. Repairs to surface of Parnell Bridge	£25
19. Concrete path at Kilmantin Hill (Noonan's)	£35
20. Concrete path at Convent Sq.	£175
21. Concrete path at Kilmantin Rd., and Glenview Rd.	£75
22. Concrete path at Castle St. (i.e. new path from fountain to corner Market St., to Murphy's 6 houses)	£85
23. Concrete path, Castle St. - Fitzgerald's cottage towards Quarantine Hill	£175
	<u>£4076</u>

The Town Surveyor likewise submitted a comprehensive list of new road works last year, but the Council considered that these works could not possibly be done in any one financial year and they decided that they could only be undertaken in due priority, having due regard to the provisions being made in the Annual Estimates and the sums which might be available from State Grants towards Employment Schemes.

SANITARY SERVICES:

Water Supply: There is no change in the cost of maintaining the existing water supply. It has been necessary once more to make provision for the cost of the pumping scheme from the stream at Marlton. There is resort to this scheme in order to increase the supply which can be taken into the Reservoir from neighbouring streams.

The cost of the pumping scheme is estimated at £260, which is the same amount as in the present year. As mentioned in previous reports the pumping plant will have to be used until the proposed Regional Scheme can augment existing sources of water supply. The final documents for this Scheme were prepared some time ago, but the Scheme has not yet received the approval of the Department of Local Government. At present it is not possible to give any indication as to when the County Council and the Urban Council may be in a position to arrange to seek tenders for the carrying out of the work; as indicated to the Council last year the Scheme for which final approval has been sought proposed to take water from the Vartry River above Ashford. It is felt that it would be advisable to seek tenders for the Regional Scheme at as early a date as possible. If any work is to be undertaken in the present financial year it would be desirable that it should be during the Summer months, when conditions normally would be expected to be favourable. Regarding the capital cost of the Scheme and the loan charges which will have to be met by the Urban Council, it is expected that the capital charges would be offset to a substantial extent by the saving on the existing pumping plants costs and in addition the existing loan charges on the Stock Issue, which was raised many years ago to defray the cost of the present supply, will terminate in the next financial year. It is inevitable, however, that the Regional Scheme should lead to some additional loan charges notwithstanding the offsets which have been mentioned, but there would be an assurance of a certain supply, whereas for some years past the Council has been very fortunate in not having to cope with an acute water shortage. Here it should be said that the uncertainty attaching to the existing supply increases with each passing year.

Burial Grounds: The Demand from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board shows an increase of £83 for the coming year. This is due to the fact that the Board has found it necessary to arrange for the acquisition of additional land as the accommodation in the existing burial ground is now inadequate.

Retiring Allowances: It is expected that a member of the Cleansing Staff will retire before the end of the coming financial year and it is necessary to provide for part (£48) of the superannuation which will become payable.

Public Convenience: Some months ago the new public conveniences at the Town Hall were completed and it will be necessary to arrange for caretaking and maintaining them during the summer months. Consequently an additional sum of £25 has been included under this heading.

HOUSING: The total cost for housing services is estimated at £13216 and after deducting receipts of £11,283, the net cost is £1933. The net estimate for the present year was £1767, showing there is an increase of £166, for the coming year.

Maintenance and Repair: When submitting the Estimates last year a sum of £786 was submitted under this heading, but the Council decided to reduce it to £630. This later sum was found to be inadequate for the carrying out of a limited scheme of painting and urgent repairs. In consequence the Council had to forward additional monies during the present year. Thus far £110 over the amount included in the Estimates for 1956/57 has had to be approved by the Council. The Town Surveyor in submitting an estimate of £800 for repairs and maintenance states that this would include for the painting of 66 houses and numerous small repairs to doors, windows, sash cords, weather boards, etc., together with the usual overhauling of ranges and grates, some additional plastering, replacing tiles on rooves and other minor repairs. He points out that this sum of £800 is only between £3 to £4 per house, if divided over the total number of houses to be maintained by the Council. It must be agreed that it is a rather low figure having regard to present day costs.

Housing Grants: From time to time applications have been received for special grants under the Housing Acts, towards the repair of unfit houses. It was expected that housing authorities might wish to make grants equivalent to state grants towards the cost of repairing and making fit houses, in respect of which Repair Notices have been served under the Housing Acts, and the tenants of which had been provided with alternative accommodation by the local authority. The amount included in the Estimates under loan charges is £30, and would only meet the cost of a comparatively small number of grants, say 5 or 6.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: The loan charges under this heading shows an increase of £112 over the present year, but such increase should be completely met by the receipts of repayments made to the Council by borrowers. It is necessary to mention, however, that in one instance in which the Council has had to recover possession of a dwelling on which a loan was made, there may be some difficulty in arranging a letting or other means of disposal of the property so as to bring in a income adequate to meet all charges on the house.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES: The expenditure under this heading includes a considerable number of items, such as school meals, foreshore maintenance, insurances on property, printing, stationery, advertising, legal expenses, and County Council Demand, which is the major item.

School Meals: The cost of this service is expected to be approximately the same as in the present year. The number of children availing of the meals now reaches about 140. The net cost of the scheme to the Council, after taking into account the state grant, is estimated at £160.

The meals given in this area are of a higher standard than those generally supplied in other urban districts and it is only proper that reference should be made to the very satisfactory way in which they are prepared and served. This is a scheme in which it is felt that very good value is obtained for the outlay.

An Tostal Decoration: In the event of the Council deciding in the coming year to participate in An Tostal and to decorate the town during such period, a sum of £40 has been included in the Estimates. It should be mentioned, however, that last year the Council decided to delete such provision.

Town Hall Repairs: It was found some time ago that the roof and part of the Town Hall premises had got into a dangerous condition and required immediate repairs. Some of the work has already been carried out, but some further repairs remain to be done. In addition windows in the store at the rear require to be renewed. Plastering repairs are also necessary and it is recommended by the Town Surveyor that the front of the building and gables be treated with "Snowcem" and that some interior painting also be done. The total cost is estimated by him at £225, and this sum has been included in the attached Estimates.

Foreshore Protection Works: The urgent works for which the Council received a State Grant of £3,750, towards which the Council raised a loan of £1250, were completed some time ago. Last year it was only necessary to provide for a half year's loan charges, but in the coming year it will be necessary to meet the loan charges for a full financial year. These amount to £144, which is an increase of £72 over the current year's charges. It has been recommended by the Town Surveyor that additional Foreshore Protection Works are urgently required and the Council at their last meeting were of the opinion that some provision for such works should be included for the Estimates for the coming year. The estimate for the new works is £6,000 and if the Council again secure a grant of 75% of the capital cost, there will have to be met by loan a balance of £1500. The annual loan charges would be £175 and this sum is shown in the Estimates.

Allotments: The expenditure on Allotments is estimated at £320 and is almost completely recouped from State Grants. The number of allotments arranged for the present year was 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 200 to 210 per week.

County Council Demand: There is an increase of £82 in the Demand for the coming year. Normally it would be expected that there should not be such an increase as the County Council Rate remains unchanged and there have been some reductions in some of the Services such as Health and Public Assistance, which are chargeable in part against Urban District Councils. Nowadays the County Council Demand is not derived from an apportionment on the basis of the relative valuation, but is based on the actual productivity of the rate levied in both the County Health District and the Urban District. It so happens that in the present year the productivity of the rate in Wicklow Urban District was somewhat higher than the previous year and this has affected the apportionment. The following table shows how the Demand for 1957/58 compares with that for the present year:-

	1957/58	1956/57	Increase or Decrease
Main Roads	£1797	£1736	£61 (increase)
Public Assistance	£467	£455	£12 (increase)
Mental Hospital	£1272	£1409	£137 (decrease)
Health Services	£4120	£4156	£36 (decrease)
General Purposes	£1041	£951	£90 (increase)
Seperate Charges	£639	£547	£92 (increase)

It will be apparent from the information that has been given that apart from the statutory Demands from the County Council and the Joint Burial Board, any increases in the Rates Estimates are ascribable to the provision being made for new additional works.

I wish to pay a deserved tribute to the manner in which the Council's staff have discharged their duties in the past year. Miss M. Kavanagh, whilst acting as Town Clerk for the greater part of the financial year discharged her duties in a most competent and zealous manner. Mr. Cusack, who recently has taken up duty as Town Clerk has already shown evidence of his capability for diligent service. The other members of the Council's staff, both indoor and outdoor likewise have performed their duties in an industrious manner.

It is my duty also to convey to you, Mr. Chairman and to all the members of the Council, my sincere appreciation for the guidance and assistance which they have given to me in the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

Wicklow County Manager

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1957/58

EXPENDITURE

<u>URBAN ROADS</u>	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes)	75	75
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £614 Materials: £80)	694	694
Special Works - Tar spraying etc.	145	145
Retiring Allowances	78	78
Salaries	110	110
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1953 St. Patrick's Rd. Improvement	190	190
1953 Murrough Road in concrete	124	124
	£1416	£ 1,416
 <u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	603	603
Retiring Allowances	48	-
Water Supply (Wages: £615 Materials: £95)	710	710
Water Supply - Pumping Scheme	260	260
Sewerage (Wages: £66 Materials: £40)	106	106
Public Convenience	45	30
Scavenging (Domestic & Street) Wages £760	760	760
Burial Grounds (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	291	291
Public Lighting	490	490
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1935 Sewer and Water Extension	58	58
1937 Waterworks Improvement	240	240
1898 $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc	46	46
1922 5% ($3\frac{1}{2}\%$) Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	510	510
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	134	134
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Rd)	154	154
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	44	44
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Rd. (Waterworks)	34	34
1957 Regional Water Supply	10	10
1956 Public Convenience at Town Hall	81	81
	£4634	£ 4,571

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc.)
 Town Hall Repairs
 Demolition of Ruinous Buildings
 Acquisition of Derelict Sites
 Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages: £124 Materials: £26)
 Foreshore Maintenance (Wages: £98 Materials: £52)
 Tree Planting
 Fairs, Markets & Weighbridges
 Band Performances
 Milk and Dairies
 Tourist Development
 An Tostal Decorations
 School Meals: Cost of Food Administration
 Allotments
 Salaries
 Rate Collector's Poundage
 Superannuation Rate Collector
 Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp Estate)
 Audit Fees
 Legal Expenses
 Printing, Stationery, Advertising
 Rents on Council's Property
 Rates on Council's Property
 Insurance on Council's Property
 Public and E.L. Insurances
 Office Expenses
 Discount on Rates
 Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates
 Cheap Fuel Scheme
 Treasurer's Interest
 Rent of Pound
 Miscellaneous
Loan Charges:
 1946 - New footbridge
 1898 - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.
 1956 - Foreshore Protection Works
 1957 - Proposed Additional Protection Works

ESTIMATED BY MANAGER	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL
£	£
68	68
225	200
5	5
-	-
150	150
150	150 R.
38	-
5	5
35	35
1	1
-	-
40	-
230	230
80	80
320	320
1153	1,153
431	431
360	-
96	96
46	46
120	120
135	135
52	52
308	308
14	14
142	142
50	50
70	70
180	180
1050	1,050
10	10
39	39
40	40
70	70
123	123
144	144
175	87
£6155	£5,604

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
£ 6155	£ 5,604
1797	1,797
467	467
1272	1,272
4120	4,120
1041	1,041
639	639
£15491	£14,940
£34757	£34,113

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

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R E C E I P T S

ROADS

Estate Duty Grant

SANITARY SERVICES

Domestic Scavenging

Water Rents

State Subsidy to Loan Charges

Receipts from Public Convenience

HOUSING

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

State Grant: New Houses (60 houses
Scheme, 1948)

State Subsidy - 2 Houses Castle St.

Subsidy to Interest Rates

Rents inclusive of Rates

State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

Repayments of Instalments (Old Loans)

Repayments of Instalments (New Loans)

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants:

Bounty in lieu of Rates

Railway and Harbour Charges

School Meals

Recoupment of Losses on Allotments

Cheap Fuel Scheme

Other Receipts:

Cheap Fuel Scheme: (Recipients Contributions and Recoupment by Co. Co.)

Corporate Estate Rents

Licences and Fees

Refund of fees by Officers

Refund by Co. Council of half rent of Pound

Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour
Loan Charges

Miscellaneous

Total for all Services

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	
75	75
£ 75	£ 75
160	160
150	150
17	17
10	10
£337	£ 337
2380	2,380
344	344
50	50
280	280
6685	6,685
26	26
64	64
1454	1,454
£11283	£ 11,283
70	70
110	110
150	150
310	310
500	500
538	538
1347	1,347
3	3
18	18
19	19
250	250
10	10
£3325	£ 3,325
£15020	£ 15,020.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1957/58

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	£1416	£75	£1341
Sanitary Services	£4634 4.571	£337	£4297 4.234
Housing Services	£13216 13.186	£11283	£1933 1.903
General Urban Purposes	£15491 14.940	£3325	£12166 11.625
	£34757 34.113	£15020	£19737 19.093

Deduct Credit £554

Total requirements to be met by Rate Levy **£19183 18.539**

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces £42. 10. 8.

Rate in the £ to meet total requirements of **£19183**, would be **37/7** in the £.

..... **£18,539** **36/4**

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total valuation as per Valuation List		<u>£10928. 7. 0.</u>
<u>Buildings:</u>	£9870. 16. 0.	
Less: Remissions under Housing Acts	<u>£262. 13. 4.</u>	£9608. 2. 8.
<u>Land:</u>	£804. 16. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes	£44. 10. 0.	
2/5th reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5ths of £760. 6. 0.)	<u>£304. 2. 5.</u>	£456. 3. 7.
<u>Land used as Railways</u>	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: 2/5th reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£20. 2. 0.</u>	£30. 3. 0.
<u>Railways - rated in full</u>		£12. 0. 0.
Half Rents	£178. 0. 0.	
Less: 1/2 reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£89. 0. 0.</u>	£89. 0. 0.
<u>Telegraphs</u>		£1. 10. 0.
<u>Yards</u>		<u>£11. 0. 0.</u>
Total Valuation for Rating Purposes		<u>£10207. 19. 3.</u>

Rate of 1d. in £. produces: £42. 10. 8.

MINUTES

ESTIMATES MEETING:

HELD ON 29TH MARCH, 1957

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

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman both being absent through illness, Councillor Carroll was elected on the proposition of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy, as Acting Chairman.

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

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: The Council examined the various items of expenditure under this heading and decided to defer the consideration of Special Works until a later stage in the meeting.

Sanitary Services: After examining in detail the items under this heading the Council suggested as follows:-

(1) That the provision of £48 in respect of Retiring Allowance for one of the Council's Scavenging staff be deleted as members felt that the man would not retire in December next.

(2) That the provision of £45 for Public Convenience be reduced by £15 to £30.

Housing: It was suggested that the estimate in respect of Housing Maintenance and Repair (£800) be deferred until a later stage in the meeting, also that the sum of £30 for Housing Reconstruction Grants might be deleted, as it was not thought that it would be required in the present year.

General Urban Purposes:

Town Hall Expenses: Councillor Conroy queried the amount of £68 allowed under this heading as he thought it was too high. Town Clerk said that this sum had to meet lighting, heating, cleaning and small repairs in respect of the Town Hall and was barely adequate. Agreed.

Town Hall Repairs: A long discussion took place on this item in sum of £225. The Town Surveyor outlined the work it was proposed to do. He stated that the cost of installing seven windows in the store would be approximately £175. The balance would be used to treat the front of the building and gables with "Snowcem", paint the windows, doors and to plaster and paint the Council Chamber.

It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy that a sum of £200 be allowed under this heading. Councillor Everett dissented on the grounds of absence of items.

Tree Planting: It was suggested that this sum be deleted as the local branch of the Trees for Ireland Association wound up and had handed over to the Council £10 which they had on hands.

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

Superannuation - Rate Collector: The amount of £360 allowed under

this heading was deleted as it is no longer required owing to the death of the retired rate collector.

Proposed Foreshore Works - Loan Charges: This item was reduced by £88 as it will only be necessary to meet half the annual loan charges in the present year.

RECEIPTS: The figures proposed by the Manager under receipts were adopted without adjustment.

The County Manager now itemised the alterations and adjustments proposed by the Council. These would result in a reduction of £644 on the estimate and was equivalent to 1/3d. in the £, and a reduction of 5d. on the current year's rate of 36/9d.

The Council then returned to consider the two deferred items.

Roads - Special Works: After a discussion it was agreed that the sum of £145 as proposed by the Manager be allowed.

Housing, Maintenance and Repair: The sum proposed under this heading was £800. The Town Surveyor explained that it was proposed to paint 66 houses at a cost of over £400. The balance would be used on ordinary housing repairs but it was impossible to give details of what the repairs would be, in advance. Members were of the opinion that a list of repairs carried out in the previous month should be submitted to the monthly Council meetings. It was agreed that the sum of £800 be allowed under this heading, Councillor Everett dissented on the grounds of lack of items.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES: It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy, and resolved:-

"That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1958, as set out in Tables A, B, and C, thereof and we determine the rate set out in Column 8 of Table C of the estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 36/4d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1958."

Manager and Officials Congratulated: Councillor Kavanagh proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the County Manager, Town Clerk, and staff for the manner in which the Estimates had been submitted to them for consideration and paid tribute to the manner in which the affairs of the Council had been administered by all the officials during the year. Councillor Everett seconded the proposition and all members present associated themselves therewith. The County Manager thanked the Councillors for their remarks.

The Town Clerk was asked to convey to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the Council's good wishes for their speedy recovery.

On the proposition of Councillor Hynes a vote of sympathy was un-animously passed with relatives of the late Ed. Kennedy, retired rate collector, all present standing.

The meeting then concluded.

Gas Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESMONTHLY MEETING:HELD ON 2ND APRIL, 1957

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

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack, and the Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Carroll was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy, and appointed acting Chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on the 11th March, 1957, and the Estimates Meeting held on 29th March, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 29th March, 1957, it was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, that it be recorded that the Council objected to the County Medical Officer interfering in the transfer of Council tenants and they also disagreed with him turning down an applicant because he was looking for a house in a particular part of the town. The Minutes were then taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS - RESOLUTION FROM WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL: The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That we request the Government to consider the desirability of transferring certain University faculties to centres outside of the capital with a view to decentralizing education. We consider that the proposal to erect new University buildings in the city of Dublin is open to objection.

"That copies of the Council's resolution be sent to the County Council's General Council and to all local authorities in Ireland".

LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS - HOUSE AT DUNBUR ROAD:

Read following letter from Council's Solicitor dated 21/3/1957:-
re: Councillor E. P. Hynes

Dear Sir,

In reply to your query of the 12th inst., as to whether the above Councillor is disqualified by reason of the fact that there are monies due by him to the Council in respect of a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, we are of opinion that this does not disqualify him as a member of the Council.

Section 57 of the Local Government Act, 1941, provides that the a Councillor is disqualified if he owes rates at the end of a financial year and under other Acts Councillors can be disqualified for the non-payment of the surcharge - bankruptcy or various criminal offences but no reference is made whatever to non payment of repayment of a loan.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Solicitor explained to the Council that the tenant Mr. Nagle was liable for the rates and not the owner, Mr. Hynes. After a long discussion in which the Solicitor explained the legal aspects of the Council's position and stated that he had proceeded for recovery from Mr. Hynes the amount still due in respect of repayments of the loan and he hoped to obtain from the Liquidators of Ace Products Ltd., the rent they had collected from the tenant previous to the Council obtaining possession of the house.

HOUSING SCHEME - 2 HOUSES AT CASTLE ST:

The Town Clerk informed the members that at the last meeting