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Other Business: Councillor Everett asked if there had been any developments regarding the acquisition of two derelict sites at Castle St. The Manager said he would look into the matter and report to the next meeting, and would also report on the proposal for the erection of a further 6 houses.

Councillor Doyle stated that the Regatta Committee would be applying, as in former years, for all-night lighting on the 3rd, 4th and 5th August, and he wished to know if the Council would approve. Agreed.

Councillor Doyle said that Quarantine Hill was in a very bad condition due to the E.S.B. laying the underground cable. The Town Surveyor said he would have it attended to, and would draw the attention of the E.S.B. to it.

Councillor Everett drew attention to the condition of the flat roof of the Town Hall, and he asked when it was going to be attended to. The Town Surveyor said that he was waiting for the roof to dry and hoped to complete work on it in the near future.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*C. W. Hudson*  
*13/8/57*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING:

HELD ON 15th JULY, 1957

Present: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors C. W. Hudson, J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Carroll, Ed. P. Hynes, and T. Byrne.

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

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The County Manager read the report of the Consulting Engineer on the tenders received for the Regional Water Supply Scheme:-

6th July, 1957.

South East Wicklow Regional Water Supply

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the advertisement issued for the above contract 16 tenders were received by noon on 5th inst., and were opened and initialled in the presence of the Chairman, County Council, the County Manager, the County Engineer and myself. The tenders, in order of amount, are set out below:-

1. T. McInerney & Sons Ltd., Dublin.	£77,935. 17. 8.
2. A. J. Jennings & Co., Ltd., Dun Laoghaire	£78,554. 9. 10.
3. Cormac Murray, Navan	£80,670. 18. 0.
4. Murphy Bros., Ltd., Cork	£82,485. 10. 6.
5. South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Dublin.	£82,971. 18. 9.
6. R. E. Fegan, Tullow, Co. Carlow	£83,303. 8. 5.
7. P. Blake, Dublin.	£84,649. 1. 3.
8. Collins & Rooney, Dublin.	£84,812. 3. 3.
9. William Clarke, Dublin.	£85,091. 17. 3.
10. Butler Bros., Dublin.	£87,531. 12. 0.
11. Mahon & McPhillips, Kilkenny	£89,862. 1. 0.
12. A. F. Hastings & Co., Ltd., Dublin.	£90,487. 6. 9.
13. Christopher Dodd & Sons, Bray.	£92,000. 0. 0.
14. Malachy Burke (Contractors) Ltd., Galway	£103,696. 0. 3.
15. P. J. Walls & Bros., (Dublin) Ltd.	£103,826. 19. 10.
16. Patrick J. Walshe, Tramore	£104,999. 2. 6.

This represents very keen competition between competent and experienced contractors. I have examined the lowest tender that of Messrs Thomas McInerney & Sons Ltd., at £77,935. 17. 8. and find it in order. I recommend, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government, that the contract be placed with this Firm and that the necessary documents be signed and executed.

I return their original tender herewith.

If this scheme is to proceed and, apparently, the shortage in water supply in Wicklow seems to require urgent attention, it is of great importance that the negotiations should be completed without delay so as to allow the work to commence and proceed while the remainder of the summer weather is available.

It will also be necessary to procure the services of a full time Resident Engineer to supervise the work which extends over a good distance from the Annagollan Bridge to Wicklow town.

Yours faithfully,  
Pierce F. Purcell, M.I.C.E.

The County Manager stated that this report had been considered by the County Council at their meeting held on the 7th July, who

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had approved of the acceptance of the tender of Messrs T. McInerney & Sons, in sum of £77,935. 17. 8. The accepted tender had been submitted to the Department, who were informed that it would also have to be considered by the Wicklow Urban Council. The Manager informed the Council that the estimated total cost for the Scheme based on the information at the moment available, was as follows:-

Tender of Messrs T. McInerney & Son for carrying out of Scheme	£78,000
Clerk of Works - (remuneration for 80 weeks at say, £15 per week)	£1,200
Consultant's Fees	£6,500
Acquisition of Land, way-leaves, advertising, fees on loan etc.	£700
Total Cost	£86,400

It had been tentatively agreed some years ago that the cost of the Scheme would be apportioned on the basis 70% against Wicklow County Council and 30% against Wicklow Urban Council. This apportionment would result in loan charges amounting to £3,000 per year and equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £ to be met by the County Council and loan charges of £1275 per year which is equivalent to a rate of 2/6d. in the £ to be met by the Urban Council - assuming that the loan was repayable over 25 years at 5%. However, loan charges on the existing water supply (capital cost of which had been raised by Redeemable Debenture Stock) are due for redemption shortly. This would involve a saving of £658 per year. There would also be a saving of £260 on the pumping scheme, resulting in a net charge on the rate for the new Scheme of 1/- in the £.

The Scheme is so designed that it could be connected with Lough Dan or with any hydro-electric scheme in the region, if such were ever considered necessary. The daily consumption of water is estimated as follows:-

Wicklow town	160,000 gallons
Ashford and Ballinalea	20,000 gallons
Rathnew	20,000 gallons

and it could be seen from these figures that Wicklow Urban District were gaining more from the Regional Supply Scheme than Wicklow County.

Plans of the Scheme were circulated to the members and the County Manager and Town Surveyor explained how the new Scheme would be tied in with the existing town supply. It was indicated that the present clear water tanks of which there are two situated at the waterworks and one at St. Laurence's Road, each with a capacity of 40,000 gallons, would still be retained in use. In addition a larger tank capable of holding 100,000 gallons would be constructed at Greenhill Road. There would, therefore, be a total storage capacity of 220,000 gallons in the town of Wicklow.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:-

"That having considered the report of the Consulting Engineer on the tenders received by Wicklow County Council for the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, which would provide additional water for the town of Wicklow, in addition to providing a supply for the rural areas adjacent to the town, we agree that the tender of Messrs Thomas McInerney & Sons, Dublin, in sum of £77,935. 17. 8.

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which is the lowest tender received, be accepted. We also approve of the apportionment of costs of the Scheme on the basis - Wicklow County Council 70%; Wicklow Urban Council 30%, and approve of the raising of a loan from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of defraying the Urban Council's share of the capital cost".

Councillor Hudson indicated that he would hand in a notice of motion at the next County Council meeting, asking the Council to review the apportionment of the costs of the Scheme, and requesting them to reduce the amount apportioned to Wicklow Urban Council.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - WICKLOW SAWMILLS LTD. TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD:

The following correspondence was read in relation to the proposed Assignment by Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., of their interest in a lease of a plot of ground at Strand St., Wicklow, to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd:-

3rd July, 1957.

Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.,  
Church St., Wicklow.

re: Wicklow Sawmills Ltd., to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

A Chairde,

Further to your letter of the 13th June, Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, for Wicklow Sawmills Ltd., was requested to let us have a copy of the Transfer in the above. This was duly received together with covering letter, copy of which I attach for your information, and were considered by the Council at their meeting on the 2nd inst. As you will note there are one or two blanks in the Deed which have yet to be filled in, more especially as regards the price to be inserted as a consideration for the assignment of the Sawmills interest to Shamrock Fertilizers. However, Mr. Cullen addressed a confidential letter to Mr. Flannery, County Manager. In this letter he set out certain facts regarding the financial side of the Assignment, and this information was conveyed by the County Manager to the Council, in committee. I am also attaching a copy of this letter for your information.

After considerable discussion it was finally agreed that the Council consent to the transfer of the Lease in respect of the Sawmills 'proper' (Registered on 5/10/1953 - Book 56 No. 169). Relative to the other lease (Registered on 5/10/1953 - Book 56 No. 168) the Council did not consent to a transfer, but are prepared to accept a surrender of the Lease, and will be prepared to compensate Wicklow Sawmills Ltd., in respect of all rent paid by them on foot of this lease. It was noted by the Council that Wicklow Sawmills no longer require this plot for the purpose of building thereon. Copies of the resolutions are enclosed for your information.

I might add that in the event of the second lease being surrendered the Council are prepared to consider re-leasing it to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Before informing Mr. Cullen of the Council's decision I would be obliged if you would let me have your opinion on the matter at your earliest convenience.

Mise, le meas,  
Town Clerk

Under date 5th July, the Council's Solicitor replied as follows:-  
Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 3rd inst enclosing the documents mentioned therein, and we note that the Council at their recent meeting agreed to the transfer in respect of one of the Lease, but

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that in respect of the other the Council were of opinion that this Lease should be surrendered, as the Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., no longer required the plot for the purpose of building thereon.

The Lease of the second plot contains a covenant by the Lessees that the Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., will within the space of 3 years erect buildings at a cost or value of at least £1,000, but the three years period was only to operate from the date that the Council would demolish the derelict houses and clear the site.

We would be obliged if you would let us know if in fact the Council did any work of demolition or clearance of the site since the Lease was granted on the 10th August, 1953.

On getting this information we will let you have our opinion on the matter.

Yours faithfully,  
J. H. McCarrroll & Co.

The Council's Solicitor was informed that the Council were unable to do any work of demolition or clearance of the site due to the fact that great difficulty was experienced in moving the occupants out of these houses and that at present two of the houses were still occupied. Under date 8th July the Solicitor replied as follows:-

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 6th inst and we note that the Council were unable to do any work of demolition or clearance of the site leased to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., and situate at Bond Street/Strand Street due to the fact that great difficulty was experienced in moving the occupants out of these houses and that at present two of the houses are still occupied.

As already pointed out, the Lease of the plot that the Council have not consented to the transfer of contains a provision: that the Lessees shall within the space of 3 years from the date upon which the demolition of the derelict sites and the clearance of the site thereof by the Council shall have been completed, shall construct buildings at a cost or value of £1000.

In our opinion, therefore, until such time as the Council demolish the buildings and clear the site the Lessees would have 3 years from that time to erect buildings and the fact that no buildings have been erected does not now entitle the Council to refuse permission to the transfer.

The Lease also contains a condition that the Lessees shall not assign or transfer without the previous consent in writing of the Council, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

In our opinion, therefore, this Company could get an Order of the Court compelling the Council to consent to the transfer.

The person purchasing the interest of Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., would, however, be bound by the terms and conditions of the Lease and should the Council demolish the site the Purchaser would be responsible to build as covenanted in the Lease.

We return the documents sent us.

Yours faithfully, etc.

A discussion then took place and as it appeared from the Solicitor's letter that the Council had no option but to grant consent to the Assignment, as otherwise Wicklow Sawmills could obtain a Court Order forcing them to do so, it was finally proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:-

"That we consent to the assignment of interest by Wicklow Sawmills to Shamrock Fertilisers Ltd., of plot adjoining Bond St.,

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and Strand St., Wicklow, and which plot was leased to Wicklow Sawmills Ltd., by Lease dated 10th August, 1953, and is shown on map attached to such Lease and measures 172 ft. or thereabouts on easter side, 207 ft or thereabouts on western side and is 123 ft. or thereabouts in width between eastern and western sides and in respect of which and pending demolition of ruinous buildings and clearance of site a rent of £10 per annum was payable".

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR: The County Manager informed the Council that the resolution to have the vacant post of Rate Collector confined to candidates from the town of Wicklow had been forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and that the following reply had been received:-

13th July, 1957.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 18th June, 1957, regarding the appointment of an Urban Rate Collector, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that it would be contrary to established practice to limit competition for local authority appointment to residents of a particular district. The qualifications declared for the office of Rate Collector are the minimum necessary to ensure that a person appointed is capable of performing the duties of the office. The system of open competition by which all candidates who possess the minimum qualifications are afforded an opportunity of competing for these posts is designed to ensure that the quality of recruits is maintained at the highest possible level. The restriction of competition in the manner proposed by the local authority would tend to defeat the object of the entire system of recruitment and to lower the standard of the service generally. Accordingly, the Minister is not prepared to sanction the proposal.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Council agreed that the post be re-advertised and arrangements made to fill the position as soon as possible.

ALL-NIGHT PUBLIC LIGHTING: - WICKLOW REGATTA The Town Clerk informed the Council that at the last meeting Councillor Doyle had asked about the provision of all-night lighting on August, 3rd, 4th and 5th. A quotation in sum of £5 had now been received from the E.S.B., and he asked for the approval of the Council to the acceptance of the tender. Approved.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*A. Hudson*  
13/8/57.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
2nd August, 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, 6th August, 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, 12th August, 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 2nd July and Special Meeting held on 15th July (copies herewith)
2. Resolution from Ennis Urban District Council re Speed limits in built up areas.
3. Circular letter from Sinn Fein.
4. Association of Municipal Authorities: Correspondence re (a) 44th Annual Conference and (b) Temporary Dwellings.
5. Consideration and adoption of Housing List (Copy Herewith)
6. Lease of Premises at Main Street - Correspondence from Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
7. E.S.V. Scheme -- Consideration of works to be discharged with the aid of grant.
8. Scheme of 2 Houses at Castle Street - Letter from Department of Local Government re Rent.
9. Corporate Estate: Report on condition of certain fields and consideration of application from R. Dickenson for renewal of option on field at Ballyguile.
10. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: Report on Tenders received for purchase of house at Dunbar Road, Wicklow.
11. Report on building sites at Castle Street.
12. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
13. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> AUG. 57

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

IN THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM OF MEMBERS THE  
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO Monday, Aug. 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30PM.

At Auldham  
13/8/57

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 12TH AUGUST, 1957

**Present:** Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, presiding, Councillors E. Kavanagh, E. Hynes, T. Conroy and J. Everett, T.D.

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of monthly meeting held on 2nd July, 1957, special meeting held on 15th July, 1957, and monthly meeting held on 6th August, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**RESOLUTION FROM ENNIS U.D.C.:** The following resolution was read and adopted by the Council:-

"That we, the members of the Ennis Urban District Council request the Government to take immediate steps to introduce legislation, in order to enable the imposition of speed limits on traffic passing through built up areas.

We direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister for Local Government, and that copies be circulated to all local authorities in Ireland with a request that they adopt same".

**CIRCULAR LETTER FROM SINN FEIN:** A letter dated 18/7/1957, which had been received from Sinn Féin, was considered and marked "read".

**ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: (a) 44th Annual Conference**  
A letter dated 23/7/1957 was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities, stating that the 44th Annual Conference will be held in Buncrana on the 24th to 26th September next, and informing Council that any motion which they desired to have discussed should be submitted before 7/9/1957. Noted.

**(b) Temporary Dwellings:** Letter dated 23/7/1957 from the Association was read notifying the Council that if they wished to make any observations regarding temporary dwellings they should instruct their delegates accordingly before they left for this year's Annual Conference. NOTED.

**HOUSING LIST:** The Housing List as circulated to the members was approved of and adopted by the Council.

**LEASE OF PREMISES AT MAIN ST:** The following letter from the Secretary Department of Posts & Telegraphs, dated 22/7/1957, was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 8th May, 1957, regarding the Department's proposal to erect a new Post Office and Telephone Exchange on the site held on lease from Wicklow Urban District Council, it is desired to point out that the proposal involves the erection and equipping of buildings at considerable expense and a term of 75 years as offered could not be regarded as reasonably satisfactory. In view of the fact that the present lease has still 34 years to run it is considered that the term asked for viz. 150 years from a current date is not unreasonable and the Department has secured similar terms elsewhere both from Public Authorities and private interests.

Having regard to the permanent public use to which the property will be put, it is felt that your Council may be agreeable to reconsider the matter and grant the term asked and we shall be glad, therefore, if you will submit the proposal again to the Council.

Mise, le meas, etc.

A copy of this letter was submitted to the Council's Solicitor

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for his advise and he was informed that the Council had previously informed the Department that they were not prepared to dispose of the free hold interest in the property, now were they prepared to grant a lease in excess of 75 years. The following reply dated 30/7/57 had been received from the Council's Solicitor:-

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 25th inst., enclosing a copy of letter received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs in connection with the above matter.

We feel that the Council are reasonable in offering a Lease for 75 years as it certainly would be a departure from their usual custom if they were to grant a longer lease. In fact under the Act the Council could not grant a longer Lease without the express authority from the Department of Local Government.

We can understand the Council's reluctance to create a precedent but having regard to the fact that the premises would be used for permanent public use the Council may consider that a special case may be made in the present incident. There is, however, in law, no obligation on the Council to grant a longer lease so that it is purely a matter of what the Council desire to have done.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council decided that the Department should be informed that they were not prepared to grant a lease for a period in excess of 75 years, as this would be a departure from their usual custom and they were not prepared to create a precedent in doing so.

**E.S.V. 1957/58:** The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Department of Local Government of a grant of £1100 under the Employment Schemes Vote for the year 1957/58. The grant is subject to a local contribution of £110. The list of suggested works as submitted by the Town Surveyor was considered in conjunction with the list of the proposed works contained in the Estimates for the year 1957/58. It was decided to have both lists circulated to the members before the next meeting, in order to give them an opportunity of considering them, and selecting the most suitable works.

**SCHEME of 2 HOUSES AT CASTLE ST:** The following letter dated 23/7/57 from the Department of Local Government was read:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 8th inst., and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he sanctions the basic rent of 15/4d. per week proposed by the County Manager in his Order of 8th May, 1957, for the Wicklow Urban District Council's scheme of 2 houses at Castle St., Wicklow. I am to suggest for the housing authority's consideration that in order to meet the contingency of long term changes in economic circumstances and in money values it would be in the tenant's and the housing authority's interest to provide in the letting agreement for the charging of the economic rent as the standard rent (see Paragraph 1 of Rent Memorandum enclosed) with provision for abatement to the figure proposed to be charged and for varying that figure, and for a requirement that the tenant shall furnish, whenever so requested, information on any matter relating to income of himself and any member of his family living with him. I am to request to be informed of the housing authority's decision in due course.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager pointed out to the Council that as the Tenancy Agreements had already been completed providing for a basic rent of 15/4d. prior to the receipt of the Department's letter, the

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Council were not in a position to implement the suggestions contained therein. It was decided that the Department be informed of the position and also that the Council would bear in mind the matter, when letting any future houses erected by them.

CORPORATE ESTATE: The following report on an inspection of corporate lands was read:-

30th July, 1957.

An inspection of corporation lands was carried out by the County Manager, Town Clerk and Town Sergeant on the 29th inst.

Field at Ballyguile - R. Dickenson: This field comprising 10 acres, 1 rood and 10 perches is held by Mr. R. Dickenson at an annual rent of £30 by agreement dated 24th May, 1952, for a period of 11 months from 1st May, 1952, and with the option of renewing the letting for each of four consecutive periods of 11 months commencing on the 1st May, 1953, 1954, 1955, and 1956.

Mr. Dickenson was allowed to till the field for the first three years and to graze it thereafter. At present it bears crops of wheat, barley, and oats. An application has been received from Mr. Dickenson for a renewal of the option for a further 5 years. It is noted that the field is in very good condition and appears to have been well manured and maintained by the tenant.

Renewal of option to be considered at next Council meeting on 12th August.

Field at Ballyguile ("Sledge Field") - R. Dickenson: This field comprising 7 acres, 0 roods and 27 perches is held on an 11 months letting from 1st May, 1957, by R. Dickenson at a rent of £26. 5. 0. At present it is in a very dirty condition with furze bushes growing on it. Land very poor. It is considered that tenders could be sought and an option given on this field for a number of years conditional on it being ploughed, manured and tilled and generally put back into good condition.

Two Fields at Ballyguile - Mrs. A. O'Brien: These fields comprising 6 acres, 3 roods and 32 perches are held on an 11 months letting from 1st May, 1957, by Mrs. Annie O'Brien at a rent of £26. 10. 0. Land is very poor and in a dirty condition. Small field nearly covered with furze. Land on a steep slope and not suitable for tillage. Town Sergeant estimates cost of cutting, cleaning furze bushes, and of cleaning and opening drains at £50. It would also be necessary to have fertilizer put on the field.

"Bog Field" - Mr. A. Finlayson: As Mr. Finlayson has made no attempt to put this field back into the condition in which he acquired it, it is thought advisable that a surrender of the lease be now accepted conditional on Mr. Finlayson paying cost of the deed of surrender and paying the rent of £35 due at 31st March, 1957; the Council themselves to restore the land and to recover the cost from Mr. Finlayson.

The report and the suggestions contained therein were approved of by the Council. It was further agreed that the option held by R. Dickenson be renewed for a further 2 years, but on a definite crop rotation basis and in this respect it was decided that a report should be submitted to the next meeting. In regard to the two fields at Ballyguile held by Mrs. An. O'Brien, it was agreed that a reclamation grant be applied for.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ) ACTS- HOUSE AT DUNBUR RD: The County Manager informed the Council that tenders had been sought for the purchase of the house situated at Dunbur Rd., but that no tenders were received. This was the second occasion on which an attempt had been made to sell this house and both attempts were unsuccessful.

An application had been received that morning from Dr. M. A.

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Baradi, Manager of Couper Works Ltd., to rent the house as a residence for one of their Dutch men. In his application he asked that the Council would reduce the rent from £144 per year to £120, and also stated that if everything worked out satisfactorily they might consider taking over the loan on the house.

It was agreed to grant Dr. Baradi tenancy of the house on a monthly basis at a rent of £132 per annum, if this were acceptable to him, and it was further agreed that the Manager should negotiate on this basis.

REPORT ON POTENTIAL BUILDING SITES: The following report from the Town Clerk dated 12/8/1957 was read:-

In 1955 the Council caused a survey to be made of certain potential building sites, with a view to having houses erected thereon. Consequent upon inspections made and reports furnished to the Department of Local Government, three sites at Castle St., Wicklow, were approved as being suitable for house erection. Only one of these sites is owned by the Council and two bungalows have now been erected thereon. The reputed owners of the remaining sites, as detailed hereunder, are Mrs. G. O'Reilly of Carrickmacross and the late Misses Hamilton.

Plot off Monkton Row having a frontage of 89' suitable for three houses and owned by the late Misses Hamilton.

Plot off Castle St. is held by two separate owners, Mrs. O'Reilly and the late Misses Hamilton. It is understood that these plots are rented to the occupiers of the adjoining houses. This plot is suitable for the erection of 2 houses.

Both owners indicated that they were not prepared to dispose of the sites to the Council and as the sites could not then be classified as derelict it was agreed that they be acquired by means of a Compulsory Purchase Order. However, when the Council proceeded with the erection of two bungalows on the site owned by them, no further action was taken regarding the compulsory acquisition of the remaining sites.

If the Council wish to proceed with the building of houses on these sites, it is considered that it would be advisable to start negotiations afresh, particularly in view of the fact that the Misses Hamilton are now deceased. It is also recommended that a report be obtained from the County Medical Officer as to whether the sites could now (two years later) be classified as Derelict Sites as proceedings under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act would be more simple than under the H.W.C. Acts, 1899 to 1954.

M. J. Cusack,  
Town Clerk

The Council decided to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of the site off Monkton Row, if the present reputed owner, Dr. Hamilton, is not prepared to dispose of it by agreement. It was agreed that an offer of £30 might be made for it.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE TOWN SURVEYOR: The report was read as follows:-

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Waterworks: The position of the water-supply notwithstanding the recent wet weather still gives cause for anxiety and it is necessary that the public should be convinced that wastage of water at the present time will definitely contribute, to a great extent, to an entire shortage in the late Autumn. The present depth of water below the overflow is about 11' leaving still a depth of about 9½ or 10' to the draw off level, but this later depth is at the lowest crosssection of the pond and consequently the quantity available is small in relation to the depth.

Foreshore Protection Works: During the month the works on the north

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beach in providing concrete blocks was completed as far as funds allowed, and 13 blocks were constructed with chain. It is hoped that further funds will be made available to continue the construction of these blocks to the additional number of 18.

Roads: The E.S.B. laid a cable in the road immediately adjoining the footpath at Quarantine Hill and interfered with the channel and the curbs and on examination it was found that complete re-laying of the curbs and a new concrete channel would be necessary. It was considered necessary, in addition, on excavating the curbs that the concrete path, as a whole, should be done and this was carried out. A refund of the cost of the path appropriate to the E.S.B. is being sought.

Town Hall Roof: This has been completed and the tarmac laid. There ~~xxx~~ still remains the provision of 7 windows frames with glass and there are being prepared.

Housing: The painting of 66 houses has now been completed and a very good job done. There are applications for several additional repairs to be carried out in the matter of doors, sash cords, etc., but the Council will realise that the funds must be conserved at this stage as we have still eight months approximately before the end of the financial year.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

Councillor Everett protested against the repair of the Quarantine Hill path without the consent of the Council.

The Manager informed the Council that an application had been made to the Department of Local Government for a further additional grant of £500 for the purpose of filling in the space between the concrete blocks and the promenade proper, and it was felt that there was a possibility of getting this sum. The Town Surveyor was instructed to proceed with the work immediately the money was received.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - MRS. M. FINLAY: An application was received from Mr. G. F. Haughton, Solicitor, Dublin, applying for a renewal of lease in respect of premises at the Main St., on behalf of Mrs. M. Finlay. It was decided to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

NOTICE TO QUIT - MRS. K. KENNEDY: The County Manager outlined the position regarding the tenancy of No. 8 Glenview Rd., by Mrs. Kathleen Kennedy, and after discussion it was decided that proceedings be instituted for possession of the house and that arrangements be made with the County Council for the boarding out of the children.

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO WICKLOW: The following letter dated 8/8/1957 from the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co., was read:-  
Dear Sir,

We should esteem it a favour if you would be kind enough to consider authorising us to public an Official Guide on behalf of your Council for the town of Wicklow, and so enable us to include Wicklow in our series.

We have found from experience that the normal duration of a Guide is two years, as there is little, if any, change in local conditions during that period, and besides, it is a more economical arrangement for advertisers, as a lower charge can be made. Therefore, we do not accept contracts for producing Guides, unless authorised to do so for two years.

Our proposal is as follows:-

- (1) To supply and deliver, free of all cost, during the two years of our proposed contract, a minimum of 1,000 copies of the Guide to your Council.
- (2) To submit all editorial matter, photographs and advertisements, for the approval of you and your Council, so as to ensure that no

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undesirable material will appear in the Guide.

(3) To undertake the cost of, and include in the Guide, such photographs, drawings and Street Plans as you may consider necessary.

(4) To place the Guide on sale with Booksellers.

(5) To carry out any additional suggestions as you may consider necessary, in relation to local conditions appertaining to the Town of Wicklow.

We should be very much obliged if you would kindly place our proposal before your Council, and let us know at your earliest convenience, so as to enable us to make the necessary arrangements.

Sinne, le meas, etc.

After a discussion the proposals submitted were accepted and it was decided that the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co., be informed that the Council had no objection to the publishing of an Official Guide.

DUMPING AND BURNING OF SHAVINGS: Councillor Kavanagh stated that Irish Forest Products Ltd., were dumping shavings from pit prop in the Black Castle dumping ground and the shavings were being burned and were causing a great deal of annoyance to residents in the Castle St. area. The Town Clerk stated that he had been in touch with Irish Forest Products Ltd., on a number of occasions, but had met with no success in trying to solve the problem. On the suggestion of Councillor Kavanagh it was decided to write to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners and point out that as the shavings emanated from their property, an alternative means of disposal should be provided by them. It was suggested that it might be possible to have the shavings discharged from the east pier on a falling tide.

MURROUGH LETTINGS: CIRCUSES: The Town Clerk stated that as a lot of people were under the impression that the Urban Council had prevented circuses from coming to Wicklow this year by increasing the charge for the use of the Murrough and he would like to inform the Council that this was not so, and that the charge of £5 has been in operation since 1945.

The meeting then concluded.

*Neuman & Parkey  
3rd Feb 1957*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
30th August, 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, 3rd September, 1957, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,  
M. J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of adjourned monthly meeting held on 12th August, 1957, (copy herewith).
2. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts House at Dunbur Rd. - report re letting to Couper Works Ltd.
3. E.S.V. Scheme, 1957/58 - Consideration of works to be discharged with aid of grant.
4. Renewal of Lease, Co. Hospital - Correspondence from Wicklow County Council.
5. Corporate Estate - Renewal of option to R. Dickenson.
6. Renewal of Lease - Mrs. E. Finley
7. Application from Wicklow Swimming Club for use of Ball Alley for fete.
8. Renewal of Cinema Licences.
9. Letting of vacant Council houses.
10. Town Surveyor's monthly report.
11. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1957

Present: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors C. W. Hudson, T. Conroy, J. Carroll, T. Doyle, E. Hynes, E. Kevanagh, and J. Everett, T.D. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor T. Byrne.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of adjourned monthly meeting held on 12th August, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS - HOUSE AT DUNBUR RD: The County Manager told the Council that it had been arranged to let this house to Couper Works Ltd., at an inclusive rent of £11 per month. However, the staff member, for whom this house was intended as a residence, had now arrived in Wicklow and considered that the ground floor rooms were very small. On this account Couper Works had not given a definite decision as to whether or not they would rent the house. The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. E. Hynes was maintaining his weekly payment of 10/- per week to clear the balance of £65. 12. 4. This arrangement had been agreed to at the June monthly meeting of the Council and would be reviewed at the end of September.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1957/58: The Council discussed the works to be discharged with the aid of this Grant. A letter was read from Councillor T. Byrne, who suggested that serious consideration be given to the re-surfacing of New Park Rd. Members agreed that this road was badly in need of attention but it was felt that as the work was maintenance and not improvement it was doubtful if it would be considered by the Department for inclusion in the E.S.V. Scheme. Councillor Conroy suggested the provision of a path along the cottage on the Murrough as there was a lot of flooding on the approach paths to Urban Villas. He also drew attention to the necessity for paths at the Methodist Church at Bayview and at Wentworth Place and Church Hill. Councillor Carroll said that one path along Monkton Row should be sufficient and the meeting decided to delete the provision of a path on the west side. On the suggestion of Councillor Everett the amount provided for concrete steps between Castle St., and the South Quay walk was reduced by £150.

The following are the list of works which were finally agreed to:-

(1) Concrete path at New St., west side	£145
(2) Concrete path at Lr. Monkton Row, east side	£120
(3) Concrete path St. Dominick's Rd., front of cottages west side	£150
(4) Concrete path Castle St., to Fitzgerald's cottage towards Quarantine Hill	£175
(5) Concrete path along Murrough cottages	£200
(6) Concrete path at Barrow Green	£170
(7) Concrete steps on space of ground between Castle St. (near Moody's house) leading to the South Quay walk, immediately adjoining house known as "Riverside"	£250
Total	<u>£1,100</u>

CORPORATE ESTATE - RENEWAL OF OPTION TO R. DICKENSON: The Town Clerk said that arising out of a discussion on this matter at the last meeting the C.A.O., Mr. Scott had inspected the field at Ballyguile on which it was intended to grant a renewal of the option to Mr. Dickenson. The C.A.O. said that as three crops of corn had already been taken out of the field and as a lot of scutch grass and rag-weed were now commencing to grow, that it would hardly be



21st March, 1964.

Secretary,  
Valuation Office,  
Ely Place,  
Dublin.

re: 1964 Revision of Valuations -  
Appeals

A Chara,

I enclose appeal received from Mr. Frank Fallon, Leitrim Place, Wicklow, against the revised valuation placed on his premises.

Mise, le meas,



Town Clerk

Encl.

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satisfactory to oversow with grass seed next year. He considered that the only satisfactory solution would be to plough the field and to then seed down. The Town Clerk said that portion of the field was under green crop and that this portion would not need to be ploughed and seeded. The County Manager said that if the Council were renewing the option to Mr. Dickenson they should make it a condition of the renewal that he would carry out the recommendations of the C.A.O. Councillor Conroy said he understood that at the last meeting it was agreed that Mr. Dickenson be approached regarding what improvement work was required on the field. The meeting decided to adjourn the matter to enable the Town Clerk to have an opportunity of discussing the matter with Mr. Dickenson.

BOG FIELD: The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

A Chara,

I inspected this field on Friday, 23rd August, 1957. That portion of the ground held by Finlayson, which is below and to the road side of the old boundary ditch is almost overgrown with furze bushes. No further work has been done on this field to remove stones clay etc., originally deposited there, but a grass sod has covered most of the material by now.

I would recommend that the boundary ditch between the two fields, dividing the "Bog" field from the upper field should be levelled out with a bulldozer machine, and the two fields made into one unit. The cost of doing so, together with pulling up all the bushes and cleaning the field generally would be £135, but the result should be beneficial to the Council insofar as it would be easier to let at a higher price and water would be available, which it is not at the moment in the upper field.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The County Manager told the Council that it had been estimated that the portion of the reclamation cost of £135 attributable to Mr. Finlayson would be £14. The meeting decided that Mr. Finlayson be informed that £14 was due by him as his portion of the cost of reclamation.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - COUNTY HOSPITAL: The following letter from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, was read:-

21st August, 1957.

A Chara,

At the meeting of the County Council held on the 19th inst., the County Council agreed to transfer patients in the County Hospital to the reconstructed Fever Hospital by 1st October, 1957.

Regarding the future of the present County Hospital buildings, it was mentioned that there was some doubt as to whether the Urban District Council would be entitled to require the County Council to surrender the premises. It was felt that the County Council might be entitled to continue to use the premises if they so thought fit.

It was also decided that in order that the future use of the premises might be further examined a joint committee of the Urban Council and the County Council should meet for a discussion on this subject.

Would you please arrange to submit this proposal to the next meeting of the Urban District Council.

Misc, le meas, etc.

After a short discussion it was agreed that a Committee be appointed as the Council felt that they would not be committing themselves to anything by doing this. It was proposed by Councillor

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Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Hudson that the following be appointed to the Committee:-

Councillors W. Clarke, E. Hynes, J. Carroll and T. Conroy.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - Mrs. E. FINLAY: The Town Clerk informed the Council that the renewal of the lease in respect of premises at Main St., had been originally before the Council in 1949. This lease had been granted to John Maguire in 1874 and eventually passed to Miss A. Kennedy, who died without making a will. The lease expired in 1949 and the Council at that time agreed to the granting of a renewal of the lease to John Kennedy, Ed. Kennedy Mrs. E. Finlay and Mrs. E. Courtenay, but the lease was never executed, as seemingly the parties could not agree on the matter of apportionment of costs. A new application for a renewal had now been received on behalf of Mrs. E. Finlay and the Manager pointed out that it would not be in order for the Council to grant a renewal to one party without the consent of the others. After further discussion it was agreed to adjourn the matter to a later date and in the meantime Councillor Carroll would make enquiries to see if the different parties would be agreeable to a renewal of the lease to one of them.

APPLICATION FROM WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB FOR USE OF BALL ALLEY FOR FETE:

Application was received from Wicklow Swimming Club for the use of the Ball Alley for a fete in 1958. The meeting felt that it could not grant this application due to the proximity of the location to the Dominican Convent, and to the Fever Hospital, the latter building though now unoccupied would be in use as from 1/10/1957, as the patients in the County Hospital were being transferred thereto. The Swimming Club to be informed of this and also that the Council would be favourably disposed to giving them the use of the Murrough for a fete, instead.

CINEMA LICENCES: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That we approve of the fixing of the Council's Seal to the renewal of licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of the Rialto and Abbey Cinemas, Wicklow, subject to the conditions set out in the County Fire Officer's report. The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Licences.

LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES: The Town Clerk told the Council that two vacant Council houses were available for letting, viz. (1) 10 Glenview Road, rent 6/11d. per week inclusive of rates (former tenant Mrs. Cullen) (2) 31 St. Laurence's Park, rent 15/- inclusive of rates (former tenant, A. Gillespie). In respect of the latter house an application for a transfer had been received from Christopher Dunne, 20 St. Laurence's Park (rent 16/- per week). The members recommended that the transfer be granted on condition that Mr. Dunne paid an inclusive rent of 16/- per week as he does at present. The houses were then allocated in accordance with the Council's Housing List. 10 Glenview Road - James Noctor, High St; 20 St. Laurence's Park - Wm. Kelly, Bond St. The Town Clerk told the meeting if Mr. Kelly did not accept tenancy, the next person on the list would be given the choice.

MONTHLY REPORT - TOWN SURVEYOR: The report was read as follows:-

Monthly Report - August, 1957

Waterworks: The situation in connection with the water-supply has now reached a very dangerous state. The continued dry weather and the fact that the springs have not yet opened leaves the position that the level of the water in the reservoir is 13'9" below the overflow depth and consequently only about 6' remains to the bottom of the draw-off pipe. So low has the level gone that it has been found impossible to fill the filter tanks to the required level and I have had to call in the service of a trailer pump to deliver the water

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from the reservoir over the bank into the tanks. At the moment this procedure will have to be adopted at least once per week and should the unfavourable conditions continue at least twice per week. At the same time the stream from the Larlton River is quickly lessening each day and the number of hours during which pumping can take place is becoming less and less. The consumption of water in the town is restricted as the Council will remember, by cutting off at night, but there does not appear to be any serious attention paid to the appeal to save water or to appreciate the situation. Should the present conditions continue there is no doubt, but that strict rationing will have to be resorted to, and unless there is a change in the next 3 weeks an emergency situation will arise. I regret to inform the Council that Mr. J. De Courcy, Waterworks Overseer has had to return again to hospital and in the meantime Mr. J. De Courcy, Jr., has been appointed to act in his place. During the month he was actively engaged in locating leaks, repairing cisterns and pipes in houses, including those in Council houses, which work formed the bulk of the repairs carried out during the month. Repairs to gates and doors at the Ballynerrin Housing Scheme is now in progress.

Town Hall: The internal painting of the Town Hall office has now been completed. The window frames in the 7 windows of the stores have now been inserted and the glass will be fixed during the week.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

Councillor Everett proposed and Councillor Hudson seconded that the Council send an expression of their regret to Mr. De Courcy and their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Councillor Conroy asked that repairs be carried out to the door of Nos. 2, Glenview Rd., tenanted by James Brien. A list of repairs requiring attention was submitted by Mrs. Redmond, 2 Castle Park, and it was decided to refer them to the Town Surveyor for attention.

Leave of Absence: Mr. James Hill: An application was read from James Hill, applying for another 3 months leave of absence. The Town Clerk said that already up to 31/7/1957, Mr. Hill had had 11 months leave of absence. After a discussion it was decided that this application could not be granted and if Mr. Hill was to leave the house unoccupied the Council would have no option but to take proceedings for recovery of possession.

Lease of Plot of Ground at Sea Front - Wicklow Swimming Club: An application was read from Mr. G. F. Haughton, Solicitor, on behalf of Wicklow Swimming Club applying for a lease of the plot of ground at the Sea Front, Wicklow, on which the dressing room stands, and stating that if the lease was granted the Club proposed to erect a new premises thereon. The Town Clerk said that this matter had been originally before the Council in 1946, when it was agreed to grant a lease for a period of 15 years at a yearly rent of £1. He pointed out that as portion of the plot required by the Swimming Club comprises a part of the foreshore leased to the Council by the Minister for Finance on 7/12/1943, it would be necessary to have the approval of the Minister to any sub-lease. The execution of the lease at that time was not proceeded with as the Swimming Club did not furnish details as to proposed buildings in order that suitable covenants might be inserted in the lease, and approved of by the Minister for Finance. The Council decided that before proceeding with the granting of a lease and in view of what had previously transpired, that the Swimming Club be now asked to submit details of their proposal for the erection of new buildings on the plot.

Councillor Everett proposed that the Council extend to Messrs Couper Works their congratulations and good-wishes in their new venture, and said that every member of the Council and everyone in the town would wish them success and offer full support in any request they

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would have to make. Councillor Hudson seconded and the Chairman and other members joined in the expression of welcome to Messrs Couper Works Ltd.:

The meeting then concluded.

County Archives  
Hudson's Park  
J. T. O'Byrne  
Oct 1957

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
27th September, 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, 1st October, 1957, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. Kavanagh,  
Acting Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd September, 1957 (copy herewith).
2. Adoption of new seal based on Coat of Arms.
3. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - House at Dunbur Road  
(a) Review of payments by Mr. E. Hynes. (b) Letting to William Gerritsen - Sealing of Agreement.
4. Renewal of Lease - Premises at Main St., Mrs. Finlay.
5. Corporate Estate: (a) Renewal of option to R. Dickenson and (b) Reclamation of 2 fields at Ballyguile.
6. Foreshore Protection Works - notification of Grant.
7. Wicklow Swimming Club - Lease of Plot at Seafont.
8. Auditor's report.
9. Renewal of Lease - County Hospital.
10. Application from Mr. W. Clarke, for lease of plot of ground at Strand St.
11. Letting of vacant house at 32 St. Laurence's Park.
12. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 1ST OCTOBER, 1957

Present: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors C. W. Hudson, J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Carroll, Ed. P. Hynes, T. Byrne and E. Kavanagh.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd September, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ADOPTION OF NEW SEAL BASED ON COAT OF ARMS: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby determine that on and from 1st October, 1957, our official Seal as a Corporate body be a Seal corresponding to the Coat of Arms issued to us by the Chief Herald of Ireland on 1st August, 1956, and that such Seal be that to be affixed to all documents requiring the Seal of the Council".

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS - HOUSE AT DUNBUR RD: The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. E. P. Hynes was maintaining his weekly payment of 10/- in reduction of the balance of £65. 12. 4. Originally a sum of £213. 6. 8. had been due and up to June £147. 14. 4. had been received. The Council agreed to continue accepting the weekly payments of 10/-.

(2) Letting to William Gerbitsen: The County Manager explained to the Council regarding the letting of the house at Dunbur Rd. to Willem Gerritsen. It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Everett, and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Agreement whereby the Council let the house owned by them at Dunbur Rd., and on which a loan had previously been advanced to Mr. E. Hynes, to William Gerbitsen at a monthly rent of £10, inclusive of rates, ground rent and fire insurance, from the 14th September, 1957".

RENEWAL OF LEASE - PREMISES AT MAIN ST.. MRS. FINLAY: The County Manager gave a resume of the position relating to the renewal of the lease to Mrs. M. Finlay and said that it appeared that the position at present was that John Kennedy and Mrs. Edith Courtenay were agreeable to a lease being granted to Mrs. Finlay, but that Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, who claimed to be executrix for her late husband Ed. Kennedy, wishes the lease to be granted to all the parties concerned, who appear to have an interest in these premises. Therefore, the following points have now arisen and have been referred to the Council's law agent for his advice - (1) the power of Mrs. Kennedy to act as executrix of the estate of her late husband and (2) if Mrs. Kennedy is so entitled to act, would she be agreeable to a lease being granted to Mrs. Finlay and to forego any right or title she might have in the premises at the Mall, Wicklow. Council agreed to defer further consideration of this matter, pending receipt of the advice of the Solicitor.

CORPORATE ESTATE: (1) Renewal of option to R. Dickenson The Manager gave a brief summary of the position relating to field at Ballyguile which had been held by Robert Dickenson on a 5 year option, and who had now applied for a renewal of the option. The advice of the Council's Solicitor had been sought and it would appear that an 11 months' letting should only be granted, and that it would not be advisable to grant an option for a number of years. The Manager pointed out to the Council that the greater part of their lands was in very poor condition and that a proper system of crop

rotation would be required to put it back into good condition. He suggested to the Council that they seriously consider taking over this field at the end of the present year and till it themselves. After a discussion it was agreed that a report be submitted to the next meeting relative to the cost of tilling this field.

(b) Two fields at Ballyguile - Mrs. A. O'Brien The Town Clerk reported that he had carried out an inspection of the above fields accompanied by Mr. Finnegan, Land Project Office, following on Council's request to the Department of Agriculture for a grant towards the reclamation. Mr. Finnegan recommended that the Council should first arrange to open up the outlets and to uncover the drainage system and when this had been carried out he would be in a position to prepare a scheme for submission to the Department. The Scheme when prepared would cover the repair and extension of the existing drainage system if this is possible or alternatively the provision of a new drainage system, the removal of all furze bushes and the fertilising of the land. The Town Clerk said that they would first have to obtain the consent of Mrs. O'Brien who presently holds the land on an 11 months tenancy, before entering on the field to commence work. The Council considered the report satisfactory and recommended that a start be made with it as early as possible.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Read following letter dated 6/9/1957 from the Department of Local Government:-

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 5th July, 1957, and previous correspondence, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that he has obtained the approval of the Minister for Finance to the allocation of a grant from the E.S. Vote not exceeding £375 towards the cost of the work now proposed, and estimated to cost £500. The grant is subject to the general conditions attached to the original grant of £3,750 and also to the conditions that the Wicklow Urban District Council will contribute the balance of the cost, and that if the cost proves less than estimated the grant will be proportionately reduced.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:-

"That we approve of the additional expenditure of £125 being the local contribution towards the Foreshore Protection Works consequent on notification from the Department of Local Government of a grant of £375 subject to the aforementioned local contribution."

WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB - LEASE OF PLOT AT SEAFRONT: The County Manager told the Council that the Wicklow Swimming Club had now submitted a plan of the proposed structure which they intended to erect on the plot at the Sea Front. This structure contained ladies and gents dressing rooms, toilet facilities, and a pavilion for the use of Club members. The Town Clerk told the Council that portion of the foreshore was included in the plot of ground required by the Swimming Club and this had been leased from the Minister for Finance for a period of 31 years from 25/3/1937. This lease would, therefore, expire in 1968, and if the Council proposed to grant a lease to the Wicklow Swimming Club for a period longer than 11 years it would be necessary to seek the renewal of the lease from the Minister for Finance. After some discussion the following resolution was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Doyle:-

"That we hereby consent to the granting of a lease for a term of 75 years from 1st December, 1957, of a plot of ground at the Sea-Front, Wicklow, adjacent to and east of the West Pier as shown on map submitted, and measuring approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. The yearly rent to be £1 and Wicklow Swimming Club to erect on the plot a pavilion for the use of members of the Club in accordance with plans and specification to be approved of by the Council, and such buildings to be completed within a period of three years from the 1st December, 1957,

and to be used solely as a pavilion, providing dressing rooms and changing rooms for the members of the Club. The lease is also subject to the sanction of the Minister for Finance as part of the plot would be foreshore coming under control of the State".

AUDITORS REPORT: The Auditor's report on the accounts for the years ending 31st March, 1956 and 31st March, 1957, which had been circulated to the members was considered satisfactory.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - CO. HOSPITAL: The County Manager gave a resume of discussion which took place at a meeting of the Joint Committees of representatives of Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council held on Monday, 16th September, 1957, to consider the proposed use of the County Hospital buildings. A discussion then took place and members expressed the view that the County Council required a renewal of the lease, because it made the premises more valuable if they were to sell them. No proposal had been submitted by the County Council as to the future use of the building and the feeling of the Council was that if it ceased to be a County Hospital that it should revert to them. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Carrll, that the Council do not grant a renewal of the lease and that they do not accept any ground rent for the County Hospital.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE - 32 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK: The Town Clerk informed the Council that No. 32 St. Laurence's Park (former tenant Denis Hanlon) was now vacant. The weekly rent is 15/-, inclusive of rates, and that the next person in order on the Council's Housing List was Thomas Doyle, 7 Castle St. Applications for transfers had been received from the following:-

Joseph Doran, 5, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Rd: family 6 - rent 10/8d. per week.

Arthur Tavenor, 16 St. Laurence's Park: family 10; rent 15/- per week.

Mrs. S. Whelan, 10 St. Laurence's Rd: family 3; rent 6/3d. per week.

After some discussion the Council recommended that the following lettings be arranged:-

Mrs. Whelan be transferred to the vacant house at 32 St. Laurence's Park: that Joseph Doran be offered tenancy of Mrs. Whelan's house at 10 St. Laurence's Rd., and that Thomas Doyle, be offered tenancy of Mr. Doran's house at 5, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Rd. Councillors expressed the opinion that it was unlikely that Thomas Doyle would accept the tenancy, and the Town Clerk said that in that event it would be offered to the next person on the list, who was Ed. Ryan, 3 Fitzwilliam Road.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR - SEALING OF WARRANT: The County Manager informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. William Kavnagh, "Springmount", Summer Hill, Wicklow, to be Rate Collector to the Wicklow Urban District Council with effect from 1st October, 1957, and that it would now be necessary to have a Warrant sealed. It was proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Warrant in respect of 1957/58 to be issued to Mr. William Kavanagh, newly appointed Rate Collector to Wicklow Urban District Council".

ERECTION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT EAST PIER: Letter dated 25/9/57 from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners stating that a public convenience was required in the vicinity of the East Pier, was read. It was decided that the letter be referred back to them as the Urban Council had no power to erect public conveniences on private property.

SEALING OF DEED OF ASSIGNMENT: WICKLOW SAWMILLS LTD. TO SHAMROCK FERTILISERS LTD: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Hynes and resolved:-

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"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Indenture of Assignment between Wicklow Sawmills Ltd., and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., whereby Wicklow Sawmills Ltd. assign their interest in two leases dated 10th August, 1953 and 5th October, 1953, from the Wicklow Urban District Council to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd."

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

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter from Mrs. L. Redmond, 24 Kilmantin Rd., regarding repairs to the kitchen floor was read and referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that James Hill, 3 Castlefield, had left his house without the permission of the Council and had gone to reside in England. At the last meeting the Council had refused to grant any further leave of absence and had informed Mr. Hill that if he again left the house unoccupied the Council would have no option but to proceed for recovery of possession of the premises. The Chairman said that the Council had no choice, and that the house would have to be recovered from Mr. Hill.

Councillor Hudson stated that the 12.15 p.m. bus on Sundays had now been discontinued and was causing grave inconvenience to townspeople who had used it to visit relatives and friends in Dublin hospitals. He said that the 2 p.m. service arrived in Dublin too late for visiting hospitals and it was agreed that the Council should request C.I.E. to reintroduce this service.

Councillor Kavanagh asked if it would be possible to have rubber boots provided for the Council's outdoor staff and the Town Clerk said that it had been the practice to provide boots when the men were engaged on foreshore works or on drainage schemes.

Councillor Hudson stated that very bad flooding had occurred at Strand St., and he enquired if anything could be done to relieve it. The Town Clerk stated that the flooding was caused due to the very heavy rains coinciding with a high tide, with the result that the shores were unable to take the water.

Councillor Hudson proposed and Councillor Clarke seconded a vote of sympathy with Rev. J. Hans, C.C., on the death of his mother. All the members present, the County Manager and the Town Clerk associated themselves with the vote of sympathy, which was passed in silence, all present standing.

Councillor Conroy enquired regarding the present position of the water supply and the Town Clerk said that the position had been very serious up to a week ago. However, the heavy rains of the previous week had opened up the springs and there was quite a good flow in the Abbey River. Pumping was now taking place for 15-16 hours per day, but the water would still have to be turned off at 9 o'clock each night, until the reservoir had been built up to a reasonable level. He assured the Council that a 24 hr service would again be provided at the earliest possible moment.

Councillor Hynes proposed and Councillor Hudson seconded a message of tribute to the members of the Wicklow Fire Brigade on the excellent work and the exemplary manner in which they had attended to the recent fire at the premises of Mr. George Murray, Main St. It was due to their efforts that the fire was prevented from spreading along the entire block.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF SITE AT STRAND ST: Councillor Clarke left the meeting and Councillor Hudson took the chair for the purpose of considering a letter from Messrs William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., applying for a lease of 4 derelict sites at Strand St., Wicklow. The Town Clerk informed the Council that there were 4 derelict

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houses on this site and one of them, formerly owned by a Mrs. Hogan, was in the possession of the Council. The position regarding the ownership of the other 3, originally leased to Mr. William White, was very complicated and the Council's Solicitor had advised that it would be better for the Council to acquire them under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act. The Council agreed to do so and it was decided that when they had been so acquired the matter of leasing them to Messrs Clarke could then be discussed further.

The meeting then concluded.

*W. Hudson*  
5/11/57

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

31st October, 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 November, 1957, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

M. J. Cusack

Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1st October, 1957 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Drogheda Borough Council re subsidisation of houses for Old Age Pensioners.
3. Sunday Bus Service - reply from Coras Iompair Eireann.
4. Renewal of lease - Mrs. E. Finlay.
5. Corporate Estate: (a) Proposals for use of field at Ballyguile (K. Dickenson).  
(b) "Bog Field" - surrender of lease.  
(c) Letting of field for con-acre (plots field Greenhill Road).
6. Application to rent plot of ground at rere of St. Patrick's Avenue.
7. Housing List - Consideration and adoption of new Housing List.
8. Letting of vacant Council house - 5 St. Patrick's Avenue.
9. Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 - (a) Making of Preliminary Order in respect of site at Strand St. (b) Reports on Derelict Sites at Castle Park.
10. Christmas Bowl Market - fixing of date.
11. Strand Street Houses - proposals to acquire and demolish eight unfit houses at Strand St.
12. Lease to Wicklow Swimming Club - Letter from Department of Industry and Commerce.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
14. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILM I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH NOVEMBER, 1957

*Adopted & altered 3/12*

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Everett, T. Di. E. Kavanagh, E. Hynes, J. Carroll, T. Conroy and T. Byrne.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Chairman Mr. W. Clarke.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st November, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Byrne stated that at the last meeting he had requested a report on the condition of the bath in house tenanted by Mrs. O'Neill, Kilmantin Road. The Town Surveyor promised to submit a report to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION FROM DROGHEDA BOROUGH COUNCIL: The following resolution was read and adopted by the Council:-

"The Corporation of Drogheda accept that houses for Old Age Pensioners and those with incomes of less than £2 per week, require greater subsidisation. They have decided to further subsidise, by raising their previous contribution, houses specially constructed for people of that type and they respectfully request the Central Government to make a substantial extra contribution for the same type of construction and applicant. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Municipal Authorities".

SUNDAY BUS SERVICE: The following letter from C.I.E. was read:-

17th October, 1957.

A Chara,

I refer to my letter of the 4th instant and our Chief Inspector's call on you regarding the re-introduction of a 12.15 a.m. service ex Wicklow on Sundays.

In this connection I have to advise you that the re-introduction of this service would necessitate the employment of an additional bus and crew and the traffic likely to be obtained from this operation, would not justify the expenditure involved, particularly having regard to the fact that there is ample accommodation available on the 11.32 a.m. service, ex Wicklow for people wishing to visit relatives and friends in Dublin Hospitals.

In these circumstances, therefore, I regret having to advise you that I cannot accede to your request.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Chairman remarked that he had received numerous representations from the people regarding this service and the Council decided that C.I.E. be asked to reconsider their decision.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - MRS. E. FINLAY: The Manager informed the Council that Mr. G. F. Haughton, Solicitor for Mrs. Finlay, had been asked to indicate if the parties concerned were agreeable to a joint lease being granted to Mrs. Finlay and Mrs. Kennedy. To date no reply

had been received on this point but Mr. Haughton had stated that the Council would be entitled to grant a new lease to Mrs. Finlay without having regard to the wishes of the other parties, who have no interest whatever subsisting in the premises. Council's Solicitor had been asked for his opinion and had replied that as Mrs. Finlay is only one of four people with a legal interest in the premises and that, therefore, in his opinion the Council would only be getting themselves involved in a law action by granting the lease to Mrs. Finlay. Councillor Carroll asked if we could take over the premises and to then grant a new lease. It was decided to obtain the advice of the Council's Solicitor on this matter and to also inform Mr. Haughton that it is up to the four parties themselves to decide as to whom a renewal of the lease should be granted, and that it would be appreciated if a decision could be reached on this point at an early date.

**CORPORATE ESTATE:** (1) Field at Ballyguile With reference to this field at present tenanted by Mr. R. Dickenson, the Manager stated that he had obtained the advice of the C.A.O. who had suggested two alternatives - (a) to put the field back into grass next Spring as had been done with the Glen Field or (b) to sow barley in the field and seed down to grass at the end of August, immediately after harvesting the barley. The Manager pointed out that the cost of sowing with barley would be approximately £20 per acre making a total of £200 for the whole field and on an average the yield could only be expected to realise approximately £280. Accordingly he was not in favour of this course, but suggested that it be seeded down in the Spring at a cost of approximately £40 to cover ploughing, harrowing, seeding etc., in addition to this there would be the cost of fertilizer which might amount to another £40. After a short discussion the Council agreed, Councillor Conroy, dissenting that the field be seeded down next Spring.

(2) Bog Field: The Manager said that the Solicitor had now indicated that Mr. Finlayson had agreed to surrender the lease of the Bog Field and had paid the rent to the 25th March, 1957, and had also paid £14 as his share of the cost of its reclamation. The Town Clerk said that the actual Surrender had not yet been executed due to Mr. Finlayson's illness, but that in all probability it would be available for the next meeting.

(3) Letting of Field for con-acre: The Manager said that this was a small field comprising  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres on the Greenhill Road and had been used for allotments for the last 3 years and that it had now been necessary to let it out for con-acre for one season, and afterwards let it back into grass for pasture. He said this was the normal practice but as this field was in a very uneven condition after the allotments it might require two ploughings before it could be seeded down. Councillor Conroy proposed that the Council carry out the work themselves on the same lines as they intended doing with the field at Ballyguile and asked that he be recorded as dissenting when the Council agreed to invite tenders for its letting for con-acre.

Councillor Conroy asked for a report on the field leased to the G.A.A. Club and it was agreed that this item should be placed on the Agenda for the next monthly meeting.

**APPLICATION TO RENT PLOT OF GROUND AT REAR OF ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:**

An application was read from Messrs G. Heaslip and E. Fitzgerald to rent a plot of ground at the rear of St. Patrick's Avenue houses for the purpose of tillage. The Manager said that this plot of ground had been reserved in the Town Plan for plantation purposes and to provide a shelter belt for the 8 houses. The Town Surveyor had reported on the application and had recommended that the application be granted on condition that no buildings be erected on the plot and that a 10' wide strip along the rear access passage be reserved for plantation purposes. The Council agreed to make the

letting at a rent of £1 per year and to purchase trees from the money available in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund and to plant them on the strip as suggested by the Town Surveyor.

**HOUSING LIST:** The Housing List as circulated, was considered and adopted by the Council and on the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was agreed to add Mr. Patk. Clarke to the List.

**LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT 5, ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:** It was unanimously recommended that the tenancy of No. 5, St. Patrick's Avenue be granted to Mr. M. J. Cusack, who was the only applicant.

**ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES ACT, 1940:** It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Everett and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Preliminary Order of this date now read, whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council propose to acquire under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, the site at Strand St., Wicklow, formerly described in the Valuation Lists for the Urban District of Wicklow as Nos. 20, 21 and 22 Strand St., and as shown on map attached to the above Order."

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Preliminary Order.

**Derelict Site at Castle Park:** It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett, and resolved:-

"That being satisfied with reports received from the Town Surveyor and Health Inspector that the site at Castle Park, situated to the east of Monkton Row and to the rear of existing houses at Middle Castle St., and which plan is shown on the map now submitted is in a derelict condition and it is hereby decided that the Council proceed to acquire it under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940."

**FOWL MARKET:** The date for the Annual Fowl Market was fixed for Wednesday, 18th December. It was also decided that the charge for weighing should be 3d. per bird.

**STRAND STREET HOUSES:** The Town Clerk informed the Council that of the 8 houses at Strand St., standing on the plot of ground leased to Wicklow Saw Mills and subsequently assigned to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. only one of them was now occupied. Until such time as the site was cleared and made available the Council were only receiving £10 rent per year, and a further £10 would become payable when the houses were demolished. He suggested that the Council consider offering some compensation to the owners for a surrender of their interest so that demolition could be proceeded with at an early date. Two of the houses were in the possession of the Council and it would be necessary to compensate the owner of the remaining six. The County Manager suggested that a sum of £10 per house would be an equitable amount to offer and accordingly after a short discussion the Council agreed that the owners should be contacted and offered the sum of £10 compensation for the surrender of their interests.

**LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND - WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB:** The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had been in communication with the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding a proposed lease of the plot of ground at the Sea Front to Wicklow Swimming Club. He had been informed by the Department that the original lease of the Foreshore between the two piers, which was for a term of 31 years from 25/3/1932 had been surrendered in 1950 and a new lease of the same area had been granted under the State Land Act, 1924, for a term of 75 years from 8/9/1950. At the last meeting the Council had decided to grant a lease for a period of 75 years, but he had been informed by the Department that the Council could not legally grant a larger estate than they already possessed, that is to say the residue still unexpired of the term of 75 years from 8/9/1950. It would also be necessary to furnish the Department with details of the particular area that the Council proposed to sub-lease. The position was considered satisfactory by the Council and it was agreed that as soon as the Swimming Club