

furnished particulars they would be submitted to the Department for sanction.

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

Monthly Report - November, 1957

Waterworks: Due to the continued weather condition it is satisfactory to report that the level of the water below the overflow in the reservoir is now approximately 5', and the supply has been turned on in full to the town during the 24 hours. It is advisable, however, to continue pumping from the Larlton River for the present, but this will be reviewed during the next 10 days or so when observations will be made as to the position. It is advisable of course to keep the level of the water as near to the sill overflow as possible. It may be that the present weather conditions will so far improve as to actually cause a fall off in the supply in January or February, and householders should not in any way consider the position with complacency. Next year, 1958, if the present rapid rate of progress is maintained by the Contractor, Wicklow town should be free from further worries in connection with its water supply. Everything going well the water should be available in full towards the end of September or October, 1958.

Repairs to Houses: Repairs carried out during the past month were kept at the minimum. A plasterer was employed for one week in order to carry out essential repairs to leaking roofs, replacing broken tiles etc. A number of plumbing repairs were also carried out, including the provision of two new W.C. cisterns. It is hoped to employ a carpenter for a few days in the near future as there are some urgent repairs to doors, windows and gates required.

Foreshore Maintenance: It had been intended to commence these works at an earlier date and we have been very fortunate that this was not done as owing to the very severe storms during the last 4-5 weeks, considerable damage might have resulted to our plant, equipment, materials etc., if the work had been in progress. As soon as a favourable opportunity arises, no delay will be incurred in making a start. The chained concrete blocks laid down in 1956 have proved very satisfactory in protecting the coastline, but it is obvious that at some stage within the next few years a similar line of blocks must be continued northwards towards the Chemical Works, as already indicated on the plans and specification which have been submitted to the Council and are at present with the Department.

Corporate Estate: During the month work commenced on the two fields at Ballyguile tenanted by Mrs. Annie O'Brien and for which a Land Reclamation Grant has been sought from the Department of Agriculture. The work consisted of the removal of furze bushes, the opening and deepening of water tables and the opening of the field drainage system. It is expected that at the end of the present week, Mr. Finnegan will be in a position to prepare a scheme for submission to the Department of Agriculture in respect of the grant.

Public Convenience: It is regrettable to find it necessary to report very extensive interference with the public toilets recently provided by the Council under the Urban Offices. Locks and doors furniture have been wrenched off and removed. Walls have been defaced and electric fittings interfered with (to-day a bulb has been taken). The penny in the slot locks are not used as such and the floors have frequently been covered with objectionable human excrete. I recommend that these premises be closed until Easter, 1958.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, it was agreed that the public convenience in the Town Hall be closed at 6 p.m.

The Town Surveyor promised Councillor Conroy that he would submit a report on repairs required to Mrs. Redmond's house at Castle Park.

Application to Erect Garage: An application was considered from Mr. P. Barlow, 6, St. Laurence's Road, for permission to erect a garage and it was agreed that permission be granted subject to Mr. Barlow's complying with the requirements of the Town Surveyor.

Application for installation of fire grate: An application was received from Mr. James Hill, 3, Castlefield, requesting the Council to instal an open grate in place of the existing range which he claimed was in a bad condition and further stating that he was prepared to repay weekly the cost of such installation. The Town Surveyor was requested to submit a report on the condition of range and to also report on the cost of installing an open grate, to the next meeting.

Light at Castle Park: An application was received from a number of residents at Castle Park requesting the installation of a public light. Council thought that this matter should be deferred to the Estimates Meeting but that in the meantime a quotation should be sought from the E.S.B.

Coat of Arms: A letter was read from the C.E.O., Vocational Education Committee thanking the Council for its generous gesture in loaning to their Committee the Coat-of-Arms of the Town of Wicklow, and stating that it had now been placed in a prominent position in the main entrance of the Wicklow Technical School. The Town Clerk said that a number of flag poles had been erected at the Technical School and that the Vocational Education Committee would appreciate if the Council would allow them to have a flag made based on the Coat-of-Arms. Permission to do so was granted.

Railway Siding at North Quay: A letter was read from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., dated 31/10/1957, as follows:-

Dear Sir,

The C.I.E. have been in communication with us regarding the proposed railway siding at our Factory at North Quay, Wicklow.

It may be remembered that some years ago this proposal was discussed between your Council and Representatives of C.I.E.

In the meantime, we understand that certain property over which it was proposed to run the railway line has now become vacant, and we would ask you to let us know what is the present position regarding the disposal of this property.

We expect to have further meetings with C.I.E. in this matter, and would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Clerk explained to the Council that the siding would run through the derelict house formerly occupied by Mrs. Hogan and adjoining the site now being acquired under the Derelict Sites Act. An application was already before the Council from Messrs William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., for a lease of this plot of ground and it was decided that Shamrock Fertilizers be informed that the property was not yet in the possession of the Council and that they already had prior application for it. It was also agreed that Messrs Clarke be informed of the proposed railway siding. Councillor Carroll suggested that perhaps the railway could be run on an alternative route and that instead of going through this property and into Bond St., that it be continued in a straight line from Strand St., along the Sea Front side of Fertilizers' store. It was decided that Shamrock Fertilizers be asked if this could be done.



Town & Regional Planning Acts - Mr. G. Murray: An application accompanied by plan and specification was received from Mr. G. Murray for permission to erect a lock-up shop on the site of his premises recently destroyed by fire at Main St., Wicklow. The council recommended that permission be granted, subject to the proposals complying with the requirements of the Town Surveyor.

Couper Works Ltd. to E.S.B.: Approval was granted to the proposal by Messrs Couper Works Ltd., to sub-lease portion of a plot of ground at Quarantine Hill, held on lease from the Wicklow U.D.C., to the E.S.B., for the purpose of erecting a sub-station thereon.

Planting of Trees: Councillor Kavanagh suggested that the portion of the Glen Field fronting on the main road was ideally suited for the planting of trees and it was agreed that trees be purchased out of monies available in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund.

Christmas Tree: The Council decided to ask the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke, if he would be good enough to make arrangements for the provision of a Christmas Tree on the same lines as last year. It was also decided that the usual arrangements regarding lighting and insurance be made.

Resolutions of Sympathy: On the motion of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Rev. S. Bullard, Mrs. De Courcy, Castle St., and Mr. M. Olchan, Fitzwilliam Sq.

The meeting then concluded.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

29th November, 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 December, 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 Monthly Meeting held on 5th November, 1957 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Clones U.D.C. re increase in Old Age Pensions Allowance.
3. Resolution from Bray U.D.C. re control over movement of itinerants.
4. Sunday Bus Service - reply from Coras Iompair Eireann.
5. Public Lighting - quotation from E.S.B. for provision of additional public lantern at Castle Park.
6. Lease of new Post Office - correspondence from Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
7. Renewal of Lease - Mrs. E. Finlay.
8. Lease to G.A.A. Club.
9. Corporate Estate - tenders for letting of field for con-acre.
10. Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 - (a) Making of Preliminary Order in respect of site at Castle Park and (b) Proposal to make Vesting Order in respect of site at Strand St.
11. Superannuation Act, 1956 - Retirement of Town Sergeant and Waterworks Overseer.
12. Strand St. Houses - report on surrender of 8 houses at Lr. Strand St.
13. Execution of Lease - Wicklow U.D.C. to Miss K. O'Grady.
14. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - Wayleaves over Urban Council property.
15. Council houses - report on erection of structures and additions by Council tenants.
16. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
17. Any Other Business.





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30th November, 1957.

To:

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

A Chara,

Would you please note the following item has been added to the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday, 3rd December:-

"Consideration of arrangements for Redemption of the 'Wicklow Town 3½ Redeemable Debenture Stock'".

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack,  
Town Clerk

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER, 1957

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

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 5th November, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

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

"That we, the members of the Clones Urban District Council request the Minister for Social Welfare to substantially increase the present Old Age Pensions Allowance".

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

"That we request the Government to introduce legislation providing for control over the movement and behaviour of Itinerants. Such legislation should, if it is considered, prohibit them from camping within limits of towns or built-up areas".

SUNDAY BUS SERVICE: The Town Clerk said that following on the decision of the Council at their last meeting he had asked C.I.E. to reconsider their decision relative to the reintroduction of the 12.15 p.m. service ex Wicklow and the following reply had been received from them:-

12th November, 1957.

A Chara,

I refer to your further letter of the 6th inst., regarding the re-introduction of the 12.15 p.m. service ex Wicklow to Dublin on Sundays.

In this connection, I have to advise you that this matter was very carefully considered before communicating with you on the 17th ultimo and as advised you, on that occasion, I am satisfied that the traffic likely to be obtained would not justify the re-introduction of this service. In the circumstances, therefore, I again regret having to advise you that I cannot accede to your request.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Arising out of a discussion at the last meeting the E.S.B. had submitted a quotation in sum of £17 for the provision of a 200 watt lantern on Pole No. 216 at Castle Park, Wicklow, (near Malone's, 8 Castle Park). They further stated that the annual charge for the lighting and maintenance of this lamp from half an hour after sunset each evening until midnight would be £5. 10. 0. per year. The Council considered this charge excessive and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should writing to the E.S.B. and seek a reduction.

LEASE OF NEW POST OFFICE: The following letter dated 6/11/1957, from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs, was read:-



A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 13th August, 1957, and previous correspondence regarding the Department's tenancy of the premises at Main St., Wicklow, acquired for the erection of new Post Office buildings this matter has been further considered, and while the considerations mentioned by you are appreciated nevertheless the Department would not in the circumstances be in a position to proceed with the erection of the substantial buildings envisaged unless its tenure of the site were extended by at least 75 years beyond the period of 34 years still to run under the existing lease. This could be arranged most conveniently for both parties by the completion of a new lease now to run for 109 years from a current date at an appropriate rental and as this would only have the effect of granting an additional 75 years tenure to the Department we feel that it might be accepted by your Council without involving a drastic departure from its normal practice.

On hearing, therefore, that your Council is agreeable to grant the additional 75 years tenure required in the manner suggested, viz by entering into a new lease now to run for 109 years from a current date the necessary legal arrangements will be put in train.

Mise, le meas, etc.

After a short discussion it was decided that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be informed that the Council were not prepared to depart from their original decision and that the granting of a lease for a period in excess of 75 years was entirely out of the question. They would, however, be prepared to favourably consider accepting a surrender of the present lease, which has 34 years still to run, and granting a new lease for a period of 75 years.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - MRS. E. FINLAY: The Town Clerk said that he had informed Mr. G. F. Haughton, Solicitor, that the Council could not agree to the suggestion contained in his letter of 15th October, that they grant a new lease to Mrs. Finlay without consulting the interests of the other parties. It was pointed out to him that the Council consider that all parties are equally entitled to a renewal and that it was up to the parties themselves to agree as to whom a renewal of the lease should be granted. Mr. Haughton had replied in a letter dated 13th November, and stated that the three parties who he represented, viz: John Kennedy Mrs. Edith Courtenay and Mrs. Ellen Finlay were agreeable to a joint lease being granted to all 4 parties. A communication had been addressed to the Reps. of Ed. Kennedy, inquiring if they were agreeable to this course of action, but to date no reply had been received. On the other point raised by Councillor Carroll at the November meeting, the Council's Solicitors, had been informed of the dead-lock which presently existed and had been requested to indicate if the Council could proceed to recover possession of the premises and to then issue a new lease. In reply it was stated that in order to terminate the present tenancy it would be necessary for the Council to serve a 6 months notice to quit, terminating on the anniversary of the letting. The Town Clerk said that before steps could be taken to recover possession it would be necessary for the Solicitor to inspect the type of receipt which had been issued in respect of the rent. A copy of such receipt had been forwarded, and a further reply was awaited from the Solicitor. The Council decided to defer further consideration of the matter until a reply was received from the representatives of Ed. Kennedy and also to give Council's Solicitor an opportunity of deciding what steps could be taken to recover possession.

LEASE TO G.A.A. CLUB: The Town Clerk informed the Council that this item arose out of a query which Councillor Conroy had put to the last meeting of the Council, regarding the G.A.A. Club fulfilling the covenants in the lease of the field at Dunbur Road. Councillor Conroy said that the G.A.A. Club had got the field with the intention of developing it into a park but they had not made any effort, in fact they were not even practicing on it. The County Manager said that as

the lease was only for 31 years it contained no covenants requiring the erection of buildings or other works within a specified time. Councillor Doyle said that if they got a lease for 75 years instead of 31 they would be in a position to get a grant from the Leinster Council. The Chairman and Councillor Everett suggested that the Club should prepare plans for buildings so as to secure for themselves an extension of the lease and also to qualify for the above mentioned grant. Councillor Kavanagh explained the work which they had already carried out and their hopes for the future and Councillor Conroy expressed himself satisfied, stating that he had no objection to the G.A.A., but he wanted to have something done.

CORPORATE ESTATE - LETTING OF FIELD FOR CON -ACRE: The following tenders for the letting of a field at Ballyguile for con-acre were opened:-

(1) R. Dickenson	£12. 0. 0.
(2) Ed. Dickenson	£20. 0. 0.
(3) M. Hudson	£25. 0. 0.

It was unanimously agreed that the tender of Mr. M. Hudson, Marlton Road, in the sum of £25 be accepted.

ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES ACT, 1940: (a) Making of Preliminary Order in respect of site at Castle Park: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Preliminary Order of this date now read whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council proposes to acquire under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, site at Castle Park, Wicklow, and as shown on map annexed to the above Order".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Preliminary Order.

(b) Proposal to make Vesting Order in respect of site at Strand St:- It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:-

"That we recommend to the County Manager the making of a Vesting Order in pursuance of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of the plot of land measuring 168 sq. yds., or thereabouts, at Nos. 20, 21, and 22 Strand St., Wicklow, as shown on map prepared by the Town Surveyor and deposited in the office of the Council at the Town Hall, Wicklow."

SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1956 - RETIREMENT OF TOWN SERGEANT AND WATERWORKS OVERSEER: The following report in relation to this matter was read:-

The Age Limit Order, 1957, which comes into operation on the 1st January, 1958, states that "the age limit of 65 years shall be the age limit for every officer under a local authority in relation to which the Minister for Local Government is the appropriate Minister for purposes of Part 11 of the Local Government Act, 1941".

It would seem that the Order would apply to the posts of Town Sergeant and Waterworks Overseer and accordingly Mr. O'Toole and Mr. De Courcy would be obliged to retire as from 1st January, 1958.

I have provisionally calculated the lump sums and allowance payable to them under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, as shown hereunder:-

	Lump Sums	Annual Allowance
Mr. O'Toole	£405. 5. 1.	£128. 15. 1.
Mr. De Courcy	£625. 10. 4.	£197. 19. 0.
	£1030. 15. 5.	£326. 14. 1.

The total annual allowance of £326. 14. 1. would be equivalent



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to a rate of approximately 8d. in the £, and the lump sum would be equivalent to a rate of 2/- in the £. It is suggested that to meet the payment of the lump sums a loan might be obtained from the Council's Treasurer. The Council would have power to raise such a loan under the provisions of Section 42 of the Local Government Act, 1955.

I have calculated that a loan of £1030 over 5 years at the present rate of interest of 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ % would result in annual loan charges of £240 approx. (or 6d. in the £.) Alternatively, the Council might consider funding the amount of £1030 and defraying it from the rates over a period of 5 years. This would result in an annual charge of £200, equivalent to a rate of 5d. in the £.

Therefore, the annual charge on the rate to meet the allowance and the defrayment of the funded lump sum would be 1/1d. in the £.

## TOWN CLERK

The Chairman enquired if the men involved wished to retire and the County Manager stated that had they not been graded as officers they would not have been compelled to retire, and he thought there was a possibility of reemploying them in a temporary capacity as employees, but that the Council would have to pay them their lump sums. It was agreed after further discussion to leave the matter of re-employing the men in a temporary capacity in the hands of the County Manager and the defrayment of the funded lump sums be spread over 5 years.

STRAND STREET HOUSES: The Town Clerk reported on the progress to date in the surrender of 8 houses at Lr. Strand St., as follows:-

No. 1 Present owner - Joseph O'Brien, 20 Glenview Road - had indicated his willingness to surrender to the Council. These premises were originally leased to his father Jas O'Brien. This surrender is now in the hands of the Solicitor, who are presently settling the matter of Joseph O'Brien's title to the house.

No. 2. Jas. Culbert has surrendered these premises and has been paid £10 compensation.

No. 3. Wm. Bunn has indicated through his Agent, Mr. A. Burke, that he is prepared to surrender. The necessary Deed of Surrender is being prepared by the Solicitor.

No. 4. Mrs. E. O'Brien, the present owner and occupier of these premises has indicated that she is prepared to surrender on condition that the Council grant her tenancy of a house at Kilmantin Road. These premises were purchased by Mrs. O'Brien from Wm. J. Doyle, to whom they were originally leased by the Council in 1925, and the Council's Solicitor is presently investigating Mrs. O'Brien's title.

No. 5. Mrs. A. Bunn the present owner, has indicated her willingness to surrender and the Solicitor is drawing up the Deed of Surrender.

No. 6. These premises have been in the possession of the Council for a number of years.

No. 7. Mrs. Eliz. O'Brien is the present owner and the premises are used as a store for fishing tackle by her son Patrick, who resides with his family in an unfit house at Bond St. Mrs. O'Brien is willing to surrender the premises on condition that the Council house her son Patrick and his family.

No. 8. These premises have been in the possession of the Council for a number of years, but are leased to Wm. Hayden as a store on a weekly tenancy of convenience. Notice to Quit has been served on Mr. Hayden.

A discussion took place regarding the conditions on which Mrs. O'Brien is prepared to surrender Nos. 4 and 7, and it was finally

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agreed that the Council would give her tenancy of the first house to become vacant at Kilmantin Road (in return for the surrender of No. 4) and to give her son Patrick tenancy of the first Council house which becomes vacant elsewhere (in return for the surrender of No. 7).  
(See resolution at end of minutes)

EXECUTION OF LEASE - WICKLOW U.D.C. TO MISS K. O'GRADY: It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial relating to lease of plot of ground at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, for the purpose of erecting a house thereon, to Miss K. O'Grady, for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1956, at an annual rent of £5."

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

WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, giving details of lands in the ownership of the Urban Council through which the pipe line for the new Regional Scheme will pass. It was requested that the Urban Council would confirm that they are agreeable to the line passing through these sections and will provide for the necessary way-leave for a width of 10 yds., in each case. It was unanimously agreed that the necessary way-leaves be granted.

COUNCIL HOUSES - REPORT ON ERECTION OF STRUCTURES: The Town Clerk informed the Council that arising out of the comments of the Town Surveyor at the last meeting regarding the erection of structures etc., by tenants without prior consent of the Council, he had instructed the Rent Collector to prepare a comprehensive report on such matter. This report was now to hand and as it covered 25 pages it would be better to submit a brief summary of it to the Council for the present. The total number of tenants who had erected out-offices and annexes is 116 of whom 9 only had applied for permission. These figures are made up as follows:-

Garages	2:	With permission	2.
Hen houses, pigeon houses, aviaries	34:	With permission	1.
Piggeries and stables	5:	With permission	Nil
Annexes (kitchens, bath-rooms etc)	11:	With permission	1
Fuel and lumber stores	35:	With permission	3.
Work shops, tool sheds, other stores	29:	With permission	2.

The Town Clerk further stated that applications had been received from 3 tenants for permission to erect garages and from a fourth for permission to erect an annex and the following report had been submitted by the Town Surveyor:-

re: Town Planning Acts - Applications from Council Tenants

Three applications have been received for the erection of sheds and garages in the housing scheme at Ballynerrin.

(1) David Doyle, 4 St. Laurence's Park: I am aware of the position in which this garage is to be erected and there appears to be no great objection except that the construction is of galvanised iron and is not very satisfactory from the point of view of the appearance of the terrace generally. I would suggest that the Council would specify the structure to be erected in dark coloured weather boarding and green strip rubberoid roofing, which would not be offensive in the proposed position. The tenant should undertake to restore any alterations he may have to make in railings gate posts etc., or any property of the Council's, should be vacate the dwelling house. I return the sketch plan submitted, because in any case the specification is insufficient



and no details are given regarding the fixture to concrete floors, the thickness of the concrete etc., if any.

(2) Maurence O'Brien, St. Laurence's Park: This tenant wishes to construct a building in concrete blocks and corrugated asbestos roofing to extend away into the rear of the garden immediately behind the existing out-office. From the point of view of its remoteness from the front road there does not appear to be any objection and the applicant assures me that he will make a very good job of it. There is included in the proposal an aviary and the Council might like to consider this. Again the tenant should be requested to restore any damage or alterations made to Council's property and to leave any structure he may erect if he should vacate the house.

(3) Christopher Dunne, 49 Glenview Road: This proposal is to erect an additional annex to the rear of the house. If it is constructed properly in concrete blocks to a recognised specification and in conformity with the same standard of workmanship carried out on the main dwelling house, which is the property of the Council, I would not advise any objection, but detailed plans and specification should be submitted so as to at least give a fair chance of properly considering the matter.

(4) Patrick Barlow, 6 St. Laurence's Road: Further to my previous report in regard to this application, this involves the removal of the front railing and kerbing to gain access from the concrete road at St. Laurence's Road. The position in which he proposed to erect the garage is satisfactory, but a more detailed specification regarding the railings, the front gates and the "run-in" to the garage should be given. Again I feel that the Council ought not to allow galvanised structures in any part of its housing scheme and I suggest as above, that the garage should be erected in dark brown coloured natural board covered with green strip asbestos slating or similar attractive roofing.

If the Council allow or tolerate galvanised or asbestos sheds or garages particularly in front or in a prominent position in their housing schemes, it will mean that after a while the whole appearance of the town's housing efforts will be destroyed.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

Permission was granted to the four applicants on fulfilling the Engineer's conditions, and the Chairman suggested that copies of the tenancy agreements should be provided for the information of the tenants. The Clerk said that a number of the structures were most unsightly and would have to be taken down and he said he would refer the report to the Engineer to give him an opportunity of inspecting these structures and reporting on what action should be taken. It would also be necessary to take action against the owners of piggeries.

MONTHLY REPORT - TOWN SURVEYOR: The report of the Town Surveyor for the months of November was read as follows:-  
3rd December, 1957.

Waterworks: The quantity of water now in reservoir stands at 5' below overflow, but I again must state that the situation cannot be taken with complacency, because recently it has shown signs of remaining steady rather than increasing. It may be necessary to resume pumping in the early Spring of 1958. From my information and enquiries the Regional Water Supply will be working about the end of August or the middle of September next year. The temporary Waterworks Overseer, Mr. J. De Courcy, Jnr., and his assistant Mr. Ed. Kelly are carrying out their duties very satisfactorily.

E.S.V. Schemes: The works proposed to be discharged under this Scheme have now been sanctioned and I propose making a start on the work at the end of this week so that the works will be in operation over the Christmas period.

Housing: During the month several housing repairs were carried out. A carpenter was employed for three weeks attending to doors windows etc. The greater portion of his time was involved in repairing the house recently taken over by the Council and formerly occupied by Mrs. Kennedy. The funds available under this heading are practically expired but there still remains some repairs which might be carried out, although with the co-operation of the tenants they might be left over until next year. One which I have in mind is the house occupied by James Hill. The floor in the large bedroom is in a bad way suffering from dry rot and this is altogether due to the old fault of spreading linoleum from wall to wall thus preventing proper ventilation in the timber work. Tenants should be warned generally about this practice and I am sure that if they were told they would co-operate. The Council will recall that several floors in recent years have deteriorated due to this fact; the careful housewife when washing out the rooms forgets that the water sometimes gets under the linoleum thus rotting the timber boards. If repairs have to be carried out for the remainder of the year I anticipate that approximately £80 would have to be provided in addition to the amount already allowed.

Strand Street etc: Repairs were carried out to Bond St., Strand St., and Bath St., during the month, by way of filling pot-holes etc., I have got some blinding to be put on Strand St., pending major repairs next year.

Foreshore Protection Works: Work is proceeding satisfactorily and at the end of this week it will be almost complete. Up to date 18 concrete blocks have been made.

Range at No. 3 Castlefield: A complaint was made about the range in this house from the point of view of smoking. I do not think it is altogether in a bad condition, but there would be no objection if the tenant decides to put in an open fire grate with boiler, provided of course that he hands up the old range to the Council as in the case of other tenants who have carried out similar works.

No. 16 Kilmantin Road: An inspection was made and it was found that the bath is partly discoloured. This may require to be scrubbed with the use of brush and soap, or it could be coated with enamel paint. The condition is not detrimental to the bath.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor. ADOPTED

WICKLOW TOWN REDEEMABLE STOCK: It was reported by the County Manager that an examination of the Council's records show that the 1897 - 3½% Stock would require to be redeemed on or before 15th December, 1957. It would appear at one time that the final date for redemption was 30th November, 1958, and in a previous report to the Council it had been indicated that it was proposed to redeem all outstanding Stock at 30th June, 1958. A recent examination of the Council's records relating to the years 1897-98 by Mr. Cusack, Town Clerk, showed, however, that the resolution of the Council creating the Stock specified the final redemption date as 15th December, 1957. Furthermore, it has been ascertained from the Local Government Department that the Consent Order of the Local Government Board to the creation of the Stock required that the Stock be redeemed within 60 years from the date of its creation. This would require it to be redeemed in 1957. In addition to the 1897 Stock Issue there was an Issue of £7,200 in 1922. This was related to the 1897 Issue and the records show that it would be redeemable in 15 years from 1922, i.e. in 1957.

Accordingly, it was proposed to arrange for the redemption of all Stock outstanding in respect of both the 1897 Issue and the 1922 Issue on 15th December, 1957.

The Redemption Fund which had been accumulated for the purpose of redeeming these Stocks at present holds Statutory Securities to the nominal value of £10,640. Up to 1946 the Sinking Fund Contribution made each year was £252, but in that year an evaluation of







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STRAND ST HOUSES (OMMITTED ABOVE): It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the payment of £10 compensation to each of the owners of the six houses at Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, in return for the surrender of their entire interest in the premises, which are required by the Council for demolition and that we hereby approve of the excess expenditure of £60 to meet such compensation".

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Comairle Baitéceannair Cille Mannáin**  
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tel. 27

Halla an Baste,  
Town Hall,Cill Mannáin  
Wicklow

6th December, 1957.

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

A Chara,

With the Agreement of the Chairman a Special Meeting of the Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th December, 1957, at 5 P.M. for the purpose of sealing powers of attorney in connection with the sale of securities held by the Redemption Fund Account.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack,  
Town Clerk



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER, 1957

Present: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors C. W. Hudson, J. Carroll and E. Kavanagh.

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

WICKLOW TOWN 3½% REDEEMABLE DEBENTURE STOCK - SALE OF SECURITIES:

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

"That the seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Letter of Attorney whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council do hereby appoint Thos. Vincent Murphy, Charles Reynolds and Robert Louis Lambkin, or any one of them to transfer for us and in our name and on our behalf all or any part of £287. 16. 3. of our Dublin Corporation 3½% Redeemable Stock, 1960/65".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Letter of Attorney.

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

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Letter of Attorney whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council do hereby appoint Thomas Vincent Murphy, Charles Reynolds, Robert Louis Lambkin or any one of them to transfer for us and in our name and on our behalf all or any part of our £540. 0. 0. 3% Dublin Corporation Stock, 1968/78, and £100. 0. 0. of our Dublin Corporation 5% Stock 1968/73."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Letter of Attorney.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Transfer whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council to hereby bargain, sell, assign and transfer to Thomas Vincent Murphy, £500. 0. 0. 4½% National Loan, 1975/80 in consideration of the sum of £400. 0. 0."

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

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Letters of Attorney whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council do hereby appoint Thomas Vincent Murphy, Charles Reynolds, Robert Louis Lambkin, or any one of them to transfer for us and in our name and on our behalf our undermentioned Stocks:-

£250.	0.	0.	4½% National Loan, 1973/78
£395.	18.	2.	3½% Exchequer Bonds, 1965/70
£500.	0.	0.	5% National Loan, 1962/72
£500.	0.	0.	4½% National Loan, 1973/78
£132.	15.	11.	3½% 4th National Loan, 1950/70
£1385.	12.	5.	3½% Exchequer Bonds, 1965/70.
£368.	14.	1.	3½% National Security Loan, 1956/61
£118.	0.	0.	5% National Loan, 1962/72
£4114.	17.	0.	3½% Financial Agreement Loan 1953/58
£36.	0.	0.	3% Guaranteed Land Stock

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£208. 2. 1. 2½% Consolidated Stock  
£550. 4. 5. 3% Exchequer Bonds, 1965/70."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Letters of Attorney.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
2nd January, 1958.

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

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1958, 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 3rd December, and Special Meeting held on 9th December, 1957, (copies herewith).
2. Resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C. re institution of Purchase Schemes by absentee landlords.
3. Resolution from Birr U.D.C. re increase in Old Age Pensions, Widows' and Orphans' Pensions and Unemployment Assistance.
4. Resolutions from Association of Municipal Authorities re (a) Official spelling of Dun Laoghaire; (b) Revision of Rateable Valuations; (c) Loans for Water and Sewerage Schemes; (d) Cost of collection of County Demand and (e) Collection of rates on houses sold to or leased to Tenant Purchasers.
5. Public Lighting - correspondence with E.S.B. regarding provision of extra light at Castle Park.
6. Superannuation Act, 1956 - Retirement of Officials.
7. "Bog Field" - consideration of future use.
8. Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940 - (a) Making of Vesting Order in respect of site at Castle Park. (b) Consideration of future use of site acquired at Strand St.
9. Council houses - report on erection of structures and additions by Council tenants.
10. Strand St. Houses - report on surrender of 8 houses at Lr. Strand St.
11. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
12. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILM I N U T E SMONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH JANUARY, 1958

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

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

Apologies were received from the Chairman regretting inability to attend.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd December, 1957, and Special meeting held on 9th December, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM LETTERKENNY U.D.C.: The following resolution received from Letterkenny U.D.C., was read and adopted by the Council:-

"That Absentee Landlords and their Agents be requested to submit purchase schemes whereby Leaseholders paying ground rent would be given an opportunity of purchasing a Fee Simple interest in the properties occupied by them, on a 10 years purchase".

RESOLUTION FROM BIRR U.D.C.: The following resolution received from Birr U.D.C., was read and adopted by the Council:-

"That we the members of the Birr Urban District Council request the Minister for Social Welfare to increase Old Age Pensions, Widows' and Orphans' Pensions and the Unemployment Assistance, and we direct that copies of this resolution be sent to all local authorities in Ireland with a request that they adopt same".

RESOLUTIONS FROM ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: The following resolution were considered by the Council:-

"That this Council protests against the use of Dun Laoire, the incorrect and unauthorised name, which is being used as the name of this Borough particularly when so used by Government Departments, Local Authorities, Public Boards and sections of the Public Press".

ADOPTED.

Revision of Rateable Valuation

"That, having regard to the complexity and inequity of the present system of property valuation, we call on the Government to consider the revision of the whole system".

Adopted.

At the 1955 Conference the following Resolution was passed:-

"That Loans from the Local Loans Fund for water and sewerage schemes should be given on the annuity basis as well as the instalment basis, leaving it optional for the Local Authority to decide which basis would be the more desirable in each particular case".

On its being referred to him, the Minister for Local Government replied:-

"If the Association wishes to reconsider the terms of the motion and put forward a definite recommendation in favour of the annuity method of repayment, the Minister would be prepared to place the Association's case before the Minister for Finance, who is the Minister responsible for the Local Loans Fund".

At the 1956 Conference this reply was considered and it was decided to refer the matter to the Minister for reconsideration, but his reply was in almost identical terms and further stated that he



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would not be prepared to recommend to the Minister for Finance that the method of repayment of such loans should be left to the choice of individual local authorities.

,On this being considered at the 1957 Conference it was decided that the view of the affiliated Authorities on the matter be ascertained before taking further action.

The Council decided that the matter of repayment of such loans should be left to individual local authorities.

Cost of Collection of County Demand

"That legislation be introduced to permit Urban Councils to deduct from the County Council Demand the cost of the collection of that Demand".

It was decided that the position should be left as it is.

Collection of Rates on Houses Sold or Leased to Tenant Purchasers

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce the necessary legislation for the amendment of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928, so as to provide, in the case of houses sold or leased to Tenant Purchasers on the Annuity System, for the collection of the rates on such houses in weekly instalments together with the annuity".

Adopted.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - LIGHT AT CASTLE PARK: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at their last meeting they had considered as estimate in sum of £17 for the provision of an additional 200 watt lantern at Castle Park. In addition to the installation cost there would be an annual maintenance charge of £5. 10. 6. The Council had thought this charge of £17 to be unduly excessive and had requested the E.S.B. to consider a reduction. The views of the Council had been conveyed to the E.S.B., who replied that they had re-examined the estimate and that they wished to confirm that as their costs were based on present material and labour charges they regretted that no reduction could be made. After a short discussion the Council felt that the E.S.B. should be pressed for some reduction as they failed to see how provision of a bracket and lantern on an existing pole could cost £17.

SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1956 - RETIREMENT OF OFFICIALS: The County Manager stated that at their last meeting he had mentioned that with the coming into operation of the Age Limit Order, 1956, two of the Council's officials namely, Mr. B. O'Toole, Town Sergeant, and Mr. J. De Courcy, Waterworks Overseer, would be obliged to retire on the 1st January, 1958. Members at that meeting had expressed the view that the services of these officers, if possible, should be continued in a temporary employee capacity. The Manager had explained then that if this were possible the Council would save the payment of pensions which amount to approximately £400, but they would be obliged to pay the officers their lump sums amounting to approximately £1200, which sum could be funded and deferred from rates over a period of five years.

The Manager continuing said that it now appeared that the officers concerned had either the choice of retiring forthwith and being paid their lump sum and allowance, or continuing in employment as pensionable servants. This latter course would mean that no superannuation benefit (pensions or lump sums) would be payable to them now, but they would become pensionable servants and when they came to retire eventually their pension would be calculated on their total service as officers and servants and their pensions would be based on one sixtyeth of their pay for each year of service (instead of one eithtyeth for each year, if they were to retire now, and

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there would be no lump sums. This arrangement has the effect from the point of view of the personnel concerned that they can serve on as long as they wish provided the Council is agreeable, and so far as the Council are concerned heavy outgoings and lump sums and possibly pensions are avoided. The Manager said that the position had been explained to both Mr. De Courcy and Mr. O'Toole and it was left to them to choose whether they wished to retire now and be paid their lump sums, or continue in employment as pensionable servants. Mr. O'Toole had indicated that he wished to continue in employment and was prepared to forego payment of his lump sum. Mr. De Courcy had replied that due to the state of his health he felt that he would not be in a position to continue working much longer and would prefer to retire now.

Approval was given to the continued employment of Mr. B. O'Toole Town Sergeant, as a pensionable servants and it was also agreed that Mr. De Courcy be retired on the 31st January, 1958, in accordance with his own wishes, and that he be paid a lump sum amounting to £706. 1. 8., and an annual allowance of £231. 5. 0. A discussion then took place regarding the replacement of the Waterworks Overseer and it was agreed that a decision would be deferred until the Regional Water Supply Scheme came into operation. In the meantime approval was given to Mr. Ed. Kelly, who is assistant to the Waterworks Overseer, continuing as temporary Waterworks Overseer on the condition that a plumber would be employed on an hourly basis as required for repairs. The Manager mentioned that some arrangement would have to be made regarding the Caretaker's house, which was valued for emolument purposes at £20 per annum. It was agreed to defer the matter for the moment, the Town Clerk to ask Mr. De Courcy if he wished to continue to reside in it.

The manager told the Council that James Clarke, who had been employed as carter on the scavenging service since March, 1947, had been obliged to retire on 31st December, 1957, through ill health. The question of his superannuation was presently under consideration and there was some doubt as to whether or not he was entitled to it. The Manager said he hoped to have definite information for the Council for the next meeting, but he would mention that his superannuation would only be in the region of £50 per year.

"BOG FIELD" - CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE USE: The Manager reported to the Council that this field had recently been surrendered by the late Andrew D. Finlayson, who had also paid the sum of £14 towards the cost of its reclamation. The Town Surveyor in a report had recommended that it be reclaimed and that the boundary ditch separating the lower from the upper portion of the field should be removed, all scrub and gorse bushes removed and that the upper and lower fields be let into one. Councillor Kavanagh expressed the opinion that this field should be advertised for letting as building sites. Councillor Carroll concurred and stated that the site should let separately at £5 per site and that a joint letting of the site should not again be made. After a short discussion it was decided that a report should be made to the next meeting on the development of the field for building sites.

ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES ACT, 1940: (a) Making of Vesting Order in respect of site at Castle Park: It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That we agree to the making of a Vesting Order in pursuance of the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, in respect of the plot of land, measuring 1027 sq. yds., or thereabouts situate at Castle Park, Wicklow, as shown on map prepared by the Town Surveyor and deposited in the office of the Council at the Town Hall, Wicklow".

(b) Consideration of future use of site acquired at Strand St:

The Town Clerk reported that a site at Strand St., comprising



three derelict houses originally leased to William White was now vested in the Council under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940. The Council had already before them an application from Messrs William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., for a lease of this site as well as an adjoining site formerly owned by the late Mrs. Hogan, for use as a store yard for contracting machinery. They also had indication from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., of a proposal to lay a railway siding through portion of the latter site. Negotiations were still going on regarding the railway siding and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., were not as yet in a position to indicate what portion of the site would be required or if as suggested by the Council at their last meeting, the siding could be run along the sea ward side of their store. The Town Clerk said that the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act provided that if a derelict site was not to be used by the sanitary authority for the purpose of their powers and duties it would be necessary to get the consent of the Minister for Local Government to any arrangement for a letting or lease of it. It would also be necessary to let it either by public auction or private treaty. It was decided that further consideration would be deferred to give Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. an opportunity of submitting definite plans for the route of the proposed railway siding.

COUNCIL HOUSES - ERECTION OF STRUCTURES: The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

In regard to the inspection of the many out-offices and buildings which have been erected without Council authority by tenants of Council houses, I regret that I have been unable to complete my list of inspection, but I propose to submit a full comprehensive report to the meeting in February. In the meantime I would like to say that one tenant has made a suggestion to erect a garage in concrete blocks with galvanised iron. I was unable to extend permission for this without the authority of the Council and it will be recalled that it was agreed that in future no structures other than those in timber with rubberoid roofing would be allowed. The Council would have to consider what the tenant would be expected to do should the house be vacated, as there have been instances where incoming tenants objected to the structures. Where a tenant, however, is attempting to meet the wishes of the Council and to carry out any requirements laid down it does not seem unreasonable to co-operate, but the extensive construction of unsightly out-offices and buildings indiscriminately is certainly detrimental to the Scheme as a whole. Perhaps the Council would consider a valuation being put on these structures and that a charge be made accordingly. I would remind the Council, of course, that small out-offices and fuel sheds have already been provided for these houses.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

The Council agreed that each case should be decided on its merits and that permission should not be unreasonably withheld provided that buildings were of a slightly character and enhanced the amenities of the neighbourhood.

Councillor Conroy enquired about Council tenants keeping pigs and the Manager stated that it was one of the conditions in the Tenancy Agreement because the keeping of pigs in confined areas was dangerous to public health. The Town Clerk stated that as mentioned to the Council at their last meeting, he had written to the four tenants doing so and had informed them that the pigs had to be removed before 31st January, 1958. If by then they had not done so and could give sufficient reason for not complying with the Council's requirements, they might be prepared to give them an extension of time.

STRAND STREET HOUSES: The Town Clerk stated that the surrender of these premises was progressing satisfactory though slowly as in most cases it was difficult to prove the present owner's legal title to the house. He hoped, however, that the matter would be completed shortly.

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

Monthly Report - November, 1957

Waterworks: The water supply position at the moment is satisfactory. It has not yet been found necessary to utilise the pumping machinery at Marlton but provision for its cost will have to be made to a limited extent during portion of the coming financial year, pending the completion of the Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Scavenging: One of our employees, Jams Clarke, Carter, has found it necessary to retire due to ill health; his assistant Denis Hanlon may decide to do so also. A temporary carter, Thomas Dickenson, has been engaged pending the Council's consideration of the matter. The time would, therefore, appear to be appropriate for a general re-organisation of the scavenging system and it is suggested that efficiency and economy would be affected by the adoption of a mechanical organisation by providing a suitable motor vehicle with the appropriate attendants. The present system by horse and cart is inadequate to cope with the amount of work necessary in its entirety, having regard to Wicklow's reputation as one of the cleanest towns in Ireland. I would ask the Council to consider advertising for a suitable motor container to deal with the domestic refuse and also with factory surplus debris etc. Such a vehicle would possibly initially cost £1,500 and there would be a driver with one assistant and at times an additional assistant employed. Consideration will have to be given to the extent of the service and certainly the Council's attention will be drawn to the unhealthy concrete rubbish dumps which were erected some years ago adjacent to its housing schemes and which by reason of firstly the slowness in emptying and secondly the abuse to which these are being subjected must be dealt with.

E.S.V. Scheme: The work under this Scheme is progressing satisfactorily and in all there are 16 men employed. The paths at Lr. Monkton Row, Castle St. (Hamilton's) and Castle St., North (Fitzgeralds) together with the paths at St. Dominick's Road have been completed. The steps leading from Castle St., to the lower Quay Road near "Riverside" cottage are almost finished. Work is in progress at the present time on the Murrrough in front of the Council's houses thereon.

J. T. O'Byrne  
Town Surveyor

After a short discussion on the scavenging service the Council requested that a report on the cost of the working of a mechanised system should be submitted to them for the next meeting and also the cost of providing uniforms for the scavenging men.

HOUSE AT DUNBUR ROAD: The Town Clerk mentioned that the house at Dunbur Road which had been the subject of a loan to Mr. E. Hynes under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, and which was recently let to Mr. W. Gerritsen at £10 per month had become vacant and was re-let to Mr. F. J. In-Het-Veld. It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Agreement whereby the Council let the house owned by them at Dunbur Road, Wicklow and on which a loan had been advanced to Mr. E.P. Hynes to Franciscus Johannes In-Het-Veld at a monthly rent of £10, inclusive of rates, ground rent and fire insurance from 14/1/1958."

RECOVERY OF 42 GLENVIEW ROAD - TENANT, THOMAS QUINN: The Town Clerk reported that Thomas Quinn, the tenant of 42 Glenview Road had been removed to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, on 3/10/1957. A Medical report had been obtained on his condition, which stated that he was suffering from senility, debility and mental derangement and was confined to bed most of the day and was unfit for discharge and



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was unlikely to ever recover sufficiently to be allowed home particularly as it is understood that there nobody in the house who would care for him. The Council recommended that proceedings be instituted for recovery of possession of the house.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from the tenants of St. Dominick's Road complaining about the condition of the road-way and the boundary fencing. It was suggested that the Engineer should examine it and see if anything could be done. Councillor Carroll suggested that the path might be considered for the next E.S.V. Scheme.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Brien, complaining that he had not been employed on the Relief Schemes. The Engineer stated that he was obliged to employ men who were in receipt of unemployment assistance and unemployment benefit and the list of such men was sent to him by the Labour Exchange. O'Brien's name was not on the list probably due to the fact that he was working when the list was compiled.

Mrs. N. Thornton, 5 Glenview Road applied for a transfer of the tenancy of this house to her name from that of her late grandfather, Mr. M. Hanlon. The Town Clerk said that this transfer had been promised by the Council in April, 1955, and that there was no objection to it providing the rent was increased by 50%. Council recommended that the transfer be granted.

A letter was read from Bord Failte Eireann stating that they were sponsoring a competition in conjunction with An Totsal, 1958, for the tidiest town or village in the state and that the competition would be limited to towns or villages with a population of 5,000 or less inhabitants. They mentioned that a specially designed plaque would be awarded for the winning entry, and enclosed copy of the relevant regulations. The Council agreed that Wicklow should be entered for the competition and instructed the Town Clerk to complete the necessary entry form and return it to Bord Failte.

LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT SEA FRONT - WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB: The Manager stated that a map had now been received from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect on behalf of the Wicklow Swimming Club, showing the plot of ground at the Sea Front which they wished to lease from the Council. The area now required was much greater than the area which the Council had at first agreed to lease and it would appear that the Club as well as requiring this site for the building of a pavilion and dressing-rooms also required an additional amount of land in the vicinity of the pavilion for amenity purposes. They intended railing off the entire plot and it appeared that they hoped at times of Regattas to be able to charge a fee to people coming on to this ground to view the display. In that case the Manager said that he did not think the Council would be empowered to grant a building lease of 75 years for the entire plot of ground required. This, however, could be got over by granting a 75 year lease for the actual portion on which the pavilion would be erected and a 31 year lease for the balance of the land required for amenity purposes. It was proposed by Councillor Carroll seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed:-

"That the Swimming Club be granted two leases as set out by the County Manager above and that it be ascertained from them what area was required exactly for the pavilion."

The County Manager mentioned that certain monies were available in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund, which amounted to approximately £300 and the Council unanimously agreed that the money would be made available to the Swimming Club with the permission of the Regatta Committee who had donated it, provided that a suitable development scheme was submitted and approved of by the Council.

Councillor Everett proposed and Councillor Hynes seconded that a vote of congratulations and good wishes be extended to Miss Halpin

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and Mrs. Kent, Church Hill, Wicklow, on their attaining 93 years of age. The Chairman and other members joined in the vote.

The Chairman proposed and Councillor Everett seconded a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Andrew D. Finlayson, a former Councillor. The County Manager associated himself with it and the vote was passed in silence all present standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Wm. J. Jackson*  
4th Feb. 1958.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
31st January, 1958.

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, 4th February, 1958, 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 monthly meeting held on 7th January, 1958 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Longford U.D.C. re speed limits.
3. Public Lighting - Correspondence with E.S.B. re additional light at Castle Park.
4. Lease of premises for new Post Office - correspondence with Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
5. Corporate Estate - notification of grant for reclamation of two fields at Ballyguile.
6. "Bog Field" - proposal for development as building sites.
7. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - application for loan of £1,200.
8. Scavenging Service - report on cost and operation of mechanised service, (copy herewith).
9. Derelict Sites - consideration of future use of sites at (a) Strand St. and (b) Castle Park.
10. Council tenants: (a) Report on erection of structures and (b) other matters.
11. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
12. Other Business.

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

31st January, 1958.

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

Report on Mechanised Scavenging service

Arising out of the request of the Council at their recent meeting I have prepared the following report on the cost and operation of a mechanised scavenging service:-

Present Service: The cost of the present service is £760 per annum as shown on table 1 attached and is operated by a carter who supplies his own horse and cart, and a helper. Their duties comprise the emptying of approximately 160 house bins and four public ashpits twice weekly and the cleaning once weekly of all roads, streets and laneways, except the Main St., and the lower part of the town which are attended to by the street orderly vehicle. There are obvious disadvantages to the horse and cart system which I will deal with later on when discussing the advantages of a mechanised system.

Mechanised Scavenging Service: The Town Surveyor in his report to the recent meeting recommended the provision of a tractor with trailer (tipping) and the cost of this service I estimate at £1060 per annum as detailed in table 11. This would be a major system and would be similar to that in operation in Arklow where it is proving very satisfactory covering all households in the town for domestic scavenging and also doing street scavenging. There is no charge for the service - the only condition being that householders should have their ash bins on the footpath on specified days for collection by the scavengers.

I consider this system more than is required in Wicklow and also too costly. Accordingly I have investigated the possibility of a somewhat modified system and have had discussions with Mr. Harris of Messrs Archers Ltd., a firm with experience of supplying scavenging equipment to Dublin Corporation and Dublin County Council. From our discussion it would appear that a scavenging vehicle based on the new Thames 800 15 cwt. chassis and cab fitted with Dublin built steel body and with tipper gear (hand hydraulic operated) and fitted with two sliding shutters, the approximate cost of which would be between £850 and £900 would be ideal for Wicklow's requirements. I have estimated the annual cost, as shown on table 111, to be £980, which is, you will note, only £220 higher than the present cost.

The present system apart from being outmoded is far from satisfactory. The capacity of the cart is very limited and it has no cover, with the consequent result that papers and ashes are blown off it on its journey through town. In addition more than 50% of the carter's time is spent in going to and from the dumping ground.

DUMPING GROUND: The use of the dumping ground at the Black Castle is also far from satisfactory not alone from the public health point of view but also from the scenic. The Council on numerous occasions have discussed its removal to a remoter site but this was found impracticable with the use of a horse and cart. With the introduction of a mechanised service there is nothing to prevent its removal, and perhaps the Council might site it at the Glen turn, which is the position indicated on the draft planning scheme for a refuse dump.

Council Tenants and Public Ash Pits: Four public ash pits are provided for the use of Council tenants who do not avail of the scavenging service. These ash pits are constructed in concrete and are rather difficult to empty. They are public nuisances, an eye sore, a play ground for children who scatter broken bottles everywhere and a source of rat infestation, and have been reported on as such



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by the County Medical Officer, the Health Inspector and the Town Surveyor from time to time.

If the Council are prepared to introduce a general scavenging service covering all private households and Council houses an additional cost of £160 would be involved, which is the amount received presently in respect of the scavenging charge. However, should the Council not be in favour of introducing a general scavenging service due to the extra cost by loss of the receipts, they should, however, seriously consider doing away with the public ash pits and making some alternative arrangement for the collection of refuse from Council houses. If a mechanised service was introduced in the coming year on a limited scale it might be possible to extend it in the near future to cover the whole town.

**Personnel:** As our former carter has now retired the time is opportune to consider the introduction of a mechanised service. By doing so now we are not displacing anyone, but we may as a matter of fact help to retain one of our workers in employment. I refer to Edward Kelly, assistant to the Waterworks Overseer who will become redundant with the advent of the Regional Water Supply Scheme and the estimates do not allow sufficient money to retain him in full employment on other services. Consequently I recommend that he be employed as driver on whatever motor vehicle the Council might get for the scavenging service.

This arrangement would not alone result in the retaining of a competent workman but would also result in the saving of a salary of £320 in a full year or £160 in the coming year. In the current year the sum of £200 was provided in the Estimates to meet repairs to the Town Hall. This provision is no longer required and these two savings alone would meet the entire additional cost of providing a comprehensive scavenging service.

M. J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

TABLE I

Present Scavenging Service

<u>Wages:</u>	Carter	...	...	...	£425
	Labourer	...	...	...	£320
	Holidays	...	...	...	£15
					<u>£760</u>

TABLE II

Mechanised Scavenging Service

(Based on Tractor and Trailer (tipping) - Capital Cost £1500 approx)

<u>Wages:</u>	Driver	...	...	...	£365
	Helper	...	...	...	£320
	Holidays	...	...	...	£15
					£700
	Running Expenses (maintenance, fuel, oil tax, insurance)				£160
					£860
	Depreciation (loan charges over 10 years)				£200
				Total	<u>£1,060</u>



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M. J. O'Shea  
 Town Clerk

Present Scavenging Service

TABLE II  
 (Based on Tractor...)

Capital Cost	£850 to £900
Wages: Driver	£365
Helper	£320
Holidays	£15
	£700
Running Expenses (maintenance, fuel, oil, tax insurance)	£160
	£860
Depreciation (loan charges on £900 over 10 years)	£120
	£980

TABLE III

Mechanised Scavenging Service

(Based on Thames 800 15 cwt. chassis and cab or similar vehicle fitted with Dublin built steel body and with tipper gear (hand hydraulic operated) fitted with 2 sliding shutters)

Capital Cost	£850 to £900
Wages: Driver	£365
Helper	£320
Holidays	£15
	£700
Running Expenses (maintenance, fuel, oil, tax insurance)	£160
	£860
Depreciation (loan charges on £900 over 10 years)	£120
	£980

Note: The extra charge involved by the use of the recently acquired street orderly vehicle is offset by the fact that the carter and helper are used on roads and other works and a proportional amount is charged against these services. The same arrangement would apply with a motor vehicle.