

Wicklow Urban District Council
4th March 1958

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 1958

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

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

Apologies were received from Councillor T. Byrne for his inability to attend.

On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Hudson a vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor on the death of his mother, and with Mr. M. McMahon, a former Councillor, on the death of his wife. The votes were passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 7th January, 1958, were taken as read, and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM LONGFORD U.D.C.: The following resolution received from Longford U.D.C., was adopted, Councillor Clarke dissenting:-

"That having regard to increased volume of motor traffic, we call on the Minister for Local Government to fix a speed limit not exceeding 25 m.p.h. in respect of all mechanically propelled traffic for all towns and villages in the Twenty-Six Counties.

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

PUBLIC LIGHT AT CASTLE PARK: The Town Clerk said that he had written to the E.S.B. conveying the Council's opinion that the charge of £17 was unduly excessive in view of the fact that the light would be placed on an existing pole and that the only work involved would appear to be the provision of a bracket and lamp. In a letter of the 25th January, the E.S.B. stated that they would be prepared to grant a reduction to £15 on the understanding that the work is carried out when their tower truck is in Wicklow on other work. The Council agreed to request the E.S.B. to let them have a statement showing how the charge is computed and it was decided to point out to the E.S.B. that their attitude is crippling the plans of local authorities for the extension of public lighting systems.

LEASE OF PREMISES FOR NEW POST OFFICE: The Town Clerk stated that he had conveyed the Council's suggestion to the Department of Posts & Telegraph, that they would be prepared to accept a surrender of the existing lease which had 34 years still to run, and to grant them a new lease for 75 years. The Department had replied agreeing to this course and requesting confirmation that a 75 year lease proposed to be granted was a building lease and also stating that they had been advised that £12 per annum would be a reasonable rent. The County Manager stated that a 75 year lease would of course be a building lease and that on the renewal of leases it had been the practice of the Council over the past number of years to increase the rent by 50%. In the case of the new Post Office premises such an increase would bring the rent to £13.10.0. He also reminded the Council that whilst they would not obtain any rates on the Post Office they would be received in full by means of the bounty-in-lieu of rates. After a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that a new lease be granted at a rent of £12 per annum.

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CORPORATE ESTATE: The Town Clerk informed the Council of the notification of a grant from the Department of Agriculture, Land Project Office, for the rehabilitation of two field at Ballyguile. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Hynes and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve the acceptance of a grant of £81. 6. 8. from the Minister for Agriculture towards the rehabilitation of 2 fields at Ballyguile, the total cost of which is estimated at £122 and that we note that in addition to providing the balance of £40. 13. 4. the Council must supply and spread ground limestone and superphosphates at an estimated cost of £28 and that we hereby approve the necessary additional expenditure in the current year".

A letter was read from Mr. M. Hudson, Marlton Rd., asking if the Council would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of liming the field at Greenhill Road which he holds from the Council for one season's con-acre. The application was accompanied by a certificate from the Chief Agricultural Officer stating that the field was deficient in lime to the extent of 3 tons per statute acre. The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of the limestone was £10 and that whilst the limestone would benefit Mr. Hudson in the current year it would also benefit the Council in future years. Councillor Hudson proposed that the Council contribute 50% of the cost. Agreed.

BOG FIELD - PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AS BUILDING SITES: The Manager reminded the Council that at their last meeting they thought that special attention should be paid to the lay-out of the "Bog Field" for the provision of housing sites. He was in agreement with this and considered that special care would have to be given to ensure that whatever was done would fit in with development which might take place in the future. He suggested engaging the services of Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, to provide the lay-out and that the development would be in the interest of property owners in the area and would increase the value of the property. He stated that an application had been received from Mr. L. Carroll, Dunbur Tce., for a building site in this field. The Council considered the Manager's suggestion and it was unanimously agreed to engage the services of Mr. J. P. Butler, for the purpose of drawing up a lay-out and that the application of Mr. Carroll be deferred until the lay-out scheme was available and that the application should be given preference on the Architect's plan.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: The Manager stated that Mr. Carroll had also applied for a loan of £1,200 under the S.D.A. Acts for the purpose of building a house on the site he had applied for in the "Bog" Field. The Council agreed in principle to the granting of a loan, subject to full particulars being submitted by the applicant when the question of building sites in the "Bog" Field had been settled.

SCAVENGING SERVICE: The report on the cost and operation of a mechanised scavenging service, which had been requested by the members at their last meeting, and which had been prepared by the Town Clerk and circulated before the present meeting was read by the County Manager. The Manager explained that the cost of the present service was £760 less £160 received by way of the scavenging charge, giving a net cost of £600. The net cost to the Council of the new Scheme would be £650, which represented the total cost of £980, less Mr. Kelly's salary of £330 (including overtime). This arrangement showed that there would only be an increase of £50 on the present cost, which was mainly due to the fact that the wages included would be payable to the man available from the Waterworks. He stated that it would be necessary to obtain tenders for the supply of the vehicle and that when they were obtained a more detailed costing would be available. The Council considered the matter at some length and Councillor Everett suggested adjourning the matter

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to the Estimates Meeting. The members generally were in favour of the proposed scheme if it was not going to cost anything additional and it was finally decided that tenders should be sought for the supply of a suitable vehicle and would be considered at the March meeting of the Council. They could then if they wished defer final decision to the Estimates Meeting.

DERELICT SITES - STRAND ST: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at their last meeting they had deferred consideration of the future use of the site at Strand St., to give Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. an opportunity of submitting definite proposal regarding the proposed railway siding at North Quay. This firm had indicated that negotiations were still in progress with C.I.E., and in his opinion it appeared that nothing concrete would result in the immediate future. It was decided that Shamrock Fertilizers be informed that the Council could hardly be expected to keep the site available indefinitely and that they be asked for a definite statement of their requirements by the next meeting.

Castle Park: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that the site at Castle Park, formerly the property of Dr. Hamilton, had been acquired for the purpose of erecting houses thereon. The Architect in his report on derelict sites had indicated that it would be possible to erect 2 - 3 houses on this site. After a short discussion it was decided to defer decision until the March meeting to give the members an opportunity of considering the matter.

COUNCIL TENANTS: (a) Report on Erection of Structures: The Town Clerk indicated that the Town Surveyor had now prepared reports on all structures erected by tenants in Kilmantin and Glenview Road areas. On the suggestion of the Town Surveyor it was decided to defer consideration of the report to give him an opportunity of reporting on the remaining housing schemes.

(b) Other Matters: A letter was read from the Secretary of the Wicklow H.P.S. asking for an assurance that the clause in the Tenancy Agreement relating to the keeping of live stock etc., did not refer to pigeons or to pigeon lofts. It was decided that the Town Clerk should inform the H.P.S. that the Council had no objection to their keeping pigeons provided no annoyance or disturbance was caused to neighbours and that the matter of the lofts, as well as other structures, would shortly be considered by the Council and that any lofts which were of an unsightly nature would have to be removed. Councillor Doyle said that some of the tenants had got the impression from the reading of the Tenancy Agreement that they could not keep a dog, cat or a bird, and the Chairman pointed out that they were interpreting the wording too literally.

The Town Clerk mentioned that of the 3 Council tenants who had been informed to have pigs removed permanently from their premises by 31/1/1958, two had applied for an extension of time as the pigs were not ready for marketing. The Council agreed that they be given to the end of March.

An application was read from Mr. M. O'Brien, 11 St. Laurence's Park, for permission to remove the existing range and instal a boiler grate. Permission was granted, subject to the usual conditions.

A letter was read from Mrs. J. Sillery, Castlefield, complaining about the condition of the tarmac path leading to her house and requesting the Council to have it repaired. It was decided that as no monies had been provided in the current year for such repairs the matter be referred to the Estimates Meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Kavanagh, 4 Dunbur Tee., complaining about the condition of the sink and draining board, and that it had been promised that they would be re-placed when he became tenant of the house 2½ years ago. The Council decided that the Town Surveyor should submit a report thereon, and that it be pointed out to Mr. Kavanagh that as the monies allowed for repairs in the present year had been expended the question of replacements would have to be deferred for the time being.

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

Monthly Report - January, 1958

E.S.V. Scheme: The Scheme is now practically completed and the foot-paths at Lr. Monkton Row, Castle St., Quarantine Hill, New St., Barrow Green and the Murrrough, and the steps leading to the lower road near Riverside cottage are finished.

Foreshore: Owing to the unsatisfactory weather coming up to Christmas it was not possible to complete this work entirely. Consequently I am now re-starting the work so as to complete the concrete blocks which should be finished in about a week or ten days.

Waterworks: The filter beds at the Waterworks are now being cleaned and two men are engaged there for this purpose. There would seem to be a temporary chockage between the reservoir and the filter beds and this is engaging my attention at the moment.

Housing: I inspected the structure being erected by Patrick Barlow at No. 6, St. Laurence's Road and it is proceeding satisfactorily.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

Councillor Hudson enquired what the prospects were for extending the foreshore protection works. The County Manager replied that the Department had indicated that the present grant of £375 was the last grant that would be forthcoming for some time.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Carroll enquired what the present position was regarding the superannuation of James Clarke, retired carter. The Manager said that legal advice was being sought on this issue and it was hoped to have a decision available for the next meeting of the Council.

A letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers regarding the condition of the road between the bridge and their factory. It was agreed that whilst the road was not in a bad condition it was somewhat dirty and the Town Surveyor promised to have it cleaned and to have some gravel or pebbles put on it.

A complaint was also noted from Rev. Fr. Hans regarding the roof of the Boys' Club at the Old Technical School, which was leaking. The Town Surveyor said that the roof was in a very bad condition and would involve some major work if it was to be adequately repaired. He promised to see if some temporary repairs could be effected for the time being.

Councillor Conroy drew attention to a steel window in house tenanted by Mrs. Hollingsworth at Castlefield, which was warped and letting in the rain. The Town Surveyor said that he had examined this before and the only solution would appear to be the provision of an entirely new frame. He hardly thought the expense was warranted as the amount of rain getting in was not very great. At the request of Councillor Conroy he promised to re-inspect it.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th February, 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 March, 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 4th February, 1958, (copy herewith).
2. Public Lighting - correspondence from E.S.B. re proposed additional light at Castle Park.
3. Scavenging Service - opening of tenders for supply of refuse collecting vehicle.
4. Housing - Development Scheme for "Bog Field".
5. Premises at Hillside - Application from Mr. Ed. Kane for lease of portion of plot which Mrs. Healy wishes to surrender.
6. Derelict Sites - consideration of future use of sites at (a) Strand St. (b) Castle Park.
7. Corporate Estate - Report on cost of fencing plot of land at St. Laurence's Park.
8. Fixing date of Annual Estimates Meeting.
9. Council Tenants - (a) Report on erection of structures (b) Other matters.
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
11. Any Other Business.

Wm. J. Cusack
4th March 1958.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH MARCH, 1958

Present: Councillor W. Clarke (Chairman) presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, P. Doyle, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, E. P. Hynes and J. Everett, T.D.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

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

A letter was read from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne expressing his appreciation of the Council's Vote of Sympathy on the death of his mother.

A letter was also read from Mr. D. Temple, of New York stating that he would like to meet the Chairman on his forthcoming visit to Ireland. The Chairman said he would be glad to meet him.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of monthly meeting held on 4th February, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Clerk gave a brief resumé of what had transpired at previous meetings regarding the quotation of the E.S.B. for the provision of an additional light at Castle Park. He had written to the E.S.B. and pointed out to them that their attitude in charging for the installation of additional lights was crippling the plan of local authorities for the extension of their public lighting systems and asking for a statement showing how the charge of £15 for the Castle Park light is computed. In reply the E.S.B. gave the following figures: Materials £7. 5. 6; Labour £4. 10.0; Overhead and transport charges £3. 4. 6; Total: £15. 0. 0.

Deferred to Estimates Meeting.

SCAVENGING SERVICE: The following tenders for the supply and delivery of one refuse collecting vehicle were opened:-

Messrs Lincoln & Nolan Ltd., Dublin:	Type 1	£1,266
	Type 11	£1,226

Type 1: Austin 1½ ton petrol engined vehicle with crew cab and having a capacity of 3½ cu. yds. Extra for spray painting interior of the body with Vinyl anti-rust - £28 net.

Type 11: Austin 1½ ton petrol engined fitted with single cab having a capacity of 5 cu. yds. Extra for spray painting of interior of body with Vinyl anti-rust - £31 net.

Alternative B.M.C. 2.2. litre diesel engine would cost £130 net extra.

R. W. Archer & Co., Dublin	£874 nett
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Based on Ford Thmaes 800 chassis and cab and having a capacity of slightly under 4 cu. yds.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the Council discussed the various aspects involved in the introduction of a mechanised scavenging service, and the County Manager dealt in detail with the expenditure which would be involved and the savings that could be used to offset it. On the proposition of the Chairman it was agreed that the tender of Messrs R. W. Archer & Co., in sum of £874 be provisionally accepted and subject to it being found in order by the Town Surveyor, and subject to a final decision being taken at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

A discussion also took place regarding an alternative dumping site and the Town Surveyor was asked to submit a report thereon for the Estimates Meeting.

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HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR "BOG FIELD": The County Manager told the Council that he regretted that the Architect was unable to have the layout for the development of the "Bog Field" for private housing available for the meeting. The Architect promised to have it for the April Meeting.

Noted.

PREMISES AT HILLSIDE: The County Manager stated that an application had been received from Mrs Healy, Hillside, Wicklow, for permission to surrender portion of the plot at Hillside leased to her late husband Mr. P. T. Healy for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1922. An application had also been received from Mr. Ed. Kane, Fitzwilliam Road for a lease of the aforesaid portion, measuring 38 perches approx. statute measure, for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1958. The law agent had been consulted on the matter and had advised that this arrangement was quite in order.

A brief discussion took place principally in regard to the rent that should be charged to Mr. Kane. Councillor Doyle proposed that the rent be £5 and that Manager advised that this was too low, as though the area involved (38 perches) was slightly less than the plots at Dunbur Road (54 perches) for which a rent of £7. 10. 0. was charged, it was more favourably situated and should command a higher rent.

It was finally proposed by Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

"That we hereby accept Surrender of portion of the plot situated at Hillside, Wicklow, demised by lease dated 29th September, 1922, to Mr. P. T. Healy, for a term of 75 years, the said portion measuring approximately 38 perches statute measure, and that we hereby grant a building lease of the said portion for 75 years from 25th March, 1958, at a rent of £7. 10. 0. to Mr. Ed. Kane, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow".

DERELICT SITES: (a) Strand St: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at their last meeting when discussing the future use of this site it was decided that it be pointed out to Shamrock Fertilizers that the Council could not be expected to keep this site available and that if they were unable to submit definite plans regarding the proposed railway siding by the March Meeting the Council would proceed to let it. No plans had been received and it appeared that nothing definite would materialise in the immediate future.

The Council agreed that it be advertised for letting and that the Department of Local Government be informed accordingly.

(b) Castle Park: A discussion took place regarding the possibility of erecting houses on this site. The County Manager gave figures relating to the costs of the two houses erected at Castle St., and pointed out that the rent of any new houses would not be less than 21/6d. per week.

It was agreed that the Consultant Architect be requested to examine the site and to report on the type and number of houses that could be erected thereon. It was also decided that the Rent Collector should make enquiries as to the number of existing tenants who would be anxious to transfer to these houses.

CORPORATE ESTATE: The County Manager said that there was a plot of ground measuring $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres at Ballynerrin and one time leased to Ice Products Ltd. which might be fenced off and let for grazing or tillage purposes. The estimate of the fencing cost was £60 and the annual rent that could be expected would be between £10 and £15.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the plot of ground be left as it is as it was used as a playground by the children.

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ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING: Tuesday, 1st April, 1958, was fixed as the date for the holding of the Annual Estimates Meeting.

COUNCIL TENANTS - REPORT ON ERECTION OF STRUCTURES: The Town Clerk said that the inspection of structures erected by tenants had now been completed by the Town Surveyor. In all there were 98 reports. The Chairman remarked that it would take quite some time to deal with all the reports if they were to consider them individually. The County Manager mentioned the items dealt with in the reports which ranged from pidgeon and poultry houses to garages and from fuel sheds to bathrooms and kitchens. On the suggestions of the Chairman it was finally agreed that no action would be taken on the reports unless there were any complaints about individual structures received.

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

Monthly Report - February, 1958

The streets and roads were maintained in a good condition, but the Greenhill Road is deteriorating rapidly and will have to be attended to during the coming financial year by way of major repairs.

Waterworks: There are several leaks beginning to make themselves apparent in the town, but every effort is being made to keep them under control. The public should have leaks in services, pipes and taps attended to as soon as possible. The sand washing proceeded during the month in the old filter beds. A chockage appears to have developed between the pond and the filter beds, but I am hesitant to commit to any heavy expenditure in repairing the valvae etc., pending the coming of the new water supply, and we have had to resort to pumping from the Marilton River at an earlier date.

During the month I completed the inspections of the Council houses in connection with old sheds, outoffices and buildings which had been erected without permission.

At present I am preparing my estimates for roads and other services for 1958/59, so that if any items occur to any Councillor requiring attention, I would be glad to be informed as soon as possible.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Councillor Carroll mentioned flooding at Old Dunbur Road and Councillor Conroy drew attention to the condition of the Brickfield Lane.

OTHER BUSINESS: Use of Murrough: Permission was given to the G.A.A. Club for the use of the Murrough on Sunday, 9th March, for the purpose of holding a football match.

Strand St. Houses - Surrender of Leases: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

(1) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Surrender of Lease whereby Elizabeth O'Brien surrenders the premises known as 4, Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, to the Wicklow U.D.C. in consideration of the sum of £10."

(2) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Surrender of Lease whereby Elizabeth O'Brien surrenders the premises known as 7, Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, to the Wicklow U.D.C. in consideration of the sum of £10."

(3) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Surrender of Lease whereby Joseph O'Brien surrenders the premises known as 1, Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, to the Wicklow U.D.C. in consideration of the sum of £10."

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners wrote regarding the refusal of the Council to give them a loan of casings for the making of concrete blocks

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The Manager pointed out that the Council were under no obligation to loan casings to the Harbour Authority no more than to a private individual. These casings had cost £30 each and would be required for future works.

Noted.

Application for Wages Increase: An application was read from the I.T. & G.W. Union for an increase of 10/- per week in the wages of labourers employed by the Council. The Manager stated that an increase of 10/- per week would mean a rate of 4d. in the £ and every increase of 2/6d. was equivalent to a rate of 1d. He pointed out that an increase could only be granted if the Council voted the additional money and if workers in comparable employment in the Urban area had been granted a similar increase.

Deferred to Estimates Meeting.

Approval to Overexpenditure: Proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve the following additional expenditure:-
Housing Maintenance - £40; Water Supply ; £50."

Votes of Sympathy: Proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Clarke that a vote of sympathy be passed to Mr. Callanan of Arklow on the recent death of his wife. In proposing the vote, Councillor Everett instanced the great efforts which Mr. Callanan had made in bringing industry to Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Clarke, that a vote of sympathy be passed with the relatives of the Killybegs disaster.

All the members present and the County Manager associated themselves with the vote, which were passed in silence, all present standing.

Repairs to North Quay: Councillor Conroy asked about repairs to the road at North Quay as promised at the last meeting. The Town Surveyor said he had attended to it but that it would never be satisfactory until it was concreted. It was agreed that the cost of doing the road in concrete should be made available for the Estimates Meeting.

Murrough Paling: Councillor Carroll stated that the stakes forming the paling around the playing pitches on the Murrough were being taken and suggested that what remained should be given to the G.A.A. Club. Agreed that estimate of value be obtained for next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Wm. J. Cusack
1st April 1958

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
20th March, 1958.

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

A Chara,

I hereby give you notice that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st April, 1958, at 7-30 p.m.

The County Manager's Estimates and Report are appended hereto.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack,

Town Clerk

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th March, 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, 1st April, 1958, at the conclusion of the Annual Estimates Meeting which is scheduled for 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 4th March, 1958 (copy herewith).
2. Housing - Letting of Vacant Council House at Mohkton Row (former tenant - Mrs. B. Sweeney).
3. Corporate Estate - Tenders for ploughing and harrowing of field at Ballyguile.
4. Regional Water Supply Scheme - Sealing Deed of Mortgage - Wicklow U.D.C. to Commissioners of Public Works.
5. Housing - Development Scheme for Bog Field.
6. Housing - Architect's report on proposal to erected dwelling houses on derelict site at Castle Park.
7. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
8. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
20th March, 1958.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on the 31st
March, 1959

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1959, are given. These Estimates will be considered at a Special Meeting of the Council on 1st April, 1958.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £35,312; the receipts are calculated to reach £15,662. The amount to be levied from the rates consequently is £19,650; and would require a rate of 37/- in the £, after allowance has been made for credits available from the current year of £490.

The expenditure and receipts under the four main charge headings for 1958/59 together with the corresponding figures for the current year are set out below (the figures for the current year are shown in parenthesis):-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Net Expenditure</u>
Roads	£1398 (£1416)	£75 (£75)	£1323 (£1341)
Sanitary Services	£5675 (£4571)	£736 (£337)	£4939 (£4234)
Housing	£13305 (£13186)	£11376 (£11283)	£1929 (£1903)
General Urban Purposes	£14934 (£14940)	£3475 (£3325)	£11459 (£11615)
	<u>£35312 (£34113)</u>	<u>£15662 (£15020)</u>	<u>£19650 (£19093)</u>

The rate allowed by the Council in the present year was 36/4d., so that the Estimates for the coming year would entail an increase of 8d.

In brief this increase, expressed as a poundage rate, is accounted for by the following items:-

County Council Demand 1d; Joint Burial Board 3d; Housing Levy 1d. Water Supply 3d.

The increase resulting from the necessity to meet loan charges in the coming year on the Capital Cost of the new Regional Water Supply would be much higher but for the State Subsidy to loan charges of almost 40% and the fact that the Charges on the Capital Debt represented by the Old Wicklow Town Stock will be much less in the coming year. Furthermore, it is possible for the Council to make certain staff adjustments in connection with the operation of the existing water-supply, which would result in savings available to off-set the costs of the new Scheme.

In the year 1959/60, additional provision will have to be made from Rates for the Regional Water Supply loan charges, as in the Estimates now submitted to you it is only necessary to make provision for a half-year's loan charges. At present it is calculated that the additional increase in the rate which may have to be made in 1959/60 in respect of the new Regional Water Supply would be somewhere between 3d. and 6d.

ROADS: As a contribution by the Council towards Employment Schemes the same amount is allowed as for the present year, viz: £75, has again been included. In the current year a State Grant of £1,100 was received and this entailed a local contribution of £110. With the total sum available the following works were arranged by the Council and satisfactorily completed:-

- Concrete Paths at: (1) New Street,
(2) Lr. Monkton Row,
(3) St. Dominick's Rd.
(4) Castle St.
(5) The Murrough.
(6) Barrow Green.

In addition concrete steps for providing acquisition from Castle St., to the South Quay were constructed.

For ordinary road works, that is tar patching, pot-hole filling, and such like repairs, £694, which was the amount allowed by the Council last year had been included. This amount is mainly spent on wages for ordinary maintenance. It also includes a small provision for materials such as chippings, tar, etc.

In the present year the Council allowed £145 for Special Road Works, and with that sum tar spraying and re-surfacing was carried out on road to Ballyguile, Friars' Hill, Strand Street and Bond Street.

The Town Surveyor has submitted a recommended Scheme of Road Works, which would require expenditure very much in excess of the limited provision included in the present Estimates for Special Works. These works are set out under three headings: Re-surfacing and tar spraying of roads - Total Cost £2,227. Construction and Repair of Footpaths - Total Cost £2,669. Drainage works on roads - Total cost £701.

The list of works and the Town Surveyor's comments are set out hereunder:-

Re-surfacing and Tar spraying of Roads:

(1) Greenhill Road from the Convent Road to U.D.C. Boundary; this road is in a very bad condition	£385
(2) Fernhill Road from the Urban District Boundary to Grimshaw's Gate, tar surfacing	£175
(3) St. Patrick's Road: part on the hill to be tar-surfaced dressed	£60
(4) Old Terret Lane and New Park Road - tar surface dressing	£195
(5) Salthouse Lane: requires repairs and tarring	£40
(6) Coates' Lane: requires repairs and tarring	£50
(7) Brickfield Lane: this lane is in a bad condition and requires levelling, drainage and surface dressing	£180
(8) Glenview Road and Kilmantin Road: tar surface dressing	£333
(9) Bayview Tee. to Kane's Corner: Tar surface dressing	£163
(10) (a) Strand St. Upper: tar surface dressing	£105
(b) Strand St. Lower: tar surface dressing	£120
(c) Bath St., from Bridge to Sea-Front: tar surface dressing	£100
(11) Castle St. from Market St. to Black Castle Gate: tar surface dressing	£186
(12) Church Hill: tar spraying	£135
	<u>£2,227</u>

Construction and Repair of Footpaths:

- (1) Concrete path at Bond St: complaints have been received from time to time regarding this path which leads from the stone bridge towards Shamrock Fertilizers factory £206

	b/f	£206
(2) Path, Walling and repairs to road at the upper end of St. Dominick's Rd. at junction with Old Dunbur Lane: (a) Walling - £405; (b) Concrete path - £75 and (c) tar surface dressing - £32		£512
(3) Lr. Monkton Row, West Side: Concrete paths		£90
(4) Convent Road, opposite cottages: (a) New concrete path £155; (b) a wall in front of cottages £220. Total		£375
(5) New St., east side: concrete path		£132
(6) St. Laurence's Road to St. Patrick's Road: a new concrete path		£437
(7) From Bond St. to Parnell Bridge: concrete path and surfacing Parnell Bridge		£72
(8) Concrete paths at Kilmantin Hill, west side, Barrow Green to New St.		£170
(9) Concrete path at Barrow Green in front of houses		£50
(10) Concrete paths at Castle St., west from Market St. to Murphy's houses		£35
(11) Repairs to concrete paths at Kilmantin Road and St. Laurence's Road		£35
(12) Concrete path between Protestant Church and Brickfield Lane		£80
(13) Concrete path at Wentworth Place		£290
(14) Concrete paths to 12 houses on Black Castle Road		£185
		<u>£2,669</u>

Drainage and Other Works:

(1) Concrete terracing and steps at Castle St. with 12 seats	£341
(2) Drainage in road between Convent Road and Mount Carmel. The deep water cutting alongside this road should be piped	£60
(3) Pipe in water channel at Colley St., between Colley Row adjoining Fever Hospital, from St. Dominick's Road to hospital gate	£205
(4) Bond St: a new gully trap and pipe to river	£63
(5) Remedy water lying on Sea View Road near junction with Cooper's Lane and Golf Links	<u>£32</u>
	<u>£701</u>

Recently the Council had under consideration a suggestion that Bond St. be laid in concrete. It was mentioned that nowadays this thoroughfare carries very heavy traffic to and from factories and the harbour. The cost of a new thoroughfare in concrete is estimated at £2,333. It has been the practice of the Council to use Employment Schemes Grants together with the Council's own contribution towards these Schemes, in the construction of footpaths. It is suggested that in the coming year that consideration might be given to using these funds in the construction of a length of road in concrete. In this way the Council would be providing a permanent thoroughfare - even if it were comparatively short - which would not require maintenance in subsequent years.

As on previous occasions, the Council will, it is assumed, examine carefully the list of works now submitted and which, of course, could not possibly be carried out in the coming year, with a view to determining a programme to be undertaken with the funds available.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The total estimated cost under this heading is £5,675 which is an increase of £1,104 on the gross expenditure for 1957/58 (£4,571). There will, however, be increases in receipts which will off-set in part this additional out-lay with the result that the net increase in the cost of Sanitary Services will be £705. The rise in receipts is mainly due to the State Subsidy which will be available to meet part of the cost of loan charges on the Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Water Supply: The Contract for the provision of the new Regional Water Supply Scheme, being jointly undertaken by Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow County Council, has been proceeding satisfactorily since work commenced in August, 1957. It now looks as if the

Contract, which is a large one entailing a total out-lay of over £86,000, will be completed on time. It is expected, unless unforeseen difficulties occur in the meantime, that water from the new Supply will be available to the town of Wicklow about next October. Of the total cost it has been arranged that 30% would be borne by Wicklow Urban District Council and 70% by Wicklow County Council. In the coming year a half-year's loan charges, which amount to £1,327, will have to be met by Wicklow Urban Council. A State Subsidy of 38 and 1/3rd% is being given and this reduces the amount to be met from rates in respect of loan charges to £818. Until the new water supply becomes available it will be necessary to continue pumping to the town's reservoir from the stream at Marlton. Normally the provision made for this purpose is £260 and most of the pumping is done in the Summer months, when consumption is highest. In the coming year provision must be made for pumping until October next and also for part of the cost of maintaining the New Regional Scheme. The estimate for these items is £240.

Salaries: Salaries under the heading of Sanitary Services will show a reduction of £455 because of the retirement of the former Waterworks Overseer, but it is necessary to provide for payment of a lump sum and pension under the Superannuation Acts. It will be recalled that the Council decided to defray the lump sum over a period of 3 years.

It should also here be mentioned that the Carter employed in connection with the Refuse Collection Service has retired and this may involve an additional pension payment by the Council.- legal advice is being obtained. The total provision in the attached Estimates to cover these items in the coming year is £517.

The existing water-supply will have to be maintained for 6 to 7 months in the coming year and it is estimated that this will result in an expenditure of £290, as compared, however, with £710 in the present year. This sum of £290 includes provision for wages for workman for a half year and also for the cleaning of filter beds during the summer months.

Scavenging: Last year £760 was allowed to cover wages for the Scavenging Service. This was the total cost of the service as it included provision for the payment of a carter and helper. For some time past the Council has had under consideration a proposal for providing a mechanised scavenging service. Here it should be mentioned that the Town Clerk has prepared a very thorough survey of the position for the guidance of the Council. At their last meeting the Council received tenders for a suitable type of scavenging vehicle. The capital cost on the basis of the lowest tender would require a loan charge of £144 per year. It is suggested, however, that the new service might not be introduced until October next and this would mean a half-year's loan charges, £72, would have to be met and this sum is included in the Estimates. It is proposed that a 10 year loan be obtained from the Council's Treasurer. The running expenses of the new vehicle are estimated at £160 per annum, or £80 for a half-year - the latter sum is shown in the attached Estimates.

It is intended that the workman at present employed in the Waterworks would be assigned the work of driving the new vehicle when the mechanised service is introduced, and the Estimates include due provision for his remuneration in this capacity, as well as the services of a helper.

At present a Domestic Refuse Collection Service is only available to households who make a special annual payment of £1, this being in addition to the ordinary rates assessment. The special charge which brings in a revenue of £160 goes to meet the cost of providing this service. In all other towns, which are Urban Districts, a household refuse collection service is available to everybody and the cost of it is defrayed from rates in the ordinary way. The Town of Wicklow has always been a unique exception in this respect. Time and

again complaints have been made regarding the difficulties caused in Wicklow, which is a densely built-up area, owing to the absence of a general household refuse collection service.. Medical Officers over the years also have recommended that such a service be provided. It is felt that at present a special opportunity is afforded to the Council of providing this amenity.

Burial Grounds - Demand from Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

This Demand shows a steep rise - £146 - for the coming year. Last year it was £291, but for 1958/59 is £437. The increase is occasioned by the necessity for the Board to acquire land for extending the cemetery at Merrymeeting. The Capital Cost of the new extension including acquisition and lay-out is estimated at £2,000 and will be borne in part by Wicklow Urban Council - the remainder is met by Wicklow County Council by means of a special charge in the County Rate on the Rathdrum Rural District.

Public Lighting: Last year £490 was allowed for public lighting, but it has been found that the provision of all-night lighting at certain times of the year (Easter and August Week-ends) entails additional expenditure. An additional light in one part of the town was also suggested some time ago. These two items would result in a rise in the cost of Public Lighting for the coming year of £28.

Sanitary Convenience: Last year £30 was allowed for this purpose but as painting will be required in the coming year a sum of £45 has now been included.

HOUSING

The Estimate for Housing shows little change from that of the present year; the only difference of any account being in the loan charges for the recently completed Scheme at Castle St.

Maintenance and Repair: A similar amount to that allowed in the present year has again been included. Of the allocation of £800, for 1957/58, £500 was spent in painting and recently it was necessary for the Council to authorise excess expenditure of £40 over the present year's estimate. The Town Surveyor has submitted a report on Housing Repairs and Maintenance, in which he recommends the painting of 67 houses at a cost of £543. He estimates the cost of repairs, other than painting at £332. This would, however, require a total outlay of £875.

Scheme at Castle St: The loan charges for this Scheme will be £183; it was £81 in 1957/58. The increase of £102 is, however, offset to the extent of £50 by State Subsidy.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

The expenditure under this heading includes a considerable number of items, such as school meals, foreshore maintenance, insurances on property, printing, stationery, advertising, legal expenses, and County Council Demand, which is the major item. Of the total expenditure of £14,934 on General Urban Purposes the County Council Demand accounts for £9,394.

Town Hall Repairs: In 1957/58 the Council allowed £200 for repair and decoration of the Town Hall. The exterior appearance of the building has been very much improved by the work which was done and it can now be said that the Town Hall is a presentable public building, a matter of some importance in a tourist resort such as Wicklow. The repairs will help, moreover, to add to the life-span of the building. As similar provision is not required in the coming year there is a reduction of £200 under this heading.

Corporate Estate Maintenance: A similar sum to that included in the present year, £150, is again shown in the Estimates. These monies are used in repairs, fencing and other works, serving towards the maintenance in good order of the Council's Corporate Estate - an asset productive of an income nowadays of £1,300. In the current year the Council arranged for the improvement of two fields with an area of 7 acres at Ballyguile, by the provision of better drainage, and removal of scrub. The total outlay was £150 and a State Grant of £80 was received towards the cost.

Foreshore Maintenance: Much work has been carried out in the past few years for the purpose of protecting the Foreshore against erosion. In 1956/57 over £5,000 was spent on a special scheme. About three quarters of the cost was met by State Grant and the Council raised a loan of £1250 which nowadays entails a loan charge each year of £150 (almost a rate of 4d. in the £). It will be found that between maintenance and loan charges the Council at present are spending the equivalent of almost a rate of 10d. in the £, on Foreshore Protection Works. In the current year an additional State Grant of £375 was obtained subject to a contribution from rates by the Council of £125.

In a special report, which has just been submitted, the Town Surveyor states that the protection so far afforded is not altogether adequate and that a further line of concrete blocks should be continued northwards for a distance of about 400 yds. He also states that recent storms have damaged the sea-wall and that concrete groins which were put down over 25 years ago have been extensively battered and damaged by heavy seas. He estimates the cost of constructing additional protection works at £3750. The Council, however, has not had an opportunity of studying this report and it is evident that the possibility of carrying out this costly Scheme will ultimately be determined by the decision as to the availability of a State Grant towards the cost. Provisionally, however, a loan charge of £87 representing a charge for a half-year, has been included in the present Estimates.

School Meals: Whilst the total cost of £310 shows no change, it is thought that members would be interested in information as to the number participating. The average daily number of children for whom meals are provided is 105; the total number of meals served in the year ended 31st March, 1957, was 10,000, and the cost worked out at 7d. per meal - a very satisfactory price having regard to the character of the meals served, being stew on three days of the week and cocoa, bread and jam on the other two. The cost of £310 is recouped to the extent of £150 from State Funds. The amount to be met from rates is £160, being equivalent to a rate of 4d. in the £.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: Under this Scheme, 1 cwt. of turf per week is supplied to necessitous households during the Winter months. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £1,200. Almost the entire cost of the Scheme, however, is recouped from State Funds (£650) and the County Council (£538).

County Council Demand: This shows a rise of £58, which would be somewhat more than 1d. in the £, as a rate. The following table shows how the demand for 1958/59 compares with that for the current year:-

Service	1957/58	1958/59	Increase or Decrease
Main Roads	£1797	£2433	£636 (Increase)
Public Assistance	£467	£750	£283 (Increase)
Mental Hospital	£1272	£1368	£96 (Increase)
Health (County)	£4120	£3058	£1062 (Decrease)
General Purposes	£1041	£1198	£157 (Increase)
Separate Charges	£639	£587	£52 (Decrease)

Alterations in Services and Costs: It will be found from the details given that provision is being made in the Estimates now submitted for your consideration for some new works and that some necessary radical changes in Services are involved. In the first instance it is

expected that the new Regional Water Supply will come into operation within the coming year. It is hoped that the town of Wicklow then can be assured of a satisfactory supply for the years to come. The records of the Council show that for the past 60 or 70 years the water supply never has been equal to requirements. Both members of the Council and the public often have said that they would readily meet any increase in the rates, which a satisfactory and adequate water supply might entail. It is felt that this standard of supply is at last being provided. Having regard to the very uncertain character of the supply in the past it is to be hoped that the public will now appreciate ^{that} a supply which will be adequate at all times is being provided at what is only a modest addition to the general rate, in view of the exceptionally high costs nowadays entailed in capital works such as a new water supply. It is expected that the total addition to the rate resulting from the provision of the new Supply will not exceed 1/- in the £.

Furthermore, for years dissatisfaction was expressed with the absence of a household refuse collection service, which normally is provided by Urban Councils in their districts, and it is hoped in the coming year to provide such an essential service.

About a week ago an application for an increase in wages of 10/- per week was received from the Workmen's Union. Thus far no decision has been taken in connection with this application and the additional expenditure which it would involve. The Estimates now submitted do not include any provision for revision of wages. As an illustration of the cost involved, however, it should be mentioned that an increase of 10/- per week would require an additional expenditure of £170 in the year or a rate of 4d. in the £, i.e. every increase of 2/6d. involves a rate of 1d. in the £.

Once more I consider it only proper that I should take this opportunity of recording a deserved tribute to the manner in which all the members of the Council's staff have discharged their duties in the past year. The details required for these Estimates have been prepared in a most thorough manner by Mr. Cusack, Town Clerk, who has been ably assisted in the matter by Miss Kavanagh.

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

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

Wicklow County Manager

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1958/59

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>		
Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes)	75	75
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £614 Materials: £80)	694	749
Special Works - Tar spraying etc.	145	100
Retiring Allowances	78	78
Salaries	110	117
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1953 St. Patrick's Rd. Improvement	178	178
1953 Murrough Road in Concrete	118	118
	£1,398	£1,415
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	148	154
Retiring Allowances	517	423
Water Supply (Wages: £260 Materials: £30)	290	313
Water Supply - Pumping Scheme and Maintenance of Regional Supply)	240	240
Sewerage (Wages: £66 Materials: £40)	106	111
Public Convenience	45	45
Scavenging (Wages: £735 Running Expenses £80)	815	825
Burial Grounds (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	437	437
Public Lighting	497	497
Additional Light at Castle Park	21	—
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1935 Sewer and Water Extension	58	58
1937 Waterworks Improvement	230	230
1898 3½% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	35	35
1922 5% (3½%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	384	384
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	134	134
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Rd.)	150	150
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	44	44
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Road (Waterworks)	34	34
1956 Public Convenience at Town Hall	81	81
1958 Regional Water Supply	1327	1,327
1958 Purchase of Refuse Collecting Vehicle	72	
	£5,675	£5,532

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repair
 Salaries
 Rent Collector's Poundage
 Printing, Stationery & Advertising
 Insurances
 Rates on Council Houses
 Housing Letting Grant
Loan Charges:
 1932 - 10 Houses Scheme
 1934 - 28 Houses Scheme
 1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme
 1937 - 120 Houses Scheme
 1938 - 120 Houses Scheme
 1940 - 120 Houses Scheme
 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme
 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme
 1947 - 80 Houses Scheme
 1948 - 80 Houses Scheme
 1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St.
 1898 - 3¼% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund
 etc.

Small Dwellings (Acq) Acts

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan
 1948 Loan
 1949 Loan
 1950 Loan
 1956 Loan

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
800	800
109	115
380	380
45	45
129	129
2670	2,670
40	40
233	233
640	640
29	29
2572	2,572
152	152
103	103
974	974
84	84
65	65
2620	2,620
183	183
10	10
72	72
240	240
480	480
563	563
112	112
£13305	£13,311

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc)
 Town Hall Repairs
 Demolition of Ruinous Buildings
 Acquisition of Derelict Sites
 Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages: £124
 Materials: £26)
 Foreshore Maintenance (Wages: £98
 Materials: £52)
 Tree Planting
 Fairs, Markets, & Weighbridges
 Band Performances
 Milk and Dairies
 Tourist Development
 An Tostal Decorations
 School Meals: Cost of Food
 Administration
 Allotments
 Salaries
 Rate Collector's Poundage
 Superannuation Rate Collector
 Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp Estate)
 Audit Fees
 Legal Expenses
 Printing, Stationery, Advertising
 Rents on Council's Property
 Rates on Council's Property
 Insurance on Council's Property
 Public and E.L. Insurances
 Office Expenses
 Discount on Rates
 Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates
 Cheap Fuel Scheme
 Treasurer's Interest
 Rent of Pound
 Miscellaneous
Loan Charges:
 1946 - New Footbridge
 1898 - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc
 1956 - Foreshore Protection Works
 1958 - Proposed Additional Protection Works

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
	68	68
	-	-
	5	5
	10	10
	150	162
	150	160
	-	-
	5	5
	35	35
	1	1
	-	-
	-	-
	230	230
	80	80
	320	320
	1153	1,160
	440	440
	-	-
	96	96
	46	46
	120	120
	135	135
	52	52
	308	308
	14	14
	142	142
	50	50
	70	70
	180	180
	1200	1,200
	10	10
	39	39
	40	40
	70	70
	90	90
	144	144
	87	-
	£5,540	£5,482

County Council Services:

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

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£ 5540	£ 5,482
2433	2,433
750	750
1368	1,368
3058	3,058
1198	1,198
587	587
£14,934	£ 14,876
£35,312	£ 35,134

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

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R E C I P T S

ROADS

Estate Duty Grant

SANITARY SERVICES

Domestic Scavenging

Water Rents

State Subsidy to Loan Charges - Watermain,
North Quay

Do. Regional Water Supply

Receipts from Public Convenience

HOUSING

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

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

State Subsidy - 2 Houses Castle St.

Subsidy to Interest Rates

Rents inclusive of Rates

State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts

Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)

Repayments of Instalments (New Loans)

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants:

Bounty in lieu of Rates

Railway and Harbour Charges

School Meals

Recoupment of Losses on Allotments

Cheap Fuel Scheme

Other Receipts:

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

Corporate Estate Rents

Licences and Fees

Refund of fees by Officers

Refund by Co. Co. of half rent of Pound

Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour
Loan Charges

Miscellaneous

o Total for All Services

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
75	75
£75	£ 75
-	160
200	200
17	17
509	509
10	10
£736	£ 896
2380	2,380
344	344
100	100
280	280
6728	6,728
26	26
64	64
1454	1,454
£11,376	£ 11,376
70	70
110	110
150	150
310	310
650	650
538	538
1347	1,347
3	3
18	18
19	19
250	250
10	10
£3,475	£ 3,575
£15,662	£ 15,922

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1958/59

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	£1398 1415	£75 75	£1323 1340
Sanitary Services	£5675 5532	£736 896	£4939 4636
Housing	£13305 13311	£11376 11376	£1929 1935
General Urban Purposes	£14934 14876	£3475 3575	£11459 11301
	£35,312 35,134	£15,662 15,922	£19,650 19,212

Deduct Credit £490 483

Total requirement to be met by Rate Levy £19,160 18,729

Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces £43. 3. 1.

Rate in the £ to meet total requirements of £19,160 would be 37/- in £.

..... £ 18,729 36/2

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total Valuation as per Valuation List		£11,203. 12. 0.
<u>Buildings:</u>	£10125. 6. 0.	
Less: Remissions under Housing Acts	£387. 6. 8.	£9,737. 19. 4.
<u>Land:</u>	£803. 1. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for allotments and other purposes	£35.15. 0.	
2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5ths of £767. 6. 0.)	£306.18. 5.	£460. 7. 7.
<u>Land Used as Railways:</u>	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: 2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£20. 2. 0.	£30. 3. 0.
<u>Railways: Rated in full</u>		£12. 0. 0.
<u>Half Rents:</u>	£187.10. 0.	
Less: 1/2 Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£93.15. 0.	£93. 15. 0.
<u>Telegraphs</u>		£1. 10. 0.
<u>Yards</u>		£11. 0. 0.
Total Valuation for Rating Purposes		<u>£10,356. 14. 11.</u>

Rate of 1d. in £. produces: £43. 3. 1.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 1ST APRIL, 1958

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

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

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

Councillor Conroy said he wished to propose that a wages increase of 10/- per week be granted to the Council's employees and that the additional expenditure required to meet the increase be now added to the Manager's Estimate. The Chairman said he would give permission to move the resolution after they had first dealt with the Manager's Estimate.

EXPENDITURE:

Roads: Councillor Hudson suggested that the amount of £894 provided for Ordinary Road Works should be reduced as the Urban Roads were now in fairly good condition. When the Town Clerk pointed out that this figure was mainly composed of wages for the permanent employees it was decided to leave it as it was.

On the suggestion of the Chairman the amount provided for Special Road Works was reduced by £45 from £145 to £100.

Sanitary Services:

Retiring Allowances: At the request of the Chairman the County Manager said that the figure of £517 was computed as follows:- in respect of Mr. J. De Courcy, Waterworks Overseer - lump sum £235 (being 1st instalment of £706 spread over 3 years); annual allowance £232, and in respect of James Clarke, Carter - annual allowance - £50.

The Chairman suggested spreading Mr. De Courcy's lump sum over 5 years instead of over 3, thereby saving £94. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could expect three other employees to retire in the next few years and could also expect an increase in the County Council Demand and that it was to their advantage to clear off the lump sum as soon as possible. The Council agreed to the Chairman's suggestion and the amount provided was accordingly reduced to £423.

Water Supply: After a good deal of discussion the amount provided for Water Supply (£290) and Pumping Scheme (£240) were adopted.

Scavenging: The County Manager explained that the amounts provided for this Service (Wages £735; Vehicle Running Expenses £80 and Loan Charges £72) covered the operation of the mechanised scheme for a half year commencing on 1st October. He said it was intended to utilise the service of the man engaged on the water supply who would become redundant on 30th September. A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed to defer a decision to a later stage of the meeting.

Housing Services:

Maintenance and Repair: At the request of the Council the Town Clerk gave figures covering the painting and repair to Council houses carried out during 1957/58. Provision in sum of £800 approved.

General Urban Purposes:

The Council examined each item but could not effect any reduction. On the matter of loan charges for further Foreshore Protection Works it was decided on the suggestion of Councillor Hudson that the provision in sum of £87 be deleted as there was no indication presently from the Department of Local Government that any grant would be made available.

RECEIPTS:

The Council examined each item in detail and on the matter of Domestic Scavenging Rents, deferred further consideration until a decision was taken on the question of the new mechanised system.

Housing:

Rents of Council Houses: The Chairman suggested that the rents of all houses with an inclusive rent of 10/- per week or under be increased by either a percentage of from 10% to 25% or by 6d. per house. Some of the Councillors pointed out that any increase no matter how small would be a great burden on Old Age Pensioners, Widows or Casual Workers with small incomes. The Chairman said he didn't wish to institute a means test. The County Manager said that the increase would effect approximately 170 houses, and would realise about £200. Councillor Everett suggested that this matter could best be discussed by a Committee of the whole Council, and decision was deferred to a later stage.

General Urban Purposes: The Chairman drew attention to the contribution by the Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges. He pointed out that a sum of £3,000 approximately was still due to the Council - the present contribution by the Harbour Commissioners was only £250 per annum. He suggested that in view of increased Harbour dues that the Commissioners be requested to increase their contribution. Councillor Carroll suggested an increase of £100 and this was agreed to with Councillors Kavanagh and Conroy dissenting.

The County Manager now itemised the alterations and adjustments proposed by the Council. These would result in a reduction of £347 and equivalent to 9d. in the £.

The Council then returned to consider the three deferred items:

Scavenging: After further discussion the Chairman ^{put} the question of the introduction of a mechanised system to a vote. The result of the voting was five against and four in favour. The proposal was declared lost and resulted in a decrease of £122 under expenditure and an increase of £160 under receipts.

Rents: The proposal of the Chairman to increase rents was postponed to a special committee meeting of the Council and the County Manager was requested to prepare a special report on the subject.

Wages Increase: Councillor Conroy proposed the granting of a wages increase of 10/- per week to the Council's employees. It was agreed that as the Town Sergeant was now classed as an employee that the increase be extended to cover him. The Town Clerk said that the payment of the increased wages would involve added expenditure amounting to £196.

Councillor Hudson proposed an amendment that an increase of only 5/- per week be granted. This was put to a vote and on a show of hands was defeated by 7 votes to 1 - the Chairman abstaining.

Councillor Conroy's motion was then put forward and was carried on a show of hands by 5 votes in favour to 3 against, the Chairman abstaining.

The Council recommended that the increase be granted with

effect from 1st April, 1958.

The County Manager again itemised the alterations and adjustments proposed by the Council. These would result in a reduction of £438 equivalent to 10d. in the £.

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

"That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1959, as set out in Tables A, B, and C thereof and we determine the rate set out in Column 8 of Table C of the Estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 36/2d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1959'.

The Chairman complimented the County Manager, Town Clerk and staff on the excellent manner in which the Estimates had been prepared.

Councillor Hudson seconded and associated himself with the Chairman's remarks. The County Manager replied.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Warranted
6th May 1958.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST APRIL, 1958

Present: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors C. W. Hudson, J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Carroll, E. P. Hynes, T. Byrne and E. 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 the monthly meeting held on 4th March, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSE AT MONKTON ROW: The Town Clerk said that the next person in order on the Housing List was John O'Brien, 33, Glenview Road. He mentioned that there was an application for a transfer from Mrs. G. Goodman, 10 St. Bride's Road. Councillor Everett proposed that the vacant house be given to Mrs. Clarke, Dunbur Road, whose house, he said, was in a very bad condition. After some discussion regarding the eligibility of Mrs. Clarke, the County Manager pointed out that she had only been admitted to the Housing List after it had been prepared. Accordingly the County Medical Officer had not reported on her housing conditions and therefore, at this stage she could not be considered for a vacant house. It was finally proposed by Councillor Doyle that Mrs. Goodman be transferred to the vacant house in Monkton Row and that John O'Brien be granted tenancy of Mrs. Goodman's house at 10 St. Bride's Road.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that proceedings had been instituted for the recovery of Thomas Quinn's house at 42 Glenview Rd. and he reminded the Council that they had previously agreed to grant tenancy of this house to Mrs. Liz. O'Brien, 4 Lr. Strand St. Councillor Carroll proposed that they adhere to their original decision that the house be granted to Mrs. O'Brien. Agreed.

CORPORATE ESTATE - TENDERS FOR PLOUGHING AND HARROWING: The Town Clerk said that pursuant to advertisement in the "Wicklow People" two tenders had been received. They were then opened as follows:-

Robert Dickenson	£25
Edward Dickenson	£30

The Council recommended that the tender in sum of £25 from Robert Dickenson be accepted.

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SEALING OF DEED OF MORTGAGE: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Hynes and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £25,900 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1952."

The Seal was then affixed.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR "BOG FIELD": The County Manager informed the Council that a draft lay-out for the proposed development of the "Bog Field" for private building sites had been received from their Architect. The lay-out was examined by the members and was approved of.

It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor

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Hudson and resolved:-

"That a lease of that plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, situated in the "Bog Field" and possessing a frontage of 78 ft. on to Dunbur Road and marked plot No. 20 on layout plan prepared by the Council's Architect be granted to Mr. L. Carroll, Dunbur Tce., Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1958, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0. for the purpose of erecting thereon a dwelling house for his own occupation, the plans relating to which to be approved by the Council in due course".

HOUSING - PROPOSED SCHEME AT CASTLE PARK: The County Manager stated that the Council's Architect had examined the derelict site at Castle Park and had reported that it would be suitable for the erection of a block of 3 two-storey houses. The Architect was of the opinion that rere access to the middle house should be by means of a passage way through the house. The County Manager stated that in his opinion this method of rere access was far from satisfactory and also resulted in considerable wastage of space. A discussion then took place on this subject and it was agreed that there should be no passage way for rere access to the middle house. The County Manager remarked that a number of existing Council houses had no rere access and it could always be arranged that the rent of the middle house would be lower than the end houses by way of compensation for the fact that there was no rere access.

The Town Clerk stated that from enquiry made by the Rent Collector that it would appear that existing tenants who were prepared to pay up to 25/- per week rent for a three bed-roomed house, were not keen on living in the Castle Park area, and would prefer that the houses should be built in St. Patrick's Avenue or some other less populated area. Members expressed the opinion that there would be no difficulty in obtaining new tenants if 3 houses were erected in Castle Park. The County Manager said he would make further enquiries on this point. It was agreed that the Architect should proceed with the preparation of plans for the erection of 3 houses.

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

Monthly Report - March, 1958

Waterworks: The supply of water in the reservoir is satisfactory and about the same as at this time last year, but there is a slight chockage between the pond and the filter beds which I do not propose to repair in so far as the new Regional Water Supply will be in operation about October next. In the meantime pumping of water from the Marlton River is necessary from time to time. I propose to have the alternate three filter beds cleaned during the coming two months as usual, as it is necessary to keep these free from chockage.

Corporate Estate: During the month the boundary fence at Ballynerrin/Greenhill Road was completed and also the fence enclosing the space of ground in front of St. Patrick's Avenue has been finished.

Site at Lr. Strand St: This area consisting of 4 houses, one of which was occupied by the late Mrs. Hogan, has now been cleared.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Noted.

LEASE TO BRADSHAW: The County Manager stated that a plot of ground at the South Quay had been leased to Mr. J. Bradshaw, and it was a condition of the lease that a garage be erected to cost of not less than £200, within a period of 6 months from the date of the lease. The leasee now requests that the fact that this condition was complied with be endorsed on the lease, and also asked that the restriction as to user be removed. The Town Surveyor had reported that the garage had been erected and was of good and sound construction. Members expressed

the opinion that whilst they agreed that the garage had been erected they did not see any reason why an endorsement was required on the lease, as this was not the general practice with them. It was agreed that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor on the matter be obtained and also to find out further as to why the lessee wanted the restriction as to user condition removed.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Chairman drew attention to the old groins at the Foreshore and pointed out that where the concrete had been washed away old girders still remained sticking up in the sand and some of these had been worn so thin that they were razor sharp. They were only visible at a very low tide and were a potential source of danger to swimmers at high tide when they were not visible. He asked if the Town Surveyor could have these attended to immediately. The Town Surveyor remarked that some time ago he had such spikes removed but those which were now apparent had made their appearance since then.

A letter was read from the tenants of the 2 new houses at Castle St., requesting the erection of a wall or strong fence at the bottom of their gardens and also a gate and small wall at the front. The letter was passed to the Town Surveyor.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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6th May 1958*

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
2nd May, 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, 6th May, 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 1st April, 1958 and Annual Estimates Meeting held on 1st April, 1958. (copies herewith).
2. Harbour Loan Charges - Correspondence with Harbour Commissioners re increased contribution.
3. Housing List No. 3 - consideration of Housing List ad at 1st April, 1958 (copy herewith).
4. Vacant Council Houses: Letting of vacant Council houses at (a) 9 St. Bride's Road and (b) 2, St. Patrick's Avenue.
5. Rents of Council Houses: Report on proposal to increase rents.
6. Lease of premises at Upper Strand St (Thos. & Myles Kavanagh): Application for permission to assign interest.
7. Lease of premises at High St/New St - application from Mr. N. Haskins for renewal of lease.
8. Sealing of Lease - Wicklow U.D.C. to Mr. Louis Carroll.
9. Town and Regional Planning - Application from Mr. Louis Carroll for permission to build a bungalow on site at Dunbur Road.
10. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - Application from Mr. Louis Carroll for Loan of £1,600.
11. Murrough Lettings: Applications for (a) Camping Site (b) Permission to park Caravan and (c) Use of Murrough for Annual Boys' Sports.
12. Coat of Arms - application for permission to use Coat of Arms on handmade souvenirs.
13. Rates - Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31/3/1958.
14. Fixing dates of (a) Rates Meeting (b) Annual General Meeting.
15. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
16. Any Other Business.