

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH MAY, 1958

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

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of Estimates Meeting held on 1st April, 1958 and Monthly Meeting held on 1st April, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**HARBOUR LOAN CHARGES CONTRIBUTION:** A letter was read from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners stating that they were unable to accede to the Council's request that they increase their annual contribution towards the repayment of Harbour Loan Charges from £250 to £350 per annum. A short discussion ensued, Councillor Hudson remarking that at the Harbour Commissioners Meeting he had proposed that the increase be paid and that the proposal would have been adopted had there been a full attendance of members. It was agreed that the Commissioners be asked to reconsider their decision.

**HOUSING LIST NO. 3:** The Housing List as at 1st April, 1958 as prepared by the County Medical Officer which had been circulated to the members was adopted.

**VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES:** (1) 9, St. Bride's Road: It was agreed that tenancy of this house be allocated in accordance with the Housing List No. 3 and in the event of any applicant refusing to accept tenancy he was to be dropped to the bottom of the List. (2) 2, St. Patrick's Avenue: The Town Clerk reported that only two applications had been received for the tenancy of this house - they were Joseph O'Carroll, Dunbur Tce., Wicklow, and Gda. J. Cumiskey, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin. The Council recommended that the tenancy be granted to Joseph O'Carroll.

**RENTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES:** The following report in connection with a proposed increase in rents was read:-

18th April, 1958.

Arising out of the proposal made by the Chairman at the Estimates Meeting of the Council that the rents of Artizans' Dwellings whose present rent is less than 10/- per week (incl of rates) be increased, I have examined the rent records of the Council and report as follows:-

**Present Position:** The number of houses involved is 182. Of these the basic rents of 35 houses have been increased by 50% on re-letting after vacancy. The inclusive rent of 7 of these houses now exceeds 10/- per week. The increases varied from 1/- on the inclusive rent of 4/9d to 2/6d. on an inclusive rent of 8/4d. The increases have resulted in an added income to the Council of £142 per annum.

**Increase of 6d. per week:** If a flat increase of 6d. per week were to be made in the rents of houses not previously increased (147 houses) the additional income per year would be £190.

**Percentage Increase:** A fixed percentage on all the houses would be unsatisfactory as the higher rented houses would have to bear the burden of the increase, whilst the lower rented houses would get off quite lightly. If a percentage increase is to obtain the following scale might be applied:-

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Houses with a basic rent of 3/- or less	25%
Houses with a basic rent of between 3/- and 4/-	20%
Houses with a basic rent of between 4/- and 5/-	15%
Houses with a basic rent of between 5/- and 6/-	10%

The actual increase in rent would vary from between 6d. and 9d. per house and on 147 houses would amount to £260 per annum.

M. J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

The County Manager explained to the Council if a percentage increase was applied the increases would vary from between 6d. to 9d., depending on the rent payable. He stated that the added revenue obtainable as a result of increasing the rents could be expended on the provision of a scavenging service for Council houses. He said that the scavenging service was available to householders in the rest of the town who were prepared to pay a charge of £1 per annum. In this case the tenants, by paying a small increase in the rent, would be provided with a scavenging service. Councillors Doyle and Byrne mentioned the fact that quite a number of Old Age Pensioners were living in the lower rented Council houses and that any increase, however small, would be a very heavy burden on them. It was remarked that the Council by increasing rents was also increasing the cost of living. The Manager explained the persons in receipt of Old Age and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions could be exempted from any increase and after further discussion it was decided, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the matter be deferred to the June monthly meeting in order to give the Town Clerk an opportunity of preparing a further report, this time excluding Old Age and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions recipients.

**LEASE OF PREMISES AT UPPER STRAND ST:** The Town Clerk informed the Council that under lease dated 3/4/1951 property at Upper Strand St., had been demised to Thomas and Myles Kavanagh for a period of 75 years. It was a condition of the lease that a motor house or garage be erected on the plot within 6 months from the date of the lease and that it be maintained in good order and repair. An application had now been received for permission to assign the interest in the lease to Mrs. A. Kavanagh, "Sunburst", The Murrough, Wicklow. The Town Clerk said that he had been informed by the Town Surveyor that the property was in a very bad condition at the moment and that it was in fact dangerous to enter into. The County Manager said that as the lessees had not complied with the conditions in the lease, requiring that they repair and maintain the building, the Council were not in a position to grant permission to any assignment. It was decided that the lessees be informed of this fact.

**LEASE OF PREMISES AT HIGH ST/NEW ST:** An application was received on behalf of Mr. Nathaniel Haskins for a renewal of the lease in respect of premises at the junction of High St and New St., which he holds for 75 years from the 29/9/1884 at an annual rent of £1. 12. 0. The Town Clerk explained that the lease had originally been granted to a Mrs. E. Clarke and during the course of its life had changed hands on a number of occasions eventually reaching Mr. Haskins. The Council's solicitor had been consulted regarding the question of a renewal and had indicated that under the Landlord and Tenant Act, Mr. Haskins is entitled to a renewal of the lease once he is in a position to prove that the interest in same is now vested in him. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to a renewal of a lease to Mr. Nathaniel Haskins for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £2. 8. 0. of premises situate at the junction of High St. and New St. and formerly demised to Mrs. Ellen Clarke for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1884."

**SEALING OF LEASE - WICKLOW U.D.C TO MR. LOUIS CARROLL:** It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy and



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resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpat and Memorial, whereby the Wicklow Urban District Council lease to Mr. Louis Carroll, that piece or plot of ground at Dunbur Road, numbered 20 on map attached to lease, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1958, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

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

**TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS - MR. LOUIS CARROLL:** An application was received from Mr. L. Carroll, 1 Dunbur Tee., Wicklow, for permission to erect a bungalow on Plot No. 20 at Dunbur Road. It was requested that permission might be granted to move the house nearer to the road than the 110 ft. shown on the drawing. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the proposed dwelling, but considered that if the bungalow was erected 110 ft. from the road it would eventually prove more suitable. Members of the Council felt that the applicant should be allowed to build to within 80 ft of the road and the County Manager stated that there could be no objection as the Council's Architect in preparing the lay-out for the "Bog" field development had indicated that the building line of the houses could be as near as 75' to the road. Permission granted.

**SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS LOAN:** An application was received from Mr. Louis Carroll for a loan of £1,600 for the purpose of erecting a dwelling house at Dunbur Road. The Town Surveyor had certified that the market value of the house, when completed, would be £2,000. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That a loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts be granted to Mr. Louis Carroll".

**MURROUGH LETTINGS:** (a) Camping Site: The Town Clerk said that on the 11th March, Rev. D. Bourke, St. Michael's, Cardross Rd., Dumbarton, had called to the office and asked for permission to camp on the Murrough for a period of 2 weeks from the 3rd to 18th July, and that the party would consist of approximately 85 boys. Permission granted at a fee of £2 for the fortnight.

(b) **Parking of Caravan:** An application had been received from Mr. G. Ruffli, 112 Larkfield Gdns., Rathmines, Dublin, for permission to park a caravan on the Murrough from the month of May onwards. The Town Clerk mentioned that Mr. Ruffli had been granted such permission for the past three years at a fee of 10/- per week. Application granted.

(c) **Annual Boys' Sports:** Rev. Br. Francis applied for the use of the Murrough for Sunday, 29th June, for the purpose of holding their Annual Sports. Permission granted at the usual fee of 10/-.

**COAT OF ARMS:** An application was considered from Mr. M. J. Bourke, 4 Griffith Avenue, Arklow, for permission to use the Wicklow Coat-of-Arms on hand made souvenirs in wood. He stated that he had already been granted permission to use the Arklow Coat-of-Arms. The County Manager mentioned that he had seen some of Mr. Bourke's work and it was of a very high standard. Permission granted.

**SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES:** The Schedule of Uncollected Rates at the 31st March, 1958, was examined in detail and explained by the County Manager. The percentage collected 93.93% was considered satisfactory considering the number of cases in which the Collector was restrained from taking effective action for settlement. Two of these alone amounted to 3.75% of the warrant. The County Manager informed the Council that he intended striking off 0.22% as being irrecoverable and the balance of 5.85% was being carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

**DATES OF (a) RATES MEETING AND (b) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The date of the Rates Meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 20th May, 1958, at 7-30 p.m. It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on either

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Tuesday, 24th June or Tuesday, 1st July, which was the statutory date of the July monthly meeting, if this was within the statutory period.

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

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**Housing:** During the month two carpenters were employed to carry out repairs to a number of houses in regard to renewal of window cords, repairs to sashes etc.

Three painters are presently employed in a house at No. 42, Glenview Road, formerly tenanted by Thomas Quinn and recently re-covered by the Council.

**Waterworks:** Due to the continued fine weather the water supply is giving some cause for concern and the Marlton Stream is beginning to show signs of falling off. However, I am making every effort to have a connection made from the Regional Water Supply main from the Vartry River at the Devil's Glen, to the town mains. This pipe has now reached and crossed the Marlton Road and is well on the way through the fields towards the position for the new tank at Greenhill Road. It is proposed to connect this main giving "raw" water at some point on the Marlton pipe line and to limit the pumping from the Marlton stream. This "raw" water will be filtered at the filterers at the old reservoir.

**Roads:** We have repaired and filled pot holes on various roads during the month and I am making arrangements as soon as possible to have tar spraying done at Bayview Road and Castle St. I presume that the Bond St. road will have to be held over and kept in repair until we see whether any monies will be available at a later stage to lay a concrete surface which is the only solution to the heavy traffic problem on that road. The County Council is making preparations to have the Main Streets tarred as soon as possible.

**Allotments:** During the month 35 plots were marked out in the fields at St. Patrick's Road for allotments purposes. These were occupied and the work of tillage is progressing.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

**NOTE.**

**LICENSING OF LAND FOR PARKING OF CARAVANS:** An application was read from Mrs. G. Draper, "Finisterre", Seaview Road, Wicklow, for permission to park up to 6 caravans on the field attached to her house. She stated that she proposed to charge 15/- a week per caravan and that a water supply is available and that there is a separate toilet and wash hand basin available for the caravans. Members were of the opinion that permission should be granted, but the County Manager pointed out that a report would have to be received from the County Medical Officer regarding the suitability of the site, but that on principle he was against the parking of caravans near a dwelling house. After some discussion it was agreed to await a report from the County Medical Officer before coming to a decision.

**SWIMMING PLATFORM:** An application was received from the Wicklow Swimming Club to have the swimming platform erected on the new pier as in previous years. Permission granted.

**MURROUGH FENCING:** The Town Clerk said that following on the request of the Council at their meeting held in March, that the palings surrounding the playing pitches on the Murrough might be taken up and disposed of to the G.A.A., he had asked the Town Sergeant to report thereon. He wished to suggest to the Council that if the palings were no longer required on the Murrough that they would prove very useful for the fencing of Council lands and would save the Council from having to buy stakes for fencing. Councillor



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Kavanagh stated that the palings were not now required by the G.A.A. and suggested that they be removed from the Murrough as quickly as possible as they were beginning to disappear rapidly. It was agreed that the palings be used by the Council for the fencing of lands.

**LITTER ON BEACHES:** A circular letter from the Department of Local Government was read regarding litter on beaches. The letter suggested that Sanitary Authorities should provide suitable receptacles for litter along the beaches and should also adopt Bye-Laws for the prevention of litter. The Council agreed that enquiries be made regarding the obtaining of suitable litter baskets and that at their next meeting they would consider the adoption of Bye-Laws.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** A further letter was received from the tenants of the two new houses at Castle St., requesting that they be supplied with fences and gates by the Council. It was the feeling of the meeting that the tenants, when they accepted tenancy of the houses, were aware of any defects in fencing and gates and the Council were not now in a position to provide them. The Chairman suggested that if the tenants were prepared to provide these items themselves that there would be no objection by the Council.

Mrs. O'Connor, Monkton Row, applied for the caretaking of the public conveniences at the Town Hall and the Murrough for the period 1st June to 30th September at the rate of £1 per week. The Town Clerk said that Mrs. O'Connor had the caretaking last year at a rate of 10/- per week and having regard to the fact that increases had been granted to the workmen a rate of 15/- per week might be applied in the present year. Application granted at a rate of 15/- per week.

Councillor Hudson mentioned a derelict house situate on the Rocky Road which was causing an obstruction and asked if it could be demolished. It was decided that the Engineer be asked to prepare a report on the matter for the next meeting.

On the proposal of Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Doyle a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late C. M. Byrne. The vote was passed in silence, all present standing.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Wicklow Urban District Council*  
*3rd June 1958*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Special Meeting

Held on 20th May, 1958

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding)  
 Councillors E. Kavanagh, E. Hynes and J. Carroll.

In attendance: M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk

Proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following rate and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow, liable thereto, and in accordance with the the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us, viz: Municipal Rate for the service of the year ended 31st March, 1959, of four hundred and thirty four pence made up as follows:-

Urban Roads	31.05 pence
Sanitary Services	107.43 pence
Housing	44.84 pence
General Urban Purposes	33.00 pence
County Council Services	217.68 pence

And that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the statement and certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1958/59 and that the necessary notice be published forthwith".

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Rate Book.

Proposed by Councillor E. Hynes, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Warrant in respect of 1958/59 to be issued to the Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District Council".

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Warrant.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Wicklow Urban District Council*  
*3rd June 1958*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

30th 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, 3rd June, 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 6th May, 1958 and of Special Meeting held on 20th May, 1958 (copies herewith).
2. Resolution from Tralee U. D. C. re repeal of Malicious Injuries Code of Laws.
3. Harbour Loan Charges - Correspondence with Harbour Commissioners re increased contribution.
4. Murrough Lettings - Application for use of Murrough by McFadden's Road Show.
5. Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re Water Safety.
6. Rents of Council Houses - Report on proposal to increase rents.
7. Licensing of Land for camping - Report of County Medical Officer on application of Mrs. G. Draper.
8. Sealing of Deed of Assignment - Couper Works to E.S.B.
9. Abstract of Accounts for year ending 31st March, 1958.
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
11. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD on 6TH JUNE, 1958

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

In attendance: 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 6th May, 1958 and of special meeting held on 20th May, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes the Town Clerk informed the Council that since the last meeting he had verified that it would be in order to hold the Annual Meeting on the 1st July, which is the statutory date of the July meeting. AGREED.

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

"That the Government be requested to enact Legislation to repeal the Malicious Injuries Code of Laws, as (a) these laws inflict hardship on Ratepayers generally, who are held responsible for the acts of guilty parties; (b) they were enacted by an alien Government as a supposed deterrent to certain acts; (c) this is the only country in which such Laws operate at present; and (d) property owners have ample means at their disposal now-a-days to have themselves safeguarded against loss."

HARBOUR LOAN CHARGES: The Town Clerk said that he had communicated with the Harbour Commissioners requesting them to re-consider their decision not to increase their contribution to Harbour Loan Charges. A reply had been received to the effect that they were unable to pay the increased contribution. A short discussion ensued, Councillor Hudson remarking that if there had been a full attendance of Commissioners at the Harbour Authority Meeting, his proposal to increase the contribution, would have been passed. It was decided that one further approach be made to the Harbour Commissioners.

MURROUGH LETTINGS: (a) The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had received an application on behalf of McFadden's Road Show for the use of the Murrough for a fortnight commencing 10th June, 1958. Permission granted at a fee of £5 per week. (b) An application was also received from Mr. O'Kane, Manager, Hibernian Bank Ltd., for permission to park a caravan on the Murrough during the summer months. Permission granted, subject to the usual conditions and fee of 10/- per week.

CIRCULAR LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE WATER SAFETY:

A circular letter from the Department of Local Government re water safety was read. It was decided that it be pointed out to the Department that the Wicklow U.D.C. had already complied with the requirements mentioned in the letter.

RENTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES: The following report, dated 28th May, 1958, was read:-

re: Proposed Increases in Rent of Artizans' Dwellings

At their last meeting the Council discussed the proposal to increase the rents of Artizans' Dwellings where present rent is less than 10/- per week (inclusive of rates). It was pointed out to them that a percentage increase varying from 10% to 25% depending on the rent of the house, would result in actual increases in rent of from 6d. to 9d. per week. The increase would be applicable to 147 houses



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and the added income per year would amount to £260.

Before coming to a decision the Council requested that I prepare a further report on the proposal, this time excluding tenants in receipt of Old Age and Widows' & Orphans' Pensions. I have again examined our records and with the assistance of the Rent Collector find that there are 10 tenants in receipt of Old Age Pensions and 17 in receipt of Widows' & Orphans' Pensions. In addition there are 5 in receipt of Home Assistance and the Council might like to exclude them also.

The following table summarises the position:-

Annual Income from increase in rents of 147 houses	£260
<b>Less:</b>	
Tenants in receipt of Old Age Pension (10)	£19
Tenants in receipt of Widows' & Orphans' Pensions (17)	£30
Tenants in receipt of Home Assistance (5)	£8
	<u>£57</u>
Net Annual Income	<u>£203</u>

It is suggested, if the Council are agreeable to an increase, that it take effect as and from Saturday, 5th July, which date is the beginning of the second quarter of the year. Therefore, in the current year an increase in rents would bring in £150 additional revenue to the Council.

Mr J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

Following on the reading of the report there was a prolonged discussion regarding the proposal to increase the rents. The majority of Councillors were of the opinion that the increases, no matter how small, would be a severe burden on most of the Council tenants. It was pointed out that at present there was a good deal of unemployment in the town and that whilst certain families had fairly large incomes these were very much in the minority. The Chairman submitted that as the increases would vary between 6d. and 9d. per week it was only just that the tenants living in subsidised houses should contribute in some small way to reduction of rates. Councillor Byrne proposed and Councillor Conroy seconded that the proposal to increase the rents be defeated. Councillor Clarke proposed and Councillor Carroll seconded that the proposal to increase rents in accordance with the schedule submitted by the Town Clerk be approved. There were then two proposals before the meeting and it was agreed that Councillor Clarke's proposal be put. On this being done there was a vote taken by a show of hands. It was defeated by 5 votes against to 3 votes in favour. The motion was accordingly declared lost.

**SEALING OF DEED OF ASSIGNMENT - COUPER WORKS TO E.S.B.** It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to lease in triplicate whereby the Council approve of the assignment by Couper Works Ltd., to E.S.B. of portion of the plot of ground at Quarantine Hill for a period of 25 years from 1st November, 1957, for the purpose of erecting a transformer station thereon".

**LICENSING OF LAND FOR CAMPING:** The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at their last meeting they had considered an application from Mrs. G. Draper, Sea View Road, for permission to park up to 6 caravans on the land attached to her house. At that meeting the Manager had voiced his objection to the application and the Council had agreed to defer a decision until a report had been received from the County Medical Officer. This report was now to hand and was read as follows:-

2nd June, 1958.  
re: Local Government Sanitary Services Act, 1948  
Mrs. G. Draper, "Finisterre", Sea View Rd.

Dear Sir,

I have inspected the proposed caravans site at the above mentioned premises. The sanitary accommodation consists of a Water Closet and

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wash-hand basin adjoining the site. The water supply is from the town supply and is piped to the garden adjoining the site. While there is no objection to the site from a Public Health point of view I feel the issue of a licence in this case would only be the forerunner to further applications in the town, and I am of the opinion that the only ideal site in the area would be the Council property at The Murrough, if it were properly developed as outlined in the Chief Medical Officer's Report of the 16th February, 1955.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Following on the reading of the report Councillor Hudson remarked that as the Health Inspector had no objection to the site from the public health point of view he could see no reason why permission should not be granted. The County Manager explained to the Council that although sanitary arrangements and water supply were in order it was still unsuitable for the parking of caravans as it was situated in a residential area and he reiterated what the Health Inspector had stated that The Murrough was the only suitable parking site in Wicklow. Councillor Carroll remarked that if this application were granted there was nothing to prevent any individual from parking caravans in their own back garden. It was finally decided that the application be turned down and it was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Clarke that private individual would not be granted licences under Section 34 of the Sanitary Services Act, 1948, for the parking of caravans and that caravans would only be allowed to park on The Murrough. The resolution was unanimously adopted, with Councillor Hudson dissenting.

**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS:** The Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1958, was submitted to and noted by the Council.

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

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**Water Supply:** The pumping from the Marlton River still proceeds because of the fact that I do not propose to go to any expense in re-pairing the outlet valve from the reservoir pond pending the connection to the new Regional Water Supply. This latter will be effected about the first or second week in July as there is some small delay in getting valves etc., and also a certain amount of rock excavation has been met with on the main line. The new main has been excavated for and almost laid, with the exception of a short distance, between Rathnew and across the fields and roads to the Greenhill Road, and this having been tested this week will allow of the closing of the trenches.

**Housing Repairs:** A considerable amount of repairs were carried out during the month principally carpentry work on approximately 65 houses and consisting mainly of repairs to sash cords, window frames, floors, doors, gates etc. The painting of the houses is progressing satisfactorily and up to date 19 houses have been completed. Unfavourable weather conditions are not very helpful in this regard. The funds allowed for housing repairs, having regard to many claims for attention to various items in many houses by the tenants, is comparatively small, and it should be made clear that we shall be compelled to limit repairs if we are to remain within our budget.

**Public Conveniences:** The public convenience at the Sea Front has been thoroughly cleaned and re-painted and presents a very satisfactory appearance. I regret to say that the conveniences at the Market Sq., are not being fairly treated, but whilst minor damage continues, generally the position is not so bad as heretofore. The Overseer is giving particular attention to this.

**Roads:** Pot holes have been filled at Strand St., Greenhill Road, Bond St., etc., during the month. But I regret that I must call the attention of the Council to the poor condition of the Greenhill Road Kilmartin Road, Strand St., and Bond St. There is very heavy traffic on Bond St., but the Council will recall that it is listed to be done



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in concrete under the next Employment Scheme Grant. With regard to the other roads they require attention by way of tar surface dressing, but I am afraid that the funds available do not allow anything to be done in this respect and I feel that they would not rank for grant under the Employment Schemes. The Council might consider making an application for a special grant similar to those which are given to the County Council on by-roads. My estimate for doing these roads would be:- Greenhill Road - £257: Strand St., Upper and Lower - £187: Bond St £142.

Foreshore: The cutting of the old steel rails on the beach is proceeding but weather conditions and tides are the controlling features. We have dealt with approximately 17 to 20 so far.

J. P. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor.

NOTED.

WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB - PROPOSED LEASE OF PLOT AT SEA FRONT: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at their January meeting they had agreed to a lease of a plot of ground at the Sea Front to the Wicklow Swimming Club for the purpose of erecting club rooms and dressing rooms thereon. At that time the Council were of the opinion that they could not grant a 75 year lease, i.e. a building lease, in respect of the entire plot of ground, but suggested that if the Swimming Club would indicate the exact portion on which the pavilion would stand that the Council would be prepared to grant a 75 years lease in respect of that portion and a 31 years lease in respect of the balance of the plot of ground which would be used for amenity purposes.

The Swimming Club had now submitted a map showing the plot of ground and also showing the area on which the pavilion would stand. The County Manager remarked that taking into consideration the large area on which the pavilion would stand, he was of the opinion that it would be in order for the Council to grant a building lease for the entire plot of ground. After further discussion the following resolution was passed:-

Proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to the Wicklow Swimming Club that plot or pience of ground at the sea front as shown on map prepared by Mr. J. P. Butler and measuring 2 roods 20 perches or thereabouts for the residue still unexpired of the terms of 75 years from 8th September, 1950, at an annual rent of £3. 3. 0. and on condition that club rooms and dressing rooms to the satisfaction of the Council be erected thereon within 3 years from the date of the sealing of the said lease".

The Council approved in principle to the preliminary sketch plan of the Club Rooms and Dressing Rooms submitted by the Swimming Club. It was decided that they be asked to submit more detailed particulars so that permission could be granted under the Town & Regional Planning Acts.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE - CARETAKING: The Town Clerk said that Mrs. O'Connor Monkton Row, who had been appointed caretaker of the public conveniences at the rate of 15/- per week had indicated that she was unable to accept same. An application had now been received from Mrs. Breen of Monkton Row for the caretakership as offered to Mrs. O'Connor. The Town Clerk said he would recommend that Patrick Henry a Council employee be given the position at an additional 10/- per week. The Council agreed to appoint Mrs. Breen on the same conditions as applied to Mrs. O'Connor.

WICKLOW TOWN A.F.C.: An application was read from the Wicklow Town A.F.C. for permission to erect a small hut of a temporary nature on The Murrrough to be used for dressing rooms by the Club. Permission was granted subject to the structure meeting with the requirements of the Town Surveyor and on condition that it be removed within one week if required by the Council.

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TRANSFER OF TENANCY: An application was read from Mr. D. Cleary for the transfer of the tenancy of house at Castle St., presently occupied by his sister, Miss E. Cleary, to his name after the marriage of his sister in August next. After some discussion it was agreed that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting to enable the County Manager to look into same.

The meeting then concluded.

*Ag. Hynes*  
*1/7/58*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
27th June, 1958.

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

A Chara,

The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st July, 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. Election of Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman and Declaration of Acceptance of Office by Vice-Chairman.
3. Appointment of seven members of the Council to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.
4. Appointment of Nominated Members for witnessing the affixing of the Council's Seal.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
27th June, 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 July, 1958, at the conclusion of the Annual 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 3rd June, 1958 (copy herewith).
2. Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re Unprotected Quarries.
3. Harbour Loan Charges - Correspondence with Harbour Commissioners re increased contribution.
4. Renewal of Lease - Application from the Misses Carroll for renewal of lease of premises at Market Sq.
5. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
6. Any Other Business.
7. Letting of vacant Council House at 17, St. Laurence's Park.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

## ANNUAL MEETING:

HELD ON 1ST JULY, 1958

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

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

A letter was received from the Chairman, Mr. W. Clarke, resigning from the Council and expressing his thanks for the kindness and consideration which he had received during his many years as Chairman of the Council. Resignation accepted with regret.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved:- "That Councillor C. W. Hudson be elected Chairman for the ensuing year."

Councillor Hudson thanked the members for his unanimous election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved - "That Councillor J. Carroll, be elected Vice-Chairman." The proposal was carried unanimously and Councillor was duly declared elected, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and expressed his thanks to the Council for his election.

APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint the following seven representatives on the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board to hold office until they become disqualified or until their successors are duly appointed:- Councillors Jas. Carroll, P. Doyle, Ed. Kavanagh, E. P. Hynes, T. Byrne, T. Conroy and the Councillor who will be co-opted to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor W. Clarke".

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED MEMBERS FOR WITNESSING THE AFFIXING OF THE COUNCIL'S SEAL: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. Carroll be deemed to be nominated members of the Council for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of Council's Seal in accordance with the County Management Acts, 1940 to 1955".

*W. Hudson*  
11/8/58

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST JULY, 1958

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Chairman, presiding, Councillors 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, B.E., and Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd June, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

UNPROTECTED QUARRIES: A Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government regarding the danger of unprotected quarries and referring to certain recent drownings in water filled unused quarries, was read. The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Town Surveyor had that no such quarries existed within the Urban area. Noted.

HARBOUR LOAN CHARGES: The Harbour Commissioners indicated to the Council that they were unable to accede to the Council's request that their annual contribution to loan charges be increased from £250 to £350. The Council were of the opinion that there did not appear to be any use in making further appeals to the Harbour Commissioners.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - PREMISES AT MARKET SQ: An application was received from Misses Carroll for a renewal of the lease of the premises owned by them at Market Sq., the existing lease of which would expire on 29th September, 1958. The Town Clerk stated that the original lease had been granted to Peter O'Brien for a term of 75 years from the 29/9/1883 at an annual rent of £5. In 1949 the premises, with the exception of a yard at the rear, had been assigned to the Misses Carroll, who now applied for a renewal.

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

"That we hereby agree to a renewal of a lease to the Misses Margaret Gertrude and Helena Josephine Carroll for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1958, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0. of premises situate at Market Sq., Wicklow, and formerly demised to Peter O'Brien for 75 years from 29th September, 1883".

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

## Monthly Report - July, 1958

Waterworks: On Friday, 27th June, 1958, the connection was made between the new main coming from Annagoulán to Wicklow and the Urban District Council main near the pumping station at the Marlton Road. Water, however, is not yet available pending the completion of tests at the intake works and along the newly laid pipe line between Rathnew and Wicklow. When this will have been effected within the next 14 days from this date, "raw" water will be provided and thereafter there will be no further need for anxiety in regard to the Wicklow water supply at the reservoir nor will there be need for pumping from the Marlton stream.

Owing to recent very wet weather of course the existing supply to Wicklow town is favourable; we have not found it necessary to do any pumping from the Marlton Stream for some time back, and the reservoir is full to overflowing. Due to the very heavy downpour on Wednesday of last week the stream coming through land to the filter beds became coloured with a clay deposit but it does not effect the quality of the water and remedial action was taken.



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Rain storm in the Urban Area: On Wednesday, 25th June, after almost a continual steady downpour of rain there was a final cloud burst in the town and district which occurred so rapidly as to cause flooding in certain areas. I had the matter under observation and having received an urgent call I attended at the various points between 11 p.m. and 12.30 a.m. on that night. From records which I maintain myself I find that the downpour was equivalent to about  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain inside two hours, which it is interesting to note would be approximately 250 tons of water per acre. I might say that the town was not flooded to the extent that one might have expected having regard to previous experience. The Marlton stream did not overflow at the Grand Hotel but the dam at the pumping station was slightly damaged. The cleaning up of this stream has evidently been effective. I have to report, however, that in the few days immediately prior to this outburst we had observed a subsidence at the junction of Church St., and Wentworth Place and an examination has revealed that the old archway under the road has at this point been undermined at the side walls and if a grant from the Local Authorities Works Act could be made or from some other source, it is most vitally necessary to have this attended to before the Winter months set in. I estimate the cost of this at about £350.

A rapid flooding and overflowing took place in and adjacent to the Ball Alley and Market St. The inlet to the pipe at Colley St., and from the rear entrance to the Convent gate became choked with stones, gravel and grass sods, but on relieving this chokeage in each case the pipe were enabled to deal with the water in full. On opening the gully trap in Market St., and the end of Castle St., I found fresh grass sods deposited therein and my belief is that these had drifted down from the fields at the rear of the Fever Hospital and from the ground which had been washed during the rain which had fallen almost continuously during the past 4 to 5 weeks. I also regret to say that I have observed in some places that sods are being cut and put into drains and causing chokeages thereby. A report was sent to me regarding flooding which occurred in the vicinity of the Quarantine Hill and I interviewed the Managing Director of the factory, who was of the opinion that a good deal of water came from Castle St., and down Summerhill. However, it is clear that the outburst was one which was totally unprecedented and unanticipated and no liability could possibly be laid against the Urban Council. The Convent authorities should be asked to clean up the drainage all up through their lands.

Housing Repairs: During the month plastering repairs were carried out to approximately 12 houses.

Painting: The number of houses painted to date is 36 and work is proceeding satisfactorily. The painting of the railings at Halpin's Memorial was completed during the month. It is proposed now to proceed with the railings at the Sea Front.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor.

Regarding the undermining of the old arch way under the road at the junction of Church St., it was decided that an application would be made for a grant under the Local Authorities Works Act. The Town Surveyor said he would make a further examination and prepare a more detailed estimate.

Councillor Everett drew attention to the sewer at Riverside bungalow occupied by Mrs. Sheriff and asked if it would be possible to have it cleaned. The Town Surveyor agreed to have it attended to.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSE AT 17, ST. LAURENCE'S PARK: After some discussion the Council recommended that the vacant house at 17, St. Laurence's Park be offered to the next person in order on the Housing List, i.e. Patrick Brien, Bond St., and if he refused tenancy that it be offered to Patrick Clarke, 2 Dunbur Road. It was also agreed that Richard Murphy, Castle St., who stated that he was unable to accept the tenancy due to his low income of £5 per week, should retain his position at the head of the list.

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MEMORIAL FROM CASTLE FIELD TENANTS: A memorial was read from the tenants of Castlefield requesting that (1) the Council consider the laying down of concrete paths to their houses and (2) removal of the public dump which is causing them great annoyance. The Town Surveyor reported that the concrete paths might be provided out of the E.S.V. grant although he thought that such work might not rank for grant purposes. Regarding the dumping he stated that he had already reported on this matter and that the only alternative dumping site is adjacent to the Golf Links at Cooper's Lane, but that a new road track and lay-out especially at the sea end would be required, and he estimated the cost of providing these at £200. The Council after some discussion decided to defer the question of the concrete paths until such time as they would be discussing the works to be undertaken by means of the E.S.V. grant. Various Councillors referred to the quantity of papers and wood bark being dumped in the Black Castle and the annoyance caused by the burning of these. The Town Surveyor agreed to carry out the suggestions of Councillor Kavanagh that a long handled shovel be used to push refuse to the bottom of the dump each evening.

ALL NIGHT LIGHTING AUGUST WEEK-END: An application was received from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for all-night lighting as on previous years for August week-end. The Town Clerk said that the cost would be £5 and this had been provided for in the Estimates. Agreed.

DATE OF AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING: It was agreed that the August monthly meeting be postponed to Tuesday, 10th August.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application, accompanied by plan, and specification, was received from Mr. R. Dickenson for permission to erect a boundary wall between his premises and the public road at Friars' Hill. It was recommended that permission be granted subject to the Town Surveyor's approval.

COMPLAINT FROM MRS. MERRIGAN, SUMMERHILL: Mrs. Merrigan, 20 Summerhill, wrote complaining that Wm. Dickenson, tenant of 1 St. Dominick's Road was causing annoyance due to the fact that he was piling up sticks in the end of his plot of ground which borders on her garden, thereby completely blocking her kitchen window. It was agreed that Wm. Dickenson be written to and that he be requested to remove the interference.

INDUSTRY FOR WICKLOW: Councillor Everett referred to the efforts being made by the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce to attract industry to the town. He mentioned that a grave unemployment situation exists and he also referred to the recent closing down of Messrs Haskins' Mill. He suggested that a joint meeting of the Council and the Chamber of Commerce should be convened to discuss the problem and that a deputation might be sent to wait on the Minister. The Council unanimously agreed to the suggestion and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Chamber conveying the wishes of the Council and requesting them to nominate representatives to meet members of the Council.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL: The resignation of Councillor W. Clarke having been accepted a vacancy on the Council was declared. The County Manager and the Town Clerk paid tribute to Mr. Clarke for the help and assistance received from him during his years as Chairman. Councillors Doyle and Carroll handed in notice of motion to fill the vacancy at the next meeting of the Council.

PROPOSED HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK: Councillor Doyle enquired as to what the position was regarding the proposal to erect 3 houses at Castle Park. The County Manager stated that enquiries had been made by the Rent Collector and it was found that insufficient existing tenants would be anxious to transfer to the new houses. The rents of any new houses would be at least 21/6d. per week and of the people on the Council's existing Housing List very few appeared to



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be in a financial position to meet these rents. It was agreed that further enquiries be made.

Councillor Byrne asked if the hedges along the Mass Path could be cut. The Town Surveyor promised to have them attended to immediately.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*at Hurlan  
11/8/58*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
1st August, 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, 5th August, 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 11th August, 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 (a) Annual Meeting held on 1st July, 1958, and (b) Monthly Meeting held on 1st July, 1958 (copies herewith).
2. Vacancy on Council; Co-option of member to fill vacancy on Council.
3. Association of Municipal Authorities - (a) Notification of date of Annual Conference (b) Appointment of delegates.
4. Correspondence with Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce.
5. Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for increase in cost-of-living bonus.
6. Annual Renewal of Cinema Licences.
7. E.S.V. Scheme - Notification of Grant for 1958/59 and consideration of works to be discharged with aid of Grant.
8. Derelict house at Rocky Road - Report of Town Surveyor.
9. Vacant Council House - Letting of vacant house at No. 3, Bungalow, Castle Park.
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
11. Any Other Business.

*Supernumerary - Jas. Clarke Retired Carter. (B.S.O.P.A. APPROV.)*

*Tidy Town Competition.*

*Collapse of Wall at Bachelor's Walk*



Wicklow Urban District Council

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 5th AUGUST 1958

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to  
Monday, 11th August 1958, at 7-30 PM, in accordance with the  
provisions of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847,  
as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

*W. Hudson*  
*11/8/58*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 11th AUGUST, 1958

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1st  
July, 1958, the Annual Meeting held on 1st July, 1958, and the Monthly  
Meeting held on 5th August, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted  
and signed by the Chairman.

VACANCY ON COUNCIL: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded  
by Councillor Conroy that "Mr. J. O'Rourke be co-opted".

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor  
Byrne that "Mr. J. Kelly be co-opted".

A vote was then taken and resulted as follows:-  
For Mr. J. O'Rourke - Councillors Doyle, Conroy, Carroll and Hudson  
(4). For Mr. J. Kelly - Councillors Hynes, Byrne and Kavanagh (3)  
Mr. J. O'Rourke was then declared co-opted to the Council, and appointed  
representative on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board.  
ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: A letter was read from the  
Association of Municipal Authorities stating that the 45th Annual  
Conference would be held in Waterford on the 16th, 17th and 18th  
September next and that any motions which the Council desired to have  
discussed thereat should be forwarded to the Secretary before 30th  
August.

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor  
Carroll - "That Councillor E. Hynes and Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk,  
be appointed delegates to the Conference." It was further decided  
that if any of the Councillors had motions which they desired to  
submit they should forward same to the Town Clerk as soon as possible  
and if approved by the Chairman would be submitted for discussion  
at the Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WICKLOW AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: A  
letter dated 21st July, 1958, from the Wicklow and District Chamber  
of Commerce was read, stating that the Chamber was always ready  
and eager to co-operate with the Urban Council in anything that tends  
to improve the town and bring industry and trade to it. They  
suggested that if the Council would fix any date after the 12th  
September for the holding of the conference the Chamber would at  
their September meeting select representatives to attend. It was  
decided to postpone the fixing of a date for the conference until  
the September meeting of the Council, which would be held on the  
2nd of the month.

APPLICATION FROM IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNION S FOR  
INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING BONUS: The County Manager stated that  
the Irish Local Government Officials' Union had submitted an app-  
lication on behalf of their members employed by Wicklow Urban Council  
for an flat increase in the cost of living bonus of 10/- weekly,  
retrospective to the 1st April, 1958, without any sex, age or  
marriage differentiation. The Manager said that the increase would  
apply to four officials of the Council, viz: the Town Clerk, Clerk  
Typist, Rent Collector and Rate Collector, and would amount to £104  
per annum, which was equivalent to 2d in the £ on the rates. In  
reply to a query from Councillor Doyle, the Town Clerk stated that  
the last increase to officials had been given on the 1st April, 1956,  
with effect from 1st November, 1955. It was proposed by Councillor  
Doyle, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved:-



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"That we approve of the granting of a flat increase in the cost of living bonus, of 10/- weekly, retrospective to 1st April, 1958, without any sex, age or marriage differentiation, to full time, permanent officers employed by Wicklow Urban District Council, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby approve of the expenditure required in the financial year to 31st March, 1959, in order to give effect to this proposal".

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: The Town Clerk informed the Council that applications had been received for renewal of cinema licences for the ensuing year in respect of the Abbey and Rialto Cinemas, Wicklow. The Chief Fire Officer had indicated that he had no objection to the granting of the renewals. The licences were then duly signed and sealed by the Council.

E.S.V. SCHEME, 1958/59: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that notification had been received that an E.S.V. Grant of £750, subject to a local contribution of £75, had been made available for 1958/59. The Town Surveyor indicated that in view of the many reports which had been submitted previously to the Council, he would suggest that the money be devoted to constructing at least part of the Bond St. North Quay road in concrete. He estimated the cost of doing this road in its entirety, at £2,233, but the present grant would only permit a distance of approximately 80-90 yards to be laid, but that it would be well worth doing. The Council discussed the Town Surveyor's suggestion and it was agreed that it was essential that this importance industrial thoroughfare should be attended to at the earliest possible moment. The Council also agreed that the only satisfactory remedy was to have it re-laid in concrete. It was decided that representations should be made to the Department of Local Government to have the E.S.V. grant substantially increased so that the road could be completely re-laid or that at least the greater portion thereof could be done.

DERELICT HOUSE AT ROCKY ROAD: A report dated 11/8/1958 was received from the Town Surveyor and read as follows:-

A Chara,

With regard to the house at the Rocky Road at the corner leading to the Rathnew Road, I believe that the clearing of this site would be desirable in order to improve sight distance at this bend and make access to the junction road easier.

I understand and believe, however, that at the time when the Urban Council were considering my reports on houses generally in the town for the purpose of demolition, that this house was then the property of a Mr. Thomas Byrne, an elderly man, and that he was paid for the site, but was allowed to reside in the house for the remainder of his life time. If these records can be located this might be confirmed, but in any event the law agent could advise as to whether it would now be correct to move under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, in this regard.

Mise, le meas, etc.

After a short discussion the County Manager explained that in order to ensure that the Council would have a proper title to the site it would be advisable to acquire it under the Derelict Sites Act Agreed.

VACANT COUNCIL HOUSE: The following applications for transfers to the vacant house, No. 3 Bungalow, Castle Park, were considered:-  
Christopher Jameson, 10 Castle Park Present rent 15/- per week  
Charles Kavanagh, 4 Dunbur Tce. Present rent 11/2d. "

There was also an application from Mrs. M. Canavan, 5 St. Bride's Road for a transfer to 4, Dunbur Tce., if Mr. Kavanagh was granted a transfer to the vacant house at Castle Park.

The following transfers were agreed to:-

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- (1) Charles Kavanagh, 4 Dunbur Tce., to No. 3, Bungalow, Castle Park, Rent 15/- per week
- (2) Mrs. M. Canavan, 5 St. Bride's Rd., to 4, Dunbur Tce. - rent 11/2d. per week.
- (3) 5 St. Bride's Road was then allocated to Richard Murphy, 24 Castle St., who was on the Council's Housing List.

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

#### Monthly Report - July, 1958

During the month the railings at Leirim Place and the Murrough were painted.

Painting of Houses: 63 houses have been painted to date and a further 4 are in progress. The work has been carried out very satisfactorily.

Housing Repairs: A plumber was employed during the month attending to extensive leaks at Main St., Market St., The Mall and Dunbur Road, where due to heavy leaks and loss of water, the water supply fell completely. The installation of a new lavatory pan and other general repairs were carried out. A new door was provided and fitted at No. 6, St. Laurence's Road. I regret to report that we had the intention of erecting a new door at No. 1, Glenview Road (Tenant: James O'Brien) but the tenant refused to allow our men to put up this door. This is the second occasion on which this has occurred.

Water Supply: The connection from the new main pipe line from the Devils' Glen to the tank at Ballynerrin was made at the Marlton Road and the water will be available from now onwards, as soon as this pipe has been scoured out, cleaned and the water chlorinated, which can be done at any time, so that the town is now assured of an adequate water supply at last.

Roads: Repairs were carried out in the Murrough district prior to the August week-end.

Sewerage: John O'Brien applied for and obtained permission to connect to the Council's main at New Park Road.

Old Technical School: The roof of the Old Technical School requires painting and minor repairs very urgently and I estimate the cost at £65.

Premises at Main St: It was necessary in the interests of public safety to erect a hoarding at the premises in Main St., the property of Mr. George Murray, after the usual statutory notice had been served, and in view of the grave danger which it was felt was present due to the fact that this site and the adjoining premises are lying in an unsatisfactory condition over so many months and with no apparent expedition in completing the proposed building, for which permission has already been given. The cost of keeping this lighted amounts to 10/- per week.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor.

Arising out of the report a discussion took place regarding the hoarding at George Murray's site at Main St. The County Manager explained the legal position regarding the Council's responsibility for the protection of passers-by from the danger of the wall falling. The Town Surveyor agreed to move the hoarding back so that the least possible obstruction would be caused. It was also decided that Mr. Murray should be given one month in which to commence building operations.

The Council agreed that Mr. J. Brien, 1 Glenview Road, should be informed that he had no right to obstruct Council's employees in the fitting of a new door to his house and that in doing so he was guilty of a breach of his tenancy agreement. The Town Clerk was authorised to take all necessary steps to have the door fitted.

Painting of Old Technical School: The Council unanimously agreed



that the Old Technical School should be painted at a cost of £65 and approved of the necessary excess expenditure in the present financial year.

Councillor Conroy drew attention to the fact that the paint which was used in the painting of Council houses last year was stripping from doors and windows. The Town Surveyor to examine and report.

Councillor Conroy complained about the condition of 17, St. Laurence's Park, which was recently re-let to Patrick Clarke and family. The County Manager indicated that it was not the practice of the Council to expend monies on the decorating etc. of houses when they became vacant. He also mentioned that the County Council had experienced considerable difficulty in endeavouring to recover from ex-tenants the costs of damages which they had caused to the house during their tenancy.

Superannuation - James Clarke, Retired Carter: The County Manager informed the Council that Counsel's opinion had now been obtained on the question of a retiring allowance for James Clarke, retired carter. He summarised the opinion for the Council which was to the effect that Mr. Clarke was entitled to a pension and that it was obligatory on the Council to pay it. The Manager said that the Department would have to be informed of this fact and that the pension would be in the region of £50 per annum.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION: The Town Clerk informed the Council that Wicklow Town had obtained 119 marks out of a possible 300 in the Tidy Towns Competition organised by Bord Fáilte Éireann, therefore the town's effort was classified as "good".

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: Councillor Doyle enquires as to why the public convenience on the Murrough had been closed at 11 p.m. on Regatta Night and the Town Clerk said that 11 p.m. closing was the time fixed by the Council and no extension had been authorised for any particular day. Councillor Doyle also enquired about the lighting in the public conveniences at the Town Hall. The Town Surveyor mentioned the fact that light bulbs were being continually broken or stolen. He promised to investigate the possibility of obtaining suitable wire guards for them.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: Councillor Everett proposed a vote of sympathy with Councillor J. Carroll on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. James Gerrard. It was seconded by Councillor Hudson and passed unanimously, all present standing.

COLLAPSE OF WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: The Council went into Committee to consider a special report from the Town Surveyor on the above matter. The matter was read as follows:-

A Chara,

It was reported to me that on Sunday, 10th August, 1958, at about 9 p.m., portion of the river wall at Bachelors' Walk, west side of the River Liffey, fell into the river during the time when a Swimming Gala was in progress and when a number of people had congregated and lined along this wall. Investigations show that several people fell forward with the wall and found themselves in the water, some of them suffered minor casualties.

The actual width of the portion of the wall which fell measures 63 feet but in falling the other parts of the wall adjoining were naturally affected and disturbed and in the re-building and restoration of the structure approximately 116 feet would need to be re-erected.

The wall consisted of rubble and stone masonry of a quality peculiar to the district jointed in lime mortar and sand and covered with a granite semi-circular coping.

Prior to this there was no reason to suppose that under ordinary normal circumstances that a collapse would occur. There is no doubt

that the immediate cause of the fall was the number of people who were either lying against or on the parapet wall and at a particular moment caused a leverage or turning outwards due to the pressure against the parapet, following which this portion of the wall overturned into the river. The wall, therefore, was being used in a manner for which it would not have been designed. The main portion of the foundation did not stir so the confirmation of the leverage effected, as indicated above is evident. This type of walling is in existence on both sides of this river which is tidal, and extends from the Stone Bridge to the new Parnell foot bridge: it was probably constructed over a 100 years ago and at no time has it collapsed except under circumstances where the conditions were unusual. I understand that some 50 years ago as a result of flooding from the sea across Leixlip Place a large cavity occurred in the wall on the eastern side of the river and this was re-built at the time, by contract for the Urban District Council, acting I presume on behalf of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, which Body would have had no funds available at the time. A second collapse occurred in 1947 as a result of unprecedented flooding passing through the town and particularly Wentworth Place, which pushed its way through the wall at a point opposite the Assembly Hall. This portion was re-built by the Urban District Council with the assistance of funds used out of the Employment Schemes Vote, as I believe.

The wall in question is a river wall adjoining a tidal stream. Immediately behind it is a foot-path about 10" in width and before the public road (Bachelors' Walk) is reached there is a grass margin railed in and upon which trees are growing in width about 20". There is a public sewer running in this footpath as referred to above.

I have had the surrounding space railed off and warning notices erected as advised and I understand in doing so no liability is assumed by the Urban Council. The Wicklow Harbour Commissioners claim control and supervision over the tidal water up to a distance at least reaching the Parnell Bridge.

My estimate for the reconstruction of the wall for a distance of 116 feet is £624.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Arising out of the report the Manager explained that he had discussed the matter with the Council's Solicitor and that they were of the opinion that no liability whatsoever could attach to the Council on the following grounds - (1) That the collapse of the wall was an Act of God; (2) That the wall was never designed for the purpose for which it was being used at the time it collapsed and (3) That the fact that people were leaning on the wall was probably an importance factor in causing it to collapse.

Councillors Doyle and Conroy stated that in their opinion the wall had in a dangerous condition for some time. The County Manager reiterated that no report to this effect had ever been received by the Council or by him. Councillor Kavanagh mentioned that the Harbour Commissioners claimed jurisdiction over the water up as far as the Metal Bridge and wondered if they would be liable for the wall.

After further discussion the meeting concluded.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
29th August, 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, 2nd September, 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  
Adjourned

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 11th August, 1958 (copy herewith).
2. Corporate Estate - Tenders for grazing of 10 acre field at Ballyguile.
3. Fixing of date of meeting with Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce.
4. E.S.V. Scheme 1958/59 - Correspondence re Increased Grant.
5. Derelict Site at Rocky Road.
6. Superannuation Act, 1956 - Retiring Allowance of James Clarke (Carter).
7. Special Report re 4, Dunbur Tee.
8. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
9. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESMONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1958

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

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

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting the Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late John De Courcy, Retired Waterworks Overseer. Councillor T. Byrne seconded the resolution and the other Councillors, County Manager and Town Clerk associated themselves with it. The resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 11th August, 1958, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

CORPORATE ESTATE: The County Manager explained to the Council that the 10 acre field at Ballyguile, which had been tilled and sown with grass seed would now require grazing for a short period and on the advice of Mr. Scott, C.A.O., tenders had been invited for the grazing of it for 4 weeks. One tender only was received in sum of £5 from Mr. W. Vickers, Kilmartin Road. The Council recommended that the tender be accepted.

MEETING WITH WICKLOW AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: The Council fixed Tuesday, 16th September, as the date on which to meet members of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the unemployment position in the town and to consider the question of sending a deputation to wait on the Minister. The time for the meeting was fixed for 7.30 p.m.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1958/59: The Town Clerk said he had communicated with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance regarding the question of an increased grant for Wicklow in the coming year and pointing out the grave unemployment position in the town and also the importance of re-laying the Bond St/North Quay thoroughfare in concrete. In a letter dated 21st August, the Parliamentary Secretary replied that the total grant of £750 already notified represented the full proportionate allocation of the available funds that could be provided for Wicklow Urban District in the current financial year and it was regretted that it was not possible to increase the grant.

Councillor Conroy suggested that the three deputies of the County be requested to contact the Parliamentary Secretary and endeavour to obtain an increased grant for the town and he also enquired as to the possibility of obtaining a loan to complete the work, stating that as much work as possible was required to cope with the unemployment position in the town. The Chairman agreeing with Councillor's Conroy's remarks stated that they could first seek the help of the deputies and if this was unsuccessful that they could into into the possibility of raising a loan. This proposal was unanimously agreed to and the Town Clerk was instructed to contact the deputies forthwith.

DERELICT SITE AT ROCKY ROAD: The Town Clerk mentioned that arising out of a discussion at the August meeting of the Council and Town Surveyor and Health Inspector had both submitted reports to the effect that the site at the Rocky Road was a derelict site and so could be acquired under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940. The Town Surveyor had stated that the cost of levelling and clearing the site would be about £10. The County Manager said that no value could be placed on the premises as what remained of the house was derelict and the site had only nuisance value. A letter from Mr. W. Fallon, Solicitor, was read, stating that the owner of the site was willing



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to sell to the Council. After further discussion it was decided to ask the owner to state her price for the site.

SUPERANNUATION ACT, 1956 - JAMES CLARKE: The Town Clerk said that sanction had not yet been received from the Department of Local Government to the payment of a retiring allowance to James Clarke, but that it would be in order for the Council to pass the resolution approving of the payment, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

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

"That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, of the payment of a retiring allowance in sum of \$52. 7. 7. per annum in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, to Mr. James Clarke, Carter, retrospective to 1st January, 1958".

REPORT RE 4 DUNBUR TCE: The County Manager submitted a report to the Council regarding the circumstances leading to the repair and re-decoration of No. 4, Dunbur Tce., after occupation by the Gregory family. He stated that there had been a number of short term tenancies in this house which chiefly lead to its gradual deterioration and particularly after occupation by the Gregorlys who had a large family (About 10 children). It was in a very bad condition and the Council at the time had no option but to carry out the necessary repairs. NOTED.

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

Monthly Report - August, 1958

Painting of Council Houses: In accordance with the request of the Council I inspected the complaint regarding paint on two houses, Nos. 16 and 17, St. Dominick's Road. There was evidence of a flaking off of the paint on windows and doors in spots and lines. I propose to send one of our painters to rub out ~~xxx~~ and touch up these spots and see if any further trouble develops. In the meantime we are getting in touch with the manufacturers of this paint, which is supplied of course, through the medium of the Official Trades List.

Water Supply: The filter beds have been cleaned out and this was necessary because of extensive flooding in the Marilton River due to the continuous storms and wet weather, thereby making it necessary to maintain the beds in a reasonable condition. It is hoped to have the clear water delivered to these beds in some few days from date hereof, as soon as meters, valves etc. will have been fitted along the main line. The services of the temporary Waterworks Overseer, Ed. Kelly, will terminate at the 30th September, as arranged.

Roads: During the month the severe weather continued to effect road surfaces and an amount of work had to be undertaken to keep gully traps, sewers, culverts etc., clear. The Greenhill Road deteriorated rapidly, but the major holes and depressions have been filled. There has been a considerable amount of traffic on this road due to the Regional Water Supply Scheme, but at the same time I would remind the Council that I reported on the necessity for surfacing this road and other roads in the Urban District and provision will have to be made in the near future for this very necessary work of maintenance: one cannot expect these surfaces to hold beyond a reasonable period of time.

Painting of Old Technical School: The painting of the Old Technical School is in progress and is almost completed.

Demolition of Houses at Strand St. Lr: It is satisfactory to note that after many years we have now been able to demolish these insanitary houses and clear this site, which work is now in progress. The rafters and other timber, which are in fair condition, and also roofing slates, should be offered for sale immediately. They have been taken into safe custody. The rubble remaining after the demolition might be offered to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for removal by them, but a decision should be taken as early as possible, as there have been other enquiries in this connection.

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Housing Repairs: 67 houses have now been painted and completed. The other general repairs which have been carried out since the commencement of the financial year have now absorbed a considerable amount of the sum allocated for this purpose so that only the most urgent and vital repairs can be done from this date until the end of the year.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor.

Arising out of the report it was agreed to offer the rubble remaining after the demolition of the Strand St. houses to the Harbour Commissioners and it was also decided that tenders would be invited for the purchase of the old rafters and slates.

Councillor Byrne drew attention to the condition of New Park Road which was in particularly bad condition due to the recent heavy rains. Town Surveyor to examine.

The Council noted that they would be obliged to terminate the employment of Ed. Kelly, Acting Waterworks Overseer, on the 30th September, as provisions had only been made in the Estimates for his employment to that date, due to the coming into operation of the Regional Water Supply Scheme.

A letter was read from the tenants of the two new houses at Castle St. again drawing attention to the condition of the paling around their houses. Town Surveyor to examine and submit an estimate.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that an electric cooker which had been removed by the Council, as it was not required by the tenant, from the house at Dunbur Road let to Mr. W. Gerrittsen, was deteriorating from being kept in storage. The Council decided to invite tenders for its purchase.

The Council agreed to have the Chairman's chair re-upholstered at a cost of 50/-.

LETTING OF VACANT HOUSES, NOS. 13 and 14, Bungalows, St. Laurence's Park: The Council agreed to the letting of the vacant houses to the next applicants in order on the Housing List. They were James O'Toole, 14 Convent Road and Michael Healy, Castle St. The Council also ruled that any applicant who had been previously a Council tenant and given up the tenancy without sufficient reason, would be penalised once by being dropped to the bottom of the List, when his turn came. Accordingly, A. Gillespie, New St., No. 9 on the List was so penalised. The case of Wm. Dickenson, 18 St. Dominick's Road, was then examined and it was agreed that he had justifiable reason for terminating his tenancy and would not then be penalised. It was also ruled that any applicant who refused a house on the grounds that he could not afford the rent through being unemployed would not be penalised and would retain his place on the List.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Conroy enquired about the house at Monkton Row to which Mrs. Goodman had been given a transfer and stated that the open fire place which had been installed by the former tenant was giving trouble. Town Surveyor to inspect. Councillor Conroy also drew attention to the house occupied by M. Hunter at Glenview Road, stating that the party wall was overhanging by a few inches and is in a dangerous condition. He also mentioned that a manhole at Glenview Road, which was recently opened by Council employees was down a good distance in the ground and should be raised.

Councillor Byrne stated that a number of Council tenants had allowed their gardens to become overgrown with weeds, which was source of annoyance to neighbouring tenants who endeavoured to keep their gardens properly cultivated. The County Manager said that this was contrary to their Tenancy Agreements and that the Rent Collector would be requested to report on such gardens and issue the tenants with warning notices.

The meeting then concluded.

*Ad. Anderson*  
7/10/58