

In comparing the Estimates for the coming year with those submitted last year it must be borne in mind that when the Estimates for 1958/59 were considered by the Council twelve months ago it was agreed that provision be made in them for increases in the remuneration of the Council's outdoor staff and the amount required for this purpose was £170. As in other types of employment in Urban Districts here or elsewhere increases of 10/- per week were being allowed, it was necessary to make the necessary provision for it when the Estimates were being determined. Later in the year consequent on similar adjustments by other local authorities and in other forms of employment, cost-of-living increases ranging from 7/6d. to 10/- per week were allowed to other members of the staff, but provision for the latter had not been included in last year's Estimates and the amount required for the coming year under this heading will be £71. In addition, however, there would be adjustments in salary consequent on the allowance of increments and the necessity to make due provision for the post of Town Sergeant - all of which involves an additional £99.

ROADS: By way of contribution by the Council towards Employment Schemes a sum of £75, which corresponds to the contribution in the present year, is again included. In 1958/59 a State Grant of £750 was received. The total amount available as a result of Road Works under this heading was £825. In previous years most of this money had been used for the making of new concrete footpaths as this was a type of work which would have a high labour content. In the present year, however, the Council decided to concrete part of Bond St., a thoroughfare which is nowadays carrying very heavy industrial traffic. About 90 yards of the road was constructed and this leaves about 120 yards still to be done. It seems desirable that this work should be completed and consequently it is suggested that in the coming year the Employment Schemes Grant might again be used in the construction of this road. It will mean, however, that funds will not be available from this source for the construction of new footpaths.

The provision for ordinary Road Works at £749, shows no change from the amount allocated by the Council last year. This is almost altogether made up of wages of workmen employed at road maintenance and only included a comparatively small sum, £80, for materials.

For the resurfacing of roads by tar spraying £145 is included in the Estimates which are now being submitted. Last year, however, the amount allowed by the Council was only £100. The Town Surveyor has submitted a report in which he has recommended that a programme of resurfacing of Urban Roads should be undertaken in the coming year. In addition he has included a sum of £200 for new footpaths at Castlefield, an item which was recently asked for by members of the Council. The list of works submitted by the Town Surveyor is:-

(1) Tarsurfacing:

(a) Castle St.	£165	
(b) St. Laurence's Road	£90	
(c) Friars' Hill	£300	
(d) Bayview Tce. and Forty Foot	£185	
(e) Kilmantin Hill	£330	
(f) New Park Road	£200	
(g) St. Patrick's Road	£200	
(h) Church Hill and Brickfield Lane	£350	£1,820. 0. 0.

(2) Footpaths:

Concrete footpaths at Castlefield	£200. 0. 0.
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The total cost of all these works would be £2,020 and if they were to be carried out in one year the rate required would be about 4/2d. Even if they were, say, to be undertaken over a period of 3 years the cost would be almost 1/6d. in the £, for each of these years. It has frequently been submitted by the Town Surveyor that the amount allowed each year for road maintenance by way of tar surfacing is altogether inadequate and in consequence many of the Urban Roads are in very poor condition. If the Council were to try to continue to use

the Employment Schemes Grant in the construction of new lengths of road-way in concrete each year some improvements of these roads could be effected. Construction in concrete has the merit that there would be practically no maintenance for probably 20 years or more but it will be evident that it would take very many years before the greater part of the Urban Road mileage could be dealt with in this way. At present the Council is repaying two loans which were raised about 6 years ago for road improvements (construction of Murrough Road in concrete and improvements at St. Patrick's Road). One of these loans will expire in another year or so but the other will not be repaid for about 7 more years. When the first of these loans is repaid it is suggested that the Council then might consider raising a new loan to construct in concrete one of the Urban Roads which now is badly in need of resurfacing.

Retiring Allowances: It will be found that under Retiring Allowances there is an increase of £186 and this is due to the necessity to make provision for the payment made on retirement to an officer of the Council. The total amount involved in this particular instance was £744 and similar sums of £186 are also included under the headings of Sanitary Services, Housing and General Urban Purposes.

The total increase in Roads costs for the coming year as compared with 1958/59 is £225.

SANITARY SERVICES There are many changes under this heading consequent on the Wicklow Regional Water Supply being made available. The total cost of these services for the coming year is estimated at £6,730. After taking into account Receipts of £1,501 the net cost is £5,229.

Water Supplies: Work on the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme, a Scheme which was undertaken jointly by Wicklow Urban Council and Wicklow County Council, started in August, 1957. The Scheme has now been completed and when some minor technical adjustments have been settled water from it will be available to Wicklow Urban District. The total cost of the Scheme, allowing for some extras which have arisen mainly owing to increases in costs of materials and rises in wages since the date when the Contract was placed, will be about £89,000. Of this cost it was agreed that 30% would be met by Wicklow Urban District Council and 70% by Wicklow County Council. It is fortunate for the Urban District Council that it was possible to arrange for a joint undertaking as if the Urban Council were to endeavour to arrange for a Scheme on their own the eventual cost to them would be very much greater than that which has now to be met in respect of the Regional Scheme. It is felt that it should not also be overlooked that as a result of long-term financial planning it was possible to liquidate the charges arising out of the Stock Issues which originally had been floated very many years ago mainly for the purpose of meeting the cost of existing waterworks at Marlton. The Redemption Fund for these Stocks had been carefully managed in recent years and much thought had been devoted to the investment policy to be pursued, with the result that it was possible to realise the investments at satisfactory prices notwithstanding the marked drop in the value of some securities in recent times. It was also possible in consequence to synchronise the Redemption of the Stocks with the advent of the new Loan Charges arising from the Regional Water Supply Scheme. This meant that the new heavy loan charges which had to be met were offset to a substantial extent by the saving in expense resulting from liquidation of the Stocks.

There also have been some savings in maintenance costs as a result of the coming into operation of the new Regional Scheme. Briefly the position is as follows:-

The total gross Loan Charges in the coming year to be met by the Urban Council for the Regional Scheme is £2,654; a State Grant of £1,060 would be available so that the net Loan Charges would be £1,594. The reductions in Loan Charges resulting from the Redemption of the Council's Stocks amount, however, to £698 so that the net increase in Loan Charges to be met by the Council would be £896, but the advent of the Regional Scheme has resulted in other changes. There would be a saving on pumping charges of £260. It will no longer be necessary to pump water back from the Marlton Stream to the Reservoir. The saving

in outlay resulting from the fact that a Waterworks Caretaker and Assistant should not in future be necessary at Marlton would be about £785. Against the total savings of £1,045, there will be set, however, the cost of the maintenance of the Distribution System throughout the town which heretofore was undertaken by the former Waterworks Caretaker. This is expected to cost £200. In addition it would be necessary for the Urban Council to contribute towards the cost of maintenance of the new Regional System, in particular the caretaking of the Mechanised Filtration System at Cronroe, Ashford. The cost of chemicals for use in the Plant also has to be taken into account. The Urban Council's share of this cost is expected to be about £400. It will be seen from these figures that whereas the existing water supply normally cost about £1,000 to maintain, the new system will cost about £600. But here it should be mentioned that it would still be necessary to arrange each year for the maintenance of the Reservoir at Marlton and for the cleaning of Filter beds. After all the new Regional Scheme, as has been made quite clear on many occasions, was intended only to augment the supply to the town of Wicklow; it was never intended to replace completely the existing supply. This moreover, is the reason why it was agreed that Wicklow Urban Council would only be asked to meet 30% of the heavy Capital outlay involved by the Scheme.

Whilst it is expected that the cleaning of the Filter Beds and maintenance of the Reservoir at Marlton should in normal years amount to about £150, it is necessary in the coming year to make provision for a sum of £300. It is intended by the Town Surveyor to empty out the Reservoir at Marlton in the coming months and to staunch the leaks in the Reservoir wall which have been causing trouble for many years. The Filter Beds will also have to be cleaned and new fittings such as valves etc. will have to be supplied. The Town Surveyor is, it will be seen, taking advantage of the supply from the new Regional Scheme to carry out much needed repairs and overhauls at the Waterworks at Marlton.

New Main at Dunbur Road: It has been evident for many years past that quite apart from the grave uncertainty attaching to the supply from the Marlton Reservoir and its inadequacy at many times resulting in water having to be shut off during any dry spell of weather, the mains throughout the town which form the Distribution System are not in good condition. Most of them are now very old and internally have become much encrusted with the result that the flow of water through the mains in some cases has been much reduced. Some years ago a new main at a cost of £3,587 was laid to serve the new residential district along Dunbur Road, but there have been many complaints about the inadequate supply in this area which is due to the fact that the main running from Fitzwilliam Square to Market Square and which is connected to the Dunbur Road Main is old and encrusted. This difficulty has been investigated in recent months and the Town Surveyor has recommended that a new main from the new 100,000 gallon tank, which was constructed at Greenhill Road in connection with the Regional Scheme, should be laid to connect with the main put in about 10 years ago at Dunbur Road. The cost of this work is estimated at £2,572. For the distance involved the cost seems rather high but it has been explained by the Town Surveyor that the laying of the main would involve much excavation in rock. The Council decided recently that it would give special consideration to this item when examining the Annual Estimates. A sum of £81 has been included to meet part of the annual loan charges on this new work. A full years loan charge would be £270 and after deducting the State Grant which it is expected would be forthcoming the net annual charge would be £162. However, it is expected that only half of this latter sum would have to be met in the coming year.

At the last meeting of the Council the defects in the existing Distribution System in the town were mentioned. Attention often has been drawn to the condition of some of the mains which were laid a very long time ago and with the passing years the degree of encrustation on the interior of the mains is such that the flow of water through them is much reduced. It seems that about forty or fifty years ago some of the mains were cleaned but in the meantime there would have been much deterioration. It consequently may be that some of the mains in the centre of the town especially in the Market Square, The Mall, Main

St., and Bridge St., are now in such a condition that they should be replaced by new mains, and that the Council may have to undertake a rather costly main rebaying programme in the coming years. The Surveyor at present is examining the position and it is expected that he will submit a special report on the Distribution System together with an estimate of the costs involved within the next few months. Meantime, however it is considered to be a matter of urgency, as mentioned earlier, to improve the supply to the Dunbur Road District by the laying of a new main. Moreover, this new main should help to improve somewhat the existing Distribution System as it would result in water being fed to the System from another point in addition to the existing bulk supply main at Marlton Road.

Scavenging: The amount provided is the same as that for the present year. When the Estimates were being submitted last year it was recommended that arrangements might be made for a Household Refuse Collection System which is a type of service normally available in Urban Districts. At present Refuse Collection is only arranged by the Council for households which contribute £1 per year to the cost involved; in other words the service is provided only on a special payment basis and is not available to most of the houses in the town. There are in all about 600 houses in the town and of these only 160 are provided with Domestic Scavenging under the existing arrangement. However, the Council last year decided that the additional cost involved could not be met from Rates and did not approve of the Scheme which had been submitted.

Public Lighting: The amount provided for Public Lighting is as in the present year, viz. £497.

Burial Grounds - Demand from Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board: For the coming year the Demand shows a reduction of £136.

HOUSING The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £13,772 and after taking into account Receipts of £11,579 from Rents and State subsidies the net outlay is £2,193. This represents the measure of subsidy which is afforded by the Rates towards Housing.

Maintenance and Repair: Last year the amount allowed by the Council for repairs was £800, but this was found during the course of the year to be inadequate and to meet the cost of urgent repairs which had to be carried out it was necessary to vote a further £150. For the coming year the amount included for repairs is £950 as compared with £800 last year - an increase of £150. It is intended with this sum to carry out the following works:-

Painting of 60 dwellings	£420.
Pointing of brickwork on 6 Houses at The Murrough	£72
Ordinary Repairs - plastering, plumbing, doors, windows etc.	£458.

New Scheme at Castle Park: The Council recently had under consideration the proposal to erect 3 new houses at Castle Park. Whilst preliminary plans were prepared definite arrangements for this Scheme have not yet been made. A small sum of £10 has been included to meet interest charges which might arise on Capital outlay during the coming year.

Small Dwellings(Acquisition) Acts Loans: There is an increase in Loan Charges of £113 under this heading but it is completely offset by repayments and involves no additional cost to the Council.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES The expenditure under this heading includes many items such as School Meals, Foreshore Maintenance, Insurance of Council Property, Printing, Stationery etc., and legal expenses, but the major item is the County Council Demand.

The total expenditure is estimated at £15,342 and of this the County Council Demand would be £9,427.

Foreshore Maintenance: Notification recently has been received from the Department of Local Government to the effect that they are arranging for a Special Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote towards the cost of very urgent repairs to the existing promenade protection wall. The cost of these repairs was estimated by the Town Surveyor at £500. It is expected that this Grant will be subject to a local contribution from Rates. However, a sum of £160 is again being included to meet the cost of maintenance of existing foreshore protection works.

Some three years ago a sum of £5,000 was spent on a scheme of protection works involving the laying down of 80 concrete chained blocks. The Council's contribution of £1,250 to the cost of this Scheme at present involves them in an annual loan charge of £135. From reports received in the past year from the Town Surveyor it appears that further works to prevent coast erosion are urgently required. He estimated the total cost of £8,000 and if a Grant of 75% were to be received from State Funds, the amount which would have to be met by the Council would be £2,000. The loan charge which this would entail would be £220. The Department of Local Government have indicated that they have no funds available from which to make a Grant but the Council decided that further representations should be made to them stressing the fact that unless these urgent works are carried out there is a grave danger that the entire promenade protection wall may be swept away. Provisionally a loan charge of £87 has been included in the Estimates.

School Meals: There is an increase under this heading of £2ⁿ but it is offset to the extent of 50% by State Grant so that the net increase in cost is £10. The average number of children participating in the School Meals Scheme is just over 100 and the cost per meal at present is about 8d.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: Under this Scheme 1 cwt. of machine-won turf per week is supplied to necessitous households during the Winter months. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £1,300, which is an increase of £100 but this additional cost would be met in full from State Funds. The number of households availing of the Scheme at present is 230, compared with 206 at the same time last year.

County Council Demand: This shows an increase of £33, which would be somewhat less than 1d. in the £, as a rate. The following table shows how the demand for 1959/60 compares with that for the current year:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>1958/59</u>	<u>1959/60</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>
Main Roads	£2,433	£1,386	£1,047 (Decrease)
Public Assistance	£750	£616	£134 (Decrease)
Mental Hospital	£1,368	£1,331	£37 (Decrease)
Health	£3,058	£4,522	£1,464 (Increase)
General Purposes (County)	£900	£601	£299 (Decrease)
Fire Brigade	£298	£328	£30 (Increase)
Libraries	£68	£70	£2 (Increase)
Separate Charges	£519	£573	£54 (Increase)

Tourist Amenities at East Pier: Some months ago the Chamber of Commerce arranged for a meeting of various organisations in the town interested in the provision of Tourist amenities and for the preparation of an outline scheme showing proposals for works in the vicinity of the East Pier. These works included a Swimming Pool, Car Parks, Sanitary Conveniences, Fishermens' Shelters and a Slipway to meet the needs of anglers. The total cost was estimated at £42,320 and the Scheme was put forward in the expectation that An Bord Failte would give substantial Grants towards the cost of the works. There have been discussions and correspondence with representatives of An Bord Failte but so far no definite information as to what assistance would be forthcoming has been given by the Board. The Council considered that if these proposals were accepted the first stage would be the construction of Fishermens' Shelters and Sanitary Conveniences and

that they might make a contribution towards the costs when it was ascertained what sum would be forthcoming from other interests, i.e. An Bord Failte, Department of Fisheries and the Harbour Commissioners. As yet there is no indication as to what the commitments of the Council might be in this matter and consequently no provision towards the costs of the works has been included in these Estimates. If however, any part of these works are to be proceeded with in the near future it could be expected that the Council will have to make provision for defraying part of the Capital Cost, with resulting loan charges, from the Rates.

It is only proper that mention should be made of the satisfactory manner in which all members of the Council's staff discharged their duties during the past year. At the same time I would like to convey to you Mr. Chairman and the members of the Council my thanks for the assistance given to me in the course of the year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery,

Wicklow County Manager

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1959/1960

E X P E N D I T U R E

URBAN ROADS

Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes)

Ordinary Road Works
(Wages: £669 Materials: £80)

Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.

Retiring Allowances

Salaries

Loan Charges:

1953 St. Patrick's Road Improvement

1953 Murrrough Road in Concrete

SANITARY SERVICES

Salaries

Retiring Allowances

Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir

Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply

Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply

Sewerage (Wages: £71 Materials: £40)

Public Conveniences

Scavenging

Burial Grounds (Demand of Joint Burial Board)

Public Lighting

Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society

Loan Charges:

1935 Sewer and Water Extension

1937 Waterworks Improvement

1898 3½% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.

1922 5% (3½%) Stock, Dividends Sinking Fund etc.

1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)

1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Rd)

1951 New Watermain at North Quay

1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Road
(Waterworks)

1956 Public Convenience at Town Hall

1958 Regional Water Supply

1959 New Watermain at Dunbur Road

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
75	75
749	749
145	180
264	264
127	127
165	165
115	115
£1,640	1,595
166	166
379	379
300	75
200	160
400	400
111	111
50	50
825	825
301	301
497	497
10	10
52	52
220	220
-	-
-	-
130	130
150	150
41	41
34	34
75	75
2654	2654
135	135
£6,730	£6,455

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repair

Salaries

Rent Collector's Poundage

Retiring Allowances

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 - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund
etc.

1959 - 3 Houses Scheme (Castle Park)

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Act

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan

1948 Loan

1949 Loan

1950 Loan

1956 Loan

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
950	820
127	127
380	380
186	186
45	45
129	129
2670	2670
40	40
233	233
640	640
29	29
2572	2572
152	152
103	103
974	974
84	84
65	65
2620	2620
183	183
-	-
10	-
72	72
240	240
480	480
563	563
225	225
£13,772	£13,632

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses (Heating Lighting etc.)

Town Hall Repairs

Demolition of Ruinous Buildings

Acquisition of Derelict Sites

Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £136
Materials: £26)

Foreshore Maintenance (Wages: £108
Materials: £52)

Tree Planing

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

Retiring Allowances

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 - 3½% 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
162	162
160	160
-	-
5	5
35	35
1	1
-	-
-	-
250	250
80	80
320	320
1244	1244
495	495
186	186
96	96
46	46
120	120
135	135
52	52
308	308
14	14
142	142
50	50
70	70
180	180
1300	1300
10	10
39	39
40	40
70	70
-	-
135	135
87	-
£5,915	5,828

County Council Services:

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

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
5915	5,828
1386	1386
616	616
1331	1331
4522	4522
601	601
328	328
70	70
573	573
£15,342	£15,256
£37,484	£36,937

R E C E I P T S

ROADS

Estate Duty Grant

SANITARY SERVICES

Domestic Scavenging

Water Rehts

State Subsidy to Loan Charges - Watermain,
North Quay

Do. Regional Water Supply

Do. New Watermain Dunbur Rd.

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)

Repayment 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 Contribut-
ions and recoupment by Co. Council)

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

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
75	75
£75	£75
160	160
200	200
17	17
1060	1060
54	54
10	10
£1,501	£1,501
2380	2,380
344	344
100	100
280	280
6818	6,818
26	26
64	64
1567	1,567
£11,579	£11,579
70	70
-	-
160	160
310	310
750	750
538	538
1395	1,395
3	3
18	18
19	19
350	350
10	10
£3,623	£3,623
£16,778	£16,778

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1959/60

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	£1640 1.595	£75 ✓	£1565 1.520
Sanitary Services	£6730 6.455	£1501 ✓	£5229 4.954
Housing	£13772 13.632	£11579 ✓	£2193 2.053
General Urban Purposes	£15342 16.255	£3623 ✓	£11719 12.632
	£37,484 36.937	£16,778 ✓	£20,706 20.159
Deduct Credit 			£437 450
Total requirements to be met by Rate Levy 			£20,269 19.709
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £. produces 			£43. 0. 8.
Rate in the £ to meet total requirements of £20,269 would be 39/3d. in £.			19.709 38/2

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total Valuation as per Valuation List		£11,204. 2. 0.
<u>Buildings:</u>	£10125. 16. 0.	
Less: Remissions under Housing Acts	£408. 13. 4.	£9,717. 2. 8.
<u>Land:</u>	£803. 1. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes	£42. 5. 0.	
2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5ths of £760. 16. 0.)	£304. 6. 4.	£456. 9. 8.
<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>	£200. 10. 0.	
Less: 1/2 Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£100. 5. 0.	£100. 5. 0.
<u>Telegraphs</u>		£1. 10. 0.
<u>Yards</u>		£11. 0. 0.
Total Valuation for Rating Purposes		£10,328. 10. 4.

Rate of 1d. in £ produces £43. 0. 8.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

13th March, 1959.

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, 24th March, 1959, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack,

TOWN CLERK

Encl.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 1959

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Carroll, J. Rourke, L. P. Hynes, E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle and J. Lverett, T.D.

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 meeting held on 3/2/1959 were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION: The following resolution from Sligo Corporation was read:-

"That with a view to encouraging tenants of Urban Authority houses to purchase their houses, the Government be requested to amend the law to permit of Sligo Corporation and similar bodies throughout the State vesting the houses on similar terms and conditions as in the case of Labourers' Cottages."

The County Manager informed the Council that a Purchase Scheme similar to that in operation for rural cottages were to be adopted the annuities would have to be reduced by half and the loss would have to be borne by the rates. He said that some years ago the Council had circulated a scheme which showed what annuities would be payable on vesting the existing houses. Members felt that the Tenant Purchase Scheme for Urban houses was too dear. Further consideration of the matter was deferred.

EARLY MORNING BUS SERVICE TO WICKLOW: A letter from the C.E.O., County Vocational Education Committee was read, referring to representations being made by that Committee to C.I.E. to obtain an earlier bus service into Wicklow town, that would serve school children attending schools and would also serve the general public. The letter gave details of negotiations which had taken place and sought the support of the Council in their application to C.I.E. The Council unanimously agreed to support the efforts of the Vocation Education Committee.

WATERMAIN - DUNBUR ROAD: The Town Clerk informed the Council that following their instructions at the last meeting the Town Surveyor had now submitted a plan for bring a 5" cast iron watermain from the new 100,000 gallon tank on the Greenhill Road to connect with the existing Dunbur Road main at a point near the Gold Links. The total length of the main was approximately 755 lin. yds. and the estimated cost was £2,572. The Town Surveyor had explained that he believed there would be a considerable amount of rock excavation involved in the laying of the main and consequently the cost was more than could normally be expected. The County Manager mentioned that on the basis of a 15 year loan the annual loan charges would amount to £270, but it could be expected that a State Grant in sum of £108 would be forthcoming, leaving a net annual charge of £162. It was agreed to include the necessary loan charges in the Estimates for the coming year.

Mention was also made of the condition of the older mains in the town and on the County Manager's suggestion it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should prepared a comprehensive report on their condition and submit an estimate of the cost of replacement.

LEASES OF MURROUGH: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that at the last meeting when considering an application from Mr. J. Hudson for a lease of portion of The Murrough for development as a caravan park, reference was made to the fact that the particular portion of The Murrough applied for was held under option by Messrs Couper Works Ltd. and it had been decided to enquire from that firm what their intentions were for the development of The Murrough.

A letter was then read from Messrs Couper Works Ltd. stating that

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they were glad to be able to tell the Council that the factory was doing well and if business continued at the present rate they would shortly reach the maximum capacity of the existing factory and when this was reached and stabilised the development of The Murrough would shortly follow. They further indicated that they did not think it would be possible to allow a third party to put caravans on the plot marked 'D' unless the people concerned could give a legally bound guarantee to abandon the place at reasonably short notice. Councillor Everett said that since that letter was written he had been informed by the Directors that they had great hopes of extending the business.

The Town Clerk indicated that an application had been received from the Wicklow Tourist Development Co. for a lease of portion of The Murrough for development as a caravans park. Councillor Everett remarked that he wassure both parties looking for sites (Mr. Hudson and the Development Co.) would waive their applications in favour of the industrial development which would shortly take place. The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of the applications for a period of 3 months.

In reply to Councillor Doyle, the County Manager said that there was already a small part of The Murrough apart from the industrial sites available and that if the Council wished to provide caravan park they could do so themselves and could get a grant from An Bord Failte. He indicated that the Council had already developed the site to the extent that the new road was put down and water was laid on, and now it might only be a matter of the provision of sanitary conveniences. It was agreed that the Manager would look into the question of developing the site.

WATERWORKS COTTAGE: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that when this matter came up for discussion at their last meeting it had been deferred to allow the County Manager an opportunity of investigating the possibility of bringing the cottage under the Housing Acts. This had now been found to be possible and it would be necessary for the Council to pass a special resolution acquiring the house. Regarding the rent it was felt that a rent of 10/- per week plus rates, which would amount to a further 2/3d - 2/6d., would not be unreasonable, considering that the cottage consisted of 4 apartments (kitchen and 3 bedrooms) with a scullery and bath room. There was, however, no electricity supply to the house and enquiries were being made from the E.S.B. as to the cost of connection. It was thought that if an electric connection would be obtained at a reasonable cost an additional increase of rent of 2/6d. per week might have to be made. The Council agreed to the rent proposed as mentioned by the Town Clerk and it was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That is hereby decided that the plot of ground with the cottage thereon and known as the Waterworks Cottage and situated at Ashtown, Parish of Rathnew, in the County of Wicklow, and vested in and at the disposal of the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the purposes of a residence for their Waterworks Caretaker, measuring approximately 1 rood 0 perches and more clearly shown on plan now submitted, be appropriated by the Council in pursuance of Sec. 8 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919, and other powers thereunto enabling them for the purposes of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts."

The County Manager indicated that it would be necessary to send this resolution to the Department for the sanction of the Minister to the proposal.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF WICKLOW: The Town Clerk submitted aerial photographs of Wicklow, the negatives of which were being offered to the Council by the representatives of the late Mr. E. F. Morgan, at a cost of 30/- each. It was agreed to purchase them and also to purchase one large mounted and framed print.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AT EAST PIER: Having reviewed what had transpired to date the Town Clerk read a letter from An Bord Failte relative to the Council's decision to give consideration to the provision of a new fishermen's shelter and public sanitary conveniences and to refer the extension of the slipway to the Harbour Commissioners. The letter

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stated that the Board would not be prepared to make a grant towards the cost of providing public conveniences and fishermen's hut and that they were prepared to consider items of this kind as part of an all over scheme of development but not individually. They hoped it would be possible to effect an arrangements with the Harbour Commissioners, Development Co., on a modified scheme of improvements in which circumstances they would be most happy to co-operate. The County Manager said that the point which the Council would like to make was not to commit themselves to the overall expenditure of £42,000, but that they would be prepared to consider it in steps. The Chairman said that the Council should accept the Scheme in principle but not to commit themselves financially as a whole. The Town Clerk stated that he had been asked from a recent Conference at which the whole matter had been fully discussed to request that the Council would convene a meeting with the Harbour Commissioners, Development Co., who with themselves were the only three bodies in the town, which would have the facilities and the power to raise money. It was felt that the three bodies with representatives from the local Clubs and Associations should meet, trash out the matter fully and decide whether it should be proceeded with or dropped. The Council agreed to hold such a meeting on Tuesday, 10th March, at 8 p.m.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: Mr. R. Woodroffe, Sea View Road, submitted an application accompanied by plans and specification for special permission to erect a garage adjoining his dwelling house at Sea View Road. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the proposal but that it might be necessary for Mr. Woodroffe to alter the site of the garage as he thought it might be found that it was over a sewer or drain pipe. The Council recommended that permission be granted subject to the applicant complying with the Town Surveyor's requirements.

LEASE TO G.A.A. CLUB: St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club submitted plans for a pavilion and toilets on the playing pitch at Dunbur Road. They also requested that the lease of 31 years be extended to one of 75 years. The County Manager said that a 75 years lease could not be given for a playing pitch and the Town Clerk quoted from the Municipal Corporations (Ireland) Act, 1840, Section 142 of which governs building leases, to the effect that a lease for a term of 75 years could not be given unless the greater part of the yearly value of the land leased consisted of buildings or of land for the erection of buildings thereon. The County Manager suggested giving a 75 year lease for the plot containing the pavilion. Councillor Kavanagh explained that the Club would not qualify for a grant from the Leinster Council unless the playing pitch was also held on a 75 years lease. The County Manager said that if in addition to the pavilion and toilets stands were erected it might be possible to give a 75 years lease, and after further discussion it was decided that the Club be asked to submit plans showing proposals for the erection of a pavilions, toilets, stands etc., which would be erected within a period of not more than 5 years from the date of the granting of the lease. The County Manager indicated that on receipt of these plans they could seek legal advice as to whether the buildings proposed to be erected on the playing field would be of sufficient value to enable them to grant a 75 years lease. Agreed.

PREMISES AT MARKET SQ: The Town Clerk said that following on notification to both parties in the dispute that should they fail to reach an agreement by to-night's meeting the Council intended to recover possession of the yard and to put it to whatever use they would think best. The following letters were received:-

Haughton & Bowler

Dear Sir,

We have been consulted by the Misses M. G. and H. J. Carroll, Market Sq., Wicklow, with reference to their position anent premises held by them at Market Sq., Wicklow, from the Urban District Council.

From our instructions it appears that our clients have applied for and have been granted a new Lease of their premises and that they are also requesting the Council to provide a rere exit from the premises.

2. Lr. Ormond Quay,
Dublin.

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We note from a perusal of the correspondence that the Council are of the opinion that the exit sought is both desirable and essential and we note that the Council are now in a position to provide such an exit.

We are to inform you that it has been impossible for our clients to arrive at any agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons regarding a rere passageway. It is, however, in our respectful submission premature at this stage for our clients to be negotiating with Mr and Mrs. Fitzsimons as it would appear that they have no title to the property in question.

We further respectfully submit that as the Council have already admitted and agreed that the provision of the exit sought is necessary and desirable and since the Council is in a position to provide such an exit, that the Council is in duty consequently in law bound to administer its property to the best advantage of the community which, in this case, all parties appear to agree would best be served by the provision of the exit sought.

Accordingly, we shall be obliged to hear from you that our clients' application will be granted.

Yours faithfully,
Haughton & Bowler

2nd March, 1959

Augustus Cullen & Son

A Chara,

My clients, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Fitzsimons, passed on to me your letter to them of the 4th ult. and I note that the matter stands adjourned to your meeting to be held on to-morrow, to enable the parties to come to agreement regarding the rere passage from the Misses Carrolls' premises. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons are the owner of the yard to the rere of the Misses Carrolls' premises.

Mr. Fitzsimons offered to sell portion of the rere yard to the Misses Carroll so as to give them an entrance to the laneway. He is only looking for a nominal sum for the surrender of this portion of the yard and is prepared to build up any entrances from this portion of the yard into the remaining portion of his yard and the Misses Carrolls would be in a position to have a rere entrance.

He has already applied for a renewal of the lease in respect of the entire yard, but is prepared to restrict his request to that portion of the premises which he desires to retain and which, in fact, is the rere entrance to his entire property. I understand that the Chairman and Town Clerk had an interview with Mr. Fitzsimons, that he informed them he was prepared to adopt this course, and my humble view is that Mr. Fitzsimons in making that suggestion is acting in a very fair and straightforward manner with the Misses Carrolls and your Council. He would then renew his application for the lease but restricted to that portion of the premises which is required and is an absolute essential to the user of his mainproperty.

If it was a matter that any further information was required from Mr. Fitzsimons he would be very happy to supply it, but wishes me to assure you that it is his desire to meet the wishes of your Council, as far as possible, and I do feel that in the offer which he has made he is acting very reasonably.

Mise, le meas,
Augustus Cullen & Son

Councillor Doyle proposed and Councillor Everetted seconded: "That a renewal of the lease be given to Mr. Patrick Fitzsimons of that portion of the yard which he desires to retain."

The County Manager pointed out that a resolution granting a lease of property must be accompanied by a map clearly defining the property which it is proposed to lease. The Town Clerk commented that it would not be possible for the Council's Solicitor to draft a lease as the motion now proposed did not define the exact portion of the yard which it is proposed to lease.

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Councillor Hudson proposed and Councillor Kavanagh seconded the following amendment:- "That the following be added to the motion - 'Subject to maps being prepared and agreement reached as to the area of the yard'. After some further discussion a vote was taken on the amendment as follows:-

'For' Councillors Hudson, Kavanagh, Hynes (3)

'Against' Councillors Everett, Doyle Carroll and Rourke (4)

The amendment was then declared lost.

The motion was then put and voting was as follows:-

'For' Councillors Everett, Doyle, Carroll and Rourke (4)

'Against' Councillors Hudson, Kavanagh and Hynes (3)

The motion was accordingly declared carried.

DERELICT SITE AT ABBEY ST: A report was read from the Town Surveyor regarding a derelict site at Abbey St., Wicklow, believed to be the property of Mr. W. Clarke (Builder), indicating that the temporary hoarding erected on the front of the site and fronting onto Abbey St., is in a dangerous condition and is liable to collapse at any time. The report also stated that the rear boundary masonry wall adjoining Fitzwilliam Road is in an unsatisfactory condition as the masonry is progressively loosening and falling and if it continues in this manner will constitute a danger to the users of the highway. The Town Clerk mentioned that Mr. A. Fitzpatrick whose licenced premises adjoined the site had lodged a strong complaint regarding the fact that the site was a breeding ground for rats which were causing him considerable annoyance. The Health Inspector had reported that the site had become overgrown with grass and briar and that there was extensive dumping of refuse from shops and dwellings in the area and that as Mr. Fitzpatrick had said it was a breeding ground for rats.

The Council agreed to request the owner to have the site thoroughly cleared and properly fenced and that he should take steps to clear the site from rat infestation, and that he might indicate what he intended to do with the site.

ANNUAL ESTIMATE MEETING: The Annual Estimates Meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 24th March, at 7.30 p.m.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: The Town Clerk reported on the unsatisfactory arrangements which existed for the caretaking of the public conveniences and stated that having taken into consideration the time and duties involved he recommended the employment of a caretaker at an overall remuneration of 15/- per week. The total cost of maintenance of the public conveniences would amount to £50 which was £5 more than provided in the Estimates for the current year. It was agreed that provision should be made in the Estimates for the coming year and that if adopted applications would be invited by advertisement for the position of caretaker. The County Manager promised to consult with the Council regarding the appointment.

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

Report for Month, February, 1959

1. Repairs and potholes were filled in Quarantine Hill, Monkton Row, Greenhill Road and Kilmartin Fall.
2. As a result of inspection of house at No. 1 Monkton Row (Mrs. Goodman) I had an alternative type of range which we had in stock installed as the tenant did find difficulties in using the range already installed.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

STOCKING OF RESERVOIR WITH FISH: The County Medical Officer indicated that whilst there might be no objection to stocking the reservoir with fish there would be every objection to it being frequented by fishermen. In this respect he referred to the Croydon outbreak of typhoid which occurred between the wars. He suggested that the old reservoir would still be in use that with the event of the Regional Scheme the Council should take the opportunity of having the leaks etc. repaired. NOTED.

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FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that they were prepared to recommend a grant from the E.S.V. towards the cost of urgent repairs to the promenade protection wall estimated by the Town Surveyor to cost £500. In this respect they requested that full details of the works to be carried out be submitted by the Town Surveyor. They further stated that no funds were available for the purpose of making a grant towards the long term Scheme of Protection Works estimated at £8,000. The Council agreed that further representations should be made to the Department regarding the long term Scheme and that it be pointed out to them that unless funds were forthcoming in the very near future there was a grave danger that the existing promenade protection wall would be swept away altogether, and also that it was impossible for the Council to meet the heavy burden of a £8,000 scheme from rates.

PROPOSED 3 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government regarding the Council's proposal to erect 3 houses at Castle Park and indicating that before approval could be given that the Minister must be satisfied that a genuine need existed for each of the proposed houses. The letter requested submission of details of the number of families living in unfit and overcrowded condition and of the number of vacancies which had arisen over the past few years in the housing stock of the Council. The Town Clerk furnished details of the vacancies over the past 3 years and it was decided that these be submitted to the Department together with a copy of the Council's Housing List.

DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH QUAY: Councillor Everett enquired as to the reason for the delay in the transfer of the plot of ground at the North Quay from Wicklow Saw Mills to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. He pointed out that the assignment was approved of in July, 1957, and that it was understood that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. were to carry out immediate extension of their premises. In reply to Councillor Carroll regarding the clearing of the buildings on the site, the Town Clerk said it would cost £200 to clear the site of the derelict houses and rubble and as no money had been provided in the Estimates for doing so the Council had decided to make the rubble available free to anyone who wished to remove it. Under this arrangement the rubble was being gradually removed at no cost to the Council. In reply to Councillor Doyle the County Manager and Town Clerk both indicated that if the Council provided the necessary money they would have the site cleared immediately, but even if the site was cleared there would be no guarantee of construction work proceeding at once as the two firms concerned were still in negotiations.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Carroll enquired regarding plaster which had fallen off the wall of Mrs. Clarke's house at Monkton Row and the Town Clerk replied that the Town Surveyor would attend to it within the course of the next few days.

A letter was read from the tenants of Castlefield regarding the paths to their houses, which they indicated were supposed to have been done at Christmas. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should submit an Estimate of the cost of the work.

A letter was read from St. Patrick's Pipe Band thanking the Council for the contribution of £35 from rates and indicating that the Band would be very happy and willing to give their usual recitals during the summer season on the sea front and at any other function that are for the benefit of the town.

The Town Clerk gave details of overexpenditure which it had been found necessary to incur during the course of the year. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the following overexpenditure in 1958/59:

Water Supply	£130
Housing + Maintenance and Repair	£150
School Meals - Cost of Food	£50
Cheap Fuel Scheme	£200

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Councillor Rourke enquired regarding the plots field at New Park Road/St. Laurence's Road and the Town Clerk said he had written to Mr. C. Byrne indicating that if he was prepared to pay the sum of £10 which was the sum tendered by Mr. Clarke, the Council would be prepared to let him have the field. Mr. Byrne offered the sum of £5 and this was considered an unsatisfactory offer. The Council agreed to the Town Clerk's suggestion that under the circumstances the field should be retained in plots for the present year, but that plot holders would be informed that they would have to give up possession by 30th November.

Councillor Hudson proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the best wishes of the Council for his speedy recovery from his present illness be conveyed to Councillor Conroy.

The meeting then concluded

A. J. Hudson
7/4/59

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 24TH MARCH, 1959

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson (Chairman) presiding, Councillors J. Carroll, E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle and E. Hynes.

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

EXPENDITURE:

Roads: On the suggestion of the Chairman the amount provided for Special Road Works was reduced by £45 from £145 to £100, which is the same as provided in the current year.

Sanitary Services: It was agreed that a 5 year loan be raised to meet the cost of repairs to the old reservoir - the annual loan charge on which would be £75. The figure of £300, included in the Estimates, was accordingly reduced by £225 to £75.

A reduction of £50 was effected in the provision of £200 for the maintenance of the Town Water Supply.

Housing Services: After considerable discussion it was finally decided to reduce the sum of £950 provided for the maintenance and repair of Council houses by £130 to £820.

The nominal sum of £10 provided to meet loan charges on the proposed 3 houses scheme at Castle Park was deleted after considering a letter from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister was not prepared to sanction the scheme.

General Urban Purposes: It was agreed to delete the sum of £87 provided to meet loan charges on additional Foreshore Protection Works as there was no indication from the Department of Local Government that any grant would be made available.

RECEIPTS: The Council examined each item in detail but could not effect any alteration.

The County Manager now itemised the alterations and adjustments proposed by the Council. These would result in a reduction of £547 - equivalent to 1/1d. in the £. on the rates.

After giving the matter some further consideration the Council felt that they could not make any more reductions without seriously affecting the Council's services.

It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh 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, 1960, 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 38/2d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1960."

The Chairman complimented the County Manager, Town Clerk, Town Surveyor and staff on the excellent manner in which the Estimates had been prepared and the affairs of the Council administered during the past year. The other members present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks.

The meeting then concluded.

A. J. Hudson
7/4/59

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
3rd April, 1959.

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 April, 1959; at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

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M. J. Cusack,

Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd March, 1959, and Annual Estimates Meeting held on 24th March, 1959 (copies herewith).
2. Bond St. Roadway - Correspondence with Department of Local Government.
3. Foreshore Protection Works - Correspondence with Department of Local Government.
4. Town & Regional Planning Acts - Application from Lt. Col. T. Beatty for permission to erect bay window.
5. Lease of Murrough to Couper Works Ltd. - Consideration of draft lease.
6. East Pier Development - Report on meeting of local bodies and submission of plans etc. for river walk along Church Banks.
7. Public Conveniences - Consideration of applications for post of Caretaker.
8. Caravan Park on Murrough - Consideration of proposals for development of Murrough as Caravan Park by Council.
9. Waterworks - Raising of loan for repairs.
10. Premises at Market Square.
11. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
12. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 1959

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Chairman, presiding, Councillors P. Doyle, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, E. Hynes, E. Kavanagh, J. O'Rourke and J. Everett, T.D.

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: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 3rd March, 1959, and Annual Estimates Meeting held on 24th March, 1959, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

BOND ST. ROADWAY: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that they had decided to make representations to the Department of Local Government to obtain a grant out of the sum of £400,000 which the Government had announced was being made available for special road grants. A reply was read from the Department indicating that the £400,000 allocated for special road works is primarily intended for the improvement of roads in areas effected by recent railway closings and in a limited number of cases grants would be made available under it to deal with major road works effecting large industrial development, such road works being of such size and nature as to be incapable of being dealt with under ordinary road provisions. The letter went on to indicate that the Minister considered that as only approximately 120 yards of the Bond St. roadway under the jurisdiction of the Urban Council remained to be improved it could suitably be executed with the aid of a grant from the E.S.V. In reply to the Chairman the County Manager said that the next grant under that Scheme would not be available until next Christmas. NOTED.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that as a result of representations made to the Department of Local Government the Minister had indicated that he was prepared to give a grant towards the cost of urgent repairs to the promenade wall estimated to cost £500. However, there has been considerable deterioration over the winter months and the Town Surveyor has now reported that he estimates the cost of the repairs at £900. The report of the Town Surveyor was read as follows:-

re: Foreshore Repairs

The present condition of the promenade wall and groynes, and the necessity for immediate repairs and because of the fact that suitable tides will be available in a few days, compels my advice to the Council that work should commence forthwith, and with approval, I have arranged accordingly for Monday next. Details of immediate and urgent repairs have been submitted to the Department estimated to cost £900. Since my previous report on this matter the erosion of the sand/gravel had revealed further deterioration in the lower levels of this wallery: consequently I had to revise my conclusions then arrived at.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The Council instructed the Town Clerk to apply to the Department for an increased grant due to the increased cost of necessary repairs. They also approved of the commencing of the work as soon as weather permitted.

Regarding the long term Scheme, estimated to cost £8,000 the Town Clerk informed the Council that the Minister had reiterated his previous reply that at present no funds were available for the making of such a grant. The Chairman commenting that Foreshore Protection Works should be a national charge, asked if the Bail deputies for the County would make representations to obtain a grant.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application, accompanied by plan and specification from Lt. Col. T. Beatty, for permission to erect a bay window at his bungalow at Dunbar Road, was considered. The Town Surveyor having indicated that he had no objection, the Council recommended that permission be granted.

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LEASE OF MURROUGH TO COUPER WORKS LTD: Submitted for consideration by the Council was a draft lease of two plots at the Murrough proposed to be leased to Messrs Couper Works Ltd. The Town Clerk explained that one of the conditions of the lease was that buildings to a value of at least £25,000 were to be erected before 1st May, 1963, and an industry established therein. The Town Clerk suggested that it might be advisable to include a clause that in the event of the lease being terminated the site would be levelled and cleared and restored to its present condition, if required by the Council. The Town Clerk gave details of other amendments suggested by Messrs A. Cox & Co., Solicitors for Couper Works, and these were agreed to.

Couper Works had requested the preparation of a draft option agreement in respect of the other plots, C and D. The Manager suggested that the Agreement should state that in the event of proposals being received from other interests for the development of these plots, Couper Works Ltd. would be given first choice. He also suggested that during the term of the option there should be no limitations on the use of these plots by the Council and the Council could undertake that no buildings would be erected or other construction works undertaken that would in any way interfere with Couper Works' proposals for the plots. The Council agreed to the Manager's suggestion and gave instruction for their Solicitor to draft the option Agreement.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT: The Town Clerk mentioned that arising out of the proposal at the March meeting of the Council, a joint conference of local Bodies and Associations had been held for the purpose of discussing the tourist development proposals for the East Pier area. At the Conference a proposal had been put forward by Councillor Everett that in addition to the East Pier Scheme, a Scheme for a river walk along the Church Banks should also be included. Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor, had prepared plans showing details of a walk commencing at the Parnell foot bridge and continuing along the bank of the Leitrim River to join with the Brickfield Lane at a point near the C.I.E. Passenger Station. The Scheme included provision for the construction of a circular space (100 ft. in diameter) as a meeting centre with seats, band stand etc. The estimated cost of the proposals is £5,900.

The plans were examined by the members and Councillor Everett recommended the inclusion of a footbridge to connect the Church Banks with The Murrough. The Town Surveyor suggested going ahead with the present plan and indicating that it was proposed to construct the footbridge later, but on Councillor Everett pressing for the inclusion of the footbridge now, it was decided to do so. The Town Surveyor estimated that a timber footbridge to be sited somewhere near the band stand would cost approximately £2,000, bringing the total estimated cost of the river walk scheme to £7,900.

A discussion took place regarding the access to the Round Mount from the River Walk and it was decided that this would be looked into further.

The Town Clerk mentioned that it was the feeling of the joint conference that the East Pier and River Walk Scheme should form the one development Scheme for the town at an overall estimated cost of £50,000, and that a local contribution of £5,000 would be put up, if Bord Failte were to contribute the balance of the cost.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: The Town Clerk said that only one application had been received for the caretaking and cleaning of the public conveniences at a weekly remuneration of 15/-. The application was from Mr. Gilbert Goodman, Lr. Monkton Row. The Council recommended that he be employed as caretaker.

CARAVAN PARK ON THE MURROUGH: The Town Clerk reported that arising out of previous discussion on this matter the County Manager and he had inspected the Murrough with a view to ascertaining what portion could suitably be utilised by the Council as a caravan park. Consideration was given to a triangular plot of ground between the old Soccer Pitch (Plot 6) and the railway line. It was considered that 12 caravans could comfortably be sited on this plot. Provision would have to be made for

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the erection of toilets and a water supply was available from the town main. The Manager expressed the opinion that Plot C held under option by Couper Works Ltd. could be used as an extension of the caravan park until such time as it was required by the firm and also mentioned that the receipts of say 10/- per caravan per week would be adequate to meeting the loan charges on the capital cost of constructing the toilets and that an application could be made to Bord Failte for a grant towards the provision of the park. The Council approved of the construction of sanitary conveniences and the expenditure which this might entail after receipt of a grant from Bord Failte towards the cost.

WATER SUPPLY: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that the Estimates for the year 1959/60 had included a sum of £300, which had been provided by the Manager for the purpose of carrying out repairs to the old reservoir, such as the repair and replacement of old valves, repair of leaks in the embankment wall and the cleaning of the filters. The Council at the Estimates Meeting had decided that the repairs should be defrayed by means of a loan spread over 5 years. Accordingly, loan charges in the sum of £75 had been allowed and it would now be necessary for the Council to pass a resolution authorising the raising of such a loan from the Council's Treasurer, the Hibernian Bank Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the Minister for Local Government be requested to authorise the raising of a loan of £300 repayable over a period of 5 years from the Council's Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., for the purpose of carrying out necessary repairs to the old reservoir at Ashtown.

PREMISES AT MARKET SQUARE: Further discussion on this matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council, after the Town Clerk had indicated that due to the death of Mr. Fitzsimons, there would be some delay in proceeding with the renewal of the lease until such time as the administration of the estate had been taken out.

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

Monthly Report - March, 1959

Water Supply: The water from the Cronerroe-Ballinalea Regional Works was partially turned into the town on 26th March, 1959. Care was exercised in this as the new pressure rate requires control due to old town mains. A burst occurred in the old 8" pipe near the forge, Marlton Road, but it was discovered that a flaw or small crack had been already in the main. This was repaired with all speed on the same day. For the present I am letting the water to the town via the old Ballynerrin tank and also via the old tanks at the reservoir. The pressure is fairly well maintained now in the town but will not be entirely satisfactory or balances until the closing of the "ring" in the system by the provision of the extension of the line from the Greenhill Road tank to Dunbur Road, for which plans are being prepared. A preliminary sketch plan and estimate of cost of this proposal has been forwarded to the Department for approval in principle.

Housing: It is proposed to commence painting the Council houses about mid-May, when it is hoped weather conditions will improve and the timber work in a suitable condition.

J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor.

NOTED.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Everett referred to proceedings which were being taken by the Council against Mrs. E. Murphy, High St., in respect of rent and rates and represented that her offer of £3 per month, until the arrears were cleared, should be accepted. The Manager gave details of the amounts due on these premises and point out that although given every opportunity to pay by instalments, Mrs. Murphy had failed to do so. He pointed out that the Council would be obliged to continue with the proceedings and obtain a decree for possession when the matter could then be reviewed. He further pointed out that in his opinion the Auditor might query any departure from this procedure.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
1st May, 1959.

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 May, 1959, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th April, 1959. (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Dublin County Council re increasing burden of Statutory Demands (such as Health Services) on the ratepayers.
3. Report on proposals submitted by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for the expansion of their factory on the North Quay.
4. D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd. - correspondence re leases of mill and stores at Bond St.
5. Premises at Colley St. - application from Mr. J. Synnott for renewal of lease.
6. Housing List - consideration and adoption of Housing List No. 5 at 1/4/1959 (copy herewith).
7. Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31/3/1959.
8. Premises at High St. (Mrs. E. F. Murphy) - consideration of action to be taken for arrears of rent and rates.
9. Fixing date of Annual Rates Meeting. (Tue May 26th)
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
11. Any Other Business.

A. Premises at Market Sq.

B. Renewal of leases - Doyle, Kavanagh, Morris.

C. Medical Re Fire Sirens

D. Captain on Firehouse - Boy Scouts.

foreshore Protection Works
- Quay in D.C.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5th MAY, 1959

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Carroll, J. O'Rourke, E. P. Hynes, T. Byrne and E. Kavanagh.

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

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Conroy on his return after his illness. All the members joined in the welcome and Councillor Conroy suitably replied.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of monthly meeting held on 7th April, 1959, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes the Town Clerk mentioned that regarding Foreshore Protection Works, Councillor Everett, T.D., has asked a question in the Dail of the Minister for Finance as to whether a grant could be made available to Wicklow U.D.C. for very urgent coastal protection works, estimated to cost 38,000. The Town Clerk read an extract from the Dail Debates and giving the Minister's reply to the question which was to the effect that there were no funds available in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of a major scheme, but that if a lesser scheme were to be submitted it would receive first and most favourable consideration. Noted.

It was agreed that a modified scheme should be submitted.

RESOLUTION FROM DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL: The following resolution was read and adopted by the Council:-

"That this Council views with grave concern the ever increasing burden on the Ratepayers as a result of statutory demands, with particular reference to the impact on the rates by operation of the Health Services. The Council requests that the system of taxation, especially as it affects the finances of Local Authorities, be examined."

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The Town Clerk read a report on a Conference held between representatives of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., Wicklow U.D.C., and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for the purpose of discussing proposed extension to the Fertilizer Factory. The facilities required by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. might be summarised as follows:-

1. A lease of a narrow passageway on the Quay wall adjoining the factory. This would enable them to utilise fully the storage capacity of their factory and the passageway would be used by payloaders to transport materials from one part of the factory to another.

2. Approval for the erection of thirteen tanks to store sulphuric acid at the sea side of the present store; the position as set out in plans submitted.

3. That the lease which they hold of the site previously occupied by Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. should be amended to provide for an even rectangular site. This would enable them to demolish the existing walls of the Saw Mills and to erect a modern up-to-date storage covering the entire site. As will be seen from the plan of the suggested amendment the extra amount of land to be ceded to them under this proposed arrangement would be only about 25 square yards.

4. Permission to erect two overhead conveyors, one from the factory to the proposed new stores on the Saw Mills site, and a second from the stores on the Saw Mills site to the present stores to the north of the factory. Details are as set out in plans.

5. Permission to erect a Wash Tower at either of the alternative positions as shown on the drawings submitted.

A letter of 4/5/1959 from Shamrock Fertilizers was read indicating

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that since the date of the Conference they had discovered during the course of a staff meeting that when the proposed scheme went ahead certain extra room would have to be made available for a new dispatch office, larger work shop and larger spare part store etc. Accordingly, they requested a lease of the space between the present factory and the new store to be erected on the old Sawmills property.

The Council were unanimously in agreeing that every facility be given to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and the following resolutions were passed:- Proposed by Councillor Bourke, seconded by Councillor Conroy:

(1) "That we hereby accept a surrender of the lease dated 10th August, 1953, to Wicklow Sawmills Ltd. and subsequently assigned by Indenture of Assignment dated 17th September, 1957, to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. of the plot of ground at Bond St., Wicklow, delineated on map attached to said lease and held for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1951, at an annual rent of £30 and that we hereby grant to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1959, at an annual rent of £30 the plot of ground at Bond Street/North Quay, Wicklow, measuring 217' x 89' as shown on Drawing No. P8/053/5 submitted by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. subject to the condition that buildings to a value of £2,000 be erected thereon within a period of 2 years from the date of the lease".

(2) Proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy:

"That we hereby lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1959, at an annual rent of £1 a plot of ground measuring 314 feet or thereabouts situated on the river side of their factory premises held under lease dated 28th June, 1956, and 10th August, 1953, the said plot of ground to be used for the purpose of a covered passageway to be erected thereon by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., subject to the approval of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners."

(3) Proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Conroy:-

"That we hereby lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1959, at an annual rent of £2, the plot of ground or passageway situated between their factory premises and the site of the new Bulk Product Store and more clearly delineated on Drawing No. P8/053/2 submitted by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., subject to the condition that buildings to a value of £1,000 be erected thereon within a period of 2 years from the date of the lease and subject to the Council's Legal Advisor, certifying that the Council have the power to lease the aforesaid plot or passageway."

The Town Clerk submitted a report regarding a plot of ground at the North Quay, the site of 8 derelict houses which had been leased to Wicklow Saw Mills and subsequently assigned to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. The report indicated that Shamrock Fertilizers had now submitted certain proposals in particular a proposal that the Council would acquire under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, the site of both the 8 houses at Lower Strand St., and the former 8 houses on Bond St., for the purpose of eradicating any defects that there might be in the Council's title to these sites. When the acquisition is complete, Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. ask that the Council might then grant them a new 75 year lease from an even date at a yearly rent of £20, with the condition that buildings be erected to a value of at least £1,000 within a period of 3 years from the date of the execution of the lease. The new lease would not contain a condition requiring the Council to clear the site as Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. are prepared to undertake this work themselves. The Town Clerk mentioned that the cost of clearing and levelling the site is estimated at £150 to £200.

The County Manager remarked that the proposal submitted by Shamrock Fertilizers appeared quite reasonable and they had asked the Council's Solicitor for his advice. The Solicitor, in the course of his reply, mentioned that it was doubtful if the property could come within the definitions of a derelict site. He also indicated that there appeared to be some dispute between Wicklow Sawmills and Shamrock Fertilizers and he felt that in acceding to deal with the property under the Derelict Sites Act, the Council would be to some extent entering into this dispute and it might be more beneficial to the

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Council to adhere to the terms of the lease. In view of the foregoing advice from the Solicitor it was decided to defer the matter to allow the Town Clerk an opportunity of discussing it with the Solicitor.

CORPORATE ESTATE - D. H. HASKINS & SON LTD: A letter was read from Messrs A & L. Goodbody, Solicitors, on behalf of Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., indicating that portion of the mill and store at Bond St., had been sold to Wire Ropes Ltd. The site in question is the subject of 4 different leases from the Urban Council and considerable difficulty would be experienced in apportioning the leases as to the area to be retained by Messrs Haskins and the area to be sold to Wire Ropes Ltd. Accordingly, an application was being made to the Council for the acceptance of a Surrender of the 4 leases in question and the granting of 2 new leases. The Town Clerk indicated that the arrangements were quite satisfactory and it would help to clarify the division of the site. The leases in the first instance would have to be made to D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., who would then assign the appropriate lease to Wire Ropes Ltd., and they were agreeable to the rent being increased by 50%, which was the normal practice of the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:-

"That we hereby accept Surrender of the undermentioned leases in respect of Mill and Stores at Bond St., Wicklow, the property of D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., and more clearly delineated on map attached:

Plot A for term of 75 years from 25/3/1935 at an annual rent of £2. 0. 0.	
Plot B " " 25/3/1909 " " £15. 0. 0.	
Plot C " " 25/3/1896 " " £4.15. 0.	
Plot D " " 25/3/1924 " " £5. 5. 0.	

and we hereby agree to re lease the property covered by the aforementioned leases by means of two leases for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1959, at an annual rent of £20. 5. 0. per lease, and more clearly delineated on map submitted."

PREMISES AT COLLEY ST: An application was read from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. J. Synnott of Colley Row, for a renewal of the lease of premises at Colley St., formerly the property of Miss Anni Ryan. The Town Clerk mentioned that the premises in question was a former dwelling, the subject of a Demolition Order made by the Council, and this fact would have to be borne in mind in considering the question of a renewal of the lease. Mr. Synnott had indicated that he proposed to use the house as a fuel and general store. Members referred to the fact that there was a considerable garden space attached to the house and wondered what use Mr. Synnott intended putting it to. It was agreed to defer the application to the June meeting to enable Mr. Synnott to submit further particulars of his intended use of the house and garden.

HOUSING LIST: Housing List No. 5 as at 1st April, 1959, copy of which had been circulated was adopted.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st March, 1959, was examined in detail and explained by the County Manager. The percentage collected 93.57% 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 3.55% of the Warrant. The County Manager informed the Council that he intended striking off 0.94% as being irrecoverable (of which 0.7% related to Mortgages) and the balance of 5.49% was being carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

PREMISES AT HIGH ST - MRS. E. F. MURPHY: The County Manager informed the Council that a decree for possession of the premises at High St., owned and occupied by Mrs. E. F. Murphy, had been obtained at the Wicklow Circuit Court on the 21st April, 1959, with a stay of execution of 3 months. The decree had been obtained on the ground of non-payment of ground rent the arrears of which amounted to £21. 2. 7. No ground rent had been paid since October, 1955, and the last date that rent was clear was in 1951. There was the added complication that the lease expired on 29th September, 1958, and no application for a renewal had been made within the statutory period. There was a sum of £27. 12. 6. due in respect of rates and arrears to the 31st March, 1958 and in addition the Council hold a Mortgage in sum of £64. 6. 0. on the premises.