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PREMISES AT MARKET SQUARE: Pursuant to the Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Doyle, it was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Resolution of the Council passed on the 2nd June, 1959, whereby the Council resolved to lease to the Misses Mary and Elizabeth O'Brien, for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1958, that portion of the premises at Market Sq., Wicklow, which the late Mr. Fitzsimons had indicated that he required, be and is hereby rescinded."

Councillors Kavanagh and Hynes dissented and as the required 2/3rd majority (six) supported the motion, it was declared carried.

The Town Clerk then read the following letter from J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

31st August, 1959.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 29th inst., and in reply wish to state that Mr. McCarroll will be available at any time on Monday that suits the County Manager, for the purpose of discussing the various aspects of the above matter.

We note that you have received a letter from Messrs Haughton & Bowler threatening to report the Council to the Minister for Local Government.

It appears to us that the Misses Carroll are now endeavouring to alter the document which was executed when the yard was purchased from the late Mr. O'Brien. Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, acted for both the O'Briens and the Carrolls and according to the Misses Carroll, a mistake was made in the document, whether this is a fact or not does not effect the position as the document speaks for itself, and in our opinion the Council, in law, need not and cannot accede to their application once the property is in the possession of the O'Briens. The Council cannot grant a lease of any portion of same until the Council would have possession. Furthermore, there is no obligation on the Council, in law, to grant a renewal to either of the parties as neither of them have complied with the conditions of the Landlord & Tenant Act as regards a renewal of the premises at present occupied by the. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it does seem to us that it is a case where there should be a compromise between these parties, and we can see no useful purpose in the Solicitors issuing a threat to the Council. The present position was brought about by the legal document, signed by both parties, and the Council or their Officials had nothing whatever to do with the dividing up of the property.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager stated that this was a case where there should be a compromise between the parties. Councillors Everett and Doyle stated that once the Misses O'Brien got their lease they would be agreeable to giving a right of way to the Misses Carroll. The Chairman suggested pursuing negotiations for a settlement before giving the lease. Councillor Doyle indicated that he was proposing the granting of a renewal of the lease to the Misses O'Brien and was informed by the County Manager that the Council would have to determine the rent to be paid and the term of the lease. He suggested a rent of £5 per annum for 31 years. In regard to the term of the lease he pointed out that it could not be for a larger period as it was not a building lease. Also there was no question of a renewal of a lease and the Misses O'Brien were not entitled to a renewal and what the Council was granting was a new lease for this yard.

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to the Misses O'Brien for a period of 31 years from 29th September, 1958, at an annual rent of £2. 10. 0. that piece or plot of ground at the rear of the premises occupied by the Misses Carroll at Market Sq., Wicklow, and fronting on to the laneway and more clearly shown on the attached map, edged in red."

The Chairman remarked that the resolution did not include a provision that a right of way be granted to the Misses Carroll and Councillor Everett said that if the lease was put through the matter of the right

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of way could be attended to afterwards. The Chairman then said he would support the motion if he was assured of that.

The Motion was then put to the meeting and was voted upon as follows:-
For: Councillors Hudson, Doyle, Conroy, Carroll, O'Rourke and Everett (6)
Against: Councillors Hynes and Kavanagh (2).

Motion declared carried.

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

Monthly Report - August, 1959

Roads: During the month, owing to the continued dry weather, several portions of road surface showed signs of ravelling, and minor repairs were carried out. In this regard I had to have Bayview Road tar sprayed from the Methodist Church to Kane's corner, and also portion of the Greenhill Road near the Car Park.

Foreshore: I had a Local Government Inspector down during the month and the position in regard to Foreshore Protection Works was investigated and the work which has already been carried out and the work proposed were given consideration.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

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OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Everett inquired if any notification had been received from the Government re their invitation to local authorities to submit details of schemes of national importance, which could be carried out in their locality. Town Clerk said he had received no correspondence on the matter but would make enquiries before next meeting. Councillor Everett suggested that the Council might submit the large scheme for the Foreshore which the Town Surveyor had prepared many years before.

The Town Clerk indicated that he had conveyed the Council's views to the E.S.B. relative to the treatment of the front walls of their new showrooms at Abbey St., so as to hide any objectionable features at the rear. The E.S.B. replied stating that it would appear from the drawings submitted to the Council that any objectionable features of the boundary wall at the rear would not be visible from street level.

RECLAMATION OF SLEDGE FIELD: Town Clerk informed the Council of notification of a grant from the Department of Agriculture towards the cost of reclaiming the Sledge Field. He reported that the work of removing scrub etc., was presently in progress and that it would be advisable to plough and harrow the field in late October/November and spread ground limestone and then in late Spring spread fertilizers and sow grass seed. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:

"That we hereby approve the acceptance of a grant of £58 from the Minister for Agriculture towards the rehabilitation of 7 acre field at Ballyguile known as the Sledge Field, the total cost of which is estimated at £87 and that we note that in addition to providing the balance of £29 the Council must also supply and spread ground limestone and superphosphate at an estimated cost of £28, making a total local contribution of £57 and that we hereby approve the necessary additional expenditure in the current year."

Councillor Conroy suggested that the Council should consider a longer letting than the 11 months system for their land as tenants took no interest in properly caring for the land when they only held it for a short period.

Council agreed to a request from the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce for the use of one of the aerial photographs recently acquired by the Council, which they wished to reproduce in a Booklet dealing with the facilities available in Wicklow for intending industrialists.

The Meeting then concluded.

C. J. Anderson
6/10/59

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
2nd October, 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 October, 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 1st September 1959, (copy herewith).
2. Tidy Towns Competition 1959 - Notification of Results.
3. Coin Operated Telescope for Wicklow Sea Front.
4. Letter from Minister for Local Government re State Investment in Local Development Schemes.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - Notification of Additional Grant
6. Link Watermain at Dunbur Road - (a) Sealing of Agreement with Contractor (b) Authorising raising of loan in sum of £2,600 from Hibernian Bank Ltd. and sealing Deed of Charge for same.
7. Repairs to Old Town Reservoir - Report of Town Surveyor.
8. Improvement of Water and Sewerage Schemes - Consideration of Report (copy herewith).
9. Playing Field for De La Salle Brothers Schools.
10. Town Refuse Dump - Report of Town Surveyor on various alternative sites.
11. Council Tenants: (a) Application for permission to instal tiled fireplace (b) Application for permission to erect garage.
12. Premises at Bond St. (D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd.) - Sealing of two new leases.
13. Premises at Summer Hill - Assignment of Lease - Mrs. Fogarty to Mrs. McGlynn and other matters.
14. Premises at The Mall and High St. - Consideration of renewal of Leases.
15. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 1959

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

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

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. B. O'Toole, ex-Town Sergeant. Councillor Hynes seconded and other Councillors, the County Manager and Town Clerk associated themselves therewith and the resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

Councillor Hynes indicated that it was his intention to tender his resignation as a member of the Council, and that he would send a formal letter of resignation to the Town Clerk within the course of the next few days. Councillor Hynes then withdrew from the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 1st September, 1959, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION: The Town Clerk said that members would be aware through press reports that the first prize in the Tidy Towns Competition had gone to Glenties, Co. Donegal. Wicklow had been in category C (Population 3,000 to 5,000) in which there had been 17 entries. This category was won by Longford with 81 marks and Wicklow had not done very well having obtained only 42 marks, which was much the same position as last year. The Town Clerk also mentioned that Ashford had got 60 marks in its category and had been commended. Likewise Greystones who had got 70 marks was highly commended.

COIN OPERATED TELESCOPE: The Town Clerk mentioned that the Randall Optical Co., had enquired if the Council would be interested in placing a coin operated telescope by the name of "Graphascope" on a site at Wicklow Harbour vicinity. The Company wished to find if suitable sites would be available for the 1960 Tourist Season, but they did not indicate what rent they would be prepared to pay for a site. They also mentioned that the telescope might either be purchased outright in which event the owner would retain all the revenue or be rented.

The Council decided that Randall Optical Co., be informed that they would be pleased to facilitate the firm in any way they could and that when the firm had decided on what site or sites they considered suitable they might again write to the Council indicating what rent they would be prepared to pay for same. It was decided to draw the attention of the firm to the Scenic Car Park, which Council considered might be a very suitable point at which to site a telescope.

STATE INVESTMENT IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES: A letter was read from the Minister for Local Government indicating that it was the Government's policy that they state should help to a greater extent than heretofore in local development schemes. It indicated that the Government were anxious to secure proposals relating to openings for investment in projects of economic merit.

It was agreed to arrange a conference on Tuesday, 20th October, between members of the Council, the Chamber of Commerce and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, each Body to nominate 3 representatives, at which a programme of work could be drawn up and submitted for final consideration and ratification to the Council at their next meeting. Councillors Hudson, Everett and Doyle were nominated to represent the Council at the informal discussions.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Notification was received from the Minister for Local Government that the Minister for Finance had approved of an additional grant not exceeding £600 towards the cost of proposed protection works, estimated to cost £800, on condition that the Council made a con-

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tribution of £200, and undertook to maintain the works when completed.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that in the current year they had already carried out a Scheme of protection works costing £900 and in respect of which they received a state grant of £675, the Council putting up the balance of £225. The present scheme of £800 would require a further local contribution of £200, bringing to £425 the expenditure by way of local contribution to Foreshore Works, in the current year. A sum of £160 was provided in the Estimates and if the Council were to proceed with the £800 Scheme, it would mean that they were overexpending £265 in the current year. The County Manager said that if the Council exceeded their estimate by £265 as mentioned by the Town Clerk they have to make provision for it in the Estimates for 1960/61. He pointed out that this year they would have spent £1,700 on Foreshore Protection Works. Councillor Doyle said it was useless spending only a few hundred pounds on Foreshore Works as they would be swept away in a few minutes, unless a proper job was done. Councillor Kavanagh mentioned that the previous night gales had caused further damage and he could not see the promenade standing up to winter storms if they got south easterly gales, which they had escaped for some years past.

It was agreed that the Department be requested to increase the grant so that the burden falling on the rates by way of local contribution would be as small as possible.

LINK WATERMAIN AT DUNBUR ROAD: The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Contract for the Link Watermain at Dunbur Road, had been signed by the Contractor on 14th September and that work had commenced on Monday, 21st, and was proceeding very satisfactorily. It would be necessary for the Council to affix the Seal to the Contract Documents.

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

"That the Seal of the Council to be and is hereby affixed to Agreement dated 14th September, 1959, between Mr. Maurice Blake and Wicklow Urban District Council, in respect of contract in sum of £2,372. 0. 8. for the laying of the Link Watermain at Dunbur Road."

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed.

The Town Clerk indicated that arrangements had been made with the Hibernian Bank Ltd., to obtain a loan in sum of £2,600, for the purpose of financing the link watermain and it would be necessary for the Council to pass a resolution authorising the raising of the loan and also to affix the Seal to the Deed of Charge, for same.

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

"That we hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,600, repayable over 15 years, from the Council's Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying the expenditure in the laying of the link watermain at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

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

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Charge Wicklow Urban District Council to The Hibernian Bank Ltd., in respect of loan of £2,600 for the laying of a link watermain at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow."

REPAIRS TO OLD RESERVOIR: The Town Clerk read a report from the Town Surveyor that the control valve had now been provided and fixed on the old 8" main at the Old Reservoir by Mr. Blake, Contractor, as agreed with the Council. As a temporary test, in the week commencing September, 20th, the water in reserve in the old pond was turned into the mains in the lower sections of the town. In order to repair the outlet valve from the pond the water level must drop below its present position, but it would not be safe, however, to allow this to happen just yet as it was necessary to conserve the water until the springs open generally. The Town Clerk mentioned that it was considered advisable that Mr. Blake, Contractor be employed in the replacing of the old valve at the pond and also repairing

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the leaks in the embankment wall. Agreed.

Councillor O'Rourke said that the County Manager should be congratulated on the success of the Regional Supply Scheme as he had never heard a complaint about the water supply during the whole of this record summer. The County Manager said that he felt that the Consultant Engineer, Professor Purcell, deserved to be complimented on his design of the Scheme, as the pipe line had to be laid over very difficult terrain from the top of the Devil's Glen to the town. He also said that the Contractors, Messrs McInerney Bros., deserved great tribute.

Councillor Everett expressed the opinion that the lack of supply to his house was due to the fact that the Coastguard houses were connected with the old town mains and not with the new Dunbur Road main. It was decided that this point be looked into.

IMPROVEMENT OF WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES: After a brief discussion on the report circulated by the Town Clerk and having heard the Manager's additional explanation of the Department's Circular, it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the next meeting for the attendance of the Town Surveyor when the matter could be gone into further.

PLAYIN FIELD FOR DE LA SALLE BROTHERS: The Town Clerk reminded the Council of the informal discussion which had taken place between member and officials of the Council and Rev. Brothers Augustine and Arcadius, on the 10th September, relevant to the provision of a playing pitch at Ballynerrin for the pupils attending the De La Salle Brothers Schools. It was agreed at that discussion that the Council would grant the Brothers a 31 years lease at a nominal rent of a plot at Ballynerrin presently used for allotments. Council also agreed to give consideration to what could be done by them in regard to fencing, levelling of field, re-seeding etc. The Town Surveyor had given an estimate of £500 for the levelling of the field in the lower corner and along the boundary ditch adjoining Parochial Property; but if all that is necessary would be ploughing, harrowing, and levelling of the existing surface, such as it is, re-seeding etc., and to repair fences and ease the corner, a sum of at least £150 would be required. The Town Surveyor drew attention to a high-tension E.S.B. wire crossing at an angle in the lower portion of the field.

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

"That a lease for a period of 31 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of £5 be granted to the De La Salle Community of the plot of ground at Ballynerrin, measuring approximately 150 yds. x 80 yds. and presently used for allotments and more clearly shown on map prepared by Town Surveyor, the said field to be used as a sportsfield for the use of the boys attached to their schools."

Councillor Everett referred to a suggestion made by the County Manager that the other plot on the opposite side of the road be ploughed and re-seeded and made available as a playing field for the children of the district generally. It was agreed that this be done.

TOWN REFUSE DUMP: The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

re: Proposed New Position for Dumping Ground

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We have inspected several positions in the town and it is recommended that the following places might be considered in order of priority:-

(1) Small field adjoining the Marlton Road: This field was originally purchased for use in connection with the emergency pumping arrangements to the old reservoir. It is fairly convenient to the town and by the erection of a fence adjoining the stream would provide accommodation for a number of years, and with the high ditch adjoining the road would be fairly well hidden from view. I recommend it as No. 1.

(2) There is a very suitable area adjoining the Marlton Road on the right hand side, going from Wicklow, beyond the Marlton Bridge. It is the property of Mr. Connell and it would most certainly accommodate the town refuse for at least 7 years. It is very convenient to the town and would be easily controlled.

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(3) Field on the Station Road, property of Mr. Dickenson: This field is fairly suitable for the proposal and as regards accommodation, but it is rather distant from the town: it would have to be approached through railway property and also it would not add to the appearance of the area from the point of view of visitors coming from the C.I.E. station. I would, therefore, not entirely recommend it, having regard to these points.

(4) Area at the Glen, known as the Glen Field: This area, I consider would not be suitable unless a mechanised service was provided by the township. But apart from that it would be difficult to control the dumping by private persons as it is difficult of access and the position might be that dumping would take place in the more convenient spots, and therefore, control would be a problem.

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The County Manager said he was not in favour of using the field where the pump house was located as there was always the possibility that we might at some future date require emergency pumping of water. He also thought that the site was too near the main road for use as a pump. It was decided that Mr. Connell be written to and requested to indicate on what terms he would be prepared to make his field available to the Council for use as a dumping ground.

COUNCIL TENANTS: (a) Application was received from Mrs. E. Murphy, 25, Fairview Rd., for permission to remove her kitchen range and instal a tiled fire place. Permission was granted, subject to the usual conditions and also subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor. (b) An application was received from Mrs. M. Malone, 15, Kilmartin Rd., for permission to erect a garage at that address. The Town Clerk mentioned that Mrs. Malone had been asked to submit a plan showing the location and nature of the proposed works, but this had not been done. Permission was granted subject to the applicant submitting a plan of the work and subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor. (c) A memorial was read from the tenants of the Bungalows at Castlefield, requesting that the Council might concrete their back yards. Town Surveyor to report for next meeting. (d) A letter was read from Samuel Doyle, 10 Castlefield, stating that the boundary wall at Castlefield came as far as No. 9, and asking if it could be continued to enclose his garden. Councillors referred to the fact that a similar application had been made last year, when it was hoped that the work might be carried out in connection with the E.S.V. Scheme for that year, but this had not been possible. It was decided that the Town Surveyor be asked if it would be possible to include this work in the current years scheme.

PREMISES AT BOND ST - D. H. HASKINS & SON LTD: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that they had previously agreed to accept surrender of the 4 existing leases covering the mill and stores owned by Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son, at Bond St., and to grant two new leases of the same property, one of which would subsequently be assigned to Wire Ropes Ltd., in respect of that portion of the stores which they had purchased.

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Surrender whereby Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., surrender to the Council their interest in Mill and Stores held under the following leases:-

Plot A for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1935 at an annual rent of £2. 0. 0.
Plot B for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1939 at an annual rent of £15. 0. 0.
Plot C for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1896 at an annual rent of £4. 15. 0.
Plot D for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1924 at an annual rent of £5. 5. 0.

in consideration of the Council granting them two new leases of the property covered by the aforementioned leases for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1959."

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial, whereby the Council lease to D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1959, at an annual

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rent of £15. 0. 0., the plot of ground with buildings thereon at Bond St., Wicklow, more clearly delineated on map attached to said Lease and formerly the subject of several leases now surrendered to Council."

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial, whereby the Council lease to D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1959, at an annual rent of £25. 10. 0. that plot of ground with buildings thereon at Bond St., Wicklow, and more clearly delineated on map attached to said lease and formerly the subject of several leases now surrendered to Council."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Leases, Counterparts and Memorials.

PREMISES AT SUMMER HILL: Having considered the application of Messrs A. Cullen & Son, Solicitors, it was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson, and resolved:-

"That we hereby consent to the assignment by Mrs. Eliz. Fogarty, Summer Hill, Wicklow, to Mrs. Julia Mary McGlynn of her interest in a dwellinghouse situated at Summer Hill, Wicklow, held together with another dwellinghouse by lease dated 23/8/1949, for a term of 31 years from 29th September, 1948 at an annual rent of £1. 17. 6., and we consent to the aforesaid rent being apportioned as follows: £1 on the house being assigned to Mrs. McGlynn and 17/6d. on the house being retained by Mrs. Fogarty."

In a further letter, Messrs Cullen, made application to the Council to waive the bankruptcy clause in the Lease as Mrs. McGlynn was borrowing portion of the purchase money from the Irish Assurance Co., and a loan has been sanctioned to her on the condition that the Council consent to the Assignment and waive the bankruptcy clause in the lease. After giving careful consideration to this matter and having heard the view of the Law Agent, and County Manager thereon, it was decided not to grant the application as the clause is contained in nearly all Council leases and while in the case of business premises an exception being taken to this condition being inserted could be understood, in the case of a private individual it does not appear to materially effect the position.

PREMISES AT THE MALL/HIGH ST: The Town Clerk indicated that the lease of a plot of ground between The Mall and High St., granted to Kynaston and Tennison Edwards for a period of 75 years from 29/9/1884 at a rent of £8, per annum, had now expired. There are 5 premises comprised in the lease and Mr. Hopkins, Solicitor, had made application for a renewal of leases on behalf of (a) Miss E. Doyle (Premises at The Mall) (b) Mrs. Louise M. Kavanagh (Premises at No. 5 and 7 High St.) and (c) Mr. Stephen Morris (Premises at No. 6 High St.). The Town Clerk indicated that there was no objection to the granting of renewals to Mrs. Kavanagh and Mr. Morris, and accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to grant a renewal of the lease, for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1959 to Mrs. Louise Mary Kavanagh at an annual rent of £4, of the plot of ground with two dwellinghouses thereon and known as Nos. 5 and 7, High St., Wicklow, and forming part of a larger plot formerly leased by the Chairman and Commissioners of the Town of Wicklow to Messrs Kynaston and Tennison Edwards for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1884."

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to grant a renewal of the lease for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, to Mr. Stephen Morris at an annual rent of £2, of the plot of ground and dwellinghouse thereon and known as No. 6, High St., Wicklow, and forming part of a larger plot formerly leased by the Chairman and Commissioners of the Town of Wicklow to Messrs Kynaston and Tennison Edwards for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1884."

In the case of Miss Doyle the Town Clerk mentioned that there was a Mortgage in sum of £59. 1. 4. in respect of rates and costs on the

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premises and there was also current rates due as well as arrears to the 31st March, 1959, in sum of £43. 9. 4, due. At the 31st March, 1959, the sum of £12 had been due in respect of ground rent but this had now been reduced to 15/- and there would also be a half year's rent to 29th September 1959. It was agreed that consideration of the application of Miss Doyle be deferred in order to ascertain what efforts she is prepared to make relative to clearing off rates and rent due on the premises.

LEASE OF NEW POST OFFICE PREMISES: The Town Clerk reminded the Council that they had previously agreed to accept a surrender of the lease of the premises where it is proposed to construct the new Post Office and to grant a new lease for a period of 75 years in its place. On the same lease were also two premises situate at the Lower Mall in the possession of Patrick Murray and Mrs. Sillery and it was proposed to grant these persons new leases at nominal rents for the unexpired residue of the term of the existing lease.

It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Surrender whereby Patrick Murray, Margaret Sillery and The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs surrender to the Wicklow Urban District Council their respective interests in the hereditaments and premises held under lease dated 10/4/1917 between The Wicklow U.D.C. and Thos. J. Gelletlie and Wm. Robt. Coleman in consideration of the Council granting to The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs a new lease for 75 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of £12 and granting to Patrick Murray and Margaret Sillery a new lease each for the unexpired residue of the term of the lease dated 10/4/1917 at a yearly rent of 1/-."

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of £12, of the premises situate at The Mall, Wicklow, formerly known as "Ryan's Hotel" and more particularly delineated and described on map attached to said lease, which said premises was formerly held under lease dated 10/4/1917 to Thos. J. Gelletlie and Wm. Robert Coleman and now surrendered to Council."

E.S.V. SCHEME 1959/60: The Town Clerk said he had enquired from the Department of Local Government as to the amount of the grant which would be made available out of the E.S.V. in the current year and was informed that it would amount to £1100, subject to a local contribution of £110 making a total of £1,210. This showed considerable improvement on last year's figure which was £750, with a local contribution of £75. In 1958/59 the grant had been utilised for the concreting of Bond St/North Quay roadway and a distance of 90 lin. yds. had been completed. 120 lin. yds., still remained to be dealt with and the Council might consider it desirable that this should be completed with the aid of the current year's grant. The Council agreed that the 1960 grant be devoted to the completion of Bond St., and requested that the Town Surveyor should draw up the necessary plans and specification for same.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Doyle enquired as to what the position was regarding rates due on the premises formerly owned by the late Laurence Smith and also on the premises at Main St., owned by Beatrice & Reginald Lewis. In the case of Laurence Smith, decd., the Town Clerk said a sum of £375. 5. 9. was outstanding, but the Council would only have preference for two years rates amounting to £141. 7. 6., and application had been made for the payment of this sum and it was expected that it would be paid by the Court during the present term. In the case of Beatrice & Reginald Lewis, there was a sum of £314. 3. 7. due and here again the Council would only have preference for two years rates amounting to £130. 1. 8. The position here is that the National Bank Ltd., hold a Mortgage on the premises and it is understood that they are taking the necessary steps to sell the property and in this event the Council would be paid their two years arrears of rates.

The County Manager showed the Council a printed linen tea towel which

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contained the Coat of Arms of most town and cities in Ireland, including those of Wicklow, Arklow and Bray. The Council expressed their appreciation of the tea towel, which they considered an excellent production.

Councillor O'Rourke mentioned that the St. Vincent De Paul Society had asked him to again raise the matter of the re-housing of Ann Dunne, Strand St. It was agreed that special consideration would be given to her case when a suitable house became vacant.

The Town Clerk mentioned that arising out of Councillor Everett's request he had asked the County Medical Officer for his views on the provision of a swimming pool at the Black Castle Area and the effect which the laying of an intercepting sewer from the South Quay and discharging into the sea at the Black Castle, would have on same. In reply the County Medical Officer had stated that as the Council had decided not to lay the sewer, there was accordingly no point in considering its effect on the swimming pool.

The Town Clerk also mentioned that the Town Surveyor had been in touch with Bord Failte regarding improvement works at the Black Castle and Travelahawk Bay and that it was expected that a scheme would be formulated in the near future.

Councillor Conroy enquired if there were any developments regarding the proposal of Couper Works Ltd. to construct a factory on The Murrough, and stated he understood that individuals in the town had approached directors of the firm and indicating that the townspeople were not in favour of industrial development on The Murrough. Councillor Everett gave further information on this matter and it was finally agreed that the Town Clerk should write to Couper Works Ltd., assuring them of the wholehearted support of the Council and indicating that the individuals who had approached them had no authority to represent the views of the townspeople on this subject.

Councillor Kavanagh enquired about the supply of water to ships and mentioned the fact that a tanker had recently taken water over a period of 9 hours. It was agreed that enquiries be made as to the charges made by other local authorities for the supply of water to ships.

The meeting then concluded.

John B.
8/11/59

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th October, 1959.

To:
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 November, 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 6th October, 1959, (copy herewith).
2. Consideration of letters of resignation from Councillor E. P. Hynes and T. Byrne.
3. Resolution from Birr U.D.C. re fitting of reflectors on bicycles.
4. Foreshore Protection Works - correspondence with Department of Local Government re Grant.
5. Housing List - Consideration and adoption of Housing List No. 6 at 1/10/1959.
6. State Investment in Local Development Schemes - report of informal discussions.
7. Water Supply (a) Report on progress of Link Watermain at Dunbur Rd.
(b) Report on repairs to Old Town Reservoir.
(c) Consideration of charges for supply of water to ships.
8. Improvement of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes.
9. Premises at New St. - Application for consent to assignment of lease (Doyle to O'Mahoney).
10. Premises at Main Street/High Street - Renewal of leases.
11. Premises at Summer Hill - application for waiver of bankruptcy clause in lease.
12. Town Refuse Dump - consideration of alternative sites.
13. Correspondence from Council Tenants.
14. Approving temporary overdraft accommodation.
15. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
16. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER, 1959

Present: Councillors P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, J. O'Rourke, and J. Everett, T.D. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson.

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor O'Rourke was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy and unanimously elected as presiding chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 6th October, 1959, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman, subject to a correction relating to a discussion on the waiver of the bank-ruptcy clause contained in the lease of premises at Summer Hill, to the effect "that the Council considered that the bank-ruptcy clause should be waived in this and other leases."

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS: The Town Clerk submitted letters of resignation received from Mr. E. P. Hynes, and Mr. T. Byrne. Council accepted the resignations and letters were taken as read. It was agreed that the matter of declaring vacancies on the Council be deferred to the December meeting.

RESOLUTION FROM BIRR U.D.C.: The following resolution from Birr U.D.C. was read and adopted:-

"That we the Birr Urban District Council view with grave concern the number of accidents caused on the roads by the use of bicycles not fitted with efficient reflectors and call on the Government to immediately pass legislation making the fitting and maintaining of efficient reflectors on bicycles obligatory."

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk indicated that arising out of a discussion on this subject at the last meeting he had communicated with the Department of Local Government with the request that the Minister might give an increased grant over and above the £600 already allotted towards the cost of Foreshore Protection Works estimated at £800, thereby reducing the amount which would have to be met from rates by way of local contribution. The Department had now indicated that £600 was the maximum grant that could be allotted in the circumstances. It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the expenditure of £100 on additional Foreshore Protection Works towards the cost of which a grant of £600 will be made available from the Employment Schemes Vote leaving a balance of £200 to be met by the Wicklow U.D.C. and we hereby authorise additional expenditure in sum of £200 in the current year."

HOUSING LIST NO. 6: Adopted. The Council recommended that special consideration be given to Ann Dunne, when the next of the lower rented houses became available. If, however, the next vacancy was one of the higher rented houses then Aiden Dunne was to be re-housed.

STATE INVESTMENT IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES: The Town Clerk reported on the informal discussions which had taken place between members of the Council, Harbour Commissioners and Chamber of Commerce and read the report which he had submitted to the Minister for Local Government arising out of the discussions. A summary of the Schemes submitted were as follows:-

(1) Foreshore Protection Works	£175,000
(2) Repairs to East Pier	£60,000

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(3) Replacement of Bridge over River Leitrim	£50,000
(4) Improvement of Quay Wall - North Quay	£15,000
(5) Intercepting Sewer along South Quay	£25,000
(6) Improvement to Water Supply to Murrough	£7,000
(7) Caravan Park on the Murrough	£3,000
(8) Car Park at Bachelors' Walk	£4,000

The County Manager commented that the total of all the schemes submitted amounted to £339,000. The Council approved of the report. Referring to Foreshore Protection Works, Councillor Conroy said that the Minister should be strongly pressed to give a substantial grant and suggested that a deputation representative of the Urban Council, County Council, Harbour Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce and firms with premises on the Murrough should wait on the Minister and press the claim. It was agreed that a deputation be sent and the Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with the other bodies asking them to nominate representatives.

WATER SUPPLY: The Town Clerk said that he had been notified by the Department of Local Government that the increased subsidy of 60% of the annual loan charges would be payable in respect of the Link Watermain at Dunbur Road as work commenced after 18th September, 1959. The total annual loan charges were estimated at £164; there would be a state subsidy of £98 leaving £66 equivalent to 1d in the £. to be met from rates. The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

2nd November, 1959.

re: Water Supply

I am pleased to report that the link main from Greenhill Road Tank to Dunbur Road was completed during the month (24th inst).

A test operation was made on the 26th ult., by turning in the water through the main to serve the area Dunbur Road, Summer Hill, Castle St., Castle View and down as far as the Valve House at Market Sq. The delivery and distribution was satisfactory but as we are only working to part capacity and pressure at present and are engaged in repairs and adjustments and renewals to the pipe system at the old Reservoir the continued benefit of the new Town Distribution as a whole and that of the new link main cannot yet be given. There is still a certain amount of temporary inconveniences therefore at the end of the Dunbur Line serving 3 or 4 premises but this will be rectified as soon as possible.

At the old reservoir the pond was emptied completely - I considered that this should be done so as to get at the old valves and pipes both inside and outside the wall and effect any repairs and renewals in time to anticipate the pond refilling. The pond is in fact now beginning to fill as the outlet can now be closed. The cracks in front wall have been repaired, old valves repaired and renewed, and it was found that several joints and cappings down in old original filters were leaking: these have been attended to.

In the course of the work we found a long length of 4 inch pipe inserted within the 8 inch delivery main: this must have been done very many years ago shortly after the reservoir was erected and the 8 inch pipe was distorted and broken necessitating the insertion of this 4 inch "sleeve". We had to withdraw the pipe about 33 yards in length and it was found to be very corroded. It will be replaced by a 5 inch diam "sleeve" pipe, plastic and non corroding, which will leave the situation satisfactory.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The County Manager dealing with the repairs to the old reservoir indicating that as there would be a saving of approximately £250 on the Link Watermain at Dunbur Rd., he suggested that we apply to the Department of Local Government to have portion of the cost of repairs to the old reservoir financed out of the loan. The cost of inserting a 5" plastic pipe as mentioned by the Town Surveyor in his report would be approximately £170 and it was expected that the total cost

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of the repairs to the old reservoir would amount to £400. The Council agreed to this arrangement.

The Town Clerk indicated that at the last meeting he had been instructed to look into the matter of the charges for water supplied to ships. He submitted a report giving details of the charges in other towns and recommending that the present charges should stand, but that an additional charge of £4 be determined for the supply of water to tankers. AGREED.

Councillor Conroy asked about the extension of the watermain at North Quay to the end of the bar shed and instanced the difficulty which the Council workmen had in endeavouring to supply water to ships as vehicles were continuously passing over the hose pipe and damaging it. The Town Surveyor promised to investigate the possibility of laying a sunken main.

IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES: The County Manager referred to the report on this subject prepared by the Town Clerk, copies of which had been circulated to the members and which was discussed at the November meeting. It had been agreed then to defer further consideration until the Town Surveyor be present. The Town Surveyor stated that he was very concerned about the condition of the main from the Valve House to Market Sq. There appeared to be a lot of leakages on this line and with the extra pressure becoming available there would be more. He stressed the importance of having it relaid as soon as possible. The County Manager pointed out that the total estimated cost of re-laying it was £3,200 and the annual loan charges would amount to £350 of which £210 would be met by state subsidy, leaving a balance of £140 to be met from rates and this would be equivalent to 3d in the £ on the rates. The Council agreed that it was necessary that this main be re-laid and instructed the Town Surveyor to prepare the necessary specification and contract documents.

Regarding the intercepting sewer at the South Quay, the Town Clerk read reports from the County Medical Officer and Town Surveyor and stated that the estimated cost was £25,000, which if met by a 25 year loan would involve the Council in annual loan charges of £1,900 of which £1,140 would be contributed by way of state subsidy, leaving a balance of £760 to be met out of rates by way of local contribution and this would be equivalent to a rate of 1/5d. It was agreed that due to the high cost involved that the question of the intercepting sewer would have to be deferred for the present.

PREMISES AT NEW STREET: The Town Clerk indicated that Mrs. Catherine Doyle New St., had agreed to sell her dwelling house to Mr. L. O'Mahony 5, Leirim Place. The premises was held under lease dated 9/8/1952 from the Urban Council, and application was now made for the consent of the Council to the assignment. It was proposed by Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby consent to the assignment by Mrs. C. Doyle, New St., Wicklow, to Mr. Liam O'Mahony, 5, Leirim Place, Wicklow, of her interest in a dwellinghouse situate at New St., Wicklow and held under lease dated 9th August, 1952 for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1952, at an annual rent of £1. 17. 6."

PREMISES AT HIGH ST/MAIN ST: The Town Clerk indicated that the plot of land stretching from Main St. to High St. and originally held under lease by Kynaston and Tennison Edwards for 75 years from 29/9/1884 had expired on 29th September, 1959. There were 5 separate dwellings on the property and the Council had already granted renewals to Mr. Stephen Morris in respect of 1 house; to Mrs. L. Kavanagh in respect of 2 houses and had under consideration a renewal of the lease to Miss E. Doyle. An application was read from Messrs A. Cullen & Son, Solicitors, applying for a renewal of the lease of the remaining premises on behalf of Arthur Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Eileen Fitzpatrick. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby agree to grant a renewal of the lease for a term

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of 75 years from 29th September, 1959 to Mr. Arthur Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Eileen Fitzpatrick at an annual rent of £6 of the plot of ground and dwellinghouse thereon situated at The Mall, Wicklow, and forming part of a larger plot formerly leased by the Chairman and Commissioners of the town of Wicklow to Messrs Kynaston and Tennison Edwards for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1884."

The Town Clerk mentioned that they had deferred consideration of the granting of a renewal to Miss E. Doyle to give her an opportunity of indicating her intentions regarding the arrears of rent and rates on the premises. There was a Mortgage of £59. 1. 4. on the premises and also current rates as well as arrears to the 31/3/1959, in sum of £43. 9. 4. due. Whilst the arrears of ground rent at 31st March, 1959, amounted to £12, this had now been reduced to £2. 15. 0. Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor for Miss Doyle had indicated that she was prepared to pay 30/- per week in the reduction of the arrears of rent and rates. After some discussion on the matter it was agreed to defer further consideration to see what effort Miss Doyle would make in reducing the arrears.

Mr. Hopkins, in a letter of 27th October, had referred to the rents determined in respect of the leases to Mr. Morris and Mrs. Kavanagh and indicated that it was considered that they should be lower. The Town Clerk explained how the rents had been determined and Council agreed that they were equitable.

LEASE OF PREMISES AT SUMMER HILL: The Town Clerk indicated that arising out of a discussion at the last meeting concerning the waiver of the bankruptcy clause in this lease and the feeling of the Council that it was desirable in this instance that it be waived, he had asked the Council's Solicitor for his further advice in the matter. The Solicitor had indicated that bankruptcy clauses are only inserted in some leases and that there is a vast difference where the Council only gave a lease of a plot and the lessee erected a building thereon. In this instance the insertion of the bankruptcy clause seemed to be unreasonable and it had not been inserted in any recent leases. In the present case the Council only owned the plot, therefore, the Solicitor considered that it would quite in order for the Council to waive the clause. The County Manager mentioned that it would still be necessary to insert such a clause in leases relating to business premises. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby consent to the waiver of the Bankruptcy Clause contained in the lease of a dwellinghouse at Summer Hill, Wicklow, now assigned to Mrs. Julia Mary McGlynn and together with an adjoining dwellinghouse, the subject of a lease dated 23/8/1949 to Bridget Farrell and Elizabeth Fogarty."

TOWN REFUSE DUMP: The Town Clerk reported that as requested by the Council at their last meeting he had written to Mr. B. O'Connell, Marlton House, regarding the availability of a site owned by him and adjoining the Marlton Road and which the Council considered suitable for use as a dumping ground. Mr. O'Connell, however, was not prepared to make the site available as he required the land for his own use and he was not in favour of having a refuse dump on his property. The Town Surveyor reported that a suitable field was to be found on St. Patrick's Road, near the Urban boundary, and that he believed the owner was Mrs. O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, and suggested that an approach be made to her regarding purchase. Further consideration was deferred to the December meeting to allow the County Manager and members an opportunity of viewing this particular site.

COUNCIL TENANTS: A letter was read from Patrick Doyle, 34 St. Laurence's Park, regarding the condition of a Truburn Cooker and indicating that his requests over the last year for its repair or replacement had been unsuccessful. The Town Clerk mentioned that this cooker had been installed by the Council at the tenant's request in January, 1954, in place of the existing Park range and the tenant had paid the difference in price amounting to £12. 10. 0. by means of

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weekly instalments with his rent. The manufacturers of the cooker Waterford Ironfounders Ltd., had been contacted but were not prepared to replace same as defects had not shown up within a reasonable time of it being installed. They had given an estimate of £18 for the fitting of a new front and base plate. The County Manager pointed out that the Council could not be held responsible for replacing the existing cooker with a new Truburn Cooker as it was not their usual practice to instal such a cooker. The tenant had asked if that particular brand of cooker would be installed and it was up to him to ensure that the cooker was up to standard. It was agreed that the matter be again taken up with Waterford Ironfounders to see if a more satisfactory arrangement could be arrived at regarding repairs.

An application was read from James Rice, 2 Dunbar Tce., for permission to enlarge the gate at the rear of his house so as to permit the entry of his motor car. Permission granted subject to applicant conforming with the requirements of the Town Surveyor and carrying out the work to his satisfaction.

An application was read from the tenants of Castlefield requesting that concrete paths be made to their houses and referring to previous correspondence on this subject. The Town Clerk mentioned that at the last Estimates Meeting the Town Surveyor in his report had given an estimate of £200 for this work; that would mean that the average cost of each path would be £20. The Council agreed that the tenants be informed that whilst they viewed the application with the greatest sympathy it was regretted that at the moment it was not possible to grant the request, particularly as the current year Christmas Relief Grant would be utilised for the completion of the Bond Street/North Quay road way in concrete.

TEMPORARY OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION: The Town Clerk said it would be necessary to have temporary overdraft accommodation in sum of £1,000 for the purpose of meeting current expenditure particularly the repayment of half annual loan charges during November, 1959. It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the provision of temporary overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,000 during the month of November, 1959, for the purpose of meeting current expenditure, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

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

22nd November, 1959.

E.S.V. Scheme: Details of proposed work in constructing concrete road in Bond St. to Fertilizer Factory have now been submitted to Department and an Engineering Inspector has been down to examine the proposal.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from Rev. Fr. Blake, P.P., referring to the chokage in the Abbey River which runs through his garden and asking if it would be possible to have a grating fitted across the arch of the bridge at Mr. Quinn's premises. The Town Surveyor promised to have this attended to and also mentioned that by use of the dam at the pumping station he would arrange to have the river flushed out.

A letter was read from the Irish Red Cross Society Water Safety Section expressing the thanks of the Society for the Council's grant of £10 towards water safety activities.

A letter was read from Bord Failte relative to the scheme for Tourist Development for the East Pier etc., estimated to cost £50,000 and indicating that Wicklow did not qualify for assistance from the major resort fund. The letter also indicated that the Bord's Field Sports Section has under consideration the potential of Wicklow as a Sea Angling Centre and if it is considered suitable for development

that it might be possible to assist with some of the items in Mr. O'Byrne's report of December, 1958. NOTED.

A letter was read from Wicklow Independence Committee (per Mr. D. Clancy, Secretary) drawing the attention of the Council to the eyesore of the site at Abbey St., opposite the Hibernian Bank. The Town Clerk was instructed to write and ask who this Committee represented. The County Manager indicated that the Council had approved of plans for buildings on the site and that work would commence any day now.

Councillor Doyle referred to water seeping through the ceiling of the house tenanted by Edward Fitzgerald at 7 St. Patrick's Avenue and also to eaves gutters which were in danger of falling at house tenanted by Mrs. Foley, St. Kevin's Tee. The Town Clerk promised to have these items attended to.

Councillor Everett referred to the magnificent contribution made by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., to the industrial development of Wicklow and of the employment give by that firm and proposed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Managing Director, Mr. H. Van den Bergh. AGREED.

Councillor Kavanagh referred to the planting of trees at the Glen Turn and the County Manager indicated that he had looked into the matter last year but that there would be great difficulty due to the dense undergrowth of planting large numbers of small trees. He suggested, however, that a number of the larger and dearer trees could be planted each year there. AGREED.

The County Manager also referred to the poplars planted some years ago at the Marlton Road and in the present year in particular had made good progress. There were, however, a few gaps and he suggested that the trees which had failed should be replaced. AGREED.

Councillor Conroy referred to correspondence between the County Manager and the I.T.&G.W.U. relative to the granting of compensation to Council workmen for the loss of two Church Holydays. A lengthy discussion ensued, the County Manager pointing out that Church Holydays had been granted to employees to facilitate them attending Mass and that if the Church abolished certain days as Holydays, there was no obligation on the Council to compensate workmen. Councillor Conroy proposed that provision be made for providing the workmen with overalls and he asked that the County Manager reconsider the question of compensation for the loss of Church Holydays.

The meeting then concluded.

C. J. Hulse
11/12/59

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
27th November, 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, 1st December, 1959, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

M. J. Cusack,

Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd November, 1959, (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Naas U.D.C. re Country's External Trade Balance.
3. Resolution from Ballinasloe U.D.C. re Retention of Grand Canal System.
4. Consideration of Memorial, sponsored by Wicklow Independents' Committee, requesting the Council to declare vacant the two seats recently vacated by resignations and to co-opt Mr. G. Haughton, Solicitor, and Mr. W. Hopkins, Co. Director.
5. Filling of vacancy on Vocational Education Committee.
6. Auditor's Report for year ended 31/3/1958 (copy herewith).
7. Fixing date of Christmas Fowl Market. *16th*
8. Foreshore Protection Works - deputation to Minister for Local Government.
9. Water Supply - submission of plans etc. for relaying watermain from Fitzwilliam Sq. to Market Sq.
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
- ~~11. Report on Discussion with Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. re proposed expansion.~~
11. Report on Discussion with Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. re proposed expansion.
12. Premises at Market Sq - Letter from Department of Local Government re proposed lease.
13. Tidy Towns Competition, 1960.
14. Any Other Business.

Christmas Illuminations

Scheme of 6 New-Swingy Houses.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER, 1959

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 3/11/1959 were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

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

"That we the members of the Naas Urban District Council request An Taoiseach, Mr. Lemass to redress the country's External Trade Balance from its present unfavourable position to a quid pro quo basis and that we should trade preferably with the National who buys from us."

RESOLUTION FROM BALLINASLOE U.D.C.: A resolution from Ballinasloe U.D.C. was read asking that the Council would lend its support to the case made by that Council in its efforts to get C.I.E. to continue its service of barges on the Grand Canal. Adopted.

MEMORIAL RE CO-OPTION TO COUNCIL: A letter was read from Wicklow Independents' Committee indicating that they were submitting an attached Memorial requesting the Council to declare vacant the two seats recently vacated by resignations and to co-opt Mr. Gabriel Haughton, Solicitor, and Mr. William Hopkins, Company Director to the two seats.

The Chairman proposed that they declare the two seats vacant and at the next meeting proposed that they be filled by co-option. Other Councillors were of the opinion that as the two seats had been held by Fianna Fail representatives that that party should be given an opportunity of indicating if they wished to nominate two further Councillors. After further discussion it was decided to postpone consideration of the Memorial for the moment.

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor O'Rourke and unanimously resolved: "That Councillor Thomas Conroy be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee created by the resignation of Rev. Fr. Blake, P.P., V.F."

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Rev. Fr. Blake on the excellent work he had done whilst in the Parish, particularly in relation to the renovation of the Church and grounds and other Councillors present joined in the tribute.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's report, copies of which had been circulated, for the year ended 31st March, 1958, was adopted and members paid tribute to the County Manager, officials and staff for the satisfactory state of the Council's finances as recorded in the report.

CHRISTMAS FOWL MARKET: It was decided that the Annual Christmas Fowl Market be held on Wednesday, 16th December.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk reported that as requested by the Council at their last meeting he had been in touch with the County Council, Harbour Commissioners and 3 Dail Deputies for the County and firms with premises on the Murrough, regarding a deputation which it was proposed should wait on the Minister for Local Government relative to state assistance towards Foreshore Protection Works. All bodies had agreed to nominate representatives to the deputation and a request had been sent to the Minister asking that he would receive

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the deputation at his earliest convenience. To date there was no indication of when the Minister would be in a position to do so. The Council unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Hudson and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Carroll, should represent them on the deputation.

RE-LAYING OF WATERMAIN: The Town Clerk said that as requested at the last meeting, the Town Surveyor had prepared a detailed estimate and plan for the re-laying of the Watermain from the valve house at Fitzwilliam Sq. to Market Sq. It was proposed to lay a 7" C.I. main in place of the existing 4" main and the estimated cost is £4,100, which is somewhat higher than the preliminary estimate due to the fact that provision would have to be made for providing 82 service connections to stop-cocks at a total cost of nearly £1,000.

The County Manager pointed out that no provision had been made in the current year's estimates to meet the cost of the scheme and that it would be necessary to raise a loan and that provision could be included in the Estimates for 1960/61. Members were of the opinion that consideration of the Scheme should be deferred to the New Year. AGREED.

The County Manager informed the Council that the estimated cost of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme was £86,400, but that the actual cost had worked out at £88,688, which was an excess of £2,288, of which 30% equivalent to £686, would be the responsibility of the Urban Council. It would be necessary to raise a supplementary loan in this sum and the annual loan charges, after taking into account state subsidy, would be £39. The Council agreed that in view of the size of the Contract the excess in the circumstances was very reasonable.

Referring to water supplies generally the Manager reported that the position in the town reservoir was developing satisfactorily and that on Friday next, 4th inst. arrangements would be made to carry out investigations and repairs to the leaks in the Cronroe filter plant and during these operations delivery to Wicklow town would be limited to about 100,000 gals. per day from that source, the remainder required being taken from the old town reservoir. He indicated that the repairs would mean a temporary restriction from Cronroe for about 10 to 14 days.

With regard to consumption of water in the town which is in the region of 80 gals. per head per day, he indicated that there must be enormous wastage. Prolonged investigations have been in progress over the past number of weeks and whilst a number of leaks in house connection etc. had been discovered, the results had not altogether been satisfactory. He thought it advisable and recommended that a skilled investigator be employed to conduct a comprehensive waste water survey. Councillors discussed this matter, some being of the opinion that in a month or two there would be more than sufficient water available to meet all requirements.

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

Monthly Report - November, 1959

Foreshore: I had proposed making a start on repairs to the Foreshore during the month but the bad weather prevents my doing so. Fortunately during the month large quantities of seaweed was brought in and this in itself will act as a protective barrier. There has also been a tendency for the gravel to return. There has been a slight subsidence of one of the concrete slabs opposite the boat house but I do not anticipate any immediate danger.

E.S.V.: As work could not be commenced on the Foreshore I moved the men to Bond St. to work on the re-laying of the roadway in concrete. This is now proceeding satisfactorily. 10 men are employed.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Councillor Conroy referred to the boundary wall at the house tenanted by Samuel Doyle at Castlefield and inquired if it could be

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done out of this year's E.S.V. Scheme. The Town Clerk explained that this was not possible as there was only sufficient money available from the grant to complete the roadway at Bond St. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should submit a report and estimate of the cost of doing this work.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. - PROPOSED EXPANSION: The Town Clerk reported on an informal discussion which had been held on Saturday, 21st November, between Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., members of the Council and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. Arising out of the discussion the following items were now before the Council for consideration:-

(1) Mr. Van den Berg had requested that some protection from flooding by the sea be provided on that portion of the foreshore where the Sulphuric Acid tanks were and where the new plant for the manufacture of sulphuric acid would be situated. He had expressed himself satisfied with the suggestion that a series of concrete blocks on the line of those erected to protect the north beach be constructed. The Council agreed that this work should be undertaken jointly with the Harbour Commissioners and that they would pay 50% of the cost.

(2) Mr. Van den Berg had indicated that plot of ground between the existing factory premises and the North Quay roadway would be required for the purpose of constructing a melting pit and conveyor belt and had agreed to alter the position of the pit so as to give more clearance on the roadway. The Town Clerk mentioned that there would be two leases involved one from the Urban Council covering mainly the site of the melting pit and one from the Harbour Commissioners covering the site of the passageway. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, a plot of ground at the North Quay, Wicklow, adjoining their present factory premises and abutting on to the North Quay Roadway and more clearly shown on map submitted by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and required for the purpose of erecting a melting pit thereon, at an annual rent of £2. 10. 0."

(3) With reference to the plot of ground on which the Sawmills premises had been erected, Mr. Van den Berg mentioned that after it had been acquired from the Sawmills, it was discovered that the title was not altogether clear and he asked that the Council acquire the site under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act for the purpose of eradicating any defects in the title that might exist. The Council's law agent had been asked for his advice on this matter and had replied as follows:-

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 24th inst., and we note that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. propose erecting a plant for the manufacture of Sulphuric Acid on the plot which they acquired from Wicklow Sawmills Ltd. and that they have asked the Council to acquire these sites under the Derelict Sites Act, 1940, for the purpose of eradicating any defects that might be in the Title to these sites.

Apart altogether from the question as to whether this property would come within the legal definition of "Derelict Sites" there are now no defects on the Title, and by the Council invoking their powers under the Derelict Sites Act, it would mean that the Council are really entering into the dispute between the two Companies, and we think that you should inform the Company that the law agent advises that there is nothing now wrong with the Title of the Sites in question.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCarroll & Co.

It was agreed that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. be informed of the law agent's advice.

(4) The Town Clerk mentioned that negotiations had been commenced with Mrs. Annie Ring for the surrender of the lease of 4 houses owned by her and from which the Council is arranging to re-house the last remaining tenant. When this Surrender was completed it would be possible to make the site available to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. Noted.

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PREMISES AT MARKET SQUARE: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Minister for Local Government indicating that representations had been made to him regarding the lease of a yard at Market Sq., Wicklow, and wished to suggest that before signing the lease the Council might make further efforts to arrange a settlement between the persons concerned, bearing in mind in particular the desirability of there being a second entrance from each premises in the case of fire. Marked "Read". Members commented that the granting of leases was a function reserved exclusively to the Council and that they intended exercising that function in the manner they thought fit.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION: The Town Clerk mentioned that Bord Failte had written regarding the 1960 Tidy Towns Competition. This year in addition to the Category Award of £500, there was a special award for £100 which would be made to the centre with the greatest increase on the marks accrued by that centre in the 1959 Competition. He gave details of the marks obtained in the 1959 Competition and members commented that with a greater overall effort by the townspeople an improvement in the marks could easily be obtained. It was decided to enter for the 1960 Competition.

CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS: The Wicklow Chamber of Commerce wrote to say that they were sponsoring a Christmas Illuminations Committee comprised of the Traders of Wicklow for the purpose of decoratively lighting the streets for Christmas and that if the Council were agreeable to have the illuminations connected to the Public Lighting System reduced terms would be available and the Committee undertook to recoup the Council the cost involved. It was unanimously agreed that permission be given to connect to the Public Lighting System.

The Chairman mentioned that he would provide the Christmas Tree, the lighting of which would be included with the other illuminations.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from Mr. E. P. Hynes, protesting that the Council had accepted the resignation of himself and Mr. T. Byrne without the letters being read, and stating that this procedure could mean only one thing - the Council's fear of public opinion. Marked "read".

The Chairman mentioned that he had been discussing with the Town Clerk the position regarding non-subsidised houses as there appeared to be a substantial demand for these type of houses at the moment. The County Manager mentioned that there were a number of sites available at St. Patrick's Avenue and that it would be possible to build houses there which could be let at weekly rent of approximately 45/-. Members referred to the Scheme of 3 houses at Castle Park and asked if there was any possibility of obtaining the sanction of the Minister to proceed with the Scheme. The Manager indicated that it appeared unlikely that sanction would be forthcoming to the building of subsidised houses on that site. It was agreed that the Council's Consultant Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, be asked to prepare plans for two blocks of semi-detached bungalows at St. Patrick's Avenue, on lines similar to those built in 1956 at Castle St. It was agreed, on the Manager's suggestion, that the 3 House Scheme at Castle Park could be taken jointly with the 4 at St. Patrick's Avenue and re-submitted to the Minister.

Councillor Conroy referred to plumbing repairs required by and the Town Clerk explained the difficulty in obtaining a plumber. After some discussion the Council agreed that if at any time a plumber could not be obtained repair work would have to be dealt with by some other member of the staff.

The meeting then concluded.

C. Hudson
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

31st December, 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 January, 1960 at
7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

M. J. Cusack,

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1/12/59 (copy herewith).
2. Circular letter from Department of Local Government re Public Lighting of important traffic routes through built-up areas.
3. Gaming and Lotteries Act - Notification of application by St. Patrick's G.A.A. for Gaming Licence in respect of The Mall Ballroom.
4. Foreshore Protection Works - Report on deputation to Minister for Local Government.
5. Town and Regional Planning Acts - (a) Erection of extension to De La Salle Brothers Secondary School; (b) Erection of bathroom at rear of dwellinghouse (Mr. L. O'Mahony, New Street).
6. Lease of Plot of ground at North Quay to Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd.
7. Consideration of question of declaring two vacancies on Council. - Letter from Erskine Childers Cumann Fiaanna Fail conveying their nomination of Mr. Frank Conway and Mr. James Kelly for co-option to fill such vacancies.
8. Monthly report of Town Surveyor.
9. Any other business.

Resolution passed that the Council be requested to consider the application for a grant of £2,500 for the erection of a bathroom at rear of dwellinghouse (Mr. L. O'Mahony, New Street).

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH JANUARY, 1960

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Chairman (Presiding), Councillors P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Carroll, E. Kavanagh and J. Everett, T.D.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1st December, 1959, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC LIGHTING ON IMPORTANT TRAFFIC ROUTES: The Town Clerk gave details of a Circular from the Department of Local Government re public lighting on important traffic routes through built up areas. A letter had been forwarded by the Wicklow County Council who did not consider that the proposed scheme was of great value as a means of reducing road accidents. The County Manager explained that a grant of 40% of the cost of improving public lighting on main road would be made out of the Main Road Upkeep Grant, but there did not seem to be any provision for contributing to the cost of the annual maintenance of the lights. After some discussion it was decided to defer consideration of the matter in order to ascertain if the 40% grant applied to maintenance as well as capital cost of the provision of the lighting.

GAMING & LOTTERIES ACT: The Town Clerk informed the Council that St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club had given notice of their intention to apply to the District Court for a licence under the Gaming and Lotteries Acts, in respect of the Mall Ballroom. The games to be carried on are, Pongo, La Boule, Slot Machines, Rifle Range, Darts and Rings, and both the Chief Fire Officer and the Health Inspector stated that they had no objection to the use of the Mall Ballroom for such purposes. After some discussion the Council decided to recommend to the Court that the closing hour for the games be fixed at 11.30 p.m. and that children of under the age of 16 years be not admitted.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Arising out of the deputation to the Minister for Local Government a letter was received confirming the decision of the Minister to recommend to the Special Employment Schemes Office the allocation of a grant not exceeding 75% of the cost of the work, subject to a maximum of £1,875, for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the protection of the promenade by means of large boulders placed in the form of "rip-rap" pitching. The County Manager mentioned that a grant of £600 previously made for the purpose of providing concrete buttresses to protect the promenade wall, to which is to be added a local contribution of £200. This sum had not been expended and the Minister had now sanctioned its use in the filling in of the cavities on the promenade and the repairing of the breaches in the front walling with bagged concrete. The position regarding the two schemes was, therefore, as follows:-

Total Cost	Grant	Local Contribution
£2,500	£1,875	£625
£800	£600	£200
£3,300	£2,475	£825

The County Manager said that there was a recommendation from the Town Clerk which he supported, that the local contribution of £825 for both schemes of protection works be raised by means of a loan from the Council's Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., repayable over 5 years. The Annual Loan Charges would amount to £202 which was equivalent to 5d. in the £. on the rates. The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

re: Foreshore Protection Works

It is proposed to start immediately in repairs and restoration work on the North Promenade which was extensively damaged on the 8th/9th December.

The first operation will be to break down the slabs and level out

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and fill the cavities with Boulders and Broken Concrete; to underpin the two remaining concrete groynes, and build up a portion of the main front walling, which was blown out near the Norther end of the Promenade. The breaking down of the concrete will be done partially by hand and partially by means of a swinging steel ball breaker swung from a jib crane: the latter will be afterwards used in lifting the boulders from the Railway Platform into position in the water and against the front Promenade walling, or from the nearby solidified promenade when it can be more safe to bear the weight.

Boulders will be obtained from Ballinclare Quarry by employment of a special type of Boring Equipment and Mass Blasting, to obtain the appropriate and required sizes of material which will be graded from $\frac{1}{2}$ ton to two tons in weight. A grab loader will be employed to lift the stone into C.I.E. lorries at Quarry for transport to Wicklow.

It would be as well to get going on this work as soon as possible so as to get the stone down on to the hard beach before the gravel starts to accumulate again. It must be clearly accepted, however, that those operations are only a preliminary to the more comprehensive scheme which must be carried out within a short lapse of time. In this connection the necessity to provide a type of low level groynes is apparent and has been frequently reported on and advised by me from my long experience, as an essential part of any scheme for Foreshore Protection along this length of the coast and for the type of material which constitutes the Formation of this Terrain.

Plans for the Major Works have already been put to the Department and, as has already been indicated, are under consideration by it. Certainly the time has now definitely passed when the comparatively small amounts of money made available to keep and maintain those Protection Works heretofore are adequate: the funds at the disposal of this Council since 1934 were so minute in comparison with the expenditure desirable or effected, on works for a similar purpose elsewhere in this country, that the encroachment of the sea has been so extraordinarily retarded and restricted even to the extent it is.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The Council discussed the scheme as suggested by the Minister for Local Government in great detail. A number of Councillors, including Councillors Doyle, Conroy and Everett, considered that the expenditure of £2,500 on providing protection with boulders was ill-advised. The Chairman pointed out on a number of occasions that if we did not undertake this scheme thereby showing that we were prepared to do something to help ourselves, we could hardly expect to obtain any further grants in the future. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh that a scheme of Foreshore Protection Works involving the provision of boulders in the form of "rip-rap" pitching, as suggested by the Minister for Local Government be undertaken. Passed.

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

"That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a loan of £825 from the Hibernian Bank Ltd., repayable on the instalment system over a period of 5 years, for the purpose of meeting our Local Contributions towards urgent Foreshore Protection Works as follows (a) Local Contribution of £625 towards works estimated to cost £2,500 and (b) Local Contribution of £200 towards works estimated to cost £800."

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

That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the provision of temporary overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £2,000 on Capital A/c for the period to the 31st March, 1960, to meet expenditure on urgent Foreshore Protection Works whilst awaiting instalments of the grants from the Employment Schemes Vote."

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TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: (a) Extension to De La Salle College. An application was read from the De La Salle Brothers for permission to erect an extension to their secondary school at Church Hill, Wicklow and the Town Surveyor reported that the extension would consist of two class rooms erected in "Bantile" construction, but before he could give his decision on the matter he required certain other information including a site plan and details of excavations etc. The Council recommended that permission be granted, subject to the applicants complying with the requirements of the Town Surveyor.

(b) An application was read from Mr. L. O'Mahoney, New St., for permission to erect a bath-room at the rear of his dwellinghouse. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had examined the plan and had no objection. The Council recommended that permission be granted.

LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY: The Town Clerk informed the Council that in respect of the plot at North Quay required by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for the purpose of constructing a melting pit and conveyor, that it had now been established that this site was held by the Council under lease from the Minister for Finance and that the permission of the Minister would have to be obtained to the sub-lease of the plot. Accordingly, it would be necessary for the Council to pass a new resolution. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., subject to the consent of the Minister for Finance, for the residue of the term still unexpired of 75 years from 8th September, 1950, a plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, adjoining their present factory premises and abutting on to the North Quay Roadway and more clearly shown on map prepared by the Town Surveyor and delineated in red thereon, at an annual rent of £2. 10. 0."

VACANCY ON COUNCIL: The Chairman informed the Council that the procedure in regard to the filling of casual vacancies, was that the Council would first have to declare the vacancies and after the expiration of one calendar month to then proceed to fill them. It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy that two vacancies be declared on the Council. The Town Clerk mentioned that the next meeting of the Council was due to be held on 2nd February by which time one calendar month would not have elapsed and accordingly the earliest date by which the vacancies could be filled would be at their March meeting. Councillor Kavanagh handed in Notice of Motion to the effect that the Council would proceed to fill the vacancies at their March meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Francis Conway and Mr. James Kelly, the Fianna Fail nominees, be asked to attend the March meeting so as they could take their seats when co-opted.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The report of the Town Surveyor for the month of December was read as follows:-

1. The concrete road (Bond Street towards Shamrock Fertilizers Factory) will be completed on 6th inst.
2. The Inspections and Testings on the Urban Water System and Distribution has been proceeding since Monday, 28th December. The man engaged for this work, Mr. Mooney, has been furnished with the details of the mains, branches, connections, tanks etc. and a systematic survey is being followed. A report on the final conclusions will be given to the Council at the February meeting.
3. Wall at Castle Park - Boundary to Council House occupied by Samuel Doyle. The cost of constructing this wall would be £83.
4. The level of the water in the Old Pond Reservoir is full over the sill since December 25th and is still overflowing. The 100,000 gallon tank at Greenhill Road is being supplied from Cronroe for the higher portion of the Town (Summer Hill etc.). The plans for the new watermain in Main Street are ready and I recommend that, should the Council in end to carry out this work, tenders could be sought as soon as possible so as not to have the streets opened up during the Tourist Season which is usually intensified from Easter onwards.

J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor

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Councillor Doyle enquired as to why the water was turned off in the town on one night the previous week and it was explained to him by the Town Clerk and Town Surveyor that repairs were being carried out to the meter in the valve house which necessitated the water being turned off for a period of two hours.

RESOLUTION FROM DUNLAOGHAIRE CORPORATION: The following resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation was read and adopted by the Council:-

"As there has been a further round of salary and wage increases, we ask the Government to increase the amount of Old Age and Blind Persons' Pensions."

OTHER BUSIN ESS: Councillor Doyle enquired as to what the position was regarding the lease of the yard at Market Sq., to the Misses O'Brien and the Town Clerk replied that he was awaiting the submission of the lease documents by Mr. Cullen, Solicitor for the applicants. On the suggestion of the Council the Town Clerk promised to see if the lease could be available for the February meeting for sealing.

Councillor Conroy mentioned that the provision of all-night lighting at Haskins' Stores in Bond St. would greatly facilitate the workmen engaged in the Shamrock Fertilizer factory. It was agreed to enquire as to the cost of providing a pilot light at this point.

Councillor Everett enquired as to what progress had been made in preparing plans for the scheme of houses at St. Patrick's Avenue and the Town Clerk replied that the Council's Consultant Architect had been instructed in this matter and it was hoped that the plans would be available for the February meeting. A notice was also being placed in the Wicklow People on the following Saturday, inviting applicants for these houses.

Councillor Conroy enquired as to the position regarding housing repairs and the Town Clerk stated that all monies provided had been expended and in fact there was a considerable amount overexpended which he would be bringing before the Council at a later date. At Councillor Conroy's request he agreed to have available for the Estimates Meeting a list of repairs necessary to Council houses.

Councillor Kavanagh asked the County Manager if it could be arranged that at least one member of each Fire Brigade would be qualified in first-aid, as it could be of great assistance in saving life. The County Manager remarked that this was a very good suggestion and he would look into the matter at once.

Councillor Conroy proposed a vote of thanks to all the gentlemen who had acted on the deputation to the Minister for Local Government and helped secure the grant for Foreshore Protection Works.

Councillor Everett proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow and relatives of James McDonald, Main St. This was seconded by the Chairman who also proposed a vote of sympathy with the Town Clerk on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Mulcaire, Thurles. Both resolutions were passed in silence, all present standing. The Town Clerk on behalf of his mother and himself thanked the members for their kind expression of sympathy.

The meeting then concluded.

Car. Hudson
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
29th January, 1960.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1960, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th January, 1960 (copy herewith).
2. Repairs to Old Reservoir - Letter from Department of Local Government re meeting expenditure from Capital Account.
3. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - raising of supplementary loan in sum of £1,050.
4. Foreshore Protection Works - (a) Sealing of Deed of Charge to The Hibernian Bank Ltd. in respect of loan of £825 (b) Report on progress of work.
5. Application from Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for (a) Upward wage adjustment of £1 per week and (b) Two weeks annual holidays with pay, plus public holidays, for members of Union employed by Council.
6. Proposed Scheme of Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue - List of applicants for tenancy.
7. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
8. Any Other Business.