

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 1960

MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 5th January, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

REPAIRS TO OLD RESERVOIR: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government conveying the sanction of the Minister to the charging of £259. 18. 9. for improvement works at the Old Reservoir against the loan of £2,600 sanctioned for the Link Watermain At Dunbur Road. The Town Clerk explained that by charging these improvement works to the Loan Account the Council would qualify for subsidy payment. **NOTED.**

WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Carroll and resolved:

"That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a supplementary loan in sum of £1,050 from the Local Loans Fund repayable on the instalment system over a period of 25 years at 5½% interest, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme."

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: SEALING OF DEED OF CHARGE: It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Charge Wicklow U.D.C. to The Hibernian Bank Ltd., in respect of Loan of £825 repayable on the instalment system over a period of 5 years, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Foreshore Protection Works."

The following report was read from the Town Surveyor:

Work on the Foreshore is proceeding according to plan. On Saturday last at Ballinclare Quarry about 5,000 tons of boulders were successfully blasted. These were being conveyed to the foreshore and would be placed in position in front of the promenade protection wall. The smaller stones were being used to fill in the cavities in the promenade proper and to form a roadway over which lorries and crane could move along the promenade so as to more readily place the boulders in position.

A letter was read from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., in connection with the erection of a protection wall on the seaward side of the site of the proposed sulphuric acid installation. The County Manager said the Council had already agreed to meet 50% of the cost of the work and the Harbour Commissioners would meet the other 50%. Councillors Kavanagh and Doyle were appointed to represent the Council at the next meeting of the Harbour Commissioners, when the question of proceeding with this work could be discussed.

SALARY AND WAGE INCREASES: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union, applying for an upward wage adjustment of £1 per week to members of the Union employed by the Council. The Chairman suggested that the Urban Council should wait and see what adjustment the County Council would make but other members of the Council felt that they should determine the Urban wage increase independently. The County Manager in reply to a question indicated that an increase of 12/6d. had been granted in Bray. Giving details of wage payments in comparable employment in the town, he mentioned that an increase of 7/6d. had been given by one firm, but the Council recommended payment of an increase of 12/6d. as this was the general increase given throughout the country, and because of the high wage rates paid by industrial undertakings in the town. The County Manager pointed out that industrial wage rates could not be taken for comparison purposes and that if the Council proposed paying an increase of 12/6d. it would be necessary

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to apply for the sanction of the Minister. Accordingly it was unanimously resolved that an increase of 12/6d. per week with effect from 1/2/1960 be paid to all U.D.C. workmen, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. The Manager stated that an increase of 12/6d. per week would cost £195 in a full year which was equivalent to 5d. in the £ on the rates. He also mentioned that there was an application for an increase for the officials. This increase had been agreed upon as a result of arbitration and was calculated on the basis of 8% on the first £400 salary and 5½% on the balance. The cost would be 4d. in the £ on the rates. The Council agreed that an increase as outlined by the Manager be granted to the officials with effect from the 1/2/1960. The Council also approved of the expenditure in the current year to meet the payment of both increases.

A further letter was read from the I.T.&G.W. Union applying for 2 weeks annual holidays with pay to replace the present holiday arrangements with effect from this year. The County Manager said that the cost would be £40 per year as the Council would have to employ substitutes. After some discussion as to what was covered by the term public holidays it was unanimously agreed to grant all Council workmen, two week's holidays with pay, plus public and Church holidays.

A further letter from the Local Branch of the I.T. & G.W. Union asking that workmen employed by the Council on the Foreshore Protection Works be paid at the building trade rate, i.e. 3/4d. per hour. The Manager remarked that the grant for Foreshore Works was made out of the Employment Schemes Vote and in undertaking works with the aid of such grants it has been the established practice to pay wages comparable to those paid to ordinary Urban Council labourers. In the case of the present scheme the estimate for the work was approved on the basis of ordinary unskilled rates. It was agreed not to increase the rate of pay in respect of this scheme, but that in the case of all future works of a similar nature consideration would be given to the payment of the building trade rate to unskilled workers employed thereon, when the Scheme was being prepared.

PROPOSED SCHEME OF HOUSES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: The Town Clerk stated that he had received 6 applications for tenancy of the proposed scheme of 4 houses at St. Patrick's Avenue. Councillor Everett remarked that there would have been more application had the scheme been advertised as a purchase scheme. Regarding a Purchase Scheme, the Manager explained that the loan would have to be repaid over a period of 30 years instead of 50 years which would mean that the weekly repayments would be higher, but before they could be decided on, such a Scheme, they would have to ask the Minister for Local Government if he would make a loan available for this purpose. The Town Clerk stated that he estimated the rents of the houses under the proposed scheme, would be around 45/- per week. In reply to Councillor Carroll the Town Clerk said that the houses would be of a bungalow type and that there would be some saving on the site work due to development previously carried out there. He further stated that the Architect was presently drawing up draft plans but before they could proceed with the scheme it would have to receive the sanction of the Minister. It was agreed to go ahead with the building of the houses and to apply to the Minister regarding the availability of a loan for a Purchase Scheme.

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

Monthly Report - January, 1960

Waterworks: During the month 150 tons of special filter sand was delivered to the waterworks and one set of filter beds was completely cleaned out and refilled with new sand. It would be necessary to do likewise with the other beds early in the present year.

During the past week workmen have been actively engaged in clearing the sewer along the Strand St., which runs from the Boathouse down Strand St. and discharges into the river near Messrs Haskins' premises. Large quantities of gravel and silt had had made their way into the sewer during the bad weather, when the promenade and Strand St. areas were flooded. We are endeavouring to clear the sewer by drawing a drag-line through but are meeting with some difficulty. If that method is not successful, I will have to open up a section of the sewer in Upper Strand St. in order to clear it. That course had to be adopted some years ago.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The Town Clerk submitted a report of Mr. Mooney on the Waste Water Inspection he had carried out in the town. It was a very comprehensive report and listed the premises where there are leakages. In brief there were 100 defects in house services and 12 Street leakages. The Waste Water Inspector had recommended that in order to maintain the necessary water supply a house to house inspection should take place to investigate wastage. He also recommended that where leakages were detected in private property a Notice should be served on the owner to have the repairs carried out within 5 days. The reports were noted.

Councillor Everett enquired as to what was being done about replacing the flag stones which had been taken up in Main St. The Town Surveyor replied that the flag stones could not be put back as there were dangerous and might cause injury to someone. Councillor Everett pointed out that where was a resolution on the books for the past two years about these flag stones and that the permission of the Council should have been asked before the business of removing them was commenced. On the suggestion of the Chairman further discussion was postponed to the next meeting and the Town Clerk was instructed to have a copy of the resolution relative to the flag stones brought before that meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Doyle enquired as to why the lease of yard to the Misses O'Brien was not before the Council for sealing. The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. Cullen, Solicitor for the O'Briens, wherein he indicated that the map has apparently been lost but that he would have a new map prepared at once. The Council instructed the Town Clerk to inform Mr. Cullen to have the lease ready for the next meeting.

Councillor Kavanagh enquired as to what progress had been made regarding an alternative site for the dumping ground and the County Manager replied that he had that day inspected a site at St. Patrick's Road which had been recommended by the Town Surveyor. It was not a completely ideal site but it would be sufficient for a number of years. It was situated well away from dwelling houses but might require some screening so as to hide the dump from the Marlton Road. He understood that the owner was Mrs. O'Reilly of Mount Carmel. Council decided that an approach be made to Mrs. O'Reilly as to the availability of the site for use as a dumping ground.

The meeting then concluded.

Gas Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
26th February, 1960.

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 March, 1960, 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 2nd February, 1960 (copy herewith).
2. Letter from The Irish National Ratepayers' Organisation re Repeal of Malicious Injury Act.
3. Filling of Two Vacancies on Council - (a) Nomination of Messrs G. Haughton and W. Hopkins by Wicklow Independents' Committee supported by Memorial containing 690 signatures and (b) Nomination of Messrs J. Kelly and F. Conway by Erskine Childers' Cumann Fianna Fail.
4. Dumping Ground - Correspondence with Mrs. O'Reilly re alternative site for dumping ground.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - Correspondence from Department of Local Government.
6. Superannuation - making provision for payment of Retiring Allowance to Denis Hanlon (Labourer).
7. Proposed Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue - Consideration of sketch plans etc. prepared by Consultant Architect.
8. Letter from F.C.A. re site for Army Hut.
9. Fixing date of Annual Estimates Meeting.
10. Sealing of Leases - (a) Premises at Market Sq. - Mrs. Josephine Byrne and (b) Premises at Market Sq. - Misses O'Brien.
11. Letting of Plot of Ground at St. Laurence's Park ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre approx.) for tillage.
12. Report on Council Tenants who have erected T... Aerials on their houses.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
14. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST MARCH, 1960

Present: Councillor J. Carroll, Vice-Chairman, presiding, Councillors E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, J. Everett, T.D., J. Kelly and F. Conway.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Chairman, Mr. C. W. Hudson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 2nd February, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON COUNCIL: It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved: "That Messrs James Kelly and Francis Conway be co-opted to the vacancies on the Council." Members welcomed the new Councillors and having signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Councillors Kelly and Conway took their seats at the Council table.

MALICIOUS INJURY ACT: The Council unanimously adopted a resolution forwarded by the Irish National Ratepayers Organisation calling for the repeal of the Malicious Injury Act.

DUMPING GROUND: A letter was read from Mrs. O'Reilly, Mount Carmel, indicating that she was not prepared to make available portion of her field at St. Patrick's Rd. for use by the Council as a dumping ground. Councillor Everett suggested that an effort be made to obtain the field owned by Mr. Dickenson near the railway station and after some discussion it was decided that approach be made to Mr. Dickenson on the matter and also to inquire from C.I.E. as to the use of the station approach road as access to the proposed dumping ground.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister had approved of a revised scheme described hereunder and estimated to cost £3,300 for Foreshore Protection Works:-

- (a) Fill cavities in the promenade with rock of suitable size and repair breaches in the wall with rough concrete;
- (b) place large boulders in the form of rip-rap pitching in front of the promenade wall for 230 lineal yards southward from the northern end of the promenade, and for a length of 100 lineal yards of promenade (or sea-wall) at the southern end where serious damage is also threatened;
- (c) place a quantity of rock at northern corner of promenade to protect its flank from further damage.

The letter indicated that approval had been obtained from the Minister for Finance to the allocation of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote not exceeding £2475 including the amount of £600 notified on the 12th September, 1959 towards the £3,300 Scheme. The grant is subject to the Council conforming with the employment pattern set out in form O.D.5 and to the further condition that they will contribute the balance of the cost and undertake to maintain the works when completed.

The Town Surveyor reported that work is proceeding satisfactorily despite inclement weather conditions on a number of occasions. Up to to-day 3,000 tons of boulders have been brought in and placed in position and it is hoped to have a further 800 tons approx. in position before the work is terminated in about a weeks time. The Department of Local Government had recommended the placing of boulders at the northern end of the promenade but it will not be possible to do so as the promenade decking towards the northern end suffered more damage in recent storms and is too unstable to be transversed by lorries. Instead of devoting portion of the present grant towards remedying this unstable decking I consider it more advisable to concentrate on getting as large a quantity of boulders as possible into position to the seaward side of the promenade wall.

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The meeting adopted the Town Surveyor's report. The Council agreed also to give the undertaking to the Minister for Local Government that they would maintain the scheme of works when completed.

SUPERANNUATION - DENIS HANLON: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Denis Hanlon employed on the Council's Scavenging Staff had retired with effect from 22/2/1960 after nearly 40 years of service and it would be necessary to make provision for the payment of a superannuation allowance to him. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve the paying of a retiring allowance in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1956, in sum of £240. 16. 6. to Denis Hanlon (Labourer) with effect from the date of retirement, 22nd February, 1960, and we hereby approve the necessary overexpenditure in the current year."

PROPOSED HOUSES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: The Town Clerk submitted sketch plans for two pairs of semi-detached bungalows at St. Patrick's Avenue which had been prepared by the Council's Architect, Mr. J. P. Butler, M.R.I.A.I. The total floor area of each bungalow is 909 sq. ft. compared with an area of 710 sq. ft. approx. in the bungalows built at Castle St. The Architect's estimate of the over-all cost of each bungalow is £1,850 and there was a possibility that a Government Grant of £275 per dwelling might be obtained, which would reduce the cost to £1,585. The Town Clerk explained that if a Tenant Purchase Scheme in respect of these bungalows were to be adopted the weekly repayments on the basis of a 35 year loan would be approximately 52/- per week. This would include repayments of loan and weekly instalments of ground rent and rates. On the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was decided to enquire if the applicants for tenancy of the houses would be interested in a Tenant Purchase Scheme and also to invite new applicants on the basis of a Tenant Purchase Scheme. It was further decided that the sketch plan be submitted to the Department of Local Government for the approval of the Minister and a request made for a 35 year loan for a Tenant Purchase Scheme.

SITE FOR ARMY HUT: A letter was read from the Commandant 21st Infantry Battalion, applying for a site on the Ball Alley for the purpose of erecting thereon a hut measuring 90' x 21' x 8' high, which would be used as offices, store and a drill hall for local members of the F.C.A. Having discussed the matter the Council were of the opinion that the site suggested by the army might not be altogether suitable due to its proximity to the Convent and Fever Hospital and it was suggested that a site under Matthew Byrne's rear wall might be better. It was decided to write to the applicant regarding the suggested alternative site and that he be asked to submit a plan showing the exact site required and the position of the hut thereon.

ESTIMATES MEETING: Tuesday, 29th March, 1960, was fixed as the date of the Annual Estimates Meeting.

PREMISES AT MARKET SQ - MRS. J. BYRNE: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial wherein the Wicklow U.D.C. grant to Mrs. Josephine Byrne a renewal of the lease of her premises at Market Sq., Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1949, at an annual rent of £3. 0. 0."

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

PREMISES AT MARKET SQ. - THE MISSES O'BRIEN: A letter was read from Mrs. E. Hynes and Miss G. Carroll calling on the Council, before the Seal was fixed to the lease in respect of the yard, to make provision for a rear access passage-way. Councillors Kavanagh and Kelly enquired as to the present position regarding the granting of a right-of-way and Mrs. Hynes, who was present at the meeting, also addressed the Council on the matter. It was explained by Councillors Everett and Doyle that the Misses O'Brien had agreed that when they would receive the lease of the yard they would be prepared to grant a right-of-way.

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

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"That the Seal of the Council be hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial wherein the Council lease to Elizabeth and Mary O'Brien a piece or plot of ground comprising yard with shed thereon at Market Sq., Wicklow, for a term of 31 years from 29th September, 1958, at an annual rent of £2. 10. 0."

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

PLOT OF GROUND AT ST. LAURENCE'S PARK: The Town Clerk mentioned that as a result of advertisement a small plot of ground ($\frac{1}{2}$ acre approx.) at St. Laurence's Park had been let to Mr. Laurence Doolan, 18, St. Laurence's Park, for tillage purposes during 1959 for £4. Mr. Doolan had now applied for the plot of ground for the current year. The Council unanimously recommended that he be given the plot on the same terms as applied last year at a rent of £4.

ERECTION OF T.V. AERIALS ON COUNCIL HOUSES: The Town Clerk read a report from the Rent Collector indicating that 23 Council tenants had erected T.V. aerials on the roofs of the houses occupied by them. The County Manager mentioned that it would be necessary for these people to take out an insurance policy covering third party liability on property damaged. It was agreed that the tenants be circulated indicating that it would be necessary to obtain the permission of the Council before erecting T.V. aerials, to indemnify the Council against any damage to persons or property arising out of the erection of such aerials and to take out an insurance policy to cover their liability in the event of any damage to persons or property.

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

Monthly Report - February, 1960

Roads: Pot holes were attended to in various roads during the course of the month and during the few short periods of frost icy patches were treated with gravel and sand.

Water Supply: The position is quite satisfactory with the entire town being served from the Old Reservoir with the exception of the few houses on the upper end of Dunbar Road. The level of the old pond is maintaining itself at about 6" below overflow.

Scavenging: During the course of the month Denis Hanlon who was on the Council's Scavenging Staff retired after nearly 40 years of service. I recommend the employment of Liam Dickenson to fill the vacancy on the regular staff of the Council. He is presently employed in a temporary capacity and also worked on the Foreshore Scheme and on the concrete road at Bond St.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

The Council recommended the employment of Mr. Liam Dickenson in place of Denis Hanlon retired and in reply to a query the Town Clerk explained that Mr. E. Kelly was employed in place of James Hanlon, who was on sick leave, and that it was hoped to continue his employment as he would be required in connection with work at the Old Reservoir.

WICKLOW GOLF CLUB: An application was read from Wicklow Golf Club applying for the lease of a small field adjoining the Golf Links and the Glen Turn. The Town Clerk mentioned that the field was presently let on the 11 months system at a rent of £6. A discussion took place regarding the Golf Club's requirement of this field and Councillor Kavanagh explained how it was proposed to be used. Reference was made to a future proposed road widening scheme at the Glen Turn and on the suggestion of the County Manager it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter to the next monthly meeting and meanwhile the Town Surveyor to prepare a map showing the area of the field which could be leased to the Golf Club and the area to be retained by the Council to provide for any future road widening scheme at the Glen Turn.

MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS OF LEITRIM PLACE: A Memorial was read from the residents of Leirim Place complaining about the condition of the roadway due to the "fall-out" of fertilizer from C.I.E. lorries engaged in haulage between the Goods Station and Shamrock Fertilizers premises at the North Quay. The Council instructed the Town Clerk to write to C.I.E. drawing their attention to these complaints and instructing them to provide adequate covers on the lorries.

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TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: (1) De La Salle Brothers: The Council approved of an alteration in the site of the proposed extension already approved to the De La Salle Brothers College at Church Hill.
(2) Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd: The Council recommended that approval be given to the proposal of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for the erection of a Sulphuric Acid plant at Lr. Strand St. in accordance with plans submitted. Approval to be subject to the firm complying with the requirements of the Town Surveyor and the County Medical Officer of Health.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Town Clerk mentioned that he had received complaints from the tenants of the Council houses on the Murrough regarding delivery vans lorries etc. tearing up the grass margin between the houses and the concrete road. The Council agreed that a sign be erected prohibiting vehicular traffic going in on the grass margin.

Councillor Conway mentioned the condition of the roadway at Bond St. and the County Manager explained that this was the responsibility of Shamrock Fertilizers as the condition was due to their manufacturing processes and accordingly the cleaning of same would not be the responsibility of the Council.

Councillor Kelly referred to a large pot hole at Kilmantin Road near the entrance to the Mass Path and the Town Surveyor promised to have it attended to.

Councillor Doyle proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Councillor O'Rourke, which was seconded by Councillor Kelly. The Chairman and all Councillors present and the County Manager joined in the tribute to the memory of the late Councillor O'Rourke. The Town Clerk said he had been requested by Councillor Hudson to associate him with the tribute paid to Councillor O'Rourke. The resolution was passed in silence, all present standing.

The meeting then concluded.

Gas Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETINGHELD ON 29TH MARCH, 1960Present: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 4th April, 1960, at 7.30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement Acts, 1854.

Joe Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
1st April, 1960.

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 April, 1960, 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 1st March, 1960 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Sligo Corporation re request for discount on electricity accounts.
3. Letter from Alderman Noel M. Eschle, Slough Borough Council re proposed visit to Wicklow.
4. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - sealing of Mortgage in respect of supplementary loan in sum of £1050.
5. Application for consent to assignment of lease - Wicklow Motors Ltd. to Wire Ropes Ltd.
6. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - application for consent to transfer of loan from John J. Mooney to Robert F. Shirley.
7. Dumping Ground - correspondence re alternative site.
8. Wicklow Golf Club - application for lease of field at The Glen.
9. Town & Regional Planning Acts:-
 - (a) Alterations and improvements to Parochial House
 - (b) Alterations and improvements to Presbytery.
 - (c) Extension to Misses Kent's dwellinghouse at Church Hill
 - (d) Alterations to The Rectory.
10. Premises at Lr. Strand St. (Mrs. A. Ring) - Sealing Deed of Surrender of Lease.
11. Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. - lease of plot of ground at Lr. Strand St. for sulphur store.
12. Proposed Housing Scheme at St. Patrick's Avenue.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
14. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
11th March, 1960.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on the 31st March, 1961

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1961, are given. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 29th March, 1960.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £38,920, the receipts are taken at £18,167 and the net amount which will have to be levied from rates consequently is £20,753. This will require a rate of 39/5d. in the £, after allowance has been made for credits available from the current year of £480. 38/10
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The expenditure and receipts under the four main charge headings for 1960/61 together with the corresponding figures for the current year are set out below (the figures for the current year are shown in parenthesis):-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Net Expenditure</u>
Roads	£2,386 (£1,595)	£1,075 (£75)	£1,311 (£1,520)
Sanitary Services	£7,007 (£6,455)	£1,685 (£1,501)	£5,322 (£4,954)
Housing	£13,628 (£13,632)	£11,729 (£11,579)	£1,899 (£2,053)
General Urban Purposes	£15,899 (£15,255)	£3,678 (£3,623)	£12,221 (£11,632)
	<u>£38,920 (£36,937)</u>	<u>£18,167 (£16,778)</u>	<u>£20,753 (£20,159)</u>

For the present year the rate allowed by the Council was 38/2d. so that the Estimates now presented for the coming year would entail an increased rate of 1/3d.

Although there are many variations in the costs of services the increased rate is in the main attributable to three items: County Council Demand 8d; Loan Charges on new Foreshore Protection Works 5d; and the necessity to provide for Local Elections 1½d. These are three items for which provision must be made in the coming year and there is no possibility of off-setting them by reductions under other headings.

Some time ago the Council agreed to allow increases in remuneration to their staff which corresponded roughly with those which had been arranged for comparable types of employment much earlier in the year. When doing this, however, the Council were aware that any increases in wages and salaries would be off-set by a reduction in the outlay on superannuation owing to the death of two former officers of the Council who had retired quite recently.

A supplementary loan for the Regional Water Supply Scheme will involve additional Loan Charges in the coming year but these are off-set almost completely by an increase in receipts from water rents. It would not have been possible to provide the water supply from which these receipts are derived if the Council did not have an adequate quantity of water available for all purposes as a result of the completion of the Regional Scheme.

ROADS:

Employment Schemes: The gross cost of the Employment Schemes is shown in the Estimates at £1,075. However, there would be a State Grant of £1,000 so that the net cost to the Council would be £75, as in previous years. The Grant is shown under the heading of Roads Receipts. In 1959/60 the Council received a grant of £1,100 towards which they were required to add a contribution of £110 from rates. The total amount available, £1,210, was used in the construction of a new concrete roadway leading towards the Harbour from Bond St. The new roadway will serve both the harbour and new industries in the vicinity. The Council has now constructed in concrete the entire length of roadway in the harbour area for which they are responsible, and have thereby provided a much needed facility for the present-day heavy industrial traffic in the district. The total cost of the new road was £2,035. The remaining short stretch of roadway to the Packet Pier which has not been reconstructed is in the charge of the Harbour Commissioners.

Ordinary Road Works: The provision for Ordinary Road Works (Wages and Materials) at £888, shows an increase of £139 due to the provision to be made for alterations in wage rates. With this money normal maintenance and repairs (such as pot-hole filling, side dressing etc) will be carried out. For the re-surfacing of roads by tar spraying £100, which was the sum allowed by the Council in the present year, has been included in the Estimates. It will be evident that only very limited work could be done with this provision. The Town Surveyor has again submitted a list of works which he considers should be undertaken. He states that several roads are in urgent need of tar spraying and that if they are allowed to go into a state of disrepair they eventually will cost much more to be put in order. The list of roads and footpaths which he regards as needing attention, together with the costs involved are as follows:-

(1) Tarsurfacing:

(a) Castle St.	£200	
(b) St. Laurence's Rd.	£110	
(c) Friars' Hill	£200	
(d) St. Dominick's Rd.	£100	
(e) Kilmantin Hill	£350	
(f) New Park Road	£300	
(g) St. Patrick's Road	£250	
(h) Church Hill and Brickfield Lane	£400	£1,910

(2) Footpaths:

Paths to Houses at Castlefield	£225
Wall at Castle Park (Cooper's Lane)	£90
Total	£2,225

The total cost of all these would be £2,225 and if they were to be carried out in one year would require a rate of 4/7d. Each year the Town Surveyor has submitted that the amount allowed to him for Road Maintenance by way of surface dressing is altogether inadequate and last year it was suggested that the Council might, with the aid of the E.S.V. Grant, try to construct each year in concrete new lengths of roadway, which would entail no maintenance whatever for many years to come. If this were found to be too slow a method of bringing some of the more important thoroughfares to a satisfactory condition, the Council might perhaps agree to a short term loan to hasten the programme of reconstruction. It is suggested moreover, that in using the Employment Schemes Grant, priority should be given to the reconstruction of roads, as footpaths are nowadays relatively satisfactory, especially when compared with some of the road surfaces in parts of the town.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The total cost of these services is estimated at £6,907 and after taking into account receipts of £1,625 the net outlay would be £5,282.

Water Supply: The Wicklow Regional Scheme came into operation in July, 1959. It was fortunate that it was available as there was a long period of exceptionally dry weather in 1959 and the Council's existing water

supply at Marlton was unable to meet the requirements of the town. For a number of months in the year the town was completely dependent on the Regional Scheme and indeed the position would have been extremely serious if the new water supply had not been completed in good time to meet this emergency. Advantage was taken of the change over to the Regional Supply to carry out much needed repairs to the Council's Reservoir at Marlton. Serious leakages in the Reservoir were staunched and defects in the pipe line leading from it were rectified. These measures, which were carried out by the Contractor who had been engaged for laying a new main in Dunbur Road area, will serve to conserve the supply at Marlton and to make it much more effective.

The Regional Scheme involved a Supplementary Loan of £3,500 of which 30% or £1,050 is to be met by Wicklow Urban Council. The Loan Charge arising from this new loan is £100 but after taking into account State Subsidy the net additional outlay will be £58. The total cost of the Regional Scheme came to £89,830 and it is found that it is about 4 per cent in excess of the original Contract and Estimate. On a major costly undertaking of this type this must be regarded as satisfactory especially when account is taken of the extremely difficult terrain over which the pipe line had to be laid. It is only right that mention should be made of the care and attention given to every aspect of the planning and construction of this very complex Scheme by the Consultant, Professor P. F. Purcell, M.A.I.

In order that the supply at Marlton be kept in good order it would be necessary to clean filter beds and provide new material for them in the coming year. The Regional Scheme never was intended at any time to supply throughout the entire year the full needs of the town; it was planned as a scheme to augment the existing supply and this was taken into account in the apportionment of the capital costs, only 30% of which have been charged to the Urban Council.

Last year the Council only allowed £150 for the maintenance of the Marlton Supply and this was in the event found to be altogether inadequate. The total expenditure on repairs and improvements at Marlton was £560, of which sum £260 was met from Capital - being an unexpended balance on the loan obtained for the new main at Dunbur Road. In the coming year the expenditure which will have to be incurred in maintaining the Marlton Supply is estimated at £350, which would be an increase of £200, over the provision made for the current year.

The new Watermain to serve the Dunbur Road district was completed in October, 1959, and since that date there has been a satisfactory supply in that area. The Loan Charges involved is £265 and provision has been made for this in the Estimates. Some years ago the Council laid a new main from Market Sq. along Dunbur Road at a cost of £3,600 and the main which was recently completed cost £2,600. In all therefore the Council have spent £6,200 on improving the water supply in this area in the past 10 years. A new Watermain at the North Quay which was installed about 8 years ago cost over £700 and without it supplies could not have been given to ships and industries in that area. It will be seen that quite apart from the new Regional Scheme which has involved the Council in a Capital Cost of £26,950 about £7,000 has already been spent in recent years on the laying of new watermains.

The defects in the existing distribution system have been given much consideration by the Council in the past twelve months. In an effort to find leakages leading to waste a special inspection was carried out by a person with special skill and long experience in this type of work. It led to the finding of many leaks, which should help to conserve the supply. But it is clear that apart from such measures to reduce consumption it will be necessary in the near future to re-lay some of the old mains in the centre of the town. Provision has not been made in the present Estimates for the loan charges to meet any part of the Capital Cost which these works would entail and which will be quite considerable. If, however, it happens that there are increased receipts from the industrial consumption of water it would be imperative that a main re-laying programme be arranged.

For many years the water supply to the town was unsatisfactory and the Council always felt that the uncertainty of the position might have

grave consequences especially during periods of prolonged dry weather. The advantage of the Regional Scheme and the repairs carried out last year to the Reservoir at Marlton should help to relieve the Council from this pressing anxiety. It is of interest to note that the additional costs involved, after taking into account the provision now being included for maintenance works on the Filter Beds at Marlton over the outlay on the water supply some years ago, when it was both unsatisfactory and uncertain, represents a rate of about 1/3d. in the £. Many years ago it had often been stated that an additional rate of 2/6d. or more would not by any means be an excessive charge if a satisfactory water supply could be obtained.

Public Lighting: The amount provided for Public Lighting is £497 and shows no change from the charge in the present year. The number of lamps at present is 96.

Burial Grounds - Demand from The Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

The Demand for the coming year is £296 and shows a reduction of £5.

Scavenging: Apart from the additional provision for wage increases which comes to £104, there is no change in the charge for scavenging. Some time ago it was recommended that arrangements might be made for a household refuse collection system available to all dwellings as in other Urban Districts. At present the refuse collection is only provided by the Council for householders who contribute £1 per year by way of special payment. As a result less than one third of the houses in the town have a refuse collection service. It is felt that it would be in the interests of the community to provide a mechanised service which could collect refuse from every household even though this would involve an increase of about 1/- in the Municipal Rates. Moreover, the present system of collection of Street Refuse scarcely meets with modern conditions and requirements. If better results are to be obtained, even for the money which is nowadays being spent on scavenging, then it seems that a mechanised service should be arranged.

During the year efforts were made to find a new dumping ground. A number of sites were inspected and in considering their suitability regard had to be had to their distance from the centre of the town. If a new site were any way far removed the cost of scavenging would rise. So far it has not been possible to find an alternative site which would meet the requirements of the Council.

Recently a member of the Council's outdoor staff retired and it became necessary to provide for his superannuation, which comes to £269; part of this sum is applicable to the present financial year and is now included as special provision had not been made for it in the 1959/60 Estimates.

HOUSING: The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £13,628 and after allowing for receipts of £11,729 from Rents and State Subsidy, the net expenditure is £1,899. This outlay, requiring a rate of 3/4d. represents the measure of subsidy which is afforded by the rates towards Housing.

Maintenance and Repair: For the present year the Council allowed £820 for repairs, but once again the provision made was found to be inadequate. As a result of having to arrange for urgent repairs the expenditure in the current year is expected to reach £980. Of this expenditure £450 was spent on painting and the balance of £530 was on repairs, which includes the sum of £102 on pointing and repairing brickwork on houses at The Murrugh. From this experience it seems that about £500 should be allowed for ordinary repairs and that the sum for painting should be only about £300 if the total provision made is not to be exceeded. In submitting the Estimates last year £950 was included for Housing Repairs and Maintenance but this was reduced to £820 and it is suggested that if a similar amount be allowed in the coming year, it will be necessary to curtail the painting programme so as to ensure that the amount available for normal maintenance, including urgent items such as sanitary fittings etc., will be adequate.

New Scheme at St. Patrick's Avenue: Plans for a small scheme of houses at St. Patrick's Avenue have been submitted by the Council's Architect and the details have been transmitted to the Local Government Department

for their views on the proposal. If the Scheme be undertaken during the coming year it is expected that any loan charges which would arise would be met by rents.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES: The expenditure under this heading includes many items such as School Meals, Foreshore Maintenance, Corporate Estate Maintenance, Cheap Fuel Scheme, Allotments, Insurance of Council Property, Printing, Stationery etc., but the major item is the County Council Demand.

The total expenditure is estimated at £15,899 and of this the County Council Demand would be £9,757.

Foreshore Maintenance: As a result of the considerable damage done by heavy storms to the Foreshore in December last, urgent repairs had to be undertaken. After negotiations with the Local Government Department a grant of £2,475 was received by way of State Grant, provided the Council contributed £825. The latter contribution is being raised by a loan, repayable over 5 years which in the coming year will result in a loan charge of £202. This is equivalent to a rate of 5d. in the £, but the expenditure had to be incurred as if the breach in the Foreshore Protection Works had not been repaired without delay the consequences would have been very serious. The works already carried out have stayed further damage, but it seems that of themselves they would not be adequate to meet the situation and further costly works undoubtedly will have to be undertaken in the near future. The present scheme of repairs is costing £3,300 but earlier in the year the Council erected buttressing to the sea-wall which was carried out at a cost of £900, of which the Council contributed £225, the balance coming from State Grants. In all the Council has to provide in the Estimates for the coming year a sum of £500 for Foreshore Protection Works, and this is equivalent to a rate of about 1/1d. in the £. It seems moreover that unless a greater proportion of the cost of such defence works be defrayed by the State, the charge on the rates in the coming years for this purpose may be very burdensome. The result could be that so much would have to be spent on Foreshore Works that other items which are essential to the well-being of any progressive town, such as improvements to the water supply and sewerage and provision of amenities, would have to be set aside.

School Meals: The total cost for the coming year is again estimated at £330 of which £160 will be met by State Grants. The average number of Children availing of the School Meals Scheme is about 100 and the cost per meal works out at 7½d.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: Under this Scheme 1 cwt. of machine-won turf per week is supplied to necessitous households during the Winter months. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £1,300, and the number of households availing of the Scheme at present is 200. The cost of the Scheme is met by State Grants and by the County Council through Public Assistance.

Local Elections: Local elections will be held next June and it is necessary to provide for their cost, which is estimated at £60.

County Council Demand: For the coming year the Demand shows an increase of £330 which would require an additional rate of 8d. The following table shows how the Demand for 1960/61 compares with that for the current year:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>1959/60</u>	<u>1960/61</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>
Main Roads	£1,386	£2,082	£696 (Increase)
Public Assistance	£616	£345	£271 (Decrease)
Mental Hospital	£1,331	£1,649	£318 (Increase)
Health (County)	£4,522	£3,498	£1,024 (Decrease)
General Purposes (County)	£601	£1,073	£472 (Increase)
Fire Brigade	£328	£357	£29 (Increase)
Library	£70	£70	Nil
Separate Charges	£573	£683	£110 (Increase)

Some of the increases that will be noted are off-set by reductions under other headings, e.g. the increase in Roads is off-set by a re-

duction in Health Charges. There are a number of items, however, which can be regarded as accounting for the increase in the Demand for the coming year, these being, Mental Hospital, Separate Charges (resulting from Malicious Injuries Decrees) and the necessity to provide for increased outlay for Vocational Education, Fire Brigades and for Elections.

Mention once more must be made of the satisfactory manner in which the members of the Council's staff have discharged their duties in the past year. At the same time it is regretted to have to record the death of an officer who had over many years given most faithful and diligent service to the Council; I refer to Mr. B. O'Toole, Town Sergeant, who died in October, 1959, only a very short time after he had retired owing to ill health. The present satisfactory condition of many of the Council's services is due to the interest and application of the late Mr. O'Toole; he could always be relied upon to achieve quite unusual results with restricted funds. One would also like to pay tribute to the late Councillor J. O'Rourke who for a number of years was a most respected and very helpful member of the Council.

To you, Mr. Chairman and to the members of the Council, I would like to convey my thanks and appreciation for the assistance and advice given to me during the course of the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

Wicklow County Manager

SANITARY SERVICES

Batteries	174	174
Retiring Allowances	462	462
Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir	75	75
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	350	200
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	400	400
Sewerage (Wages: 277, Material: 140)	417	417
Public Conveniences	50	50
Scavenging	929	929
Burial Ground (Demand: Joint Burial Board)	296	296
Public Lighting	497	497
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges</u>		
1935 Sewer Water Extension	32	32
1937 Water Works Improvement	215	215
1896 3% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	-	-
1922 5% (3½%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	-	-
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbar Road)	124	124
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbar Rd)	104	104
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	41	41
1952 Purchase of Field at Mariton Road (Waterworks)	-	-
1956 Public Conveniences at Town Hall	72	72
1958 Regional Water Supply	2654	2654
1960 Regional Water Supply (Suppl.)	100	100
1959 Link Watermain at Dunbar Road	265	265
	67,007	£ 6,357

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1960/61

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>		
Special Grant Works	1075	1075
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £808 Materials: £80)	888	888
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.	100	100
Retiring Allowances	78	78
Salaries	135	135
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1953 - St. Patrick's Rd. Improvement	-	-
1953 - Murrrough Road in Concrete	110	110
	£2,386	£2,386
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	174	174
Retiring Allowances	462	462
Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir	75	75
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	350	200
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	400	400
Sewerage (Wages: £77, Materials: £40)	117	117
Public Conveniences	50	50
Scavenging	929	929
Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	296	296
Public Lighting	497	497
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1935 Sewer and Water Extension	32	32
1937 Waterworks Improvement	215	215
1898 3¼% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	-	-
1922 5% (3½%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	-	-
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	124	124
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Rd)	144	144
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	41	41
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Road (Waterworks)	-	-
1956 Public Convenience at Town Hall	72	72
1958 Regional Water Supply	2654	2654
1960 Regional Water Supply (Suppl.)	100	100
1959 Link Watermain at Dunbur Road	265	265
	£7,007	£ 6,857

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repair
 Salaries Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc)
 Rent Collector's Poundage
 Retiring Allowances Buildings
 Printing, Stationery, Advertising
 Insurances
 Rates on Council Houses
 Housing Letting Grant

Loan Charges:

1932 - 10 Houses Scheme
 1934 - 28 Houses Scheme
 1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme
 1937 - 120 Houses Scheme
 1938 - 120 Houses Scheme
 1940 - 120 Houses Scheme
 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme
 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme
 1947 - 80 Houses Scheme
 1948 - 80 Houses Scheme
 1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St.
 1898 - 3 1/4% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund
 Etc.
 1960 - 4 Houses Scheme (St. Patrick's Ave)

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan
 1948 Loan
 1949 Loan
 1950 Loan
 1956 Loan

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Maintenance and Repair	820	450
Salaries Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc)	135	135
Rent Collector's Poundage	399	399
Retiring Allowances Buildings	-	-
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	45	45
Insurances	129	129
Rates on Council Houses	2815	2815
Housing Letting Grant	40	40
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1932 - 10 Houses Scheme	233	233
1934 - 28 Houses Scheme	640	640
1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme	29	29
1937 - 120 Houses Scheme	2572	2572
1938 - 120 Houses Scheme	152	152
1940 - 120 Houses Scheme	103	103
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme	974	974
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme	84	84
1947 - 80 Houses Scheme	65	65
1948 - 80 Houses Scheme	2620	2620
1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St.	183	183
1898 - 3 1/4% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund Etc.	-	-
1960 - 4 Houses Scheme (St. Patrick's Ave)	10	10
<u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u>		
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1934 Loan	72	72
1948 Loan	240	240
1949 Loan	480	480
1950 Loan	563	563
1956 Loan	225	225
	£13,628	£13,258

Treasurer's Interest
 Rent of Pound
 Miscellaneous
Loan Charges:
 1945 - New Postbridge
 1955 - Foreshore Protection Works
 1960 - Additional Foreshore Protection Works

	10	10
	39	39
	40	40
	65	65
	125	125
	202	202
	65,142	£61,142

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>		
Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc)	68	68
Town Hall Repairs	-	-
Demolition of Ruinous Buildings	5	5
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	10	10
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £150 Materials £26)	176	176
Tree Planting	-	-
Foreshore Maintenance (Wages: £122 Materials: £52)	174	174
Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges	5	5
Band Performances	35	35
Milk and Dairies	1	1
Tourist Development	-	-
School Meals: Cost of Food	250	250
Administration	80	80
Allotments	320	320
Salaries	1385	1385
Rate Collector's Poundage	560	560
Retiring Allowances	-	-
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp. Estate)	115	115
Audit Fees	46	46
Election Expenses	60	60
Legal Expenses	120	120
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	135	135
Rents on Council's Property	52	52
Rates on Council's Property	308	308
Insurance on Council's Property	14	14
Public and E.L. Insurances	142	142
Office Expenses	50	50
Discount on Rates	70	70
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	180	180
Cheap Fuel Scheme	1300	1300
Treasurer's Interest	10	10
Rent of Pound	39	39
Miscellaneous	40	40
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1946 - New Footbridge	65	65
1956 - Foreshore Protection Works	125	125
1960 - Additional Foreshore Protection Works	202	202
	£6,142	£6,142

ROADS
 Employment Schemes Grant
 Estate Duty Grant
County Council Services:
 Main Roads
 Public Assistance
 Mental Hospital
 Health (County)
 General Purposes (County)
 Fire Brigade
 Library
 Separate Charges
 Receipts from Public Conveniences

HOUSING
 State Subsidy - 1932 Act (pro-
 State Grants: low houses (190 houses
 Scheme, 1948)
 State Subsidy - 2 houses, Castle St.
 Subsidy to Interest Rates
 Rents inclusive of Rates
 State Recoupment of Housing Letting
 Small Holdings (Acquisition)
 Repayment of Instalments (Old
 Repayment of Instalments (New)

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES
State Grants:
 County in 11
 Railway and
 School
 Repayment of Loans on Allotments
 Other

Other Receipts:
 Cheap Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contribut-
 ions and Recoupment by Co. Council)
 Corporate Letting Rents
 Licences and Fees
 Refund of Fees by Officers
 Refund by Co. Co. of half part of Fund
 Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour
 Loss Charges
 Miscellaneous

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
6142	6142
2082	2082
345	345
1649	1649
3498	3498
1073	1073
357	357
70	70
683	683
£15,899	£15,899
£38,820	£38,820
100	100
280	280
6968	6968
26	26
64	64
1567	1567
£11,729	£11,729
70	70
160	160
310	310
750	750
534	534
1430	1430
3	3
18	18
19	19
12	12
330	430
10	10
£3,678	£3,678
£18,167	£18,167

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ROADS

Employment Schemes Grant
Estate Duty Grant

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
1000	1000
75	75
£1,075	£1,075

SANITARY SERVICES

Domestic Scavenging
Water Rents
State Subsidy to Loan Charges - Watermain,
North Quay
Do. Regional Water Supply
Do. Regional Water Supply (Suppl.)
Do. New Watermain Dunbur Road
Receipts from Public Convenience

160	160
240	240
17	17
1060	1060
42	42
156	156
10	10
£1,685	£1,685

HOUSING

State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre
1948 Scheme)
State Grant: New Houses (60 Houses
Scheme, 1948)
State Subsidy - 2 Houses, Castle St.
Subsidy to Interest Rates
Rents inclusive of Rates
State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant
Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:
Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)

2380	2380
344	344
100	100
280	280
6968	6968
26	26
64	64
1567	1567
£11,729	£11,729

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants:

Bounty in lieu of Rates
Railway and Harbour Charges
School Meals
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments
Cheap Fuel Scheme

70	70
-	-
160	160
310	310
750	750

Other Receipts:

Cheap Fuel Scheme: (Recipients Contribut-
ions and recoupment by Co. Council)
Corporate Estate Rents
Licences and Fees
Refund of fees by Officers
Refund by Co. Co. of half rent of Pound
Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour
Loan Charges
Miscellaneous

538	538
1450	1450
3	3
18	18
19	19
-	10
350	450
10	10
£3,678	£3,788
£18,107	£18,217

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1960/61

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
Roads	£2386 ²³⁸⁶ 1000	£1075 10 5	£1311 13 11
Sanitary Services	£7007 6857	£1685 16 8 5	£5322 5172
Housing	£13628 13253	£11729 11 7 9	£1899 1529
General Urban Purposes	£15899 15899	£3678 37 8 3	£12221 12 11 1
	£38,920 38 10 0	£18,167 18 2 7	£20,753 20 1 23
Deduct Credit			£480 490
Total Requirements to be met by Rate Levy			£20,273 19633
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £. produces	£19,633		£42. 17. 4.
Rate in £. to meet total requirements of £20,273 would be			39/5d. in £. 38/2

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Total Valuation as per Valuation List		£11,204. 2. 0.
<u>Buildings:</u>	£10,105. 16. 0.	
Less: Remission under Housing Acts	£410. 0. 0.	£9,695. 16. 0.
<u>Land:</u>	£803. 1. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and Other Purposes	£42. 5. 0.	
2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5th of £760. 16. 0.)	£304. 6. 4.	£456. 9. 8.
<u>Land used as Railways:</u>	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: 2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£20. 2. 0.	£30. 3. 0.
<u>Railways Rated in full:</u>		£11. 0. 0.
<u>Half Rents:</u>	£166. 10. 0.	
Less: Half Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£82. 5. 0.	£82. 5. 0.
<u>Telegraphs:</u>		£1. 10. 0.
<u>Yards:</u>		£11. 0. 0.
Total Valuation for Rating Purposes		£10,288. 3. 8.

Rate of 1d. in £. produces.....£42. 17. 4.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESADJORNED ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 4TH APRIL, 1960

Present: Councillor J. Carroll, Vice-Chairman, Presiding, Councillors E. Kavanagh, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, J. Kelly, F. Conway, and J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Annual Estimates Meeting held on 29th March, 1960, were read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

It was decided on the suggestion of the County Manager to deal with the Estimates item by item as had been the practice in previous years.

On a first examination of the Expenditure no alterations were made. Under the heading of Receipts (General Urban Purposes) it was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Conway and agreed - "That a charge of 5/- per night be levied on Bodies, other than charitable organisation, for the use of the Town Hall for meetings - the charge being for the purpose of covering the cost of providing heating and lighting".

Councillor Doyle proposed that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners be asked to increase their contribution to Harbour Loan Charged from £350 to £450. This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed to.

The Council then returned to again consider the expenditure and under the heading of Water Supplies - Maintenance of Old Reservoir, a discussion took place regarding a reduction in the sum of £350. The Town Surveyor explained that it would be necessary in the present year to provide for a complete change of sand in the second set of filter beds, an item which had been postponed for a number of years. He said that his estimate in this respect was a very conservative one and strongly advised the Council against cutting it. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the amount allocated be reduced from £350 to £200.

The Council then dealt with the allocation of £820 for Housing Maintenance and it was eventually decided to reduce this by £370 to £450 by cutting out the painting of houses in the current year.

The Manager announced that the reduction so far made by the Council amounted to £630 or the equivalent of 1/3d. in the rate and this would leave the rate the same as in the current year.

It was proposed by Councillor Conway, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:- "That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961, as set out in Tables A, B, and C, thereof and we determine the rate set out in Column 8 of Table C of the Estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 38/2d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1961".

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A special report of the Town Surveyor on recent damage caused to the Foreshore was read and it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, that the report be submitted to the Department of Local Government with a request for a further grant to continue the scheme of boulders in the form of rip-rap pitching.

Councillor Everett proposed a vote of thanks to the County Manager, Town Clerk and staff for their assistance in dealing with the Estimates. The Chairman and other members associated themselves therewith and the County Manager replied.

The meeting then concluded.

J. Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 1960

Present: Councillor J. Carroll, Vice-Chairman, Presiding, Councillors E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, T. Conroy, F. Conway, J. Kelly and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack. Apologies were received from the Chairman, the County Manager and the Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 1st March, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO CORPORATION: The following resolution received from Sligo Corporation was read and adopted by the Council:-

"That we, the members of Sligo Corporation respectfully request the Minister for Transport and Power to consider the matter of an approach by his Department to the Electricity Supply Board with a view to this concern paying a discount to consumers in respect of accounts paid with a month of presentation."

A letter was read from Alderman Eschle, Slough Borough Corporation, indicating that he would be visiting Wicklow with a small party of railway men late in April and he would like to be received at the Town Hall and meet members of the Council. It was agreed to meet the party.

WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage on this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £1,050, proposed to be advanced by them to be the additional cost of the Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme and that the Seal be likewise affixed to Undertaking re punctual repayment of the instalments of the Loan".

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Deed of Mortgage and Undertaking.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - WICKLOW MOTORS LTD. TO WIRE ROPES LTD: The Council gave their consent to the Assignment of Indenture of Lease dated 29/12/49 of garage premises at Bond St., Wicklow, from Wicklow Motors Ltd. to Wire Ropes Ltd.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: An application was considered from Mr. R. F. Shirley, Dublin Rd., Carlow, to have the loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in the name of John J. Mooney, transferred to him, as he had purchased Mr. Mooney's bungalow. Councillor Everett indicated that he knew the applicant and would recommend him for the loan. The Council unanimously recommended that the transfer of the loan be granted.

An application was received from Mr. J. J. Mooney for a loan of £800. Mr. Mooney indicated that he proposed building a bungalow on the site adjoining that of Mr. Louis Carroll. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Manager was not favourably disposed to granting a second loan to Mr. Mooney as his repayment of instalments on the first loan had been far from satisfactory. Members were of the opinion that Mr. Mooney could hardly build a bungalow in keeping with the standard of the houses in the immediate vicinity within the cost he estimated. It was decided to adjourn the application to allow Mr. Mooney an opportunity of submitting plans for the type of dwelling he proposed to construct.

DUMPING GROUND: The Town Clerk reported that as a result of the Council's decision at their last meeting to seek a site on the Station Approach Road he had made enquiries from Mr. Dickenson, the owner of the field, but had received no reply. However, he understood that Mr. Dickenson was not keen on having a dumping ground on his land but was anxious to acquire builders' rubble. It had also been indicated to him by C.I.E. that there were not

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prepared to grant permission to the Council to use their private road to the station for the purpose of gaining access to the proposed dump and secondly there were not in favour of having a dumping ground immediately in front of the Passenger Station. After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conway that O'Driscoll's Bay be re-opened as a dumping ground, access thereto to be gained by way of the Brickfield Lane and this dump to be used for refuse collected by the Council from the north/eastern end of the town and that also a dumping ground be opened at the Lower Glen to cater for refuse collected by the Council from the south/eastern end of the town and also for dumping by private individuals.

WICKLOW GOLD CLUB: A map was submitted from the Town Surveyor showing the field in question and the portion which could be leased to the Golf Club and the portion to be retained by the Council to provide for a further road widening scheme at that point. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Carroll that a lease of portion of the field be granted to the Wicklow Golf Club subject to a further map being prepared by the Town Surveyor which would make provision for sufficient land to be retained by the Council to provide for access to the proposed dumping ground at the Lower Glen. The matter to be again considered at the next meeting of the Council and the rent of the lease be determined at that meeting, after consideration of the revised map. The resolution was passed, Councillor Conroy dissenting.

Councillor Conroy referred to the letting of lands for 11 months and proposed and it was seconded by the Chairman, that further lettings be arranged on the basis of 5 consecutive periods of 11 months instead of the single 11 months as at present. The Town Clerk indicated that he would not be authorised to act on such a resolution as it was a matter principally for the County Manager. He said he would bring it to the Manager's attention but did not think the proposal could be implemented in the present year as particulars of lands were due in the hands of the Auctioneer within the following few days.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: (1) Parochial House - The Council recommended that permission be granted for the proposed improvements and additional to the Parochial House, in accordance with the Town Surveyor's report. Councillor Conroy queried the proposed new entrance opposite St. Patrick's Road and the Town Clerk indicated that that was not being dealt with under the present application as the provision of a new entrance from a Main Road was a matter for the County Council. Council felt that the entrance should be permitted.

(2) Presbytery: In accordance with the report of the Town Surveyor the Council recommended that permission be granted for the proposed alterations to the Presbytery, including the provision of a new entrance drive and the re-siting of garages.

(3) Rectory: In accordance with the report of the Town Surveyor the Council recommended that permission be granted for the proposed alterations to the Rectory, Church Hill.

(4) Misses Kent's, Church Hill: The Town Clerk indicated that the Misses Kent had made application for permission for (a) the construction of a garage with new entrance from Brickfield Lane near the corner with Church Hill and (b) construction of additional rooms on the side of the existing house adjoining the premises of Mr. Hopkins, Solicitor. The Town Surveyor had opposed the proposal in the case of (a) on the grounds that the new entrance was too near the corner and that if allowed would preclude the improvement of the corner at a further date and (b) on the grounds that the light to the neighbouring dwelling would be effected. In this respect the County Manager upheld the views of the Town Surveyor and felt that the Council could not grant permission to the proposal. The Council were of the opinion that in both instances permission should be granted and recommended to the County Manager that this be done.

PREMISES AT LR. STRAND ST: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that for some time past and at the request of Mr. Van den Berg, Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. negotiations had been proceeding with Mrs. A. Ring for the surrender of her interest in a lease which she held from the Council of a plot

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of ground containing a number of old houses at Lr. Strand St. Quite recently the Council had re-housed the last occupant of these houses and Mrs. Ring had agreed to surrender on payment by the Council of compensation in sum of £100 and the waiver of their claim for rates and rents outstanding in sum of approximately £32. In this respect Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. had indicated that they were prepared to meet the cost of compensation payable and the legal costs in connection with the Surrender. The Council unanimously agreed to accept the Surrender.

LEASE TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The Town Clerk indicated that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. wished to acquire on lease the plot of ground now surrendered by Mrs. Ring together with some adjoining land for the purpose of constructing a sulphur store required in connection with the adjoining sulphuric acid plant. Members indicated that they were agreeable to grant the lease but felt that provision should be made for a passage-way about 6' wide between the proposed store and the boundary with the Gas Company premises in order to provide access from Bond St. and Strand St. onto the Sea Murrrough. It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That a lease of the plot of ground at Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, to be indicated on map to be prepared by the Town Surveyor, be granted to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 25 th March, 1960, at an annual rent of £10, subject to provision being made for a passage-way about 6' wide between the sulphur store to be erected on said plot and the boundary of the Gas Company's premises."

PROPOSED HOUSING SCHEME AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: The Town Clerk reported that he had submitted the plans of the proposed bungalows at St. Patrick's Avenue to the Department of Local Government with a request for approval and for the allocation of a loan to cover a Tenant Purchase Scheme. To date no approval was forthcoming. The 6 applicants who had applied for tenancy of the houses had also indicated that they would be willing to purchase them under the provision of a Tenant Purchase Scheme. Noted. Department to be pressed for approval to proceeding with the Scheme.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The monthly report of the Town Surveyor was received and read as follows:-

Monthly Report - March, 1960

Water Supply: The level of the Pond at the 'Old' Reservoir is still at overflow. During the month the clear water tank attached to the "new" filter beds was washed and cleaned out. These beds were recently filled with new sand and in the near future will be put into use.

Foreshore: Work on the Foreshore Protection Works was terminated on March 15th, by which date approximately 3,800 tons of boulders had been placed in position. A small sum of money still remains on hand and I intend during the present month using it to repair minor cavities in the Promenade Wall with bagged concrete. The Council have already heard my report on the additional damage caused by recent storms and that has been forwarded to the Department of Local Government with a request for a further substantial grant.

Roads: I am awaiting delivery of a load of specially mixed tarmacadam with which to attend to the numerous pot holes. This gives a more lasting finish than cold tar and chips particularly on the hills. A bad hole on to the Mass Path from Kilmantin Road was filled in with concrete and should prove satisfactory at this entrance to the Path.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

NOTED.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Conroy asked that a report be obtained from the Health Inspector on the urinals situated at the South and North Quays and that he be asked to recommend whether or not they should be closed.

The Council recommended that the application of Mrs. E. Donnelly for the transfer of the tenancy of 14, Glenview Road to her name from that of her sister Mrs. M. Dunne, who had gone to England some 16 years ago, be granted, subject to the usual increase of 50% in the basic rent.

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The Chairman referred to a grating in the Main St. opposite the premises of Kavanagh Bros. and which was a danger to cyclists, pedestrians, etc. He said that at one time a fountain had been situated at this point but that when it was removed no effort was made to re-align the grating. It was decided that the County Council be asked to have it attended to.

A letter was read from Patrick Dunne, 32 Glenview Road, applying for permission to make a gate-way in the fence in front of the house to enable a horse and cart to pass through. As his livelihood depended upon the earnings of his horse and cart it was essential that he should be able to bring them to the rear of the house. The Town Clerk indicated that in July, 1956, a similar request was rejected on the grounds that the house is to be used as a dwelling house only and that the tenant was not entitled to carry on any business or trading in the house or garden. Members felt that as permission for gateways had been granted to many other tenants, some of whom used them for business purposes, a exception should not be made in this case. The Council agreed that permission be granted, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

Councillor Kelly stated that there were a number of boundary fences between Council houses needing repairs and it was indicated by the Town Clerk that repairs to fences were the responsibility of the tenants.

The meeting then concluded.

Jan Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
29th April, 1960.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd May, 1960, 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 Adjourned Annual Estimates Meeting held on 4th April, 1960, and Monthly Meeting held on 5th April, 1960, (copies herewith).
- 2. Correspondence from Wicklow Regatta Committee re various matters in connection with 1960 Regatta.
3. Application from Leinster Motor Club for use of Murrrough in connection with 1960 Annual Veteran Car Run.
- 4. Dumping Ground - Report of Town Surveyor on proposed alternative sites.
5. Lease of field at The Glen to Wicklow Golf Club.
- 6. Application from Messrs John & Thomas Murphy for lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road for building purposes.
7. Provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation.
- 8. Housing List - consideration and approval of Housing List No. 7 at 1st April, 1960 (copy herewith).
- 9. Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31/3/1960.
- 10. Letter from Irish Local Government Officials' Union re retrospective payment of cost of living bonus.
- 11. Premises at Lr. Strand St. (Mrs. A. Ring) - sealing Deed of Surrender.
- 12. Lease of plot of ground at Lr. Strand St. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
- 13. Council Tenants - various correspondence.
14. Fixing date of Annual Rates Meeting.
- *15. Charge for use of Town Hall for Meetings - correspondence.
16. Urinals on Quays - recommendation of County Medical Officer.
17. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
18. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD MAY, 1960

Present: Councillor J. Carroll, Vice-Chairman, presiding, Councillors P. Doyle, T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh, J. Kelly, F. Conway, and J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, and the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Annual Estimates Meeting held on 4th April, 1960, and the Monthly Meeting held on 5th April, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Doyle enquired what sum had been provided in the Estimates for Housing Maintenance and the Town Clerk indicated that the amount allowed was £420, the original estimate of £820 having been reduced by £370. Members commented on the way repairs were being carried out particularly plumbing repairs and asked that some arrangement be made whereby leaks etc. could be attended to without delay. The County Manager said that he would have the Town Surveyor examine the position.

The Town Clerk reported that Wicklow Harbour Commissioners had agreed to increase their contribution to Harbour Loan Charges from £350 to £450 in the current year.

WICKLOW REGATTA COMMITTEE: The Council unanimously agreed to the following requested from the Wicklow Regatta Committee:- (a) Use of The Murrrough for the holding of the 1960 Regatta and Carnival between the period 23rd July to 7th August, at the usual rent of £5. (b) Provision of all-night public lighting on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of August Week-End and (c) Provision of site at Leitrim Place for the erection of the Guinness Festival Clock during the Regatta/Carnival Fortnight.

ANNUAL VETERAN CAR RUN: An application was read from the Leinster Motor Club indicating that they proposed holding the Annual Veteran Car Run on 25th June, 1960, and that it was their intention to have tests at The Murrrough, Wicklow. The Council approved of the use of The Murrrough for the holding of the tests.

SITE FOR DUMPING GROUND AND PROPOSED LEASE TO WICKLOW GOLF CLUB: A report was read from the Town Surveyor indicating that he had examined the field at the Glen Turn, portion of which it was proposed to lease to Wicklow Golf Club. He submitted a map showing an area presently held under lease by the Golf Club and which would prove more suitable for a dumping ground and indicating that if both parties were agreeable an exchange arrangements of land might be arrived at. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor meet members of the Wicklow Golf Club to discuss the position and report back to the next meeting of the Council.

LEASE OF BUILDING PLOTS AT DUNBUR ROAD: An application was received from Messrs John and Thomas Murphy, for a lease of two plots of ground for building purposes at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, in the field opposite the Coastguard Houses for the purpose of building two semi-detached houses thereon. The Town Clerk indicated that the field in question was held on the 11 months letting expiring on 31st March, 1961, by Mr. R. Dickenson. The Council agreed in principle to the granting of the leases at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0., the applicants to approach Mr. Dickenson regarding the surrender of that portion of the field required by them.

PROVISION OF TEMPORARY OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £1,000 for the period May and June, 1960, for the purpose of meeting current expenditure and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

HOUSING LIST NO. 7: Housing List No. 7 at 1st April, 1960, copy of which had been circulated to the members was considered and adopted by the Council.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The County Manager submitted the Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st March, 1960, and discussed the various arrears with the Council, with particular reference to rates amounting to £486. 4. 8. and representing 2.7% of the Warrant which was considered irrecoverable and should be struck off. Having heard the Manager's explanation the Council authorised the striking off of that sum and the carrying forward of £539. 12. 11. (2.99%) as temporary uncollectable.

The County Manager also informed the Council that the total house rents collected for 1959/60 amounted to £6,969. 5. 5., representing a collection of 98.62%. He indicated that arrears in sum of £12. 4. 6. due to vacancies would be struck off and that arrears amounting to £85. 17. 7. would be carried forward. The Council remarked that the position was very satisfactory and reflected credit on both the collector and the tenants.

PAYMENT OF COST OF LIVING BONUS TO OFFICIALS: A letter was read from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union asking that the recent award in the cost of living bonus to officials of the Council be paid retrospective from 15th December, 1959, instead of 1st February, 1960 as this earlier date was the date decided as the result of arbitration. The Council unanimously agreed to pay the increase from the 15th December, 1959, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

PREMISES AT LR. STRAND ST.: SEALING SURRENDER OF LEASE: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Surrender whereby the Council accept from Mrs. Annie Ring her interest in a plot of ground and premises thereon at Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, held by her under lease dated 5/2/1934 for a term of 75 years from 29/9/1932 at a yearly rent of £2. 10. 6. in return for a payment to her by the Council of the sum of £100 and the waiver of their claim in sum of £32. 2. 5. in respect of Ground Rent and Rates owing."

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Deed of Surrender.

LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT LR. STRAND ST. - SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The following letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd:-

12th April, 1960.

Dear Mr. Cusack,

We thank you for your letter of the 6th instant. The extra space now available will enable us to press ahead with our plans. We are, however, very disturbed by the fact that we would have to provide a public passageway between the new sulphur store and the Gas Works property. This would mean that we would have to shift the position of the sulphur store towards the Acid Plant which would leave the Sulphuric Acid installation very inaccessible.

Furthermore, it is normal that certain precautions have to be taken with Sulphur Burning Sulphuric Acid Plants and Sulphur stores to prevent minor sulphur dust explosions. We will, therefore, as in the case of our Acid tankers, have to take certain precautions. It was our intention to completely fence the Sulphuric Acid Plant and Sulphur store site. If, however, a public passageway is left right beside the Sulphur store it would not be possible for us to enforce the necessary precautions. We feel that in reaching the decision regarding the passageway the Council may not have been aware of the facts.

We, therefore, request that the Council, in the light of the above information, grant our firm a lease of the full area involved.

Yours faithfully, etc.

After some discussion in this matter it was proposed by Councillor

Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conway and resolved, Councillor Kavanagh dissenting, that the restriction as to the provision of a passageway be removed from the resolution passed at the April meeting granting the lease of a plot of ground at Lr. Strand St., to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 25/3/1960.

COUNCIL TENANTS: An application was read from Mrs. Brigid O'Toole, 3, St. Laurence's Rd., asking to be appointed tenant of that house in succession to her late mother, Mrs. Margaret Mernagh. The Council recommended that Mrs. O'Toole be appointed tenant on the usual condition, subject to a 50% increase in rent.

DATE OF ANNUAL RATES MEETING: The Council fixed Tuesday, 24th May, 1960, as the date of the Annual Rates Meeting.

CHARGE FOR USE OF TOWN HALL FOR MEETINGS: Letters were read from the Wicklow Regatta Committee and Wicklow Chamber of Commerce protesting against the charge recently determined by the Council for the use of the Town Hall for meetings, both organisations indicating that they were voluntary bodies working for the betterment of the town. After some discussion the Council decided that the charge should remain as provision for the receipts had been made in the Estimates for the current year.

URINALS ON QUAYS: A letter was read from the County Medical Officer reporting that as requested by the Council he had examined the condition of the urinals situated on the Quays. His recommendation was that they should be closed and public conveniences constructed on the South Quay near the Turn Hole. The County Manager indicated that in preparing plans for Tourist Development at the South Quay provision had been included for the erection of public conveniences and fishermen's shelters near the Sailing Club Premises and that if the Council so desired these could be erected independently of any tourist development scheme. The Council recommended that the urinals situated at the foot of the Doctors' Steps be demolished but that the one situated at the bottom of Quarantine Hill be retained for the present.

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

Roads: During the month we received 3 cu.yds. Tarmacadam and filled pot-holes on several streets, Convent Road, St. Laurence's Road, New Park Road, Rocky Road etc.

Housing: Carpenter started on essential repairs last week. Plumber not available for urgent repairs and we are therefore endeavouring to cope with the position with our own staff.

Water Supply: The water level of the 'old' Reservoir is down about 12 inches below overflow. The Regional auxiliary water supply was extended to serve that portion of the town as far as the Market Sq. from the 100,000 gallon Service Tank on Greenhill Road through the Dunbur Main. The additional pressure caused a few leakages in cisterns, ball-cocks, and connections etc. but these were attended to. We are in process of changing over from the No. 2 Sand Filter Beds at Lishtown Reservoir to the No. 1 ditto and the beds will be cleaned and settled for further use.

Housing in Strand St. Lower: These are in course of demolition for handing over to Shamrock Fertilizers.

Corporate Estate: Re-seeding of "Sledge" Field was done during the month as final part of the Reclamation Scheme - 14 tons ground limestone and 21 cwt. of superphosphate spread.

Dumping Ground: Proposals and map to illustrate are set out in a separate report. The Brickfield Lane is altogether unsuitable to carry vehicular traffic to the old dump near C.I.E. Station.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Councillor Conroy complained that the Scavenging Service was not working satisfactorily and it was agreed to ask the Town Surveyor to submit a report on the matter.