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Letters were read from Mrs. M. Kinsella and Mr. An. Dunne drawing attention to the condition of the fences at the rear of their houses at Castle St., and requesting that they should be repaired. Referred to Town Surveyor.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from Mrs. Louise M. Kavanagh drawing attention to the speed at which motor vehicles passed through the town and asking that the Council bring in a speed limit. The County Manager said that the only town in the country which had brought in a speed limit was Bray and the cost of doing so had proved so high as to prevent other towns from doing likewise. Councillor Everett said that the new Traffic Bill would probably deal with speed limits in built-up areas.

Councillor Conroy queried the position regarding provision of "No Parking" signs at certain streets in the town and the Town Clerk explained that arising out of discussion held between the Council and Supt. Ward it had been decided that the Town Surveyor and the Superintendent would meet and arrange for the provision of signs as thought necessary. Subsequent to that meeting Superintendent Ward had been transferred. The Town Surveyor could be asked to report as to what the present position is.

On Councillor's Conroy's suggestion it was decided that the Abbey Service Garage be written to regarding the congestion caused in Bridge St. by the parking of cars, vans, lorries etc., by them, and that they also be requested to refrain from parking cars on the foot-path. It was also agreed that the Town Surveyor contact Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and see if it would be possible to re-route their heavy traffic through Bachelors' Walk and Wentworth Place.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, indicating that Wednesday, 29th June, 1960, had been determined as the date for the holding of the Local Elections.

STATE INVESTMENT IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES: The following letter was read from the Department of Finance:-

A. Chara,

2nd May, 1960.

I am directed by the Minister for Finance to refer to the proposals submitted by your Council - your letter of 28th October, 1959, - in response to the invitation for suggestions relating to State investment in public projects of economic merit. The Minister wishes to express his thanks to your Council; the large number of suggestions from local authorities clearly indicates the desirability on the part of public bodies actively to assist in the Programme for Economic Expansion.

The proposals from your Council together with those from other local authorities have been examined by the Economic Development Branch of this Department in consultation with the Departments concerned. The Minister has considered the report submitted by the Branch and wishes me to advise you as follows regarding your Council's proposals.

With regard to the suggested major works of improvement at Wicklow Harbour I have to advise you that a scheme for the improvement of the harbour is at present under consideration in the Department of Transport and Power and has been the subject of correspondence with Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. It should be pointed out, however, that Wicklow has already received some £65,000 in State grants for harbour development since the war. The Department of Transport and Power does not consider that there is any element of harbour protection in the proposed new promenade wall nor does it consider that an extension of the present improvement works at the Packet Pier would be justified.

With regard to the proposed new sewer along the South Quay and the improvement of the water supply to the Murrrough, as you are aware substantial State contributions are available towards the annual loan charges on local authority schemes for the provision of water supplies and sewerage; following a review of policy by the Government the rates of contribution were increased with effect from September, 1959. Loans are available from the Local Loans Fund for such schemes and the maximum period of repayment has been increased to 50 years. These facilities are designed to encourage local authorities to undertake water and sewerage schemes. In a memorandum

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issued to local authorities last September the Department of Local Government has given a broad outline of suggestions and recommendations regarding future planning of sanitary services programmes, the aim being to expedite the preparation and approval of new schemes of this nature. The settlement of priorities as between schemes for the provision of water and sewerage is primarily a matter for the Minister for Local Government.

As regards your Council's proposals for the provision of a caravan site on the Murrrough, the question of the provision of such sites (including the extent to which local authorities should participate in the work) is being considered in a general review at present being made to determine how best to promote the tourist industry and how the present large provision for tourism can best be allocated among the different schemes for its development. Your Council's suggestion will be borne in mind in this review. The suggestion for the construction of a car park is not regarded as appropriate to the terms of the letter addressed to you by the Minister for Local Government; grants towards such projects may be available from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote.

Your Council has recommended the construction of a new bridge over the Leitrim river to connect with the Murrrough, in replacement of the existing stone bridge. This proposal is regarded as appropriate to be considered by the Department of Local Government in the same way as other bridge proposals from local authorities, and it is understood that the case has been referred to that Department for attention.

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Councillor Conway referred to a slaughter house at Main St., and asked for a report of the Health Inspector thereon.

Councillor Conroy said that plot holders were dissatisfied with the Aran Banner supplied this year and enquired as to why this particular potato issued. The County Manager said it was a matter for the Department of Agriculture but that he would take it up with them.

Councillor Conway asked if the Council had authority to sell the Mace. Councillor Everett said that special legislation had been enacted to prevent the export of such objects. The County Manager gave various reasons as to why such historical objects as the Mace should not be done away with.

Councillor Conroy proposed that they send their best wishes to the Chairman for his speedy recovery and that they would like to have him back for the next meeting - the final meeting of the existing Council.

Councillor Conway proposed and Councillor Kelly seconded a vote of best wishes to Mr. Liam Kelly, Wicklow People reporter, who would be leaving shortly to take up a new post in Roscommon. The Chairman and members and the County Manager and Town Clerk joined in the vote.

The meeting then concluded.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ANNUAL RATES MEETING

HELD ON 24th MAY, 1960

Present: Councillor J. Carroll, Vice-Chairman, presiding,
Councillors E. Kavanagh and J. Kelly.

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk

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

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following rate and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow, liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to use, viz: Municipal Rate for the service of the year ended 31st March, 1961, of 458 pence (four hundred and fifty eight) made up as follows:-

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| Urban Roads | 30.58 pence |
| Sanitary Services | 110.62 pence |
| Housing | 29.00 pence |
| General Urban Purposes | 60.16 pence |
| County Council Services | 227.64 pence |

and that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1960/61 and that the necessary Notice be published forthwith."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed.

RATE COLLECTOR'S WARRANT: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Warrant in respect of 1960/61 to be issued to the Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District Council."

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

The meeting then concluded.

Jas Carroll

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH JUNE, 1960

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd May, 1960, and Annual Rates Meeting held on 24th May, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

USE OF MURROUGH: An application from the De La Salle Brothers for the use of the Murrough on Sunday, 12th June, for the purpose of holding the Annual Boys' Sports was approved.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS: A Circular from the Department of Local Government was read indicating that the Minister had allocated a free grant of £900 to Wicklow Urban Council for the purpose of Urban Roads improvement. The grant was primarily intended for the reconstruction of Urban Roads but in special circumstances tar surface dressing would be sanctioned. The Town Surveyor in a report recommended that the grant be utilised for the tar surfacing of a number of Urban Roads, such as Glenview Road, Kilmantin Road, New Park Road, Lr. Monkton Row, etc. By adopting this course it would be possible to tar surface dress approximately 1,800 lin. yds. Alternatively the Council might consider the advisability of constructing in concrete either Castle St. or the Rocky Road. In this case it would be possible to reconstruct approximately 100 lin. yds. Having discussed the matter and heard the further views of the County Manager and the Town Surveyor, the Council agreed that the programme of tar surfacing be undertaken.

DUMPING GROUND: The Council were informed that the Town Clerk and Councillor Kavanagh had met members of the Wicklow Golf Club regarding proposed site for the dumping ground on Golf Club Land, adjoining the Glen. However, it appeared that the Club were not disposed to having the dumping ground adjacent to the Golf Links. The Chairman mentioned a suggestion made by Councillor Conroy that land along the Church Banks could be reclaimed and developed in the future as a pleasant river-side walk, if the Council were to construct a section of wall along the river each year and to fill in behind with refuse. The Town Surveyor promised to examine and report on this proposal.

LEASE OF FIELD TO WICKLOW GOLF CLUB: It was proposed by Councillor Conway seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved: "That a lease for a period of 31 years from 25/3/1960 be granted to the Wicklow Golf Club of the 2 acre field situated at Dunbur Road, adjoining the Glen, at an annual rent of £6 (the Golf Club paying rates), subject to a small portion being retained for future road widening and for the provision of a right-of-way along the stream towards the sea." It was agreed that details regarding the portion to be retained be worked out by the Town Surveyor in consultation with the Golf Club.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st March, 1959, copy of which had been circulated, was noted.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1960, was examined and noted.

LEASE ETC. - MR. JOHN MURPHY: An application was read from Mr. J. Murphy, The Mall, Wicklow, for a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, also for a loan of £1,400 under the Small Dwellings (Acq) Acts and permission under the Town & Regional Planning Acts, for the construction of a bungalow. It was proposed by Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Conway, that a lease for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0. be granted. Council also recommended that permission under the Town & Regional Planning Acts be granted. It also recommended that a loan of £1,400 be granted.

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LEASE OF YARD - MRS. J. BYRNE: An application was received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, on behalf of Mrs. J. Byrne, Market Sq., for a lease of the yard situated at the rear of her licensed premises, presently held under a yearly tenancy. After discussing the matter the Council deferred decision in order to enquire from the applicant as to what she proposed to use the yard for on obtaining a lease. It was also decided to seek the opinion of the Council's Solicitor as to the difference between a yearly tenancy and a lease.

SEALING OF ASSIGNMENT - WICKLOW MOTORS LTD. TO WIRE ROPES LTD: It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Indenture whereby the Council consent to the Assignment by Wicklow Motors Ltd. to Wire Ropes Ltd., of their interest in garage premises at North Quay, Wicklow, held by them under lease dated 29/12/1949 from the Council."

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The report of the Town Surveyor for the month of May, was received and read as follows:-

Housing: Carpenter was employed during the month in carrying out essential repairs to 50 different houses. The Plumber also did repairs to a number of cisterns, traps, W.C. pans etc. It is intended to engage a plasterer during the next week or so to do repairs to chimneys.

Corporate Estate: Golf Links Lease - the proposed new position for the Town Dumping Ground, as indicated on map presented to the Council at the May meeting has been examined and is being considered by the Golf Committee it is understood and comments are awaited.

Water Supply: The level of the old Pond is now down about 4 ft. 6 inches from Overflow T.W.L. - the Town Water Supply is now balanced out by a small increase in supply from Croneroc in order to hold a reasonable amount in the Town Reservoir. A split pipe in the old 8 inch main in Waterworks Lane is being repaired to-day. I suggest again that the fountain at corner of Castle St., is unnecessary and should be removed altogether. The Plumber carried out repairs to services to Brick Houses on Murrough and balves at some points.

The Harbour Authority again requests that the main in the North Quay be extended from the N.E. corner of "Shamrock" buildings to the Commissioners shed for the more convenient servicing of ships. No provision was made for this work in the current year. The matter would appear to be urgent in that the Commissioners are about to lay a concrete slab over the area and the pipe ought to be put down beforehand. It is estimated that the cost of the work (approx. 43 lin. yds) including price of hydrant and using 3 inch A.C. piping is Seventy Five Pounds. It is recommended that the work be carried out.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor.

Regarding the fountain at Castle St., Councillor Doyle felt that it should be allowed to remain and the Town Surveyor indicated that he could not permit it to be the cause of undue wastage of water.

Councillor Kavanagh referred to Kane's wall which is obstructing the view from Castle St., and it was decided that the Town Surveyor would negotiate with the owner regarding obtaining consent to the replacement of the wall with a railing.

It was proposed by Councillor Conway, seconded by Councillor Conroy that the extension of the Watermain at North Quay as recommended by the Town Surveyor be proceeded with and that the necessary overexpenditure in the current year be approved.

Councillor Conroy referred to the deplorable condition of the sea front and promenade and the Town Surveyor undertook to have it cleaned and left in usable condition for the summer.

Regarding the slaughter yard at Fitzwilliam Sq., a report was read from the Health Inspector indicating that it was in order and he could find no reason for complaint. Councillor Conway said that auctions were held on Wednesdays and not Thursdays as stated by the Health Inspector. He also said that an offal dump was in existence in the yard. The Health Inspector to be asked to re-check.

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Complaints from James Quinn and Joseph Ronan re the condition of the pailing between them and neighbouring premises were read. Councillor Kelly stressed the necessity of having pailing repaired. The County Manager explained that this work was not undertaken by the Council and it was a condition of the Tenancy Agreement that pailings were the responsibility of the tenants.

Councillor Doyle referred to the remuneration being paid to the Caretaker of the Public Convenience, Mrs. Sweeney, and the Council unanimously recommended that the remuneration be increased from 15/- to 21 per week, with effect from the current week.

The Chairman and Councillors present thanked the County Manager and officials for their assistance and co-operation during their term of office. The Town Clerk indicated that Councillor Hudson, who was in hospital, had conveyed his apologies for his inability to attend the final meeting of the Council and the Council voted a message of best wishes for Councillor Hudson's speedy recovery and the hope that he would be back on the new Council.

The meeting then concluded.

T. A. Delahunt

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY, 9th JULY,
1960, at 12 noon

Present: Councillors C. W. Hudson, T. A. Delahunt, T. Conroy, J. Kane, J. Lalor, W. Hopkins, J. Kelly, G. Haughton, and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: The Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

At the commencement of the meeting the outgoing Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, presided.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Each member of the Council made the formal acceptance of office of Councillor.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: The following proposals were accepted for the position of Chairman:-

Councillor Hudson: Proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor.

Councillor Delahunt: Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haughton.

A Vote was then taken by show of hands, resulting as follows:-

Councillor Hudson: For - Councillors Conroy, Lalor, Everett and Hudson (4)

Councillor Delahunt: For - Councillors Haughton, Hopkins, Kane, Kelly and Delahunt (5)

Councillor T. A. Delahunt was then declared elected as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council, until such time as he resigns or until his successor be lawfully appointed and takes up office as such.

Councillor Delahunt accepted the office and thanked the members for his election as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: The following proposals were accepted for the position of Vice-Chairman:-

Councillor Haughton: Proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Hopkins.

Councillor Hudson: Proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

A Vote was then taken by show of hands, resulting as follows:-

Councillor Hudson: For - Councillors Conroy, Lalor, Everett, Kelly and Hudson (5)

Councillor Haughton: For - Councillors Delahunt, Kane, Hopkins, and Haughton (4)

Councillor C. W. Hudson was then declared elected as Vice-Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council until such time as he resigns or until his successor be lawfully appointed and takes up office as such.

Councillor Hudson accepted the office, thanked the members for his election as Vice-Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO WICKLOW HARBOUR AUTHORITY: The following proposals were accepted:-

Councillor Kelly: Proposed By Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Haughton.

Councillor Lalor: Proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy.

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Councillor Hopkins: Proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane.

A Vote by show of hands was then taken, resulting as follows:-

Councillor Kelly: For - Councillors Delahunt, Hudson, Conroy, Everett, Haughton, Hopkins, Kane, Kelly and Lalor (9)

Councillor Lalor: For - Councillors Kelly, Conroy, Everett and Lalor (4)

Councillor Hopkins: For - Councillors Delahunt, Hopkins, Kane, Haughton, and Hudson (5).

Councillors Kelly and Hopkins were then declared appointed as representatives of the Council on the Wicklow Harbour Board.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THE CO. WICKLOW VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint Rev. J. Hans, C.C., and Councillor T. Conroy, to act as the Council's representatives on the Co. Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, until such time as they become disqualified or until their successors be lawfully appointed".

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

"That we hereby appoint the following seven members to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, to hold office until they become disqualified or until their successors are lawfully appointed:- Councillors Delahunt, Conroy, Kane, Hopkins, Kelly and Haughton.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Hopkins, and unanimously resolved:-

"That Councillors Hudson, Conroy and Kelly be recommended to the Wicklow County Council for appointment to the County Library Committee".

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Delahunt and unanimously resolved:-

"That Councillor J. Kane and the Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack, be appointed delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland".

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATED MEMBERS FOR THE WITNESSING OF THE AFFIXING OF THE COUNCIL'S SEAL: It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Kelly and unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Councillor T. Delahunt and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor C. W. Hudson, be deemed to be nominated members of the Council for the purpose of witnessing the affixing of the Council's Seal in accordance with the County Management Acts, 1940 to 1955".

DATE OF AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Delahunt and unanimously resolved:-

"That the August Monthly Meeting of the Council, which falls due on Tuesday, 2nd August, should stand adjourned to Monday, 8th August at 7.30 p.m.

WICKLOW REGATTA - CIVIC OPENING: A letter was read from the Wicklow Regatta Committee, indicating that the Regatta Fortnight this year commences on Sunday, 24th July, and that the Regatta Committee would appreciate if Wicklow Urban Council would accord a Civic Opening to the Regatta Activities. The letter stated that it was expected that His Excellency, Mr. Scott McLeod, American Ambassador, would be present at this function.

The application was discussed by the Council and Councillor

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Everett expressed the view that he did not consider it advisable or desirable to give a civic welcome to Mr. Scott McLeod. The Chairman explained that from the reading of the application it appeared fairly clear that the Civic Opening was required for the Regatta Festivities and that Mr. McLeod would be present at it but that it was not intended to give a Civic Reception to Mr. McLeod himself. On this understanding it was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane and resolved:- "That the Council would accord a Civic Opening to the Wicklow Regatta".

The meeting then concluded.

J.C. DPP

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
29th July, 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, 2nd August, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 8th August, 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 7th June, 1960, and First Annual Meeting held on 9th July, 1960 (copies herewith).
2. Resolution from Donegal Co. Council in regard to the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1960.
3. Renewal of Cinema Licences.
4. Commission on Itinerancy - submission of views of Council on itinerancy in Wicklow Area.
5. Caravan Sites - appointment of representatives on Joint Committee of the County Council and Urban District Councils.
6. Superannuation - contribution to the superannuation of Mr. John McGrath, former Town Clerk.
7. Sealing Deed of Transfer in respect of lease of dwellinghouse at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow and loan under S.D.A. Acts thereon, from John J. Mooney to Robert F. Shirley.
8. Water Supply - report of Town Surveyor with reference to (a) condition of watermains and (b) supply of water required by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
9. Town & Regional Planning Acts - applications.
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
11. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILM I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH AUGUST, 1960

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 8th August, 1960, at 7.30 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in The Town Improvements (Ireland) Act, 1854.

J. A. Dolan

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 8TH AUGUST, 1960

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, J. Lalor, J. Kelly, G. Haughton and W. Hopkins.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. Kane.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th June, 1960, and the First Annual Meeting held on 9th July, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2nd August, 1960, were read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Conroy enquired regarding circulation of copies of the County Manager's Orders and it was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Haughton and resolved - "That copies of the County Manager's Orders be circulated to the members".

RESOLUTION FROM DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL: The following resolution received from Donegal County Council was considered and adopted by the Council:-

"That this Council requests the Government to immediately amend the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1960, by the introduction of an amending section and enable District Justices grant area Exemption Orders in Tourist resorts during the summer period".

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: Cinema Licences, being renewal of existing Licences in respect of the Abbey and Rialto Cinema, were sealed on the motion of Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Commission on Itinerancy requesting the submission of the views of the Council on Itinerancy in the Wicklow area. Council asked that a copy of the letter be circulated to the members and that a report be obtained from the County Medical Officer for consideration at their next meeting.

CARAVAN SITES: The Council unanimously appointed the Chairman, Councillor T. A. Delahunt, to represent them, in addition to Councillors C. W. Hudson and J. Everett, T.D., on the Joint Committee of the County Council and the Urban District Councils, for the purpose of considering the Departmental circular on Caravan Sites. It was further agreed that a copy of the Circular be circulated to the members.

SUPERANNUATION - JOHN McGRATH: Having heard the explanations of the County Manager and the Town Clerk as to the Council's liability towards the superannuation of Mr. John McGrath, former Town Clerk and latterly Secretary to Tipperary N.R. County Council, it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haughton and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve payment of a contribution of £12. 18. 8. towards the annual allowance and £35. 18. 0. towards the lump sum payable under the Local Government (Superannuation) Acts to Mr. John McGrath, former Town Clerk, Wicklow, and latterly Secretary, Tipperary (N.R.) Co. Council and we further approve the additional expenditure in sum of £91 in the current year to meet payment of contributions retrospective from 3/1/1957."

SEALING DEED OF TRANSFER - JOHN J. MOONEY TO R. F. SHIRLEY: The County Manager explained that the Council had already consented to the transfer in this instance and it was now a matter of formally sealing

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the Deed of Transfer. It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Transfer whereby John J. Mooney transfers to Robert F. Shirley his dwellinghouse at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow, held under lease from the Council also his loan of £1,250 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in respect of said house, which loan is to be redeemed in whole by Robert F. Shirley".

WATER SUPPLY: The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

(a) Water Supply to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd: I had an interview with a representative of this Company. It would seem that the minimum requirement for the factory will shortly be 50,000 gallons per day. It is not possible to grant this supply under present circumstances and unless additional water is made available from the Regional Supply at Cronroe. This would involve the provision of at least one additional filtration unit. I have been giving the matter careful consideration and whilst I have not yet prepared a final recommendation, I feel that it may be necessary to instal two such units at Cronroe in order to anticipate further developments in the town. It would of course be desirable to have a "stand-by" filtration plant at any time. I am arranging for a consultation with the County Medical Officer of Health at an early date and will submit a further report on the matter.

In the meantime, I have informed Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. that until about the middle of December next, when the old Reservoir will have normally filled to capacity, they should not anticipate any increased supply over the volume which they are presently receiving.

(b) Water Mains: During the month two bursts occurred in the mains system, one at the Lower Mall on the old 4" dia. main pipe leading from Market Sq. to the Valve House. It will be recalled that I reported on the condition of this main to the previous Council and plans were prepared for its replacement. It is very necessary that this should be done and my proposals indicated that a 7" dia. main would be required to ensure delivery in regard to volume and pressure: the present main is so corroded that its diameter is now only about 2" average width. I may say also that this is responsible for a good deal of the discolourization of water recently experienced, in that the iron corrosion is loosened and distributed in the water during rapid changes in draw-off or adjustments in valves and pressures which have been necessary in balancing supplies. The second burst took place on the old 8" main from Marlton Road as it enters the Valve House at a point where it was not unreasonable to suppose that such damage might occur: viz, through the wall of the Valve House at Fitzwilliam Sq.

The consumption of water in the town per head continues to be high but checks on leakages have not revealed any undue waste. At this time of the year of course the tendency is to use more water than normal and the draw-off to the lower parts of the town, Leitrim Place, North Quay, etc. is heavy. The number of boats entering the Harbour and requiring supplies appears to be increasing. The whole picture reveals that we are just working on the margin of the available water supply.

Between December, 1959 and April, 1960, the old Reservoir worked almost entirely in supplying the town but after the latter date the Regional Water Supply Scheme was called upon more extensively and at the present time our Reservoir is down 11 feet below overflow. A further comprehensive report on this matter will be submitted to the County Manager within the next few days.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The Town Clerk gave the Council a resume of discussions which the Town Surveyor and he had with Mr. Van den Berg the previous Saturday, and mentioned the suggestion of the Town Surveyor that an approach might be made by Shamrock to C.I.E. to obtain water from the private main which C.I.E. have from the Marlton River. The County Manager indicated that when the Regional Supply Scheme was being designed, there was no

indication that the demand would be so high as at the present time, and the Town Surveyor agreed that a demand for 50,000 gallons of water per day was unusually high for industrial purposes. The Town Surveyor stated that it would be necessary in order to deliver the supply to Shamrock to increase the volume of the pipe along the North Quay for a short distance. After giving the matter very full consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Haughton, and agreed - that the County Manager and Town Surveyor be authorised to make every effort to give the necessary water to Shamrock, so as to keep them going until such time as the Council could augment the supply from Cronroe.

Regarding the condition of the watermains in general, the County Manager said that it was a matter under consideration by the Council for a long time, but they did not feel in a position immediately to proceed with the restoration of the mains, owing to there being so much additional expenditure involved in connection with providing additional supplies. The Council had thought that an immediate improvement could be effected by putting in a new watermain to Dunbur Road and that the relaying of the main along the Main St. could be postponed for some time. However, that main had now been found to be in a very bad condition and the approximate cost of relaying it from Fitzwilliam Sq. to Market Sq., with a new 7" main would be £4,000. Assuming that they would get a grant of 60% from the Department, it would mean that the annual loan charges would be about £150 - £200 or from 4d. to 6d. in the £. per annum.

It was agreed that a report on the condition of various watermains with details of costs of replacing same be circulated to the Council.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: Application from Wicklow Press Ltd. for permission to re-roof their premises at South Quay and from Miss I. Ryan, Convent Rd., for permission to extend her shop and dwelling at Convent Road, were approved on the recommendation of the Town Surveyor.

In the case of an application from Mr. Byrne, Bollarney, for permission to build an additional two rooms to the cottage recently purchased by him, it was, after some discussion, proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed, that permission be refused, but that the matter would be given further consideration when a more detailed specification was submitted.

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

Foreshore: During the month the filling of the cavities and openings in the North Promenade consequent on the Winter storms, was completed, and the surface treated with cold tar, making a satisfactory passage-way. At a few points it was necessary to fill openings and protect the front walling with bagged concrete. I must stress, however, that the Promenade as a whole is in a dangerous condition and a further 6,000 tons of boulders, to protect it, will be necessary. I have already reported on this matter and a detailed estimate and plan has been submitted to the Department in this connection. It would be desirable to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

Special Road Improvement Grant: It will be recalled that the Department allocated a free grant of £900 to the Wicklow Urban Council for the purpose of road improvements and the Council decided to tar surface dress such of the roads as were in immediate need of such treatment and which had deteriorated to an alarming extent. This work has been carried out and completed during the past month on the following roads:- Convent Road, Melancholy Lane, Morton's Lane, St. Patrick's Road, part Glenview Road, Kilmartin Road, Colley Row, Lr. Monkton Row, Bachelors' Walk, Church St., Brickfield Lane, Rocky Road, and Friars' Hill - a total surface treatment of approximately 18,000 super yards.

Dumping Ground Along the Church Banks: It will be recalled that a suggestion was made at a recent meeting of the Council that a dumping

ground could be provided along the Church Banks by constructing, each year, a section of walling some distance out from the bank in the shallows of the River. I have examined this proposal and my first impression is that it is a rather exposed position from the point of view of observation and amenities of the town and in any event as we would go further north along the river, the necessary walling would become of greater proportions. At the same time I would not be adverse to trying out the project for a few months, but there would be continuing expense in projecting the wall according as the filling would take place. If some other position more remote and less objectionable could be obtained it would be desirable and there may be legal powers available to acquire plots on say St. Patrick's Road or in other positions, for the purpose.

It is suggested, however, that the present dumping ground could be moved from the close proximity of the Black Castle to the adjoining Bay as there would be less objection. There is in fact, I think, no objection at all other than that the material dumped is subsequently set on fire causing objectionable fumes and smoke to spread over the Black Castle area. I would appreciate the recommendation of the Council on the matter.

J. T. O'Byrne
Town Surveyor

In regard to the Foreshore, it was decided that the Department be reminded of the urgency of carrying out further protection works, and to ask that a reply be made available for the next meeting.

Councillor Kelly referred to the rough surface and loose chips on roads after the recent re-surfacing. The Town Surveyor explained that with the Bitumen put on these roads there had been no "bleeding" and that was why there was rather an excessive amount of chippings put on them deliberately, but that these would be swept off in the coming week and any depressions which had recurred would be filled.

Regarding the dumping ground, members thought generally that the suggestion was a good one and it was agreed before making a decision to await a more detailed report from the Town Surveyor.

Councillor Haughton referred to dumping in the Salt House Lane, and it was agreed that a report be sought from the County Medical Officer on the matter of dumping in lane-ways etc. in the town.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: A letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. indicating that they had been in consultation with C.I.E. regarding the laying of a rail siding through Strand St. and into Bond St., and in order to construct siding facilities near their store, they would require on lease a small plot of ground from the Council. In addition they required a small triangular plot adjacent to a portion recently granted by the Council and on which they proposed to immediately construct a Spare Parts Store. The Town Clerk explained that the lease of the plot for the Spare Parts Store had not been finalised and this small additional space could be added without inconvenience. It was un-animously agreed that this be done.

Regarding the rail siding, Councillor Conroy raised the question of the danger to Wicklow Port if Shamrock's imports were brought through Dublin and to their factory by means of this branch line. Councillor Haughton stated that this point could be discussed when an application was received from C.I.E. for permission to lay the branch line. The suggestion of the County Manager was adopted, that the Council agree in principle to the leasing of the plot for sidings to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., subject to further information being received from the firm and from C.I.E. as to the future use to be made of the branch line.

Mention was made of the fumes coming from the wash tower attached to the superphosphate plant and the Chairman and Councillor Conroy both indicated that they were aware that the firm was importing new plant which would be installed within the next month and which would rectify this position. The County Manager said that an independent industrialist chemist's report received by the Council had showed that the statutory rate of discharge into the atmosphere had not been exceeded.

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PARKING: Councillor Conroy referred to parking of motor vehicles along the streets and the fact that previous efforts in this regard by the Council had not been very successful. On the suggestion of Councillor Haughton, it was agreed to obtain a copy of Bray's Traffic Bye-Laws for consideration and adjourn the matter meanwhile.

The meeting then concluded.

Thomas C. Delahanty

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
2nd September, 1960.

To:

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

A Chers,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 6th September, 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 Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on the 8th August, 1960, (copy herewith).
2. Foreshore Protection Works - correspondence with Department of Local Government re additional grant.
3. E.S.V. Scheme - notification of grant for Christmas Relief Work.
4. Branch Railway to North Quay - correspondence.
5. Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd: (a) Sealing of lease of plot for Spare Parts Store and (b) Sealing endorsements on various leases conveying the consent of the Council to the premises being mortgaged etc. (c) *DISCHARGE FROM WASH TOWER.*
6. Itinerants - Report of County Medical Officer of Health (copy circulated herewith).
7. Public Lighting - application for public light at New Park Road.
8. Town & Regional Planning Acts - applications.
9. Dumping - Report of County Medical Officer of Health.
10. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
11. Any Other Business.

Bye-Laws

Council Tenants - Absences

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH SEPT. 1960

PRESENT: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding
Councillors T. Conroy, J. Lalor, J. Kelly, G. Haughton, W. Hopkins, J. Kane, and J. Everett T.D.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY: Councillor G. F. Haughton proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor, on the death of his sister. This was seconded by Councillor Everett, who paid tribute to the magnificent work undertaken by Miss O'Byrne. Votes of sympathy were also passed to the De. La Salle Community on the death of Rev. Brother Francis and to Mr. Phillip Doyle on the death of his sister. All resolutions were passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Adjourned monthly meeting, held on the 8th August, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes Councillor Everett requested that a statement be submitted to the next meeting showing the amounts expended on materials in connection with the work of tar surfacing carried out with the aid of £900.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Department of Local Government regarding a further grant for Foreshore Protection Works. The report of the Town Surveyor, which had been submitted to the Department, gave an estimate of £7,000 for the work required to be done. The Department were pressing the Employment Schemes office to make a grant available and it was understood that at the moment the matter was before the Minister for Finance. It appeared likely that some grant would be forthcoming. NOTED.

E. S. V. SCHEME 1960 - 61: The report submitted by the Town Surveyor gave a list of various works which could be carried out with the aid of the grant of £1,100 plus Local Contribution of £110; total £1,210 was considered by the Council. It was agreed that the construction of concrete paths to the ten houses at Castle Field and the completion of the boundary wall at the corner of Castle Field - Couper's Lane be done. It was decided to defer the matter to a special meeting in order to give Councillors an opportunity of considering works which could be carried out under the scheme.

BRANCH RAILWAY TO NORTH QUAY: Letters were read from C.I.E. and Shamrock Fertilizers regarding the proposed Railway Siding to the North Quay. With regard to the possible effect on Wicklow Harbour Mr. Van Den Berg gave the following information:

"We expect to manufacture in Wicklow during the coming year some 70,000 to 80,000 tons of fertilizers. Since the fertilizer year is a seasonal one the despatch of this tonnage will have to be concentrated into a few months with resultant peak loading rates of up to 600 tons per day. We find that the railway siding will be a convenient method of handling this tonnage. Apart from the despatch from the factory by rail, we will have to import through Wicklow Harbour some 55,000 tons of raw materials."

The above gives an approximate indication of our intake and despatch from Wicklow factory. Circumstances may, however, alter these plans and we cannot, therefore, in the interests of our Company be formally bound to adhere to one form of transport for all materials, in the same way as we will not be bound to transport our finished goods by railway should some other form of transport become more economical,

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we cannot be forced to import our raw materials through Wicklow Port should another method become more attractive. As in the past, however, it will always, under normal conditions, be our declared policy because of the very location of our Wicklow factory to utilise Wicklow Harbour for the importation of our raw materials."

After some discussion it was decided that a special meeting of the Council, in committee, would be held on a date to be fixed by the Chairman and that Mr. Van Den Berg be asked to attend to discuss this matter. It was further agreed that the Council's Law Agent should attend and that the Harbour Body be asked to nominate two members. Meanwhile, the Council's Law Agent to advise if a covenant could be inserted in the Lease of the plot of ground required by Shamrock Fertilizers to enable them to construct Loading Bays on the site of the rail sidings, to the effect that a fine would be levied if the Branch Railway was used to the detriment of the harbour.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. - LEASES:

Proposed by Councillor Conroy
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council Lease to Shamrock Fertilizers a plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow for the purpose of constructing thereon a spare parts store for a period of 65 years from 25th March, 1960 at an annual rent of £2 10s. -d.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy
Seconded by Councillor Haughton

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Endorsements on the undernoted leases wherein the Council:-

- (a) testifies that the covenants to build contained in the said leases have been completed to their satisfaction.
- (b) consents to the premises being mortgaged by sub-demise to the Irish Life Assurance Co. Ltd.
- (c) consents to the premises demised by the said leases by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for manufacturing, storage and research purposes.

- (1) Lease of 10th August, 1953 - Wicklow U.D.C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. (Bagged Product Store and Laboratory)
- (2) Lease of 10th August, 1953 - Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. (Bulk Product Store)
- (3) Lease of 10th August, 1953 - Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. (Sulphuric Acid Plant)
- (4) Lease of 7th July, 1959 - Wicklow U.D.C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. (Conveyor Passageway, Wash Tower etc.)
- (5) Lease sealed on 6th September, 1960 - Wicklow U.D.C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. (Spare Parts Store)

COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY: It was proposed by Councillor Haughton and seconded by Councillor Kelly that the report of the County Medical Officer, copies of which had been circulated, be adopted and that the Council concurred with the views expressed therein. AGREED.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Clerk indicated that an application had been received from a number of residents of New Park Rd. for the provision of a public light and this was a matter which had been before the Council since 1954. At that time the cost of providing the light was estimated at £84 due to the fact that the E.S.B. mains had not been laid on to that road. The cost nowadays would possibly be around £15 for installation and 25 lls. 6d. per year for lighting and maintenance. Councillors referred to the applications in recent years for other lights and it was decided on a proposal by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kane

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to obtain an estimate from the E.S.B. of the cost of installing lights at New Park Rd., Castle Park and Dispensary Lane.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING A.C.S.: A lengthy discussion took place on the question of the application of Mr. Byrne for permission to extend the hut recently purchased by him at Bollarney. The Town Clerk reported that since permission had been refused at the last meeting of the Council he had been in touch with the owner and his architect as to what improvements could be made. The owner had indicated his willingness to make following the alterations - improvements:

- (1) Corrugated asbestos to be painted and the external walls cement washed.
- (2) Insulation to be provided by a one inch layer of "Fibre Glass" Wool laid over the ceiling.

The owner conceded that asbestos is not suitable roof covering for a domestic building in normal circumstances but thought the Council should agree to its use as being appropriate due to the circumstances and location of the building. Members generally considered that the applicant was making reasonable efforts to comply with the Council's requirements and that in this case the Council should not be too rigid in their adherence to the building standards laid down by the Department of Local Government. The Town Clerk pointed out that in the opinion of the Town Surveyor the building was sub-standard and that it would be difficult, working on the basis of what already exists, to construct a suitable dwelling house. In view of this and other factors the County Manager would not be agreeable to granting permission for the execution of the proposed addition. After some further discussion, during which reference was made to the permission granted to Mr. Adams in March, 1957 it was proposed by Councillor T. Delahunty seconded by Councillor J. Lalor and resolved that the Council recommend the County Manager to grant permission in this case.

Regarding the application of Misses Kent, Church Hill, for permission to construct a garage, with entrance from Brickfield Lane near the junction with Church Hill, the Town Clerk indicated that permission had been refused but that now a new plan, showing slightly different location for the entrance, had been submitted. However, the Town Surveyor considered that the plan submitted was on too small a scale to allow the application to be properly judged. It was proposed by Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Haughton and resolved that the Council recommend the County Manager to grant permission for garage and entrance as had been shown on the plan now submitted by the Misses Kents.

DUMPING: The Town Clerk read the report from the County Medical Officer regarding dumping in the town and in which the following points were made:-

- (1) The Black Castle Dump should be closed due to its proximity to a historic monument which is visited by tourists, the annoyance caused to residence of the Castle St. area by reason of smoke from fires in the dump and the difficulty of keeping the dump from giving off offensive smells in w arm weather and also the difficulty of carrying out proper rodent control.
- (2) That the new dump be provided in the Upper Glen but that in using this site the problem of transporting the refuse would first have to be solved.
- (3) The amount of dumping in laneways and on waste ground in the Urban area is becoming much more noticeable over the past few years and more Council time is wasted on keeping these laneways clean as it is almost impossible to place responsibility for this type of dumping, it being mostly carried out during the hours of darkness.

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- (4) That the solution to the whole problem is for the Council to provide a proper refuse disposal service for every householder and a properly covered refuse lorry as is at present in use in the other Urban areas in the County.

After some discussion on the problem the Council unanimously agreed that the dumping ground at the Black Castle be closed and that as a temporary arrangement refuse be dumped at Dinny O'Driscoll's Bay adjoining the Brickfield Lane. The Town Surveyor was asked to report on the cost of making the Upper Glen ready for use as a dumping ground. The Council also requested the Town Clerk to circulate, for consideration by them at their next meeting, a report on the cost of the mechanised scavenging service.

RELAYING OF WATER MAINS - REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: It was agreed that this report be circulated for consideration by the Council at a special meeting to be held later in the month. It was also requested that the Town Surveyor should submit a report on the water supply generally in the town and what the future supply was likely to be. He was also asked to indicate what allowances had been made, in the design of the Regional Scheme, for anticipated increases in consumption. Regarding the supply of water to ships, the Council suggested that the water might be supplied to the Harbour Commissioners on a metered basis, this body to be responsible for supplying ships. The Town Surveyor was asked to report on this also.

COUNCIL TENANTS: The Town Clerk submitted a report of the rent collector to the effect that Mr. James Murphy, 36, Glenview Rd. and Mr. John Doyle, 10, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Rd. were not residing in their houses. After some discussion it was decided to take no action at present and that the rent collector be asked to submit a further report which will contain the names of all tenants who were absent from their houses and with particular reference to a house in Castle St. tenanted by Danny Cleary. The Town Clerk read a further report of the rent collector regarding Mr. James Canavan, tenant of a Council house at St. Bride's Rd. and who has found employment in England and is taking his wife and child over to reside with him. Mrs. Canavan has taken her Grandmother, Mrs. Mary Byrne, to live in the house and the rent collector suspects that she does not intend to return and is leaving her Grandmother as tenant. Members of the Council considered no action should be taken at present particularly as the tenant is entitled to six weeks absence without reference to the Council.

Councillor Haughton referred to a tenant involved in an accident and who was unable to meet payment of his rent, but within a year or so would be receiving compensation. In such instances the Councillor thought that the rent should be allowed to go into arrears, where the tenant's solicitor gives a personal guarantee that the arrears of rent would be paid by a certain time. It was decided that the Department of Local Government be asked if such a system could be adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Lalor referred to repairs required to windows in Castle Street, particularly in the house tenanted by John Keogh and also repairs outstanding in the house tenanted by Mrs. Byrne, Urban Villas. Councillor Conroy also referred to the condition of steel windows in Castle Street particularly Brennans. The Town Clerk indicated that he would have these matters looked into. Referring to repairs generally the Council considered that they should be undertaken in strict rotation.

Councillor Conroy referred to the condition of a slaughter yard on the South Quay and the Town Clerk reported on the action being taken.

The Chairman referred to the difficulty encountered by the Rowing Club in obtaining suitable accommodation for their skiffs and it was decided that the Town Clerk would see if it were possible to store them in the Council Store at South Quay.

Councillor Kane enquired regarding the lease of the County Hospital and after some discussion it was decided that the Wicklow County Council.

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be written to asking when it was proposed to transfer the patients to the Fever Hospital as the Council were anxious to take up possession of the County Hospital.

The meeting then concluded.

John A. Delahunt

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1960

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Kane, G. F. Haughton, J. Kelly, J. Lalor, T. Conroy, 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.

At the conclusion of the special committee meeting held to consider proposals for a Branch Railway to North Quay, the Council held a special meeting to consider matters which were adjourned from the monthly meeting held on the 6th September, 1960.

E. S. V. SCHEME 1960-61: Having considered the report of the Town Surveyor the Council placed in order the following works for execution out of the grant of £1,100 plus Local Contribution of £110

- (1) Footpaths to houses at Castle Field
- (2) Boundry wall at Couper's Lane - Castle Field Corner
- (3) Concrete slab on Hospital lane - With Bollards at each entrance to lane.
- (4) Footpaths on St. Patrick's Hill
- (5) Footpaths on Kilmantin Hill (both sides)
- (6) Footpath at Church Hill
- (7) Footpath at Wentworth Place
- (8) Footpath at Castle Street (from corner of Lr. Monkton Row towards Court House)

WATER SUPPLY - REPORT ON RELAYING OF MAINS: The Council considered the report of the Town Surveyor on the necessity and cost of relaying a number of water mains in the town. The report had been circulated to the members and the County Manager drew the attention of members to particular mains referred to in the report. He indicated that it would cost approximately 4d in the pound on the rates to relay the main from the Market Square to the Valve house and about 3d in the pound on the rates to lay a special main from the Valve House to Shamrock Fertilizers. He pointed out that the cost of relaying all the mains recommended by the Town Surveyor would cost 1s. 6d. in the pound, but agreed that there would be some reduction on this figure due to receipts from the increased supply to industry. Councillor Kane enquired about the working of the Regional Supply and asked why it was unable at times to fill the hundred thousand gallon tank on the Green Hill Road. The Town Surveyor said that there were three reasons for this, namely:

- (1) The bad condition of the water mains which give rise to a lot of wastage.
- (2) At times of heavy rain the Filtration Process was slowed down
- (3) The heavier consumption by industry

Councillor Everett enquired if water for the Regional Supply was being fed into the pond at the old reservoir and was told that this was not so. He asked if it would be possible to fill the old reservoir from the Regional Supply. The County Manager told the members that the Regional Scheme was designed to give one hundred thousand gallons per day to Wicklow and an equal amount was to come from the old town reservoir. At times the Regional Scheme was entirely supplying the town needs to the extent of 240 thousand gallons and more per day. He referred to the fact that it had been noticed throughout the country that the consumption per head of population had increased substantially. Some years ago it was taken to be 40 gallons G.H.D. but it was now not unusual for it to be 70 G.H.D. The Town Surveyor said that to meet the requirements of Shamrock Fertilizers a new filter bed would be required at Cronroe. Asked which should be undertaken first the Town Surveyor replied that he thought the water mains should first be relaid as this would cut down on wastage, but never the less it would be necessary to

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provide the extra filter bed to meet the added demand for water. After further discussion it was decided to postpone the matter to the October monthly meeting in order to allow the Town Surveyor time to prepare a further report and in particular with reference to the cost of providing the extra filter bed.

TOWN REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: Councillor Lalor enquired as to what the position was regarding the application of Mr. Byrne for permission to extend the hut owned by him at Bollarney. The County Manager indicated that he had refused permission and in reply to questions stated he could not approve of the proposed building as it would be sub-standard. He emphasised the fact that the hut already standing was erected without town planning permission and further said that he had never accepted the undertaking of the previous owner Mr. Adams to the effect that it would only be used by selected tenants for one month at a time during the summer period. The Manager referred to the standard specifications issued by the Department of Local Government, and which the Council were bound to adhere to. He said that in the case of Mr. Byrne's hut a lean-to roof was unacceptable and roofing with corrugated slabs was completely out. Further, the rear wall which was in fact only a garden wall and did not have a damp proof course. Unless Mr. Byrne submitted proposals for a dwelling that complied with the standard specifications he could not approve and could not agree to members requests to approve the present proposals. He indicated that if Mr. Byrne was dissatisfied with the decision he could apply to the Minister for Local Government.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY: Letters were read from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Rev. Brother Arcadius, Superior De La Salle Brothers, Wicklow, thanking the Council for the messages of sympathy passed by them on the deaths of Miss Kitty O'Byrne and Rev. Brother Francis respectively.

The meeting then concluded.

Thomas A. Dolan

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th September, 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, 4th October, 1960, at 7.30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

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M. J. Cusack,

Town Clerk

Agenda

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th September, 1960 and Special Meeting held on 15th September, 1960 (copies herewith)
- (2) Resolution from Arklow U. D. C. re prices of drugs and medicines
- (3) Branch Railway to North Quay - (a) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Committee Meetings held on 15th September, 1960 - 21st September, 1960 (b) Lease of plot of ground to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for railway sidings.
- (4) Consideration of report of Caravan Committee Meeting (copy herewith)
- (5) Application from Mr. H. J. Mulrooney for lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road (adjoining Nuzum's bungalow)
- (6) Consideration of report on Scavenging Service (copy herewith)
- (7) Public Lighting - quotation of E.S.B. for provision of three additional public lights.
- (8) Liase of County Hospital - correspondence
- (9) Re-laying of Watermains - consideration of report adjourned from previous meeting.
- (10) Report on proposed alterations in method of Supply of Water to Ships
- (11) Traffic (parking and waiting) Bye-Laws
- (12) Urban Roads improvements Grant - Statement of Expenditure and Materials.

→ Adjourned to Nov. Meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER, 1960

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Kane, G. Haughton, J. Lalor, J. Kelly, W. Hopkins, T. Conroy and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: Deputy County Manager, Mr. K. J. Brangan, and the Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

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

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY: Messages of sympathy on the deaths of Very Rev. Fr. Blake, P.P., and Mr. P. J. Noonan, were proposed by the Chairman, Councillor Delahunty, seconded by Councillor J. Kane and proposed by Councillor J. Kelly, seconded by Councillor T. Delahunty, respectively. Members present joined in the tributes paid to the memory of the deceased and the votes were passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th September 1960, and Special Meeting held on 15th September, 1960, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM ARKLOW U.D.C.: A resolution forwarded by Arklow U.D.C. calling for an inquiry into the prices of drugs and medicines was, after some discussion, marked "Read".

BRANCH RAILWAY AT NORTH QUAY: The Council unanimously adopted and confirmed the minutes of the Special Committee Meetings held on 15th and 21st September, 1960. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had that day received a 'phone call from Mr. Troy, Commercial Manager Freight, C.I.E., confirming that the Board of C.I.E. had agreed to the arrangement provisionally made whereby the cost of extending the line to the Bar Shed would be apportioned between C.I.E. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

The application of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a lease of a small triangular plot of ground required for the construction of sidings and dispatch store, which had been adjourned until the application for the laying of the branch line had been agreed to was now dealt with. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and resolved:

"That we hereby lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1960, at an annual rent of £5, a triangular plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, and situated between the concrete roadway and the site on which their sulphuric acid plant stands and more clearly depicted on attached map and coloured blue".

REPORT OF CARAVAN COMMITTEE: The Council considered the report of the Caravan Committee meeting, copy of which had been circulated, and after some discussion adopted the report, but adjourned further consideration of the recommendations contained therein to a future meeting.

LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT DUNBUR ROAD: An application was received from Mr. H. J. Mulrooney, N.T., Barndarrig, for a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road adjoining Mr. Nuzum's Bungalow for the purpose of erecting a bungalow thereon. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Kane and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Mr. H. J. Mulrooney for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1960, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0. a plot of ground at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow, with an area of 1270 sq. yds. and shown on map prepared by the Town Surveyor delineated in red and marked Site 'A'"

The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Mulrooney had also applied for a loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts and that he would be submitting plans of the proposed dwelling during the present month and these would be brought before the Council at their next meeting.

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HOUSING SCHEME: A letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. regarding the difficulty experienced by employees and potential employees of their firm in obtaining suitable housing accommodation in Wicklow and requesting the Council to take steps to alleviate the position as soon as possible. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Manager had discussed this matter with Mr. Hugo Van den Berg and indicated that the Council was under no obligation to build houses for persons who are in a position to provide their own houses. He had given details of the facilities available such as grants, loans, sites etc. The Council concurred with the views put forward by the County Manager. Councillor Kane referred to the building sites available at St. Patrick's Avenue and his suggestion that these be advertised was agreed to by the Council. Regarding the proposed scheme of 3 houses at Castle Park, members felt that the Department should be again pressed for sanction to proceed with the Scheme and the Town Clerk indicated that as soon as the current Housing List was available he would take the matter up with the Department.

SCAVENGING SERVICE: Consideration was given to the report on the Scavenging Service which had been prepared by the Town Clerk and circulated to the members. Councillor HAUGHTON referring to the cost of the existing service at £929, less £160 contributed by participants and the cost of a mechanised service at £1,263, stressed the fact that a complete Scavenging Service could be provided without charge to anyone, at an extra cost of about £500. He said that the present cost of collecting 160 bins was highly uneconomic when the whole town could be kept clean at a cost of slightly in excess of £1,200. In reply to questions the Town Clerk stated that a driver and two helpers would be engaged on the mechanised service for 3 days per week and that the collection of bins could be done twice weekly in the town and perhaps more frequently in the Main St., particularly during the summer period. When not in use for the Scavenging Service the tractor and trailer could be used for other purposes such as road works, Corporate Estate Maintenance etc. Under the proposed system it would be necessary that the bins be put out on the footpaths for collection.

Regarding the Dumping Ground at O'Driscoll's Bay, the Town Clerk said that the access to the new dump was not very satisfactory and the question of keeping the refuse spread out and covered was going to be difficult. There would also be a strong objection from C.I.E. with regard to the use of the Station Approach Road, which was a private road maintained by C.I.E. Councillor Kane suggested that a small sub-Committee be appointed to examine along with the Town Surveyor, the various sites and select the most suitable one for a permanent Dumping Ground. Councillor Conroy thought that the whole Council should be on this Committee and that the County Medical Officer should also be brought into the matter. Councillor Lalor said there was a marl-hole in a small field at the Greenhill Road which would take a lot of filling.

After some discussion it was decided that the matter be adjourned to the November meeting and meanwhile each member of the Council to examine the various sites available and that a decision be made at the next meeting as to what site should be used and the Town Surveyor then instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of putting in roads and making the site ready for use. It was considered by the meeting that the question of the mechanised service should not be determined until the question of a suitable permanent dumping site had first been finalised.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The following quotation was given by the E.S.B. for the provision of additional Public Lights:-

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| (1) New Park Road (including erection of two wood poles, stay and overhead conductor) | £72. |
| (2) Castle Park: (includes erection of switch house) | £17. |
| (3) Dispensary Lane: (includes erection of switch house) | £7. |

The E.S.B. further indicated that these lamps would be operated on the usual midnight schedule at an annual charge of £5. 11. 6. per lamp. Regarding the light at New Park Road, the Town Clerk stated that he understood that the reason for the high cost involved in erecting a light at New Park Road was due to the fact that it would be necessary to extend the low tension net work. He pointed out that no provision had been made in the Estimates for the current year for additional Public Lighting and on his suggestion it was agreed to defer the matter to allow him an opportunity of discussing with the E.S.B. the provision of the light at lesser cost.

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LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: The Town Clerk reminded the members that at the last meeting he had been asked to write to the Wicklow County Council indicating the refusal of the Wicklow U.D.C. to renew the lease of the old County Hospital and asking for the property to be handed back when all the patients were transferred. The following reply from the County Council was read:-

9th September, 1960.

re: County Hospital

A Chara,

I am in receipt of your letter of 7th inst., regarding the matter of the County Hospital building at Wicklow and in reply am to say that it appears that your Council do not appreciate the legal position in regard to this matter. I am to point out that the County Council is entitled to continue in occupation of the premises so long as they are used by the County Council for the Council's purposes. I am to say that accordingly no question arises in regard to any surrender of the premises to the Urban District Council.

Mise, le meas, etc.

A long discussion took place on this matter, Councillor Kane indicating that he believed that the Dispensary was to be moved to the County Hospital and that the patients were being transferred that week. The Deputy County Manager stated that he was not aware of any arrangements for an immediate transfer of the patients from the County Hospital. He said that the present Dispensary in the town was of a very poor standard and the Hospital could be adopted as quite a good Dispensary. There would also be provision for various clinics. The Town Clerk read a letter from the Council's Law Agent which stated that the County Council were in the position of an ordinary tenant and could not be put out whilst they paid the rent and complied with the covenants in the old lease. The Urban Council were entitled to apply to the Circuit Court to have a rent fixed in respect of the premises. It was finally proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed - that a letter be sent to the Wicklow County Council indicating that in view of the information received by the Urban Council, that the patients in the County Hospital were about to be transferred, that the old building should be returned to the Urban Council who were of the opinion that they could derive much needed revenue from its sale and also from the rates of same if it were used for purposes other than a hospital or dispensary and they requested that a new and suitable dispensary premises be provided in the town on the lines of those provided in other parts of the County.

RE-LAYING OF WATERMANS: The following report was read from the Town Surveyor:-

re: Wicklow Watersupply

A Chara,

May I submit my report and observations herein as requested for the consideration of the Council.

You will appreciate that I have already given a very full report on the necessity to re-lay certain mains in the Town and a detailed Estimate of the cost. It will be agreed that the time has now arrived to do this work and the opportunity financially is appropriate.

May I suggest also that the work, particularly in the Main Street and in Bridge Street to the Factory area ought to be carried out in the "off-season" and not in the height of the time when tourist or increased traffic would be present.

It is becoming increasingly confirmed that the pipe system in the Town is gone beyond the reasonable maintenance stage and I hardly think this can be disputed having regard to the many major bursts with which we have had to deal, and an examination of portion of the mains which have been cut out and removed from time to time.

There is no doubt, I suggest, and those whose experience is available will concur, that the provision of the New Mains, together with the replacement of the old house and other connections to the Stop Cocks (including same) will result in a considerable reduction in the volume of

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water required to serve the Town. Apart from the fact that if and when a major break occurs, there must be very many small leaks underground and which are difficult to detect because they are so widely spread and comparatively minute, as to be confused with the ordinary volume used throughout the system as a whole.

Certain it is that the consumption per head is somewhat over normal and I feel that this is in part due to the circumstances above indicated. At the same time Industrial and Factory Requirements, as the County Manager has already indicated to you, have gone far above the original anticipated or notified requirements. For instance Shamrock Fertilizers in the beginning only visualised some 11,000 or 12,000 gallons per 24 hours - now the demand is for 50,000 to 60,000 gallons per 24 hours, but they are reluctant to commit themselves to stop at that. I think the Council may agree with me if I anticipate that 100,000 gallons per 24 hours is not an unlikely demand for that Factory in 3 or 4 years.

The Croneroe Filtration Plant is normally to deal with 10,000 gallons per hour which is 240,000 gallons per day - if the incoming water is comparatively clean, the Plant can deal with 288,000 gal.s per day, but allowance must be made for cleaning out one filter now and again which would leave the second filter to carry on.

The Scheme was originally designed so that the old Wicklow Reservoir would be still in use and augmented by the Regional Scheme to the extent of 100,000 gals/day plus 40,000 gals. for future development and factories. The Regional Scheme owing to leakages and repairs resulting therefore, did not come into full commission until April/May this year 1960 and we carried on with the Old Reservoir up to that time but major leakages and bursts having developed in the last few months and increased demand asserting itself as heretofore stated, leaves the position rather on the "Border Line".

The consumption between Rathnew, Ashford and Ballinalea areas stands fairly steady at 50,000 to 55,000 gals/day. The existing information is that the Regional Plant is supplying the greater part of the Town with the exception of Ballynerrin District and the St. Patrick's Road Tank and this will have to continue until the old Reservoir Level restores itself to a safe height so it can then be called upon to serve a greater area of the Town (of course the less water we can use from the Old Reservoir the less it will cost the Urban District in maintenance of old Sand Filters). When that position is reached and being then in a different and more satisfactory position than we were in December, 1959, a fair "Balance" can be worked out as between the "New" and the "Old" waters. Whilst I feel that an additional Filter Tank and "Blanket" Tank is desirable at Croneroe having regard to all the circumstances above set forth, I feel I could advise the Council to defer this for a while longer pending a review of the situation when the Old Reservoir having restored itself and the "balancing" process is in train, but always also advising that the Old Mains referred to in my other report will stabilise the question of loss of water by leaks, and obviate further losses by major bursts, which are almost certain to occur. Anyway I have not been able as yet to get a definite figure for the cost of extra filters or Plant at Croneroe but it should not arise or be required for some time pending the re-laying of the old mains.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Councillor Everett referred to the failure of the water supply in the town over the previous week-end and called for a Public Sworn Inquiry into the Regional Supply Scheme. It was explained by the Deputy County Manager and the Town Clerk that the break-down in the supply was due to the exceptionally severe rain-fall which had choked up the intake and filter beds at Croneroe, but that by noon on Monday matters had been rectified and the town was again supplied with water mainly through the old Reservoir which had risen considerably due to the rain-fall. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Everett - "That a Public Sworn Inquiry be held into the operation of Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme". The Deputy County Manager said he was bound to point out that the Urban Council would be responsible for the cost of such an Inquiry. It was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Hopkins - "That the re-laying of the watermains as reported by the Town Surveyor be agreed to in principle and that the Town Surveyor be instructed to prepare plans and specifications and that tenders be invited

for the carrying out of the work in total and in sections. After a very lengthy discussion it was agreed that Councillor Conroy's motion regarding the Public Inquiry be adjourned for the attendance of the County Manager and Town Surveyor. An amendment by Councillor Everett to Councillor Kane's motion was adopted - "That the Council agree in principle to the re-laying of watermains as reported on by the Town Surveyor and that he be instructed to prepare plans and specification and that tenders be invited for the re-laying of two watermains, viz: Market Sq. to Valve House and Valve House to North Quay and that in the connection of these mains in the Valve House provision be made for a further re-laying of other mains.

FORESHORE: Councillor Kane referred to the very serious damage caused to the Foreshore Protection Works by the storms of the previous week. On the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was agreed that a direct approach be made on this question to The Taoiseach, that his attention be drawn to the serious difficulties encountered by coastal erosion in Wicklow and that he be requested to receive a deputation to discuss the matter.

FIRE BRIGADE: Councillor Kelly was told by the Town Clerk that the contribution made to the County Council in respect of Fire Brigades was £357. Councillor Kelly said that on Sunday the engine on the Fire Tanker would not start and that this was not the first occasion and that until a proper engine was supplied no further payments should be made to the County Council. The Deputy County Manager promised to take up the matter with the Chief Fire Officer.

Due to the lateness of the hour (11.30 p.m.) it was agreed that the balance of the Agenda be adjourned to the November meeting.

It was further agreed that as the date of the November meeting fell on the 1st, which was a Church Holyday, that it be adjourned to the following Monday, November 7th, as has been the practice.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 1960

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 7th November, 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 Improvements (Ireland) Act, 1854.

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