

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 1960

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Kelly, J. Lalor, W. Hopkins, G. Haughton, T. Conroy, J. Kane, 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 non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of monthly meeting held on 4/10/1960 were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Minutes of monthly meeting held on 1/11/1960 were read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

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

"That we view with great concern the recent increase for electricity by the E.S.B. as we feel these increases forced on consumers will cause hardship on the people of the working classes, also causing an additional financial burden on business people in general.

That the Minister for Transport and Power be hereby requested to intervene in the matter so as to ensure no increased charges be permitted, which consumers are not in a position to pay on account of the rising cost of living."

CHRISTMAS FOWL MARKET: The date for the Christmas Fowl Market was fixed for Wednesday, 14th December.

HOUSING LIST NO. 8: The Housing List No. 8 at 1st October, 1960, was considered and adopted, subject to the following recommendations by the Council:-

William Kilbride No. 3 on the List and Edward O'Neill No. 8 on the List be upgraded to Nos. 2 and 3 respectively. On the motion of Councillor Conroy it was decided that the County Medical Officer be requested to report on the housing conditions of Miss B. Keogh at Bond St., and that her name be added to the List.

TENDERS FOR CON-ACRE: The following tenders were opened for the letting of a 3 acre field at Dunbur Road for one season's con-acre from 1st December, 1960:-

Mr. G. Dobson, Dunbur Road	£16.
Mr. E. Dickenson, Keatingstown	£20
Mr. R. Dickenson, Friars' Hill	£20

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and agreed that the tender of Mr. R. Dickenson in sum of £20 be accepted as he is resident within the Urban area, is a rate-payer and holds land on 11 months letting from the Council.

TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS: The Town Clerk brought before the meeting a copy of the Traffic (Parking and Waiting) Bye-Laws in operation in Bray Urban District. On Councillor Haughton's suggestion it was agreed to defer discussion until such time as the matter could be taken up with the Superintendent, Garda Síochána.

WATER SUPPLY TO SHIPS: The following report of the Town Clerk was read:-

The Council at a recent meeting recommended that an investigation be made into the possibilities of supplying water on a meter basis to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners which later body would then undertake its supplying to ships as and when required.

Having discussed the matter with the County Manager and Town Surveyor,

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it is considered that the adoption of this system could not be recommended. It is essential that the Council maintain direct control over water consumption. The Council is also responsible for the purity of the water it supplies. Accordingly, it would not be advisable to retail water to other bodies.

The number of ships supplied with water in the nine months to the 30th September, 1960, was 48. It can be seen therefore, that the quantity of water involved was substantial.

For some years past a fixed charge of £2 has been made for each ship supplied. The quantity taken aboard normally varies between 2,000 and 3,000 gallons, and the time taken for delivery between two and three hours. The charge as such is equitable enough but it has been found that frequently the ships have to be supplied outside normal working hours. Wear and tear on hose is considerable and due no doubt to the corrosive effects of some of the fertilizers, such as superphosphate.

It is recommended that in future water should be supplied on a metered basis at a charge of 1/- per 100 gallons, plus waterman's time, whether normal time or overtime.

Regarding hoses the Council has been fortunate in being able to obtain from the County Council discarded fire-brigade hoses. Due, however, to the much more frequent watering of ships resulting in a more rapid wear-out of hoses the availability of old fire hoses is insufficient to meet our requirements. It will be necessary to purchase some new hoses immediately. The cost of these will be £15 as a very good quality hose will be required. The cost of a meter will be a further £30 and I would request the Council to authorise this necessary additional expenditure in sum of £45 in the current year.

M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk

The report was unanimously adopted: the charges recommended being fixed and the additional expenditure for the purchase of hose and meter authorised.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT: The following statement of expenditure on materials was given:-

Chippings:

1" Pebble (Roadstone) 317 tons @ 11/6d. per ton	£182. 7. 3.
3/4" Stone (Wicklow Co. Co.) 43 1/2 cu.yds @ £1 per cu.yd.	£43. 10. 0.
	£225. 17. 3.
Cut Back Bitumen (Trades List) 21 tons 18 cwts. @ £14. 1. 0.	£307. 13. 10.
Additive Tar (Wicklow Co. Co.) 5 - 75 lb bags @ £11 per bag	£55. 0. 0.
	£588. 11. 1.

The Town Surveyor undertook to examine the complaints of members regarding loose stones on New Park Road and Lr. Monkton Row.

FLOODING AT QUARANTINE HILL: Letters were read from Couper Works Ltd., and Ed. Kane Ltd., regarding extensive flooding caused to their premises from water going down Summer Hill and Castle St., on the week-end 1st/2nd October, 1960. Both firms complained that they had suffered substantial financial loss as a result of the flooding and called on the Council to remedy the position. A report was read from the Town Surveyor in the matter in which he indicated that he had not yet completed his investigations. Councillor Kane stated that an easy remedy to the situation would be the channelling of the water into the shore at the Jail Yard. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor would examine Councillor Kane's suggestion and report back on the whole position to the next meeting.

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF STRAND ST: A petition from a number of the residents of Strand St. and district relative to the inconvenience that will be caused them by laying down a railway siding to the Fertilizer Factory and asking that the valuation of their property be reduced on this account and also by reason of their proximity to the factory. After some discussion it was decided that a small deputation from the area be received at the next meeting of the Council.

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FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A letter was read from the Private Secretary to the Taoiseach indicating that the Taoiseach had arranged for the Minister for Local Government to meet a small deputation from the Council for the purpose of discussing Coastal Erosion at Wicklow. It was agreed that the deputation should consist of the Chairman and Councillors Kane, and Haughton with Councillor Kelly as substitute, the three T.D.'s for the County and the County Manager, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk. It was further decided that the Town Clerk would inform the Minister that the deputation would meet him on a suitable date in the week ending 26th November, 1960.

A letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., which had been addressed to the Harbour Commissioners, copy to the Urban Council, relative to repairs required to the Harbour Roads, particularly the road-way between their factory premises and the river and to the necessity of providing protection works on the seaward side of their sulphuric acid plant. The County Manager pointed out that the Harbour Board were responsible for the maintenance of roads and walls concerned and that they were also responsible for erosion which took place within the harbour boundary. After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter back to the Harbour Board and to explain the position to them.

SEALING OF LEASES: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Margaret Sillery for a term of 32 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of 1/-, a plot of ground with dwellinghouse thereon situate at The Mall, Wicklow, and more clearly depicted on map attached to said Lease."

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

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Patrick Murray for the term of 32 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of 1/- a plot of ground with dwellinghouse thereon situate at The Mall, Wicklow, and more clearly delineated on map attached to said Lease."

It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Mr. Nathaniel Haskins for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, at a yearly rent of £2. 8. 0. a plot of ground situate at the junction of New St. and High St., Wicklow and with one dwellinghouse and one shop and dwellinghouse thereon."

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

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQ) ACTS: The Town Clerk explained that as the plans of proposed dwelling house had not yet been received it would not be possible to deal with the application of Mr. H. J. Mulrooney for a loan of £1,600.

An application was read from Mr. J. J. Jones to have the loan of £1,450 on the dwelling house at Summer Hill, Wicklow, transferred from Mr. P. Finlayson to his name. The Town Clerk indicated that there was no objection to the transfer and the Council unanimously recommended that it be granted.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: The following letter was read from the Acting Secretary, Wicklow County Council:-

12th October, 1960.

A Chara,

As requested in your letter of 5th inst., the views of the members of the Urban District Council regarding the matter of the Lease of the County Hospital building were brought to the notice of the County Council at the meeting held on 10th inst. The County Council noted that legal

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advice had been received to the effect that the County Council was entitled to continue to use the former County Hospital building for the Council's purposes and that the Council was under no obligation to comply with the Urban District Council's request that the building be handed over to the Urban Council.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Councillor Kane said that there was no doubt that prior to the last meeting the transfer was taking place from the Old Hospital to the new one and after the meeting the items were transferred back again. He felt they should press ahead with the matter of regaining the County Hospital. Councillor Everett was of the opinion that the Landlord and Tenant Act could not apply in this case as the tenant had not complied with the regulations. Councillor Haughton considered that the County Council had a yearly tenancy and that they should proceed to serve Notice to Quit on them immediately. The County Manager pointed out that the Urban Co. did not build the property but that the premises happened to be build on their property. The County Council continued to pay the rent and they were statutory tenants and were going to use the building for Health purposes. He said the County Council could not hand the building back to the Urban Council and that discussions had taken place with the Department of Health regarding the use of it for other Health purposes but no decision had yet been reached. The County Manager denied that any transfer had taken place and further that he had given any permission for such a transfer to take place. Councillor Conroy was of the opinion that they should get independent legal advice in the matter but was told by the County Manager that they could not do so but were entitled to get the opinion of Counsel. Councillor Haughton stated that as they were legally entitled to apply to the Circuit Court to have a rent determined for the building they should if the necessity arose be entitled to get independent legal advice. Councillor Hopkins was of the opinion that they should approach the County Council to see if agreement could be reached on a reasonable rent instead of the £3. 3. 0. which was the rent fixed in the old lease.

After some further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Lalor and agreed, that the Council obtain the advice of Senior Counsel as to their entitlement to regain possession of the premises, the conditions under which the County Council presently hold the premises, procedure necessary to terminate the County Council's tenancy and the Urban Council's right to determine a rent for same, should they decide to renew the lease. It was further decided that when the Council's Solicitor had prepared a case for submission to Senior Counsel that it be forwarded for inspection of the Council at their next meeting.

SCAVENGING SERVICE: The following reports were read from the Town Surveyor and from the Health Inspector:-

7th November, 1960.

I have again been giving consideration to this difficult problem. The existing temporary expedient of depositing material near the C.I.E. Station is likely to cause expense to the Council at a later stage in that the Company might profitably claim that the Council, in using its private roadway for excess and unauthorised traffic, would be liable for repairs to it's (The Company's) satisfaction.

I have examined the proposal to use the ground at the Upper Glen, Dunbur - this place whilst not as central as the old Blackcastle site, would be suitable provided that mechanical collection and transport is provided and the most suitable line of approach would be along the Old Dunbur Lane. It would be necessary to repair, widen and drain this route and provide for 2 or 3 passing bays and I estimate the cost of doing so at about £800. The funds for this could possibly be found from an anticipated Special Grant of £900 which MAY be forthcoming in 1961/62, but no definite indication of this has as yet been given. I do not think that entry from the main Dunbur/Silver Strand Road is desirable having regard to traffic etc. The Dunbur Lane, however, is not the responsibility of the Council for maintenance beyond the 2 Council Houses near St. Dominick's Road and would have to be taken over by Resolution.

The immediate cause of the closing of the Blackcastle Site was the very objectionable misuse of that location by reason of the shavings and peelings being deposited there, and which encouraged the setting fire to

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the accumulation with consequent grave inconvenience to the residents and visitors in the vicinity. In addition there was the dropping of that material indiscriminately along the Public Roads and Paths between the South Quay and the end of Castle St., again drawing complaints from householders and generally choking drains, gullies and sewers.

Whenever the attention of Irish Forest Products Com. was drawn to these circumstances the point was always raised about the employment afforded by their operations and a threat to cease the Industry and withdraw from the Port of Wicklow. We are not compelled to provide disposal for industrial waste and if the type of materials causes a general nuisance surely the onus is on the party promoting the Industry.

Having regard to all the above points, I think the Council will have to return temporarily to the Blackcastle site and in the meantime it is suggested that a Conference with the Irish Forest Products Company be held with a view to resolving the situation amicably.

Preparations for the development of the Glen Scheme could then be made so as to have it confirmed about April or May, 1961.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

28th October, 1960.

A Chara,

I have received a complaint from the Station Master at Wicklow regarding the condition of the Dump at the Station Road. He states that his premises have become infested with flies and that he has to keep the windows closed to keep out the offensive smells and smoke from the fires on the dump. This complaint is fully justified.

Since the Council started dumping in this spot I have inspected regularly each week and have not been at all satisfied with it. There is no effort made to effect proper control, the refuse is dumped in heaps and no levelling or covering takes place. When offal from slaughter yards is dumped, it is left uncovered. I spoke to the overseer and instructed him to carry out regular spraying to keep down the fly menace, but this has not proved very effective, at the present time the place is infested with flies.

As I stated in my previous report, the only suitable site in the District is at the Glen Strand, Dunbur, and I feel that it was a mistake for the Council to close Black Castle dump before they were ready to start dumping in the Upper Glen. I would suggest at this stage to discontinue dumping at the station road dump and to use Black Castle until they are properly organised to dump in the Glen. I can foresee nothing but complaints and trouble if dumping is continued in the present way.

Should the Council decide to continue dumping at the station road it will be necessary to have a man on it to level and cover off properly, a daily supply of proper covering material would have to be made available and each days dumping covered down completely.

P. P. Duffy,
Health Inspector.

The Chairman said he had received a letter of complaint from Irish Forest Products, who stated that their export trade through Wicklow Harbour would be seriously endangered if they were not given facilities to dump the pitwood peelings. Councillor Hopkins said that the site at Greenhill Road mentioned at the previous meeting by Councillor Lalor was much too small for use as a dumping ground. Councillors Kane and Haughton and the Chairman indicated that they had inspected the Upper Glen and found it ideal for dumping and could be used for many years without encroaching on anybody's property.

It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and agreed - that the Upper Glen be opened up as a dumping ground with all possible speed, the Town Surveyor to prepare a final estimate for the cost of improving the entrance to the Glen via the Old Dunbur Road and submit same to next meeting, when arrangements could be made to pass a final resolution authorising the raising of a loan to cover the cost of the work.

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It was agreed that a formal resolution be tabled for the next meeting of the Council to take over as a public road that portion of the Old Dunbur Road required for access to the new dumping ground, so that the Council may be entitled to expend money on its improvement and maintenance.

The Council then discussed the mechanisation of the Scavenging Service, Councillor Haughton indicating that such a service would be needed now that they were going to use the Upper Glen as a dumping ground. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and agreed that tenders be invited for the supply of a tractor and trailer to operate a mechanised scavenging service. It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Haughton and agreed that tenders be invited for the operation of a mechanised scavenging service on a contract basis for a period of 5 years.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The application of Wicklow Traders' Association to have the Decorative Street Lighting to be erected by them for the period 16th December, 1960 to 1st January, 1961, and consisting of approximately 950 15 Watt lamps, connected to the Public Lighting system at a cost of £27. 15. 4. which would be recouped to the Council by the Association was agreed to.

The Chairman announced that as had been the practice of his predecessors in office he would be pleased to present the Christmas Tree for erection at Fitzwilliam Square.

The Town Clerk reported on his discussions with the E.S.B. Engineer regarding siting of an additional light at New Park Road and that it would not be possible to effect any reduction in the estimate. It was decided that the provision of the three additional lights be deferred to the Estimates Meeting and the County Manager was asked to include in his Estimates the cost of providing these lights.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that arising out of the recent increase in charges by the E.S.B., the Council could expect to have to pay an additional 5/- per light; the total number of lights being 96 the increased charge would be approximately £24.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION: The Town Clerk reported that Wicklow had got 44 marks in the 1960 Tidy Towns Competition as against 42 the previous year. The town had come 12 out of 17 in their category (Category E - 3,500 population) as against 15th out of 17 the previous year.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application was received from the Misses Kent, Church Hill, for permission to construct a garage with entrance thereto from Church Hill. The Town Clerk informed the members that the original application had been refused and that the Town Surveyor was unable to recommend that permission be given in this instance. The Town Surveyor said he had spoken to the Misses Kent and had made a suggestion regarding the siting of the garage which might prove acceptable to them. He gave the Council details of this and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would write to the Misses Kent and ask them if they were prepared to accept the Town Surveyor's suggestion.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME. 1960/61: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that they were unable to get a contractor to undertake the cooking and serving of meals in connection with the present Winter's School Meals Scheme. Mrs. O'Toole, The Mall, who undertook this work for a number of years had indicated that she was not in a position to continue the service this year. Councillor Haughton suggested that the Town Clerk write to the Supervisors of the Schools and ask them for their suggestions to overcome the difficulty. Councillor Lalor suggested that Rev. Fr. Hans be approached regarding the use of the Boys' Club. It was agreed that the Town Clerk approach Father Hanes and the Supervisors of the Schools.

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

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1. Severe flooding took place on Roads and public spaces in the Town during the week-end 1st/2nd October. I am studying the matter and will submit a report to the Council in this connection when I will have completed

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my investigations and examinations of the fields and ditches through the terrain prior to the delivery of water onto and into Council drains and culverts within the district. There seems to be grounds for believing that some excess water is coming to Council ground in recent years and an examination of the causes may reveal a solution.

2. Water Supply: The old Reservoir reached the overflow level this year on Monday, 31st October. In regard to water system generally, I would advise that the Council favourably consider the re-laying of the old mains in Castle Street. It will be recalled that the Council had under consideration some time ago the question of devoting Relief Funds to a Concrete Road in Castle Street but it was appreciated that this could not be done until the old watermain was replaced and proper house connections provided. You have the estimated cost of this work from me - £3,800.

I offer a further suggestion to you in regard to Rocky Road main which could be linked up with the existing 8 inch Cronroe supply near the "Soldiers" and Sailors" houses. This link would ensure adequate pressure at the end of the Rocky Road main and would, at a later date serve any additional houses in that area. The proposal would include a service tank also and would cost as estimated about £3,200.

The increased demand for water for Industrial Purposes has been referred to me by previous Reports and I gave it as my opinion that including Shamrock Fertilizers about 100,000 gals. per day might not be over optimistic within the next 2 or 3 years. This would call for additions to the Filtration Plant at Cronroe for which I am preparing an Estimate and it must be recorded that the proposal would have to be considered by each of the local authorities involved. It is not unreasonable to visualise an arrangement of the whole water undertaking in this area as a profit earning scheme, in which the rates would not be called upon to bear excessive or any charges. The Town Clerk will be in a position to enlighten you further on this.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Councillor Conroy proposed and Councillor Lalor seconded that the Castle St. Watermain be relaid and that the Town Surveyor prepare Specification and that tenders be invited for the work. After some discussion, on the suggestion of Councillor Kane, it was decided to adjourn further consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from the Rathnew Parish Council regarding the necessity of providing a Bus Shelter at Quinn's Licensed Premises at Abbey St. It was agreed to refer the matter to C.I.E.

Councillor Kelly enquired if any report had been obtained on his complaint at the previous meeting regarding the condition of the Fire Engine. The Town Clerk said no report had been received, but he understood that Mr. Brangan was taking the matter up with the Chief Fire Officer.

Councillor Kelly enquired if members could be circulated with the names of holders of Free Medical Cards in the Urban District and was told by the County Manager that the issue of Medical Cards was a matter for the County Council and that the information requested could not be divulged to the Urban Council.

Councillor Kane proposed and Councillor Haughton seconded and it was agreed that the Town Clerk be instructed to investigate the valuations of County Council Offices and ascertain if all the property occupied by the County Council and liable to rating was valued, and to report if at any time the valuation of such property had been revised.

Councillor Kane was told by the County Manager that the payment of Reconstruction Grants would have to be borne out of rates.

Councillor Lalor enquired as to who was entitled to receive Fuel under the Cheap Fuel Scheme and was supplied with the information required by the County Manager.

The meeting then concluded.

Handwritten signature and date:
6th December, 1960.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow,
2nd December, 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, 6th December, 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. Reception of Deputation from Strand Street and District.
2. Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 7th November, 1960 (copy herewith).
3. Resolution from Thurles U.D.C. re Amendment of Street Trading Act, 1926.
4. Scavenging Service:
 - (a) Tenders for supply of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment.
 - (b) Tenders for provision of Mechanical Scavenging Service for 5 year period.
 - (c) Dumping Ground - Improvement of Access Road to proposed dumping ground at The Glen.
5. Lease of County Hospital - Consideration of Case for submission to Counsel for advice (copy herewith).
6. Foreshore Protection Works - Report of deputation to Minister for Local Government.
7. Harbour Roads - Correspondence.
8. S. D. A. Acts - Application from Mr. H. J. Mulrooney for loan of £1,600.
9. Town Planning Applications.
10. Sealing of Lease - Plot at Upper Strand St., Mrs. P. McNamara.
11. Public Lighting - Application for all-night lighting at Bond St. and approaches to North Quay.
12. Replies to matters raised at previous meeting: (a) Wicklow Fire Engine (b) Valuation of Court House and County Council Offices (c) Provision of bus shelter at "Quinn's", Abbey St.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
14. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER, 1960

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson, W. Hopkins and J. Kelly.

The Deputation from Strand St. and district did not attend.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Arising out of the minutes Councillor Everett referred to the dumping ground and queried the authority for its transfer from the Brickfield Lane to the Black Castle. The Town Clerk gave a report on the matter and the reasons why the transfer became necessary, which was mainly due to the threat by C.I.E. to prosecute the Council if they continued to use the access road to the railway station. Councillor Everett said the old Brickfield Lane could have been used and the Town Surveyor indicated that it would not hold the traffic. The Chairman said it was only with reluctance that they went back to the Black Castle dump but that they had no alternative when C.I.E. threatened legal proceedings. Councillor Everett proposed that the matter be referred to the Minister for Health and it was seconded by Councillor Lalor. The matter was then put to vote by the Chairman and a vote was taken as follows:- For: Councillors Everett, Lalor and Conroy (3) Against: Councillors Delahunt, Kane and Haughton and on the casting vote of the Chairman the motion was declared lost.

The Minutes having been taken as read were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM THURLES U.D.C.: On the motion of Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy the following resolution received from Thurles U.D.C. was adopted by the Council:-

"That we, the members of Thurles Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government to amend the Street Trading Act, 1926, to empower urban authorities to confine street trading in clothes, furniture and hardware goods to specified streets in towns on fair and market days.

We consider the existing position whereby street traders selling goods of types mentioned can disrupt fairs and markets, and obstruct and dislocate traffic on fair and market days, as completely unsatisfactory.

That we recommend the adoption of this resolution by all urban authorities in the Republic of Ireland".

SCAVENGING SERVICE: Two tenders were received for the supply of a mechanical scavenging equipment and were opened by the Chairman:-

Coleborn & Hopkins Ltd., Wicklow.	£1,695. 15. 0.
Ferguson Ltd., Dublin.	£1,783. 2. 3.

The Council recommended that the tenders be referred to the Town Surveyor for his examination and report thereon to the next meeting.

Four tenders were received and opened for the provision of a mechanical scavenging service for a 5 year period:-

Two types of tenders were sought - (a) For the collection of household refuse and the sweeping and cleaning of streets, roads, gulleys, channels etc. and (b) The collection of household refuse and of street sweepings.

	(a)	(b)
John Flynn, New St., Wicklow.	£1,570	£1,180
Frank Newsome, Rathnew	£2,704	-
J. Woods, Greystones	£3,516	£2,431. 5.0.
R. Dickenson, Friars' Hill	-	£2,950

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The Council recommended that the tenders be referred to the Town Surveyor for examination and report thereon to the next meeting.

On the question of the Dumping Ground the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Everett:-

"I beg to move that I or some member for me shall move that Resolution passed at November meeting selecting Upper Glen as a Dump be Rescinded owing to excessive costs to rates and that necessary arrangements be made to acquire the Lower Glen and a passage through our own field be made for traffic to and from Dump."

The County Manager said it would be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. The Town Surveyor stated that his minimum estimate to put the Old Dunbar Road into adequate condition to take traffic was £300. That sum included making access to the tip-head. This work was the very minimum required to open the road but later on they would have to do the whole job costing £800. In reply to Councillor Kane, the County Manager said that the Council had the power, providing they made the money available, to instruct the Town Surveyor to proceed with the work immediately. The Manager further stated that the money could be provided by entering it as an excess in this year's Estimated and it would then come up in next year's Estimates. The Town Surveyor said that he could have the road ready, having regard to the weather, in one month. Councillor Everett said that the Lower Glen was very convenient and easy to manage. Councillor Haughton indicated that if the site was suitable he would also support it. In regard to the suggestion that they could use the Lower Glen on the Urban side of the stream whilst they were finding out about acquiring the land on the other side, the Town Surveyor said he would like to inspect the site before they made a suggestion on it. Councillor Conroy proposed and Councillor Kane seconded and it was agreed, Councillor Everett dissenting, that the Black Castle be used as a temporary dump and that a man be sent there regularly to keep it in condition. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting to allow the Town Surveyor to examine and report on the comparative costs of acquiring and making ready for dumping the Upper and Lower Glen.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: The meeting considered the Case which had been prepared by Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Council's Solicitor, for submission to Counsel for advice in connection with the lease of the County Hospital and the following amendments/alterations were made in the Draft Case:-

(1) Mention to be made of the Council's refusal to accept a rent in respect of the County Hospital when it had been brought to their notice that the lease had expired. (2) Reference to be proposed further use of the building to be omitted. (3) To enquire if the Trust created by the lease of rent payable under the lease still maintains.

It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane and agreed, that Mr. Miley, S.C. be engaged to give his opinion on the matter.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk gave the following report on the Deputation received by the Minister for Local Government on the question of Coastal Erosion at Wicklow:-

Statement by Minister for Local Government: The Minister stated that there was a general problem of Coastal Erosion in the whole country and it was in such a broad light that he must regard the problem. However, because the erosion at Wicklow had an element of urgency he regarded it as requiring some special treatment.

The Minister pointed out that Coastal Erosion was not the responsibility of any particular Department of the Government but that he was endeavouring to have the responsibility determined. He indicated that certain steps are being taken currently in the matter of Coastal Erosion but no decision has yet been made. Accordingly, the problem in Wicklow will have to be dealt with in isolation at this stage.

The Minister said he was prepared to endeavour to obtain a Grant from the Special Employment Schemes Office as he had done on a previous occasion. He mentioned that prior to the recent storms an estimate of the work required was £7,000 and a grant towards the cost was under

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negotiation with the Special Employment Schemes Office. It was expected of course that the cost of the work would now be higher. At this stage the Town Surveyor handed in an estimate in sum of £16,600.

The Minister referred to the question of local contributions and said that a contribution, however small, by local industries would be a very telling factor in the case to be made to the Employment Schemes Office.

In reply to a query the Minister said that he would support any application for a grant made to Bord Fáilte by the Council.

The Minister considered that Urban Areas and Towns were unable to meet the large cost of Foreshore Protection Works and that County Councils might contribute a sum which would be in same ratio of County Council Demand in Urban Rate.

The following report from the Town Surveyor was then read:-

Foreshore: Town Clerk deals with the Deputation to the Minister in this matter separately. Since that date (22nd November, 1960) an Engineering Inspector from the Department has been down examining the position. As pointed out to the Deputation, the Minister is in a difficulty in that no State Department has been given the responsibility of Coast Protection Works as such and therefore funds under that heading are not available. The Minister however, has already secured in 1960 a limited amount from the E.S.V. Funds and is now endeavouring to do the same for the present proposal which he accepts as in the nature of an emergency. With this in view the proposals reported by me with the Deputation have been examined and it is felt that for the present only the extreme minimum construction necessary will be financed and the items now suggested are or will be approved having regard to the experience of similar type of work done in the present year. Such work has been regarded by the Department as satisfactory and worthy of continuance.

The work in general will consist in laying and placing about 6,600 to 7,000 tons of quarried stone, graded 2 tons - 1 ton plus smaller filling stones, along a distance of about 200 lin. yds. in front of North Promenade and at the northern end thereof, and also opposite Old Boat House, together with the building of the Railway Wall and the low storm wall near Boat House.

It is not proposed to lay the concrete deck slab over the Promenades until final subsidence and consolidation of the filling will occur; at the same time it must be recalled that, in any event, this Deck Slab is regarded as a doubtful necessity for defence and rather as an amenity which Bord Fáilte might be prepared to consider next year and to which Body application might be made.

The Estimated Cost of the present proposals therefore is £6,000 and further communication from the Department is awaited.

J. T. O'Byrne
Town Surveyor

Councillor Haughton remarked that having made enquiries he considered it highly unlikely that they would get a contribution from industry. Councillor Everett said that the County Council owned the road to the railway and that they should be asked to pay something towards the protection of their own property. After some further discussion it was decided on a motion proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by the Chairman that the Department of Local Government be pressed for a grant of £10,000 and that an application be made to the County Council for assistance towards the local contribution to be made towards the cost of the work.

HARBOUR ROADS: A letter was read from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners enclosing copy of letter from the Department of Transport & Power enquiring if the Urban Council were prepared to take over the Harbour Roads, which they were anxious to have some years back. The Town Surveyor indicated the roads concerned and mentioned that the road along the North Quay was in a very dangerous condition and could not be regarded as anything but a liability if taken over before the Quay Walls were repaired. The South Quay road would come under the same observations, but the road from Bond St., to the Packet Pier was a concrete road and alright.

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Accordingly, he would not advise the Council to take over the roads at the North or South Quays in their present condition. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane - that in view of the report of the Town Surveyor, the Council do not take over the Harbour Roads. AGREED.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: Plans and specification of bungalow proposed to be erected by Mr. H. J. Mulrooney at Dunbar Road were submitted. Mr. Mulrooney also applied for a loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts in respect of the bungalow. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the plans and had certified the valuation of the bungalow at at least £2,000. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed that the Council recommend (1) that permission under the Town & Regional Planning Acts be granted and (2) that a loan of £1,600 under the S.D.A. Acts be granted.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application accompanied by plan and specification was submitted by Messrs Smiths of Church St., for permission for alterations and improvements to premises at Main St., purchased by them. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the proposals. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane and unanimously recommended that permission be granted.

SEALING OF LEASE - PLOT AT UPPER STRAND ST., MRS. P. McNAMARA: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Mrs. Patricia McNamara a plot of ground adjoining Upper Strand St., Wicklow, at the rear of the dwellinghouse and premises of the lease as shown on map attached to said lease, said plot to be used as a garden and/or yard space, for a term of 31 years from 25th March, 1959, at a yearly rent of £1. 0. 0."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Clerk stated that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. had applied to have 3 lamps at Bond St. and one either side of the Stone Bridge changed to all-night lighting in order to facilitate their workers on night shift. The Town Clerk said that the E.S.B.'s estimate for fitting time switch was £42 and the additional charge per lamp per year for current used would be £2. 2. 6. The County Manager suggested that perhaps the firm would change the time of their shifts and Councillor Conroy said he understood that this could not readily be done as the times were fixed by law. After some discussion, it was decided that the Town Clerk would discuss the matter with Mr. Van den Berg and with the E.S.B. officials to see what reduction could be effected and to see if one all-night light would meet Mr. Van den Berg's requirements.

WICKLOW FIRE ENGINE: The following letter was read from Wicklow County Council:-

18th November, 1960.

A Chara,

With regard to the reference at the meeting of the Urban District Council in October to the Fire Engine at Wicklow, the Chief Fire Officer reports that the appliance did fail to start when engaged in connection with flooding on Sunday, 2nd October, 1960, and some difficulty had been experienced at a fire at an earlier date. The Chief Fire Officer points out that the Engine was purchased in 1948. It was subsequently transferred to Arklow in 1952 and to Wicklow in 1957. The Chief Fire Officer points out that the same standard of service could not be expected from this machine as from a new Engine.

It has been the Council's policy to replace Fire Appliances as loans raised for Fire Brigades are repaid with a view to avoiding further increases in the total cost of the service. During the past 4 years four new appliances have been purchased, two of these being to replace trailer pumps so as to provide a better service. The total cost of the Fire Brigade service for the current year is estimated at £10,635. 0. 0.

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and the provision made by Wicklow County Council for this service is higher than that made in almost all other counties. The contribution by Wicklow Urban District towards the cost of Fire Brigades in the present year is £357. It will be noted that payments to personnel of the Wicklow Fire Brigade amount each year to approximately £500. The matter of replacing the existing Fire Engine in Wicklow could be considered in conjunction with the Estimates for the coming financial year.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was decided to write to the County Council indicating that the Urban Council, in view of the age of the Fire Engine etc., view the matter with grave concern and request the supply of a modern appliance.

VALUATION - COURT HOUSE: The Town Clerk reported that he had examined the Valuation Lists from 1921 onwards and gave the following figures:-

Courthouse: Valued at £95 as far back as 1921
Exempt from Rates
Gaol Yard: 1921 to 1947 - valued at £120
Exempt from Rates
1948 - described as Old Gaol (part of) and yard
no value.
Wicklow County 1948 Offices and Yard - valued at £70
Council: 1951 Offices, Stores, Petrol Tanks
and Yard - valued at £80.

Councillor Kane proposed and Councillor Lalor seconded and it was agreed that the Valuation Office be asked to examine the Valuation of all property held by the County Council in Wicklow Town.

BUS SHELTER: A letter was read from C.I.E. indicating that the volume of traffic would not warrant the provision of a bus shelter at Quinn's Licensed Premises, Abbey St., Wicklow. The Council decided to inform C.I.E. that they were disappointed with their attitude and request them to reconsider the matter.

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

1. During the month continued bad weather was experienced but no severe flooding was reported - the Road Staff dealt efficiently with drains and water channels.

The opening of the old shore and culvert at Ball Alley was observed and noted to assess its usefulness and it is intended to build a manhole with grating to deal with future flood waters as soon as possible now that we have mason available.

2. The L.S.V. Scheme was started on the footpaths at Kilmartin Hill. The part of the scheme for the paths to Council Houses at Castlefield is not approved because it does not provide for a public utility as such. There would therefore be the sum of £265 available and I suggest that a useful work for this would be the improvement of the plot of ground at the eastern end of Castle Street as a Scenic Park by building a low wall adjoining path about 18 inches high with concrete seating slab laid on, together with concrete terracing and concrete seats facing towards the Harbour and a general levelling and cleaning up of the area.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Councillor Conroy referred to the refusal of the Department to sanction the construction of a boundary wall at Cooper's Lane and said he understood that the remainder of the wall had been constructed some years ago with the aid of the L.S.V. grant and that this matter should be brought to the attention of the Department and that they be asked to reconsider their decision regarding the construction of the remainder of the wall. The Council agreed with Councillor Conroy's suggestion and approved the balance of the grant being spent on the Scenic Park at Castle St.

Councillor Lalor referred to water getting in under the doors of

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Council Houses as did the Chairman and the Town Surveyor promised to look into these matters.

COUNCIL EMPLOYEES: An application was read from the Wicklow Branch, I.T.O.G.W. Union, applying to have overalls supplied to U.D.C. workmen and that they be allowed a full day off on Church Holydays. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the men were supplied with oil skins and rubber boots at present and that the practice in regard to Church Holydays was that the men came in for one hour to clean the main streets of the town. In reply to Councillor Haughton he said it would cost £10 per year to provide overalls and pointed out that workers in Arklow were allowed overalls but were obliged to work on Church Holydays. The Council unanimously agreed to supply the overalls. Councillor Conroy proposed and Councillor Lalor seconded that the men should not work on Church Holydays. A vote was then taken resulting as follows:- For: Councillors Everett, Conroy and Lalor. Against: Councillors Delahunt, Kane and Haughton. On the casting vote of the Chairman, the motion was declared lost.

HOUSING: The Town Clerk reported that it had just come to his notice that the proposed railway siding to the North Quay would be sited through two houses at Bond St., the property of Mr. Haskins. One of these houses was vacant but the other was tenanted by Miss B. Keogh. He reminded the Council that the County Medical Officer had refused to consider Miss Keogh for re-housing as she was a single person, but the circumstances were now very different in that her house would have to be demolished to make way for the railway. He told the Council that a house at St. Bride's Road would shortly be available. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy and unanimously recommended by the Council that Miss Keogh be re-housed in the next available vacant house.

Councillor Haughton proposed and the Chairman seconded a vote of congratulations to the Town Clerk on his appointment as Auditor of the Town Clerk's Association.

The Chairman wished the members and staff and the townspeople a happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th December, 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 on Tuesday, 3rd January, 1961, at 7.30 p.m., in the Town Hall, Wicklow. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,
M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th December, 1960 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Wexford Corporation protesting that factories west of the Shannon are granted more favourable terms than those on East Coast.
3. Resolution from Ceanannus Mor U.D.C. re (1) Sale of air guns to juveniles and (2) purchase of freehold interest in property held under lease.
4. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.-
"I beg to move that I or some member for me shall move that Resolution passed at November Meeting selecting Upper Glen as a Dump be rescinded owing to excessive costs to rates and that necessary arrangements be made to acquire the Lower Glen and a passage though our own field be made for traffic to and from Dump".
5. Dumping Ground: Report of Town Surveyor on proposed sites at Upper and Lower Glen and comparative costs of making same accessible for dumping.
6. Mechanical Scavenging Service: Report and recommendation of Town Surveyor on tenders received.
7. Derelict Sites - consideration of Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re scheme of grants for clearance of derelict sites (copy herewith).
8. Public Lighting - Provision of all night lighting at Bond St.
9. Railway Siding to North Quay - Acquisition of 2 Houses at Bond St.
10. Foreshore Protection Works - correspondence.
11. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
12. Any Other Business.

Leave of G. Hospital - Council's opinion.

Sending - Asseveration - Suttan G. G. Garry.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD JANUARY, 1961

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

In attendance: Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., and the Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

Apologies were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson and Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th December, 1960, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM WEXFORD CORPORATION: A Resolution from Wexford Corporation calling on the Government to grant facilities to industrialists establishing factories on the East Coast similar to those now granted to industrialists establishing factories west of the Shannon was marked "read".

RESOLUTIONS FROM CEANANNUS MOR U.D.C.: Two Resolutions from Ceanannus Mor U.D.C. (a) requesting legislation to control the sale of air guns to juveniles and (b) requesting legislation to enable tenants holding property under lease to purchase the freehold interest in their property were also marked "read".

DERELICT SITES: The Council considered Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government notifying a scheme of grants for the clearance and improvement of Derelict Sites. After some discussion it was decided that the Town Surveyor be asked to prepare for the next meeting a report on the derelict sites in the Town and recommendations together with estimate of the cost for the clearance and improvement of them.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Clerk reported that as directed at the previous meeting he had discussed with Mr. Van den Berg and E.S.B. Officials the question of providing all-night lighting to facilitate workers in the fertilizer factory. It was agreed that the provision of one all-night light at the Stone Bridge/Leitrim Place Corner would be satisfactory. The cost of the necessary alterations would be £14 and the annual additional cost for lighting would be £2. 2. 6. Reference was made by Councillor Lalor to previous discussions regarding the provision of a public light on New Park Road. The Council endorsed their previous decision of adjourning this matter to the Estimates Meeting in view of the cost of £72 involved.

It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Delahunt that an all-night light be provided at the Stone Bridge at a cost of £14 and that the necessary additional expenditure be approved in the current year. AGREED.

RAILWAY SIDING TO NORTH QUAY: The Town Clerk reported that the proposed railway siding to the North Quay would pass through two houses at Bond St., the property of Mr. R. B. Haskins and which were held by him from the Council. One of the houses was vacant and the other occupied by Miss Brigid Keogh, whom the Council had already agreed to re-house. The question arose as to whether the Council should take steps to obtain a surrender of Mr. Haskins' interest in the property so as to make way for the rail siding. In reply to the Chairman the Town Clerk said that the original route for the rail siding as approved of by the Council did not provide for its passing through the aforementioned houses. The Council considered that either C.I.E. or Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. should negotiate with Mr. Haskins for a surrender of his interest and that it would not appear a matter for the Council.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The following letter was read from the Department of Local Government in connection with Foreshore Protection Works:-

8th December, 1960.

A. Chara,

With reference to the proposal to carry out further work for the protection of the foreshore, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that following discussions between the Town Surveyor and the Department's Engineering Inspector, the following work has been agreed on as being the minimum now required to remedy the damage caused and to prevent further damage:-

	Tons of Blocks
1. Protection of rip-rap quarry blocks to promenade over a length of 700 feet. 233 yds. @ 16 tons	3,728
2. Similar protection for 100 feet north of the northern end of promenade. 33 yds. @ 16 tons	528
3. Allow further quantity of blocks at same place behind the frontal protection (about 10 tons per yd. run)	344
4. Fill up cavities in promenade with quarry rejects of igneous blocks (400' x 20' x 6')	2,000
<u>Total amount of rock</u>	<u>6,600 tons</u>
Placed complete at 15/- per ton	£4,950
5. Rebuild part wall at railway and low stone-wall near boat-house	£500
6. Blinding and temporary surfacing of promenade over new filling	£200
7. Allow for cost of breaking up broken concrete slabs, portions of wall, etc. and for extra cost of adjusting quarry blocks to give uniform slope and line	£350
	<u>£6,000</u>
Add for contingencies and underestimation	£600
	<u>£6,600</u>

The rip-rap block protection should be of igneous rocks between $\frac{1}{2}$ ton and 2 tons in weight, with 50% lying between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 ton. Rejects below $\frac{1}{2}$ ton should be used for filling up cavities in promenade. Form O.D.5 in respect of the above items should be furnished as soon as possible.

With regard to the financing of the work, I am to refer to the Minister's suggestion to the deputation received on 23rd ultimo that an approach be made to the commercial concerns whose interests are affected, to make a contribution towards the cost and to inquire the results. I am also to enquire whether the Co. Council has yet been approached for a contribution, and the result thereof.

As the Minister is advised that the matter is one of extreme urgency, an early reply is requested.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Councillor Everett protested at the Council having to replace the damaged C.I.E. boundary wall and stated that C.I.E. themselves should be responsible for this. The Town Surveyor stated that the cost of replacing the wall would be about £75. The Council recommended that C.I.E. be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of the Protection Works and that it be pointed out to them that the Minister himself had suggested this. The Town Clerk reported on the application made to the County Council for assistance and which had been referred to their Estimates Meeting by that body. In reply to Councillor Everett, the Town Clerk said that approximately £25,000 had been expended on Foreshore Protection Works since 1934 and of this sum approximately £8,000 had been provided locally. The Council decided that an approach be made to local industries for assistance towards the cost of the works now required and estimated to cost £6,600. The meeting was informed that the Department of Local Government had made application to the Employment Schemes Office for a grant towards the work in sum of £6,600. On previous occasions the grant allocated was 75% and if a similar grant was made available in the present instance the amount to be raised locally would be £1,650. If this were to be raised by means of a 10 year loan the annual charge on the rates would be 6d. The Town Clerk said that he understood that the Government were expected in the present week to make a decision on the general problem of coastal erosion.

Council decided that the Department of Local Government be written to

and that they be informed of the amount expended on Foreshore Protection Works since 1934 and that in view of the amount provided locally that in this instance no local contribution be required.

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

E.S.V. Scheme: The concrete paths on Kilmartin Hill are completed and work is now proceeding on Wentworth Place satisfactorily.

Shore in Ball Alley: The concrete manhole and 15 inch drain p to the old Jail box shore under roadway was completed near the Jail rere wall. During stormy weather the gully at fountain in Market St. at junction with Castle St., was unable to cope with water and some flooding was caused. This is partially due to the habit of throwing domestic material waste into the grid, but in any event the receptance will have to be enlarged which it is proposed to do.

Housing: The allocation provided in the current year for Housing Repairs has now been fully expended: I would ask the Council to authorise the additional sum of say £30, to cover cost of probable plumbing.

Railings on Bachelors' Walk: It has been observed that 5 concrete posts and railings have been damaged and broken on Bachelors' Walk. The cause of this is being investigated and is under observation and will be reported on for next meeting.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Councillor Everett requested and it was agreed that in future the Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor be circulated with the Agenda.

The Town Surveyor promised to examine Councillor Conroy's complaint of flooding in the Ball Alley due to water come under and from the Hospital Gate. He also undertook to see if gulleys could be cleaned on a weekly basis as mentioned by Councillor Kane. After some discussion on Housing Repairs, it was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed that additional expenditure of £30 be approved in the current year under the heading of Housing Repairs to provide for extra plumbing work that may arise.

Councillor Kane proposed and Councillor Haughton seconded and it was resolved - that the Government be requested to prepare a revised Tenant Purchase Scheme on more attractive terms than offered by the existing Scheme and that copies of this resolution be circulated to all Municipal Authorities.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: It was agreed to adjourn to the next meeting consideration of Counsel's Opinion on the Lease of the County Hospital as members did not have sufficient opportunity to study it and as the County Manager was not present at the meeting.

TRANSFER OF DWELLINGHOUSE AT SEAVIEW ROAD: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed wherein the Council consent (1) to the assignment by Mrs. G. Sutton of her Leasehold interest in a dwellinghouse at Seaview Rd., Wicklow, held under lease dated 22/7/1948 to Mr. Morgan McGarry and (2) to the release of the charge of £1,000 registered on the property under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts on the Council being paid the balance of the loan now outstanding in sum of £807. 18. 9."

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

DUMPING GROUND: The report of the Town Surveyor was read as follows:-
re: Dumping Ground

Having further examined the various proposals and difficulties involved in this matter and whilst I am of the opinion that the Upper Glen Site is the best position for this, I offer the suggestion that the field on the lower side of the road which adjoins the Glen Valley and also the Golf Links be utilised for the purpose.

A new gateway should be provided to the dump at a point in this field nearest to the town so that traffic would not be entering or leaving

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the site near the dangerous bend adjoining the Glen. A passageway could then be made across the said field at an easy grade, so that vehicles could travel in or out along the steep slope. This passage to be fenced on both sides.

Dumping can then be provided at the lower side of the field and with proper fencing and tree planting a fairly satisfactory solution to the problem would be affected. The cost of material and labour, fencing, gate and about 120 cu.yds. sand/gravel necessary to stabilise the carriageway would amount to about £135.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

Members expressed themselves satisfied with the report of the Town Surveyor. In view of this Councillor Everett withdrew his Notice of Motion and the following motion was then put:- Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise additional expenditure in sum of £135 for the purpose of opening up new dumping ground at Lr. Glen Field, Wicklow."

It was further agreed that dumping in the new site be rigidly controlled and that the dumping ground only be open during normal working hours.

MECHANICAL SCAVENGING SERVICE: Report of the Town Surveyor was read as follows:-

Having examined the Tenders received in connection with the Council's Scheme for the improvement of those Services within the Urban District, I recommend the acceptance of the Tender submitted by Messrs Coleborn & Hopkins, Wicklow, in the sum of £1,504. 12. 11.

Two tenders were received:-

- (a) Messrs Ferguson's Ltd., Dublin.
- (b) Messrs Coleborn & Hopkins Ltd., Wicklow.

A careful analysis and comparison of the various pricings for each item was made and I recommend accordingly. The equipment includes for Tractor-Trailer, Refuse Collector Covered Body, Loading Shovel, Dosing Blade, and Road Brush, priced, delivered Wicklow 4 to 6 weeks.

I have considered the alternative proposals for dealing with the Scavenging by Contract, and for which tenders were advertised and received, details of which have been circulated. I do not recommend that system; it would be unsatisfactory in control; numbers of our own staff would not be employed and the facilities provided by having our own Mechanical Equipment as above indicated would not be available.

J. T. O'Byrne,
Town Surveyor

The Council discussed the report and recommendation of the Town Surveyor and decided to omit the purchase of a road brush with sprinkler attachment at a cost of £230. Councillor Haughton proposed and Councillor Hopkins seconded - "That Mechanical Scavenging Equipment as recommended by the Town Surveyor, less the Road Brush, be purchased as tendered for by Messrs Coleborn Hopkins Ltd.

Councillor Conroy proposed and Councillor Everett seconded an amendment - "That consideration of the purchase of the equipment be deferred to the Estimates Meeting. Votes were then taken as follows:-

Amendment - For: Councillors Everett, Lalor and Conroy (3)
Against: Councillors Hopkins, Kelly, Haughton, Kane and the Chairman (5)

The amendment was declared lost.

Resolution: For - The Chairman, Councillors Hopkins, Kane, Kelly, Lalor and Haughton (6)
Against - Councillors Everett and Conroy (2)

The following financial resolution was then passed:-

Proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Hopkins:-

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for

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Local Government, the borrowing of a sum of £1,275 repayable over 10 years, from the Treasurer of the Wicklow Urban District Council, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying the cost of purchasing Mechanical Scavenging Equipment as tendered for by Messrs Coleborn & Hopkins Ltd., Wicklow."

OTHER BUSINESS: The Town Surveyor undertook to look into the following matters raised by Councillors:-

- (1) Councillor Kelly - Concreting entrance to Mass Path on Kilmartin Road.
- (2) Councillor Lalor - Condition of footpath at Garret Byrne's corner.
- (3) Councillor Kelly - Condition of grass margin at Urban Villas.

Councillor Conroy requested and it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should prepare a fresh estimate of the cost of repairing the wall at Bachelors' Walk, which collapsed into the River.

The Town Surveyor informed Councillor Hopkins that the Department had not sanctioned the provision of paths to the houses at Castlefield as they considered that they did not come within the meaning of a public amenity. Regarding the boundary wall at Cooper's Lane, the Town Surveyor said it might be possible to do something.

The meeting then concluded at 9.25 p.m.

J. T. O'Byrne

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
3rd February, 1961.

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, 7th February, 1961, 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 3rd January, 1961 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation requesting continuance of supplementary benefits for recipients of Old Age & Widows' Pensions.
3. Absence from Council Meetings - Letter from Councillor C. W. Hudson.
4. Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board - proposal to alter frequency of meetings.
5. Lease of County Hospital - Counsel's Opinion.
6. Water Supply (a) Submission of final plans and specification for re-laying of watermains (Main St., North Quay, etc.) (b) proposed extension to Regional Scheme for supplying additional water for industrial use in Wicklow Town.
7. Fixing date of Annual Estimates Meeting. - Mon 27 Jan 1961.
8. S. D. A. Acts - Sealing Deed of Transfer: Patk. P. Finlayson to John Jones.
9. Lease of Playing Field to De La Salle Brothers - correspondence.
10. Letter from Wicklow & District Men's Association.
11. Tidy Towns Competition, 1961.
12. Town & Regional Planning Acts - applications.
13. Derelict Sites - Report of Town Surveyor.
14. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
15. Any Other Business.

Forshaw Protection Works

Letter from Wicklow Ropes Ltd re construction of Bond St.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 1961

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J. Kane, J. Kelly, W. Hopkins, T. Conroy, and J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Hudson, Haughton and Lalor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Subject to the following corrections the minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd January, 1961, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman:-

(1) Insert the name of Councillor Conroy as being present at the meeting. (2) Resolution from Wexford Corporation to read "adopted" instead of "read". (3) Notice of motion in the name of Councillor Everett to be shown as "unanimously adopted" instead of "withdrawn".

RESOLUTION FROM DUN LAOGHAIRE CORPORATION: Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation requesting continuance of supplementary benefits for recipients of Old Age and Widows' Pensions was adopted.

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETING: The Town Clerk indicated that he was obliged to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that Councillor Hudson had been absent from 6 consecutive meetings of the Council. A letter was read from Councillor Hudson indicating that his absence had been due to illness. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved - that Councillor Hudson's explanation be accepted and his absence approved. The Chairman conveyed the good wishes of the Council to Councillor Hudson for his speedy recovery and expressed the wish that he would soon be back at Council meetings again.

RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: The Town Clerk said that there was a suggestion that meetings of the Burial Board be held quarterly instead of monthly as heretofore. At the moment there were Councillors living long distances away and their travelling expenses for attending meetings of the Board could amount to £140 per year and would result in a substantial increase in the Board's Demand on the Urban Council. He also pointed out that the members of the Board totalled 15 and appeared to be quite high and asked if it could be reduced to 4 from the Urban Council and 3 from the County Council. The County Manager said the matter had arisen because of the steep increase in the expenses of the Board. Councillor Everett was of the opinion that this was a matter for the County Council. Councillor Conroy was not in favour of any alteration being made. The County Manager pointed out that in the present year up to 31st December, 1960, £25 had been paid out in travelling expenses and that for the coming year the amount had been estimated at £40. After some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kane and seconded by Councillor Hopkins and agreed that the meetings of the Burial Board be held on the evenings of County Council meeting at a time to suit the Urban Councillors.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: The Council considered the Legal Opinion of Mr. J. P. Miley, S.C., on the question of the Lease of Wicklow County Hospital premises (copy of which had been circulated). The Council's Solicitor, Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., in a letter accompanying the Opinion said it was to the effect that the County Council were yearly tenants of the premises but that the Urban Council were entitled to serve Notice to Quit and that the County Council could apply to the Circuit Court for a new lease at a proper rent. Mr. McCarroll suggested that the Urban Council engage an Auctioneer and obtain his advice as to a proper rent and then an application should be made to the County Council for same. Councillor Conroy enquired if a search had been made in the Registry of Deeds and was told by the Town Clerk that this would be a matter for the Council to decide and a Solicitor would have to be engaged to make the Search. In reply to Councillor Kane, the County Manager

said no decision had yet been taken as to the future use of the hospital as it all depended on what other institutions were going to be used for, but it would be used for some health purpose. During the discussion on the question of the rent, the County Manager pointed out that it was the policy of the Council to increase ground rents on renewal by 50% and that they would have to be consistent in all cases. Councillor Conroy was of the opinion that Notice to Quit should be served on the County Council. After further discussion and on the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting, meanwhile members to consider what a reasonable rent for the premises would be.

RE-LAYING OF WATERMAINS: The Town Surveyor submitted plans showing the location of the proposed new 7" watermain from the Valve House to the factory area on the North Quay. He reported that the proposal also included for linking up the proposed new main in Main St., and by-passing the Valve House if it should be necessary to supply the factory area or any part of the town from the old 8" main from the Marlton Waterworks. The plans also provided for the necessary enlargement of the Valve House and for the provision of 2 waste water recording meters.

The Town Clerk said the matter came before the Council some months ago when it was resolved that the Town Surveyor would prepare plans for the re-laying of these mains. The plans were now complete and tenders would be sought for the work. The cost of the scheme was estimated at £7,460. He drew the Council's attention to the question of re-laying the main in Castle St., if they would be prepared to include that in the over all scheme. In reply to Councillor Conroy, the Town Surveyor said the present main was in a very bad condition and the road required to be re-surfaced but that he did not advise putting down of concrete slabs until the new main was laid. The cost of re-laying the Castle St., main would be £2,800. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Castle St. main be included in the scheme.

Regarding the extension to the Regional Supply Scheme to provide water for industrial requirements the Town Surveyor said the cost would be about £7000 to £8,000. At present Shamrock Fertilizers were using over 60,000 gallons per day and had indicated that they might need somewhere between 100,000 and 150,000 gallons per day. It was pointed out by the County Manager and Town Clerk that the cost of the extension would have to be borne by industry by way of a charge for water supplied. It also seemed possible that the cost of the main re-laying programme could be met from the increased water rates. It was unanimously agreed that the Consultant Engineer proceed with the design of the extension to the Regional Scheme.

The Town Clerk mentioned that Rev. Fr. Thackaberry, C.C., Pro-Cathedral, had inquired regarding obtaining a water supply to Fern Hill. The Town Surveyor said that the watermain went as far as the gate of Mr. Delahunt's field near the Railway Turn and that it should be possible to obtain a connection at that point. The County Manager said that the Department of Local Government had made available grant of £50 where a dwellinghouse was more than 100 ft. from an existing watermain, but that the Council had no way of granting assistance. It was decided to notify Father Thackaberry of the availability of government grants, and to suggest that it might be easier to obtain a connection from the watermain on the Rocky Road.

ESTIMATES MEETING: Monday, 27th March was fixed as the date for the Annual Estimates Meeting.

S.D.A. ACTS - SEALING OF TRANSFER: Patrick P. Finlayson to John J. Jones

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

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Transfer dated 21/12/1960 Patrick Pearse Finlayson to John Jones, in respect of dwellinghouse at Summer Hill, Wicklow and wherein the Wicklow U.D.C. consents to the transfer of the charge of £1,450 on the property in respect of Loan under S.D.A. Acts of which sum £1,219. 17. 9. is now owing."

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

LEASE OF PLAYING FIELD TO DE LA SALLE BROTHERS: The following letter was read from Rev. Brother Arcadius:-

A Chara,

Some time ago a plot of ground was designated as a playing field to the pupils of the above schools by the Manager and the Council. The plot was to be under the supervision of the Brothers who were to be Lessees for a period of 31 years.

In November, 1960, the Solicitors for the Council, Messrs McCarroll, submitted duplicate Lease forms for the signature of the Trustees of the De La Salle Order in respect of the above plot. The Trustees have drawn my attention to certain points on which they would like clarification.

1. An annual rent of £5 was to be paid in addition to the Council rates which would easily amount to another £5. It is felt that considering the purpose of the lease that this total is beyond the resources of the Community. It is suggested that the payment of the rates would be a sufficient undertaking together with a very nominal rent to satisfy the terms of a lease.
2. The Council to notify me as to the rateable valuation of the plot.
3. The Council to decide what is to be done as regards repairs to the fencing (existing), levelling of surface and laying out in grass, to make the plot suitable as a playing field. A verbal agreement was formulated at the time of deciding to lease.
4. The Council to hand over vacant possession of the plot and to settle any points at dispute with plot-holders which might arise.
5. The Council to decide as to the inclusion within the boundaries of the plot of part of the field adjoining and in the possession of the Rev. Parish Priest which he is willing to hand over in order to make the dimensions of the plot suitable for a football pitch.
6. That the Brothers be allowed to use the plot for the purpose of raising funds for the maintenance of the plot in proper condition as a playing field.

I am to add that I am very appreciative of the efforts of the Council and the Manager on behalf of the school boys of the town.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Delahunt and unanimously resolved that the terms of the lease be revised so as to provide for an annual rent of 10/- instead of £5. Councillor Kane referred to the money in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund and suggested that some of this money could be used towards the development of the playing field. Councillor Everett was not agreeable to this suggestion. The County Manager was of the opinion that the money could not be used on a playing field as it had been donated for development work on the sea front. He felt that the cost of preparing the pitch would be around £150 as the ground would have to be raised and levelled. After some further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the parties who donated the money be asked to approve of its use for the development of this playing field.

WICKLOW & DISTRICT MEN'S ASSOCIATION: A letter was read from this Association referring to the condition of urinals on the Quays., The cleaning and improvement of road gulleys, the liquification of sewerage and also suggesting that the Council engage an extra man.

The Council requested the Town Surveyor to prepare an estimate of the cost of demolishing the urinals situated at the foot of the Doctor's Steps. Regarding the sewerage it was decided to point out to the Association that a Scheme of providing an intercepting sewer along the South Quay which would discharge into the sea beyond the Black Castle had been considered some time ago but in view of the cost of £25,000 it had been deferred. It was felt that the cleaning of gulleys, making allowance for the very heavy rainfall, which itself choked them, was reasonably well undertaken and that a man would be more readily available for this work when the new Scavenging Service came into operation. Regarding the employment of an

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additional man, the Town Surveyor pointed out that there was provision whereby at various time throughout the year as required an extra man was taken on.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1961: It was decided that the town should again be entered for this Competition, which was being run on the same lines as former years. Councillor Kane suggested that householders in the town be circulated drawing their attention to the competition and inviting co-operation.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: The Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted to J. P. Hopkins & Son Ltd., for alterations to their shop front at Main St., and to Coleborn & Hopkins Ltd. for the provision of a new entrance to their garage at Abbey St., providing that a suitable scheme of tree planting be prepared and approved of by the County Manager.

DERELICT SITES: The Council heard the report of the Town Surveyor and it was agreed that this be circulated to the members before the next meeting. Councillor Conroy referred to derelict sites on Colley St., opposite the Fever Hospital and Councillor Kelly to site at the rear of Convent Road houses. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor examine these and include them in his report before it was circulated. Reference was made by Councillor Kane to derelict houses at Castle St., the property of Finlayson Bros., and it was pointed out that some of them were being used as stores by Couper Works Ltd.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The Council considered the monthly report of the Town Surveyor, copy of which had been circulated. Regarding the roof of the Town Hall, the Town Clerk mentioned that the estimate of the cost should read £460. Councillor Kane enquired as to the condition of the roof timbers and thought that the Town Hall was very old, it was fairly reasonable to assume that they were not in good condition. The Town Surveyor agreed that if that was the position the matter would have to be reviewed. The County Manager said the Town Hall was a very old building and could be regarded as an historical building. He felt that there was a danger that if the existing slate roof was replaced with a roof of asbestos slates the whole character of the building would be altered, and he felt that the matter should be given more thought. It was decided to defer the matter to allow the Town Surveyor to examine the condition of the roof timbers and also to look into the possibility of obtaining good quality slates.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk reported that he had received verbal notification from the Department of Local Government that a grant in sum of £4,950 had been made available out of the Employment Schemes Vote towards Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £6,600. The local contribution to be raised by the Council would be £1,650. The County Manager said if the Council borrowed the money from the Bank the annual loan charges would amount to £240 which was about 6d. on the rate. The Town Clerk said that as instructed at the last meeting he had written to C.I.E. and to the industries situated on the Murrough enquiring if they would make a contribution towards the cost of the Scheme. C.I.E. had asked for particulars of the proposed work but no further word was received from them and no reply had been received from the industries. The Council unanimously decided to accept the grant but meanwhile to make every effort to obtain some assistance towards the local contribution and also to make enquiries about raising a loan for the local contribution.

CONDITION OF BOND STREET: A letter was read from Mr. E. P. Farrell, Director, Wire Ropes Ltd., regarding the condition of Bond St. The Town Surveyor said that it was not quite in order that it was the fault of the scavenging. It was pointed out that the condition of the roadway was a matter for C.I.E. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. whose lorries were using the street conveying fertilizer to and from the factory. On Councillor Conroy's suggestion the Town Surveyor was directed to take the matter up with the people responsible and to ensure that they made every effort to prevent the roadway being littered with fertilizer.

Councillor Conroy also referred to the condition of Lower Strand St., which was badly torn up by bull dozers and also to the condition of the

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beach at the Gas Works where a considerable amount of rubbish such as bags etc., were being dumped. Both matter were referred to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Kane enquired about the cost of making supplementary housing grants and asked if the Town Clerk could have details for the next meeting.

Councillor Everett enquired if sanction had been received from the Department for the building of the houses at Castle Park and St. Patrick's Avenue. The Town Clerk said sanction had not been obtained and that it possibly would not be forthcoming until the Housing Survey which was being undertaken at the request of the Minister was completed. It was agreed that in view of the demand for houses in the town at the moment that the Department be strongly pressed to sanction the building of houses already proposed.

Councillor Conroy enquired about the School Meals Scheme and was told by the Town Clerk that the efforts to obtain accommodation had proved unsuccessful. It was decided that the Parish Priest be approached regarding the use of the Parochial Hall and the Chairman undertook to have a word with Father Power himself on the matter.

Councillor Everett queried the accuracy of an interview given by the Town Clerk to the "Evening Mail" and quoted a number of statements from the interview. The Chairman said a number of the statements referred to by Councillor Everett were attributed to him in the interview and said there was a lot of misquotation. The Town Clerk said the statements mentioned by Councillor Everett as attributed to him were not made by him and that he had met the press at the request of the Chairman who was present at the interview and could vear him out. The Chairman assured Councillor Everett that the report was not a true one.

The meeting concluded at 10.55

J. A. Walsh

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
3rd March, 1961.

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, 7th March, 1961, 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 February, 1961 (copy herewith).
2. Council Mace - Report on history of Council's Silver Mace.
3. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners requesting return of gavel, maps, etc., in possession of Council.
4. Urban Roads Improvement Grant - Notification of Grant of £900 for 1961/62.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - Notification of Grant of £4,950; raising loan from Hibernian Bank Ltd. to meet local contribution in sum of £1,650.
6. Derelict Sites - Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
7. Proposed Extension to Regional Water Supply - correspondence with Wicklow County Council. *Also Filling of Yelva in Ann Froy Old Reservoir.*
8. Railway Siding to North Quay - Notice of Application to Minister for Transport and Power.
9. Playing Field for De La Salle Brothers - Opinion of Law Agent re proposed expenditure of monies out of Voluntary Civic Improvement Scheme for development of playing field.
10. Lease of County Hospital - consideration of rent to be charged on new Lease.
11. Application from I.T. & G.W. Union for increase in wages of £1 per week for members employed by Council.
12. Lease of Building Site at Dunbur Road - H. J. Mulrooney, *F. Conway & S. O'Rourke*
13. Town & Regional Planning Acts - applications.
14. Sealing of Lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. - Site for Sulphur Stores.
15. Sealing of Deed of Mortgage - U.D.C. to Hibernian Bank Ltd. - Loan of £1,275 for purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment.
16. Matters arising from February Meeting - (a) School Meals Scheme (b) Supplementary Housing Grants.

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17. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
18. General Correspondence.
19. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
16th March, 1961.

To:

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

A Chara,

I hereby give you notice that the Annual Estimates Meeting
of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town
Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 27th March, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack

Town Clerk

Encl.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

16th March, 1961

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on the 31st March, 1962

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Details of the estimates Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year 1961/62 are given in the Tables attached to this report. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on Monday, 27th March, 1961.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £40,579 and the receipts are computed at £19,742, so that the net requirement to be met from the rates would be £20,837. This would require a rate of 39/1d. in the £, after allowance has been made for credits available from the current year of £470.

The expenditure and receipts over the four main headings used for accounting purposes for 1961/62, 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	£3,381	(£2,386)	£1,975	(£1,075)	£1,406	(£1,311)
Sanitary Services	£7,384	(£6,857)	£2,050	(£1,685)	£5,334	(£5,172)
Housing	£13,387	(£13,258)	£11,844	(£11,729)	£1,543	(£1,529)
General Urban Purposes	£16,427	(£15,899)	£3,873	(£3,788)	£12,554	(£12,111)
	£40,579	(£38,400)	£19,742	(£18,277)	£20,837	(£20,123)

The rate allowed by the Council for the present year was 38/2d. so that the Estimates now submitted for your consideration for 1961/62 would entail an increase in the rate of 11d.

The Estimates now presented include provision for many new works, both Capital Works and maintenance items but the heavy additional outlay which these would entail is to some extent off-set by an increase in Receipts and in the productivity of the rate. There has been an increase in the rateable valuation, mainly in respect of industrial property and this is responsible for the increase in the rate productivity. The principal items demanding additional expenditure are:- New Loan for Foreshore Protection Works, £248; Cleaning of Filter Beds at Marlton Waterworks, £150; Mechanised Cleansing Service, £450; County County Demand, £202; Wages Increase, £220; Joint Burial Demand, £4. and Loan for Town Hall Roof Repairs, £90.

The foregoing items in all come to £1,400 but the impact of these increases is lessened by the rise in some receipts and a reduction in some costs. It is expected that in the coming year the income from Water Rents will be up by about £540, whilst the income from Corporate Estate Rents should rise by £120. In the coming year moreover, it will not be necessary to provide for Election Expenses and this gives a saving of £60. There is also a reduction in some of the loan charges especially that for the Regional Supply Scheme and these come to £102. The final effect, as already mentioned will be that the rate required by the Estimates now submitted would be 11d. more than that struck for the present year.

ROADS:

E.S.V.: The sum of £1,075 is again included to meet the outlay on Employment Schemes which are undertaken each Winter by the Council and towards which a Government Grant of £1,000 is expected, leaving the net charge on the rates, £75 (the Grant is shown under the heading of Roads Receipts). Last year the Council received a grant of £1,100 towards which a contribution of £110 was required. With this Grant and the Council's contribution new footpaths were laid in many parts of the town, particularly at Kilmantin Hill, and Wentworth Place. There is a small balance still to be expended on a Park at Castle Street - which is regarded as a Special Amenity Scheme. In the two previous years it will be recalled that the Grants were used for new concrete roads leading to the Harbour.

Ordinary Road Works: The provision made for Ordinary Road Works is £965 and is the same as that allowed last year except for the increase in wages. With this allocation normal maintenance and repairs (pot-hole filling, side dressing etc. will be carried out). It should be stressed that if the Council are to avail of new grants from the Road Fund it is essential that due provision be made for maintenance.

Special Works - Tar Spraying: A sum of £100 is included for tar spraying of roadways to be selected by the Council. A similar amount was provided last year and the Town Surveyor at the Council's last meeting submitted a list of works and a choice might be made from one of these.

Road Fund Grant: For the first time a Grant from the Road Fund was allowed to the Council in 1960/61. The amount of this Grant was £900. With the aid of this Grant the following works were carried out in the present year:- Tar Surface Dressing of Convent Road, Morton's Lane, Melancholy Lane, New Park Road, Brickfield Lane, St. Patrick's Road, Church St., Bachelors' Walk, Monkton Row, Kilmantin Road and South Quay.

The list of works recently submitted by the Town Surveyor was:-

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| (1) Greenhill Road | £300 |
| (2) Mount Carmel Road | £250 |
| (3) High St/New St. | £200 |
| (4) Rocky Road | £150 |

The estimated cost of these works is £900. At the same time the Town Surveyor mentioned some other roads which require surface dressing and some of which the Council might desire to substitute for the foregoing. These latter roads are:- Church Hill, Dispensary Lane, Coates' Lane, Salt House Lane and Quay Lanes.

Mention was made at recent meetings of the necessity for improving the pathways to Castle Field adjoining Council Houses and of building a new stretch of wall at Castle Park. It is somewhat doubtful, however, if either of these works could be accepted as normal road works and it might be that they should be regarded as Housing Maintenance. It is doubtful, moreover, if either of these items would be accepted for the purpose of Employment Schemes.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The total cost of these services is estimated at £7,384 and after deducting estimated receipts of £2,050, the net requirement would be £5,334.

Water Supply: The Town is now to a great extent dependent on the Wicklow Regional Scheme which came into operation in July, 1959. As the greater part of the past year was exceptionally wet the water supply did not present a special problem apart from bursts in mains. Apart from the event of the Regional Scheme the distribution system within the town was much improved by the provision of a new link watermain to serve Dunbur Road area. This watermain became effective as from the end of 1959. As was mentioned when submitting the report and Estimates last year the Council in a period of about 10 years has spent up to £7,000 on improving the Distribution System within the town. But even with these improvements the Distribution System is still not regarded as satisfactory, and a further