

Capital outlay of £10,000 is now required for the laying of new service mains. Very little work has ever been done in the re-laying of watermains and the condition of many of them is now far from satisfactory to judge by the reports submitted from time to time by the Town Surveyor.

At present a survey is being made with a view to determining the best method for improving the supply through a scheme of main re-laying. It is considered by the Town Surveyor that the main from Fitzwilliam Square to Market Square is in urgent need of re-laying. Again it has been reported that in order to meet industrial demand in the Harbour Area, a new main will be required between Fitzwilliam Square and the North Quay. It has also been mentioned that a new main will be required in Castle St. The total cost of these new mains would be considerable; a preliminary estimate has put it at £10,000. It will be evident that the loan charges which would be involved in the coming year for these works would be quite heavy. The Estimates include only provision for a part loan charge of £50 on any new Capital Works and one half of this would be met by State Subsidy.

The Receipts from the industrial consumption of water have shown a substantial increase in recent months and it is estimated that in the coming year they would be up by £540; the total receipts from this source in 1961/62 are estimated at £780. It should be stressed that it would not have been possible to meet these new industrial requirements if the East Wicklow Regional Scheme had not been available.

Because of a further expected rise in industrial consumption, the Council recently had under consideration a proposal for the extension of the filtration plant on the Regional Scheme at Croneroe. This work, if undertaken will be the responsibility of the Urban Council as the County Council feel that the augmented supply seemed to be solely for meeting new industrial demands in the Town of Wicklow. The possibility, however, of being able to make additional water available for industrial purposes from the stream at Marlton is also under investigation.

The Waterworks at Marlton require periodic maintenance, especially in the matter of cleaning of filter beds. The Town Surveyor has, in a special report, urged that this should be carried out within the next few months. In the Estimates a sum of £350 is included for the maintenance of the Town Supply and of this £200 is for ordinary repairs to mains and services, the balance of £150 being for the cleaning of the filter beds at Marlton. It should be mentioned that last year the Town Surveyor also stressed that it was necessary to clean the Marlton filter beds but the Council decided to defer it until 1961/62.

Cleansing Service: The event of the Mechanised Service means that this item will show an increase in cost. The estimate of £1,123 included £973 for wages and £150 for the running expenses of the new vehicle. In addition the loan charges to meet the Capital Cost of the new equipment will come to £192. But it will now be possible to collect refuse from every household in the town. Last year when submitting the Estimates, it was mentioned that the provision of such a service might cost about 1/- extra to the Municipal Rates; in the event, however, it is found that the additional cost involved will be about 10d. in the £. Whereas formerly less than one third of the houses in the town were provided with a refuse collection service, now it will be available to all.

After a lengthy period spent in endeavouring to find a suitable site for a Dumping Ground, it was finally agreed to use an area in the vicinity of the Lower Glen. The approach to the dumping area was recently completed and provision was also made to screen it by suitable tree planting. It is hoped that this site will be accepted as one which will not be offensive in any way as it is found far from all dwellings. At the same time it is not too far distant from the centre of the town and should be relatively convenient for the Council's own Cleansing Service.

Public Lighting: The cost of Public Lighting at £525 shows an increase of £28 but this is not due to any extra lighting and results from the recent revision of charges made by the Electricity Supply Board. From time to time it has been asked that new public lights be provided and maintained at New Park Road, Castle Park and Dispensary Lane. Estimates of the cost of these were procured from the E.S.B. and it was found that the cost

would come to £113. Having regard to the heavy outlay involved in providing only three lights the Council have been hesitant to instal them. It should be mentioned that the Estimates now submitted does not of course include them.

Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board Demand: The Demand from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the coming year is £345 and shows an increase of £49 over that for the present year.

#### HOUSING:

The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £13,387, and after allowing for receipts of £11,844 from Rents, Loan Repayments and State Grants, the net cost to the rates would be £1,543. This outlay requiring a rate of 3/- represents the measure of subsidy which is afforded from the rates towards Housing.

Maintenance and Repair: Last year the amount allowed by the Council for Housing Repairs was £420, but during the course of the year an additional £30 was voted, so that urgent repairs could be carried out. The provision which is included in the present Estimates is based on the allowance made by the Council in the current year and consequently is £450.

Housing Scheme at Castle Park: In the past few days provisional approval of the Government Department to a Scheme of 3 Houses at Castle Park was received, but further progress cannot be made until plans and specification of the houses have been prepared and have been approved by the Department. The Council will then be in a position to invite tenders. It has been mentioned also that the Department expect to be in a position to give their views to the Council on a proposal for the erection of a small number of non-subsidy houses at St. Patrick's Avenue. In this latter instance it is intended that the rents to be charged would be of the economic type and sufficient to meet all the annual costs.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts Loans: The total number of loans made to persons building their own houses up to 31st March, 1960, was 23, but of these two were redeemed during the past year. Recently it was arranged that two new loans be granted for new houses to be built in the town. These Loans do not involve any cost to the rates as the repayments by borrowers are adequate to meet the loan charges to be discharged by the Council.

#### GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

The expenditure under this heading comprises a lengthy list of services including Foreshore Maintenance, Corporate Estate Maintenance, School Meals, Cheap Fuel Scheme, Allotments, Insurance on Council Property, Printing, and Stationery, etc. The largest item, however, is the County Council Demand.

The total expenditure is estimated at £16,427 and of this the Demand from the County Council, together with the charge for Fire Brigade, and Libraries, come to £9,959.

Foreshore Maintenance: During the severe storms of last Autumn much damage was again done to the Foreshore. The area which had earlier been repaired withstood the heavy battering of the sea but along another stretch the existing Protection Works were badly damaged. It was evident that urgent repair work will have to be undertaken and a deputation from the Council visited the Minister for Local Government in connection with this matter. As a result of these special representations, it was recently indicated that a Special Grant of £4,950 would be made available provided that the Council at the same time contributes £1,650. This would enable work to a total cost of £6,600 to be undertaken.

It is unfortunate it should be necessary so soon again to incur such heavy expenditure on repairing storm damage to the Foreshore. The Council has arranged to borrow the Capital sum to be contributed by them to these new works and this will demand a yearly loan charge of £248, a sum which has been included in the attached Estimates.

It is necessary also to make provision for normal maintenance of

of existing Foreshore Works and for this purpose a sum of £184 is included. It is almost the same as the amount allowed by the Council last year.

It will be seen, as a consequence, that the Foreshore Protection Works involves the Council nowadays in heavy expenditure. In the coming year the total outlay between Maintenance and Loan Charges will be £759 in all, which is equivalent to a rate of 1/6d. in the £. It is unfortunate that the Council should be obliged to incur this exceptionally heavy outlay on Foreshore Works at a time when their efforts are being devoted to the improvement of Municipal Services, such as Water Supply and to the provision of amenities which will serve both themselves and the community in general.

School Meals: Last year it was not possible to provide School Meals as the Caterer did not find it possible to arrange for them. It is to be regretted that the former arrangements could not be continued as the meals provided were of an unusually high standard, whilst at the same time the Scheme was surprisingly economical in administration - it was found that the cost of a hot meal was about 7½d. per child.

Recently efforts have been made to provide an alternative type of meal and now it is expected that the Council will be in a position to resume meals next Autumn. The meals to be provided, however, will not be of the same type as that which formerly were given under the Scheme; the cost, however, does not show much alteration from that of previous years. Credit for the saving in the current year is included in the amount of credit applied towards reducing the rate levy, and which was mentioned at the beginning of this report.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: Under this Scheme one cwt. of machine won turf per week has again been supplied to necessitous households during the past year. The cost for the coming year is estimated at £1,300. The number of households availing of the Scheme is about 180. The cost of the Scheme is met by State Grants and by the County Council through Public Assistance.

Town Hall Repairs: Some time ago it was found that the roof of the Town Hall had become defective and it was reported by the Town Surveyor that re-roofing would be essential. The cost of this work is estimated at £600 and would involve an annual Loan Charge of £90, an amount which has been included in these Estimates.

County Council Demand: For the coming year the Demand from the County Council shows an increase of £202 which would require an additional rate of 5d. The Demand in the present year, including Fire Brigades, Libraries and Separate Charges is £9,757 and for the coming year is £9,959. The following table shows how the Demand for 1961/62 compares with that for the current year:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>1960/61</u>	<u>1961/62</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>
Main Roads	£2,082	£1,534	£548 (Decrease)
Public Assistance	£345	£873	£528 (Increase)
Mental Hospital	£1,649	£1,206	£443 (Decrease)
Health (County)	£3,498	£4,347	£849 (Increase)
General Purposes (County)	£1,073	£573	£500 (Decrease)
Fire Brigades	£357	£407	£50 (Increase)
Libraries	£70	£79	£9 (Increase)
Separate Charges	£683	£940	£257 (Increase)

Whilst the Estimates now presented to you, which if accepted, require an increase of 1ld. in the rate over that for the present year, it is felt that that it will be accepted that provision is included for some essential repairs and maintenance works such as the Foreshore and the Town Hall, whilst in addition the outlay on items which could be conducive to providing better services for the coming year, in particular the new Cleansing Arrangements and the improvement of the Water Supply have also been provided for.

During the past year all members of the Council's Staff gave very satisfactory service, and the high standard of maintenance which has been achieved with quite limited resources, serves to show the measure of their efforts.

To the Chairman and the members of the Council I would especially like to convey my thanks and appreciation for the guidance and assistance which were given to me at all times during the course of the past year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

Wicklow County Manager

URBAN ROADS

Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes	1075	1075
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: 2885; Materials: 285)	965	965
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.	100	100
Road Fund Grant - Tar Spraying (Gravel Road, etc.)		900
Retiring Allowances		82
Salaries		149
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1953 - Warrough Road in Concrete	110	110
	3,381	£3,381

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Salaries	188	188
Retiring Allowances	434	434
Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir	75	75
Water Supply - Maintenance of Water Supply	350	350
Water Supply - Maintenance of Special Supply	400	400
Sewerage (Wages: 285, Materials: 240)	125	125
Public Conveniences	62	62
Scavenging (Wages: 85; Running Expenses: 2150)	1125	1125
Burial Ground (Donation to Joint Burial Board)	345	345
Public Lighting	568	568
Water Safety: Donation to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1937 Works Improvement	205	205
1898 3% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.	-	-
1922 3% (3 1/2%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.	-	-
1945 Extension of Sewer (Dunbar Road)	124	124
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbar Rd)	144	144
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	41	41
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Road (Waterworks)	-	-
1955 Public Conveniences at Town Hall	72	72
1958 Regional Water Supply	2554	2554
1959 Regional Water Supply (Suppl)	100	100
1959 Link Watermain at Dunbar Road	265	265
1961 Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment	192	192
1961 Relaying of Watermains	50	50
	87,384	£87,384

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1961/62

EXPENDITURE

URBAN ROADS

Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes

Ordinary Road Works  
(Wages: £885; Materials: £80)

Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.

Road Fund Grant - Tar Spraying (Greenhill Road, etc.)

Retiring Allowances

Salaries

Loan Charges:

1953 - Murrough Road in Concrete

SANITARY SERVICES

Salaries

Retiring Allowances

Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir

Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply

Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply

Sewerage (Wages: £85, Materials: £40)

Public Conveniences

Scavenging (Wages: £973, Running Expenses: £150)

Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board)

Public Lighting

Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society

Loan Charges:

1937 Waterworks Improvement

1898 3¼% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.

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

1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)

1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Rd)

1951 New Watermain at North Quay

1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Road (Waterworks)

1956 Public Convenience at Town Hall

1958 Regional Water Supply

1960 Regional Water Supply (Suppl)

1959 Link Watermain at Dunbur Road

1961 Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment

1961 Relaying of Watermains

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes	1075	1075
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £885; Materials: £80)	965	965
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.	100	100
Road Fund Grant - Tar Spraying (Greenhill Road, etc.)	900	900
Retiring Allowances	82	82
Salaries	149	149
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1953 - Murrough Road in Concrete	110	110
	£3,381	£3381
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	188	188
Retiring Allowances	434	434
Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir	75	75
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	350	350
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	400	400
Sewerage (Wages: £85, Materials: £40)	125	125
Public Conveniences	62	62
Scavenging (Wages: £973, Running Expenses: £150)	1123	1123
Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	345	345
Public Lighting	525	568
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1937 Waterworks Improvement	205	205
1898 3¼% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.	-	-
1922 5% (3½%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.	-	-
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	124	124
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Rd)	144	144
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	41	41
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton Road (Waterworks)	-	-
1956 Public Convenience at Town Hall	72	72
1958 Regional Water Supply	2554	2554
1960 Regional Water Supply (Suppl)	100	100
1959 Link Watermain at Dunbur Road	265	265
1961 Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment	192	192
1961 Relaying of Watermains	50	5
	£7,384	£7382

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repair  
 Salaries  
 Rent Collector's Poundage  
 Printing, Stationery, Advertising  
 Insurances  
 Rates on Council Houses  
 Housing Letting Grant  
Loan Charges  
 1932 - 10 Houses Scheme  
 1934 - 28 Houses Scheme  
 1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme  
 1937 - 120 Houses Scheme  
 1938 - 120 Houses Scheme  
 1940 - 120 Houses Scheme  
 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme  
 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme  
 1947 - 80 Houses Scheme  
 1948 - 80 Houses Scheme  
 1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St.  
 1898 - 3 1/4% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc  
 1961 - 3 Houses Scheme (Castle Park)

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan  
 1948 Loan  
 1949 Loan  
 1950 Loan  
 1956 Loan

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Maintenance and Repair	450	710
Salaries	149	149
Rent Collector's Poundage	399	399
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	45	45
Insurances	129	129
Rates on Council Houses	2815	2815
Housing Letting Grant	40	40
<u>Loan Charges</u>		
1932 - 10 Houses Scheme	233	233
1934 - 28 Houses Scheme	640	640
1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme	29	29
1937 - 120 Houses Scheme	2572	2572
1938 - 120 Houses Scheme	152	152
1940 - 120 Houses Scheme	103	103
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme	974	974
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme	84	84
1947 - 80 Houses Scheme	65	65
1948 - 80 Houses Scheme	2620	2620
1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St.	183	183
1898 - 3 1/4% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc	-	-
1961 - 3 Houses Scheme (Castle Park)	10	10
<u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u>		
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1934 Loan	72	72
1948 Loan	240	240
1949 Loan	480	480
1950 Loan	563	563
1956 Loan	340	340
	£13,387	£13,647
		1695
		40
		1735
		11,912
		2815
		9097
		2625

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting, etc)	68	68
Town Hall Repairs	-	-
Demolition of Ruinous Buildings	5	5
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	10	10
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages: £162 Materials: £26)	188	188
Tree Planting	-	-
Foreshore Maintenance (Wages: £132 Materials: £52)	184	-
Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges	5	5
Band Performances	35	45
Milk and Dairies	1	1
Tourist Development	-	-
School Meals: Cost of Food	250	250
Administration	20	20
Allotments	320	320
Salaries	1440	1440
Rate Collector's Poundage	560	560
Retiring Allowances	13	13
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp. Estate)	115	115
Audit Fee	46	46
Election Expenses	-	-
Legal Expenses	120	120
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	135	135
Rents on Council's Property	52	52
Rates on Council's Property	308	308
Insurance on Council's Property	14	14
Public and E.L. Insurances	160	160
Office Expenses	50	50
Discount on Rates	70	70
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	180	180
Cheap Fuel Scheme	1300	1300
Treasurer's Interest	10	10
Rent of Pound	39	39
Miscellaneous	40	40
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1946 - New Footbridge	65	65
1956 - Foreshore Protection Works	125	125
1960 - Foreshore Protection Works	202	202
1961 - Foreshore Protection Works	248	124
1961 - Town Hall Repairs	90	45

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
68	68
-	-
5	5
10	10
188	188
-	-
184	-
5	5
35	45
1	1
-	-
250	250
20	20
320	320
1440	1440
560	560
13	13
115	115
46	46
-	-
120	120
135	135
52	52
308	308
14	14
160	160
50	50
70	70
180	180
1300	1300
10	10
39	39
40	40
65	65
125	125
202	202
248	124
90	45
<b>£6,468</b>	<b>£6,825</b>

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£ £6,468	£ 6225
	1534
£1,534	873
873	1200
£1,206	4347
£4,347	573
573	407
407	79
79	940
940	
£16,427	£16,084.
£40,579	

County Council Services:

Main Roads

Public Assistance

Mental Hospital

Health (County)

General Purposes (County)

Fire Brigade

Library

Separate Charges

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

HOUSING

State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre-1948 Scheme)

State Grant: New Houses (60 House Scheme 1948)

State Subsidy: 2 Houses, Castle St.

Subsidy to Interest Rates

Rents Inclusive of Rates

State Recruitment of Housing Letting Agents

Small Dwellings (Acquisition)

Repayment of Instalments (Housing Loans)

Repayment of Instalments (Housing Loans)

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

State Grants:

County in 14 Rates

Schools

Recovery of Losses on Allotments

Gas Fuel Scheme

Other Receipts

Gas Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contribution and recoupment by County Council)

Corporate Estate Rents

Licences and Fees

Refund of fees by Officers

Refund by Co. Co. of half rent of Ponds

Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges

Letting of Town Hall

Miscellaneous

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

R E C E I P T S

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<u>ROADS</u>		
Employment Schemes Grant	£ 1000	£ 1000
Road Fund Grant	900	900
Estate Duty Grant	75	75
	£1,975	£1975
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Water Rents	780	780
State Subsidy to Loan Charges - Watermain, North Quay	17	17
Do. Regional Water Supply	1020	1020
Do. Regional Water Supply (Suppl)	42	42
Do. New Watermain Dunbur Road	156	156
Do. Relaying of Watermains	25	-
Receipts from Public Conveniences	10	10
	£2,050	£2025
<u>HOUSING</u>		
State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre- 1948 Scheme)	2380	2380
State Grant: New Houses (60 Houses Scheme, 1948)	344	344
State Subsidy: 2 Houses, Castle St.	100	100
Subsidy to Interest Rates	280	280
Rents inclusive of Rates	6968	6968
State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant	26	26
<u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u>		
Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)	64	64
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)	1682	1682
	£11,844	£11,844
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>		
<u>State Grants:</u>		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	70	70
School Meals	125	125
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments	310	310
Cheap Fuel Scheme	750	750
<u>Other Receipts</u>		
Cheap Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contribution and recoupment by County Council)	538	538
Corporate Estate Rents	1570	1570
Licences and Fees	3	3
Refund of fees by Officers	18	18
Refund by Co. Co. of half rent of Pound	19	19
Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges	450	450
Letting of Town Hall	10	10
Miscellaneous	10	10
	£3,873	£3873
TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES	£19,742	£19,717

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1961/62

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts		Net Expenditure
Roads	£3,381 ✓	£1,975 ✓		£1,406 ✓
	<del>7,384</del>	<del>2,025</del>		<del>5,357</del>
Sanitary Services	£7,384 ✓	£2,050 ✓		£5,334 ✓
	<del>13,647</del>			<del>1,803</del>
Housing	£13,387 ✓	£11,844 ✓		£1,543 ✓
	<del>16,084</del>			<del>12,311</del>
General Urban Purposes	£16,427 ✓	£3,873 ✓		£12,554 ✓
	<del>40,594</del>	<del>19,717</del>		<del>20,877</del>
	<del>40,594</del>	<del>219,742</del>		<del>220,837</del>
Deduct Credit				603
				£470
Total Requirements to be met by Rate Levy				20,274
				<del>20,367</del>
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £. produces				£43. 8. 3.
Rate in £. to meet total requirements of £20,274 would be 39/1d. in £.				39/11

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Total Valuation as per Valuation List		£11,541. 2. 0.
<u>Buildings:</u>	£10,497. 16. 0.	
Less: Remission under Housing Acts	<u>£674. 3. 7.</u>	£9,823. 12. 5.
<u>Land:</u>	£803. 1. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes	£38. 15. 0.	
2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5th of £764. 6. 0.)	<u>£305. 14. 4.</u>	£458. 11. 8.
<u>Land used as Railways:</u>	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: 2/5th reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946)	<u>£20. 2. 0.</u>	£30. 3. 0.
<u>Railways Rated in Full:</u>		£11. 0. 0.
<u>Half Rents:</u>	£166. 10. 0.	
Less: Half reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	<u>£83. 5. 0.</u>	£83. 5. 0.
<u>Telegraphs:</u>		£1. 10. 0.
<u>Yards:</u>		<u>£11. 0. 0.</u>
Total Valuation for Rating Purposes		<u>£10,419. 2. 1.</u>
Rate of 1d. in £. produces	.....	£43. 8. 3.

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 27TH MARCH, 1961

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

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. W. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

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

Councillor Kane, with the consent of the Chairman, drew the attention of the Council to an article in "Vogue" Magazine and which specifically mentioned Wicklow in a defamatory manner. Councillor Haughton supported the protest and seconded Councillor Kane's proposal that the views of the Council be brought to the attention of the editor and that she be asked to tender an apology. The Chairman and other members present joined in the protest.

The County Manager outlined the procedure adopted in previous years and it was agreed that the items in the Estimates be examined item by item.

EXPENDITURE:

Roads: No alteration in the figure proposed by the County Manager under this heading was made.

Sanitary Services: Having discussed the estimated expenditure in sum of £350 for the maintenance of the Town Water Supply, it was decided to defer further consideration to a later stage in the meeting.

When dealing with Public Conveniences, Councillor Conroy enquired if it would be possible to erect a small public convenience at the Halpin Memorial plot. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor investigate this matter.

Public Lighting: The County Manager indicated that the increase under this heading was due to the increased charge made by the E.S.B. and that he had made no provision for additional public lights. The cost of the additional lights would be 3d. in the £. Councillor Lalor mentioned the necessity for an additional light at Abbey St., outside Fallon's shop and asked that a quotation be got for same. Councillor Conroy raised the matter of providing a light at New Park Road and after some discussion it was decided to defer this also to a later stage.

Loan Charges: As there appeared to be little possibility of the Scheme for Re-laying of Watermains commencing within the next 6 months it was agreed that the provision of £50 in respect of loan charges be reduced to a nominal sum of £5 and consequently it was necessary to delete the sum of £25 provided under Receipts by way of subsidy.

Housing: Discussion on the provision for the maintenance of Council houses was deferred to a later stage in the meeting.

General Urban Purposes:

Foreshore Maintenance: After considerable discussion it was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane and unanimously resolved that no provision be made for Foreshore Maintenance thereby affecting a saving of £184.

Band Performances: Councillor Kane proposed that the contribution be increased from £35 to £45. This was unanimously agreed to, there being no seconder to Councillor Conroy's proposed that the grant be doubled.

When dealing with the item Miscellaneous Expenses, Council recommended that the lettering on the Halpin Memorial be renewed.

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Loan Charges: Foreshore Protection Works: The County Manager informed the Council that we had been successful in obtaining an instalment of the grant and that it should be possible to postpone drawing on the loan for a while longer, in which event it would be possible to save a half year's loan charges. Accordingly, provision under this heading was reduced by £124. Councillor Haughton inquired if there had been any developments regarding expending the money in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund on Foreshore works. The Town Clerk indicated that he had examined the Minutes of the Council at the time the money was donated but could find no resolution which bound the Council to consulting with the donating body before expending the money. However, it was apparent that when the Council were considering proposals in the past for the expenditure of the money they had consulted with the donating body. The Council adopted Councillor Haughton's suggestion that the opinion of the Law Agent be obtained, as to whether or not the Council in the present instance, were obliged to consult the donating body.

Loan Charges - Town Hall Repairs: A reduction of £45 was made under this heading as it was considered sufficient to provide for a half year's loan charges.

Wall at Bachelors' Walk: Councillor Conroy was informed by the County Manager that he had made no provision for the reinstatement of this wall as there was difficulty in finding responsibility for the work. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Hopkins and agreed that the opinion of the Law Agent be obtained as to who was responsible for the wall.

County Council Demand: Councillor Haughton referred to the contribution in sum of £500 to the Irish Tourist Association and commented on the fact that the Association published no literature dealing with Wicklow Town and very little dealing with the County. On his proposal, seconded by Councillor Lalor, it was decided that the Secretary of the County Council be written to and that he be asked to bring this matter to the attention of the Association with a request that a proper brochure be published dealing with Wicklow.

#### RECEIPTS

No alteration was made under the heading of Receipts.

The County Manager informed the meeting that at this stage they had affected a total reduction of £363 and this was equivalent to 8½d. in the £. on the rate.

The meeting then returned to consider the items which they had deferred.

Water Supply: It was agreed that the sum of £350 estimated by the County Manager be allowed.

Public Lighting: Councillor Conroy proposed that a light be provided at New Park Road, but there was no seconder to the proposal which would have resulted in expenditure of £78. Councillor Kane proposed that a sum of £43 be provided for the provision of this light and that efforts be made to have it installed within that sum. This proposal was seconded by the Chairman and agreed to, Councillor Conroy abstaining.

Housing Maintenance: After some discussion on this item, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kane and unanimously agreed to that an additional sum of £260 be provided under this heading to cover the cost of painting Council houses.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Council had now made a net reduction on his Estimates of 2d.

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

"That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for

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the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1962, as set out in Tables, A, B, and C, thereof and we determine the rate set out in Column 8 of Table C of the Estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 38/11d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1962".

Councillor Kane proposed a vote of congratulations to the County Manager and officials for the excellence of their work in the preparation of the Estimates. The Chairman and Councillors present joined in the tribute and the County Manager suitably replied.

It was agreed that the April Meeting of the Council be adjourned to Monday, 10th April at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 10.55 p.m.

*J.A. [Signature]*

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.
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.
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

## M I N U T E S

HELD ON 7TH MARCH, 1961

## MONTHLY MEETING

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Kelly, W. Hopkins, T. Conroy, G. Haughton, J. Lalor, 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 were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, who also returned thanks to the members for their expression of good wishes for his speedy recovery from his illness.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th February, 1961, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

COUNCIL MACE: It was decided due to the large number of items on the Agenda to postpone the report on the history of the Council's Silver Mace.

WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - RETURN OF GAVEL ETC: A letter was read from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners requesting the return of the gavel which had been presented to them by the late Captain Halpin and which together with certain harbour maps were in the custody of the Urban Council. It was unanimously decided to return the gavel and maps.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government notifying a Roads Fund Grant in respect of 1961/62 of £900 for the purpose of improving Urban Roads. The Town Surveyor in a report recommended that the grant be expended on the tar surface dressing of the following roads:- Greenhill Road to Urban Boundary, Mount Carmel Road to the Urban Boundary, Friars' Hill/Rocky Road to Urban Boundary, New St., and High St. A number of members felt that certain laneways, such as Coates' Lane, Dispensary Lane, Salt House Lane should be included but the Town Surveyor indicated that he did not think that they would qualify for inclusion. It was agreed on the suggestion of the County Manager that the grant be included in the Estimates for the coming year and that the works to be undertaken could be considered in conjunction with the Estimates.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Local Government confirming that a grant of £4,950 had been sanctioned out of the Employment Schemes Fund towards the cost of Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £6,600. The Town Clerk also informed the meeting that the Council's Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., were prepared to grant a loan of £1,650 to be repayable over 10 years, for the purpose of the Council meeting their local contribution towards the Scheme. Councillor Haughton suggested that the money available in the Civic Improvement Fund be used to meet portion of the local contribution. Further consideration of this point was resumed after the Council had dealt with Item No. 9 on the Agenda and had considered the opinion of the Law Agent on the proposed expenditure of monies out of that Fund. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane - that the monies available in the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund be expended, if feasible, on Foreshore Protection Works and the balance of the local contribution to be raised by a loan from The Hibernian Bank Ltd., repayable over 10 years.

Councillor Everett stated that before the monies in the Civic Improvement Fund could be expended it would be necessary to obtain the approval of the donating committee. Councillor Everett maintained that there was a resolution on the books of the Council to the effect that the approval of the donating committee was required before money could be expended from the Fund.

Councillor Haughton's motion was then put to a vote and the voting resulted as follows:-  
For: Councillors Delahunt, Kane, Haughton, Hopkins and Kelly (5)  
Against: Councillor Everett (1). Councillors Conroy and Lalor abstained from voting. The motion was then declared carried.

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DERELICT SITES: The meeting considered the report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated, setting out a number of derelict sites in the town and giving estimates of the cost of clearing them. The Town Clerk outlined the procedure involved if the Council wished to acquire derelict sites which were not their own property. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane and agreed that the owners of sites (1), (3), (4) and (5) be written to and their attention drawn to the grants available for the clearing of the sites and indicating that if the sites were not improved the Council might use their powers of compulsory acquisition. Agreed.

Councillor Conroy referred to the large growth of furze bushes on The Murrough and asked if it would be possible to have them removed. He suggested that they might be burned. The Town Surveyor said that burning only helped to spread the furze and was not an effective way of curbing them. The County Manager mentioned that some two years ago they had experimented with the chemical treatment of furze bushes at the Glen Field, but that it had not been entirely successful. It was agreed that a report be obtained and the possibility of having the furze bushes on the Murrough treated with chemicals considered. Regarding Hamilton's field it was decided that the Town Clerk find out who the present owner is and that the owner be asked to have the field cleared of furze bushes.

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY: A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, indicating that the County Council were not prepared to undertake the carrying out of the extension to the Regional Water Supply Scheme to provide for the additional water required in Wicklow Town for industrial purposes, the cost of which work was to be re-couped from the Urban Council. The County Council decided that it would be preferable that this work be carried out direct by the Urban Council and the cost met by them. The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

A Chara,

Having regard to the decision of the County Council on the matter of the improvement and extension to the Filtration Plant at Croneroe on the Regional Scheme, whereby the onus is now on the Urban Authority to carry out the work, I wish to report that I am giving the matter consideration and will submit recommendations to next meeting. Meantime, I am also investigating the matter of supply to the Factory area as much water as possible from the old Town Reservoir: this of course will be limited by the capacity and potential water flow from the Wicklow Catchment.

Mise, le meas,  
J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

It was decided to defer consideration until the further report of the Town Surveyor would be available which would also incorporate replies to certain points raised by Councillor Kane. It was also agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Kane that the Town Surveyor would arrange a suitable date to take the members of the Council on inspection of the Regional Supply at Croneroe.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the final plans and specification for the re-laying of the watermains had been completed and had been submitted to the Department of Local Government. One of the items contained in the Scheme provided for the fitting of a water recording meter on the supply pipe from the Old Reservoir. The Town Surveyor considered that it was essential to know as soon as possible the exact amount of water being supplied from the Old Reservoir and he strongly recommended that this meter be installed at an early date. The Town Clerk said that the work could be undertaken now and the cost re-couped at a later date when the general scheme was undertaken. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved that we hereby approve of the additional expenditure in sum of £285 for the purpose of supplying and fitting a water recording meter on the 9" main from the Old Reservoir, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and on condition that the expenditure can be re-couped from the loan to be raised for the general scheme of waterworks improvement.

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**RAILWAY SIDING TO NORTH QUAY:** The Town Clerk informed the meeting that C.I.E. had given notice of their application to the Minister for Transport and Power for an Order authorising them to construct a railway siding to the North Quay. The lay-out and siding was as agreed by the Council. Noted. The Town Clerk also informed the meeting that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. had purchased from Mr. Haskins, two small cottages at Bond St., which would be demolished to make way for the railway siding. Shamrock Fertilizers were anxious to know if the Council would be agreeable to assign their interest in the site to them. Agreed.

**PLAYING FIELD FOR DE LA SALLE BROTHERS:** A letter was read from Rev. Br. Arcadius thanking the Council for the reduction granted in the rent of the plot and sincerely hoping that a solution would be found to the other outstanding problems. The opinion of the Law Agent on the proposed expenditure of monies from the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund was read as follows:-

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 9th inst., and we note that the Council were enquiring at their last meeting if it would be possible to expend part of the money donated to them by the Wicklow Regatta Committee on the laying out of a playing field at Ballynerrin which the Council have leased to the De La Salle Brothers Community.

Under the Local Authorities (Acceptance of Gifts) Act, 1945, the Council are only entitled to expend money donated to them on Civic improvement, and Civic Improvement is defined under the Act as something to improve the amenities of the functional area of the Local Authority or to expend the money on something that is conducive to the welfare of the inhabitants residing in this area.

The fact that the Community have a Lease of this property puts them in the same category as a private individual and therefore we regret that in our opinion the Council could not expend money in the proposed manner. The money must be spent by the Council in accordance with the Scheme and the provision of the above Act.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Considerable discussion ensued on this item. Councillor Haughton proposed that the Council provide £75 subject to the Brothers providing a further £75 and that provision for this grant be included in the Estimates for 1961/62. This suggestion was strongly supported by Councillor Everett. The County Manager was doubtful if the Council would be entitled to make such a grant. He indicated that the Council could provide a playing field as an adjunct to a Housing Estate but would not be entitled to limit the use of it or to hand over its control to anybody. The discussion terminated on the Council agreeing to the Manager's suggestion that as the site might come within the classification of Derelict Sites, at least for the purpose of grants, that an application be made to the Department of Local Government for a grant under the Derelict Sites Act for the levelling, clearing and laying out of the site as a playing field.

**LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL:** The Chairman reminded members that they now to consider fixing a proper rent for the County Hospital. Councillor Kane was of the opinion that the matter should be adjourned until the future use of the hospital was determined. Councillor Haughton said that the use to which the property was put did not in any way effect the rent which could be obtained from it. A suggestion was made that perhaps a small number of Councillors from the County Council and Urban Council should meet and agree on a reasonable rent. The County Manager indicated that even if a higher rent was agreed to by the County Council he could not sanction its payment as he would have to have regard to what the general policy of the Urban Council was in the matter of fixing rents on the renewal of leases. It was finally decided on the suggestion of Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kane, that Mr. H. C. Delahunt, Auctioneer and Valuer, Wicklow, be engaged to value the property and indicate what in his opinion a proper rent would be.

**REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL WORKMEN:** An application was read from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union for an increase of wages of £1. per week for members employed by the Urban Council. Councillor Haughton suggested that the Union should be asked to give a detailed basis for their application. Councillor Lalor stated that the following rates were presently paid in the

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Town:- Builders' Rate £8. per week; Goulding Fertilizers Ltd. £7. 15. 0. per week; Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. £8. 0. 7. per week: both the latter rates being in respect of a 45 hour week. The rates presently paid to U.D.C. workmen was £7. 2. 6. It was the unanimous feeling of the meeting that the Council employees were entitled to some increase. The County Manager pointed out that on the last occasion an increase of 12/6d. had been granted and it had been accepted then that the wage rate for U.D.C. workmen should be brought to a level with that of Goulding Fertilizers Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lalor that an increase of 12/6d. per week be granted, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. Councillor Delahunt proposed and Councillor Hopkins seconded an amendment to the effect that the actual payment of 12/6d. increase be adjourned for consideration at the Estimates Meeting. The Manager pointed out that it would be necessary to confirm the rates quoted before a final decision could be made and it was agreed that provision for a wage increase of 12/6d. per week be included in the Estimates for the coming year.

**LEASE OF BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD:** The Town Clerk told the meeting that some months ago the Council had agreed to lease a building site at Dunbur Road to Mr. H. Mulrooney. This site adjoins Mr. Nuzum's bungalow but now Mr. Mulrooney did not consider it a very satisfactory site and wished to exchange it for a site on the opposite side of the road between Mr. Byrne's bungalow and Mr. O'Carroll's dwelling house. The Town Surveyor had no objection to this. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed:-

"That we hereby lease to Mr. H. J. Mulrooney for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0., a plot of ground at Dunbur, shown on map as site No. 21 for the purpose of erecting a bungalow thereon."

An application was also read from Mr. Frank Conway and Mr. John O'Rourke applying for building sites on the Dunbur Road in the field opposite the Coastguard Station and formerly tenanted by Miss D. Wall. Council unanimously agreed in principle to the granting of the leases, subject to the applicants a plan showing the exact site required by them.

**TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS:** An application was received from Mr. P. Murphy accompanied by plan and specification for permission to construct a bungalow at Friars' Hill (Kane's field). The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the proposal. Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted. The Town Clerk also indicated that Mr. Murphy had applied for a loan of £1,600 under the S.D.A. Acts. Council recommended Mr. Murphy as a suitable person to obtain a loan and recommended that the loan be granted subject to the County Manager being satisfied.

**SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME:** The Chairman and Town Clerk reported on their enquiries and discussions with the Parish Priest, De La Salle Brothers and Convent Authorities regarding the provision of School Meals. The outcome of all the discussions seemed to be that it would not be possible to provide a hot meal on the basis of those provided in previous years and what was suggested was that a half pint bottle of milk and a 2 oz. currant bun be supplied to each child. These would be delivered to the schools each morning and the teachers undertook to issue them to the children. The County Manager pointed out that for the past number of years the scheme of hot meals would not have been in operation in Wicklow only for the fact that it was undertaken by the wife of an official, Mrs. O'Toole, and he doubted if there was a local authority in the whole country now providing such a meal. The meeting was told that it would not be possible to commence the scheme this year but that every effort would be made to have a School Meals Scheme in operation for November next.

**SUPPLEMENTARY HOUSING GRANTS:** The Town Clerk gave the meeting information on Supplementary Housing Grants for the erection of new houses. The amount of the grant would vary according to the income of the applicant. The maximum grant payable was £275 and could only be granted to an applicant whose family income does not exceed £312 and the minimum grant, £91. 13. 4. could be granted to an applicant whose family income does not exceed £520. The Town Clerk also gave details of the loan charges which would be involved if the Council were obliged to raise a loan for the purpose of granting a large number of supplementary grants.

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SEALING OF LEASES TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart dated 2/3/1961 whereby the Council certify that the building covenant contained in said Lease has been complied with".

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, 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 Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. a plot of ground at Lr. Strand St., Wicklow, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Sulphur Store for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1960, at an annual rent of £10."

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

LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF MECHANICAL SCAVENGING EQUIPMENT: The Town Clerk said that the Deed of Mortgage was not yet available but that he hoped to have it for sealing by the Council at the Estimates Meeting. However, The Hibernian Bank were prepared to make the money available meanwhile.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The meeting considered the monthly report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated. Councillor Everett referred to barbed wire on the gate leading to the new dumping ground and thought that it should not have been used. The County Manager undertook to examine the question.

Councillor Kane was told by the Town Clerk that the planting of trees had been carried out at the dumping ground and also that arrangements had been made to renew the "No Dumping" notices at the Black Castle. Councillor Conroy queried the condition of the dumping ground at the Black Castle and said he understood that the Council had given instructions that a man attend at the dump every day. The County Manager said that no doubt on occasions it had been necessary for the man to attend to more urgent works. The Town Surveyor said that in his opinion the Black Castle Dump was reasonably satisfactory at present.

The meeting was adjourned for a few minutes after a heated discussion between a number of Councillors regarding the transfer of the dump from the Brickfield Lane.

The meeting was told that the Town Surveyor's estimate for the cost of demolishing the urinal on the South Quay (foot of the Doctors' Steps) was £40. As no money had been provided in the current year for this work it was agreed that it be adjourned for inclusion in the Estimates.

Councillor Conroy asked that the cost of repairing the wall at Bachelors' Walk be also included in the Estimates.

Regarding the Town Hall roof, it was agreed that this be adjourned for inclusion in the Estimates.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: Councillor Kelly referred to the application of Mrs. A. O'Brien for a 5 year lease of a small field at Greenhill Road. The County Manager indicated that he had informed the applicant that it would not be possible to grant the lease. After further discussion, at the request of the Council, the Manager undertook to submit to the next meeting a report on Council land generally.

Tenants of Castlefield wrote requesting that the provision of paths to their houses and the boundary wall at the corner of Castle Avenue be included in the Estimates for the coming year. This was agreed to.

An application from 4 residents of Monkton Row to have a shore provided beside the pump at Monkton Row was referred to the Town Surveyor for a report.

Mrs. M. Kinsella, tenant of one of the new houses at Castle St., wrote regarding the pailing. The County Manager pointed out that the Council accepted no responsibility for pailings. Council felt that as the pailing had not been provided when the houses were built an exception might be made in the present instance. It was decided to refer the matter to the Town Surveyor.

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A letter was read from the Wicklow District Men's Association applying for the use of a room in the Town Hall free of charge to hold meetings. Councillor Everett proposed and Councillor Haughton seconded that they be given the use of the room, subject to a charge of 5/-, which was the charge paid by the other Organisation. It was pointed out to the meeting that in the case of this Association it would be necessary for an official to attend specially to open the premises and to lock up afterwards and to see that everything was in order and that it would be necessary for the Association to cover the cost of doing this. It was agreed that the Association be informed of this fact.

On Councillor Lalor's suggestion it was agreed that a charge be fixed to the hire of the sewer rods. Recommendations in this regard to be submitted to the next meeting.

Councillor Everett referred to the trouble that a range was causing in a house tenanted by Mr. B. Goodman and the Town Surveyor promised to examine it.

The County Manager undertook to examine a complaint of Councillor Conroy raised at the request of Mrs. Hollingsworth.

Councillor Conroy enquired about the carter and the Town Surveyor said that the horse and cart would not be required after Wednesday evening and that the man might be kept on depending on circumstances.

The meeting concluded at 11 p.m.

*J. A. O'Brien*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
30th 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, 4th April, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 10th April, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

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

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESMONTHLY MEETINGHELD ON 4th APRIL, 1961

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

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 10th April, 1961, at 7.30 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

*M. J. Cusack*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 10TH APRIL, 1961

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

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, the County Manager and Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th March, 1961, and Estimates Meeting held on 27th March, 1961, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th April, 1961, were read adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS: The meeting adopted resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation asking that the cost of administering the Health Acts be borne out of Government Funds and not to be a charge on the rates and from Castlebar U.D.C. asking that Urban Authorities be treated the same as County Councils in the allocation of grants, loans, etc., from State funds.

LEASE OF MURROUGH: A letter was read from Couper Works Ltd., indicating that they were not going ahead with plans to erect a factory on The Murrough as it had been found that the atmosphere adjacent to the sea was not suitable for the manufacture of electrical motors and that accordingly they were cancelling the option which they held on various sites on The Murrough and which had still a year to run. The firm indicated that the plans for expansion remained unaltered and that they were looking for suitable alternative accommodation adjacent to Wicklow. NOTED.

An application was read from F.C.A. Headquarters, Bray, applying for a site on The Murrough for the purpose of erecting a permanent training headquarters thereon and which would consist of trailing hall, offices and storage accommodation. In front of the building it was proposed to have a tarmacadam square. The area required would be 180 ft. x 120 ft. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the site that the F.C.A. would like to have would be that immediately adjacent to the Marine Hotel property (where the old canons are situated). It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That we hereby lease to the Minister for Defence a site on The Murrough, Wicklow, as indicated on plan to be prepared by the Town Surveyor for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £15, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Town Surveyor for the discharge of sewerage from the building in such a way as not to interfere with the other sites on The Murrough".

An application from the Leinster Motor Club for the use of The Murrough for the purpose of holding tests in connection with their Annual Veteran Car Run to be held on Saturday, 24th June, 1961, was unanimously granted.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk said he had asked the opinion of the Law Agent as directed by the Council, on the proposal to expend monies from the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund on the Foreshore Protection Works presently in progress. The Law Agent's opinion was as follows:-

"We are of opinion that the Council are entitled to expend the money from this fund for Foreshore Protection Works and that there is no obligation on the Council to consult with the Donating Body. In our opinion, prior consultation with the Donating Body would only be necessary where the money was given to the Council conditionally."

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that if the Council were to expend £300 from the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund on Foreshore Protection Works it would now be unnecessary for them to approve a resolution authorising the raising of the balance of the local contribution in sum of £1,350. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly and unanimously resolved, Councillor Conroy dissenting:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, we hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,350 from our Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., for the purpose of meeting our contribution to Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £6,600, the loan to be repayable on the instalment basis over 10 years with interest at usual rate".

EXTENSION TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY: A report from the Town Surveyor was read as follows:-  
A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 14th ult., with regard to the matter of improvement and/or additions to the Regional Water Supply filtration plant and ancillary works thereto for the purpose of ensuring adequate supplies for future developments in the Wicklow Urban District.

I advise that a Consultant Engineer be appointed to assist me in the investigation and recommendations therein. I recommend the immediate appointment of Messrs T. J. O'Connor & Co., Consultant Engineers to this position. I might say that this firm is at present engaged by Wicklow County Council in investigating the supply of water to the Avoca, Woodenbridge and Ballycoogue district and also possible further extensions to the Brittas Bay, Barndarrig and Ballinacarrig areas. The terms of the Consultant's appointment therefore would be to investigate the existing position of the water supply ex-source at Devil's Glen (Annagowlan) and to report on the necessity for (a) the provision of additional filtration tank or tanks at the Croneroe filtration plant (b) the possible necessity for an additional settling tank (prior to filtration) to deal with the discolourization in the water from source, thus reducing the quantity of chemicals required and the duration of the filters (c) the question of adequate sizes of mains, ex-Croneroe to the Urban District and the capacity of the 100,000 gals. service tank in Wicklow Town at Greenhill Road, having regard to the greatly increased demand for industrial purposes beyond expectations and possible and probable further heavy increase therein. The Consultant should be requested to submit his report and recommendations on these points and thereafter if such will have been considered justified the necessary work of improvement and additional plant to be specified and provided by contract.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was decided on the proposal of Councillor Kane that consideration of the report be adjourned until such time as the Town Surveyor had arranged for the members to inspect the Regional Water Supply Scheme as promised at the March meeting of the Council. AGREED.

HOUSING - LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES: (a) 3 St. Patrick's Avenue. There were 17 applications for the tenancy of this house. Having carefully considered the applicants, the Council picked out the following 4 as being most in need of housing:- Timothy Hayes, Joseph Cumiskey, Andrew Phillips, and Patrick L. Kearney.

Councillor Lalor proposed and Councillor Kelly seconded that Patrick L. Kearney be appointed tenant. Councillor Conroy proposed and Councillor Haughton seconded that the 4 names be put into a hat and the name of the applicant drawn out to be appointed tenant. A vote was taken on Councillor Conroy's amendment as follows:-

For: Councillors Delahunt, Conroy, Haughton (3)  
Against: Councillors Kelly, Lalor, Hopkins and Kane (4)

The decision of the Council therefore was that Patrick L. Kearney be recommended for appointment as tenant of 3, St. Patrick's Avenue.

(b) 24, Kilmantin Road: The Town Clerk reported that the person next in order on the Housing List was William Hayden, Bond St., and that there were applications for transfers from Mr. J. Kelly, 30 Glenview Road and Mr. A. Dunne, 36, Glenview Road. The Town Clerk pointed out that it was the Council's policy to approve transfers only where the granting of such a transfer facilitated the person to be re-housed from the Housing List. In this case it was the opinion of the Medical Officer that no transfer should be allowed and that Mr. Hayden be re-housed directly in the vacant house. Council accepted the recommendation of the Medical Officer that Mr. Hayden be re-housed.

HOUSING SCHEMES: 3 Houses at Castle Park: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government as follows:-

A Chara,

On the understanding that the terms of this Department's Circular Letter N.4/60 of the 12th October, 1960, are being observed, no objection in principle will be raised to the proposal to proceed with the erection of the three houses at Castle Park. I am to request that an up-to-date estimate of cost for these houses be submitted. I am to enquire if it is proposed to erect the houses on the basis of the plans submitted with your letter of 12th February, 1959.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The meeting was told by the Town Clerk that the Council's Architect considered that it should be possible to erect the houses within a cost of £1,600 each which was the maximum cost allowable for subsidy purposes. He further told the Council that based on a cost of £1,600 the full economic rent of the houses would be 45/- per week but that as the Council would qualify for at least a one third subsidy the rent would be reduced to 31/5d. per week. If however, the Council re-housed a person living in unfit or overcrowded conditions (other than overcrowding as a result of sub-tenancy in a Council house) they would qualify for two third subsidy which would bring the rent down to 18/2d. per week. In addition to the rent the rates payable would be approximately a further 7/6d. per week. Council recommended that the Department be informed that it was proposed to erect the houses on the basis of the plans submitted on 12th February, 1959, and that permission be requested for the Architect to proceed with the preparation of full working plans and specifications.

4 Non-Subsidy Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government as follows:-

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of 9th ult., regarding the provision of four better-class houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he does not consider it appropriate as a general policy for housing authorities to engage in the provision of private dwellings. The outgoings on a house provided with the aid of a loan under the S.D.A. Acts, State grants, rates remission and a site developed by the Council would in fact appear to be somewhat lower than on a house provided under Section 31 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1952. If the Council were in addition to provide supplementary grants the private provision of dwellings would be greatly facilitated and encouraged. It accordingly is considered that the proposal should be re-examined with a view to providing facilities for private housing to the fullest extent authorised by the Housing Acts.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. had inquired as to the availability of 5 sites for the purpose of erecting houses for their staff with the assistance of the Building Agency sponsored by the Government. Councillor Kane proposed and Councillor Haughton seconded that the Department of Local Government be asked to extend the 100% loans now available to industries erecting houses for their employees to all applicants under the S.D.A. Acts and in particular to such applicants as would be approved by the Council, that copies of this resolution be circulated to all local authorities and to the Association of Municipal Authorities. AGREED.

WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: The Town Clerk reported that he had been in communication with the Law Agent regarding liability for the replacement of the wall which collapsed at Bachelors' Walk but as there were a few points still to be clarified he would be glad if the Council would adjourn the subject to the next meeting. + AGREED +

CORPORATE ESTATE: The Town Clerk reminded the meeting that as a result of an application from Mrs. A. O'Brien for a 5 year lease of the small field which she holds at the rear of Convent Road houses, Council at their last meeting had asked for a report on the possibility of letting the lands for a longer period than the existing 11 months system and if this were not

possible that a system of fertilizing the land be examined. As a result of the decision in the Hamilton case the Council's Law Agent had advised that if Council were to let lands otherwise than for 11 months they were in danger of loosing the land as the tenant could apply to have the land vested under the Land Acts. The Law Agent pointed out that the granting of an option for 5 consecutive 11 month lettings would not solve the problem as there would have to be a definite break of 1 month each year. The Council discussed this point and agreed that in view of the Law Agent's opinion it would not be advisable to alter the present system. Regarding the fertilizing of lands, the Town Clerk reported that Mr. Scott, C.A.O., recommended that the Council would be well advised to have all their land treated each year with potassic superphosphate at the rate of 4 cwts. per statute acre. However, it was considered for the present at any rate, that that a 2 year programme for fertilizing should be adopted and that in the present year fertilizer should be applied to 6 fields totalling 32 acres and the following year the remainder of the fields totalling 34 acres could be treated. The estimated cost of this work would be about £80 and provision for it was included in the Estimates under the heading of Corporate Estate maintenance. Council unanimously adopted the recommendation and asked that they be informed at the next meeting of the rents received from the lands let at the Public Auction as they felt that some increase in price should be obtained from the tenants of the land to be fertilized in the present year.

ABSENT COUNCIL TENANTS: A report from the Rent Collector was read as follows:-

Dear Sir,

I set out hereunder particulars of absentee tenants requested in your letter of 9th March:-

(1) John Doyle, 10 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Rd: Mr. Doyle assures me that he is now residing in the house at night.

(2) Daniel Cleary, 2 Bungalow, Castle St: Mr. Cleary is a sailor and is at present away at sea. I would like to point out that this house was allocated to Mr. Cleary's father in the nineteen thirty's when the house the family were residing in was demolished by order of the Council. The Cleary family have resided in it ever since. Mr. Cleary has recently decorated the house. He is unmarried.

(3) Mr. James Kelly, 5, St. Dominick's Rd: Mr. Kelly, his wife and family with the exception of one son are residing in England. Mr. George Kelly, the son, resides in the house along with his wife and one child. The Kelly family were also housed by the Council when the house they occupied was demolished.

Yours faithfully, etc.

In the case of John Doyle the Town Clerk informed the meeting that reports of the absences of this tenant had been received over the past 5 years and that on each occasion the tenant undertook to reside in the house. After considerable discussion it was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the tenant be asked to surrender possession of the house in view of the position of the Council's Housing List.

Daniel Cleary: It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly that Mr. Cleary be written to, that his attention be drawn to the position of the Council's Housing List with special reference to the cases of overcrowding thereon and that he be informed that unless he could before the end of 6 months, show cause why he required the house more than the applicants on the Housing List that the Council would take possession of it.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Hopkins that Mr. Clear be written to and his attention drawn to the hardships endured by persons on the Council's Housing List and that in these circumstances the Council feel that they can no longer subsidise the house but that they would be prepared to consider renewing his tenancy if he undertook to pay the full economic rent of the house. A vote was taken on Councillor Kane's amendment as follows:-

For: Councillors Delahunt, Lalor, Conroy, Hopkins & Kane (5)  
Against: Councillors Haughton and Kelly (2)

The Amendment was declared carried.

In the case of Mr. Kelly it was decided that no action be taken.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: The Council recommend that permission be granted to Mr. F. Conway, subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied, for the erection of a dwelling house at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. Council also recommend on the proposal of Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kelly the making of a loan of £1,000 under the S.D.A. Acts to Mr. Conway. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Mr. Francis Conway for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0. a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, shown on map as Plot No.

SEALING DEED OF MORTGAGE: LOAN OF £1,275: It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Charge whereby the Council borrow from The Hibernian Bank Ltd., the sum of £1,275 for the purpose of defraying the expenditure on the Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment, the loan to be repayable over 10 years with interest at usual rate."

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: It was decided that consideration of the works to be discharged under the Roads Improvement Grant be deferred for the attendance of the Town Surveyor.

It was agreed that Councillor Lalor's complaint re the condition of Coates' Lane and Councillor's Kelly complaint re gulley on New Park Road be referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.

The Town Clerk said that a charge of 3/- per day or part day was recommended for the hire of the sewer rods. Council agreed with this charge.

Regarding Housing Repairs, the Town Clerk reported that it was proposed to have repairs carried out first to the houses which are to be painted in the present year. At the request of the Council he read the list of repairs. Council unanimously recommended that in the first instance outside repairs to doors, windows etc., should be undertaken over the entire housing estate and that afterwards the condition of inside repairs would be reviewed.

On Councillor Kelly's suggestion it was decided to investigate the instances where T.V. aerials were stayed to down pipes gutters, etc., and that the tenants so doing be requested to cease this practice.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Haughton it was unanimously decided that tenders be invited for painting of Council houses scheduled for painting in the present year.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from the Chairman of "Vogue" Magazine in reply to the complaint of the Council about the article on Ireland which contained certain remarks regarding the Church Procession in Wicklow. The letter indicated that the article complained of contained a number of light-hearted references in a article which was overwhelmingly in favour of Ireland. The meeting felt that the references could not be looked upon as being of a light-hearted nature and considered that Vogue Magazine be again asked to tender an apology.

The following representatives were appointed to attend the Joint Industrial Meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held in the Town Hall, on 18th April:- Councillors Lalor, Haughton and Hopkins. Council recommended that the Harbour Board be also invited to send representatives.

The application of Mr. J. Brophy, Civil Defence Officer, for the use of portion of The Murrough and Ball Alley for the purpose of Civil Defence Exercises to be held on 23rd April, was granted.

A letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., complaint of the delay in having the necessary repairs to Wicklow Harbour undertaken and the failure of the Minister for Transport & Power to receive a deputation

as promised from their firm and from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for the purpose of discussing the matter. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved, that the attention of the Minister for Transport & Power be drawn to the fact that the Council were very perturbed at the delay in having the urgent and necessary repairs to Wicklow Harbour carried out and requesting that he would receive the deputation from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners at the earliest possible moment to discuss this matter. A copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Wicklow Harbour Commissioners with an intimation that the Council were willing to render every assistance possible to expediate the matter.

A letter was read from the Wicklow & District Men's Association inquiring as to what the charge would be for the use of the Town Hall for meetings. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Haughton, it was agreed that a charge of 10/- be determined for all Organisations who use the Town Hall for meetings, the charge to be apportioned as follows:- 5/- for the use of the room and 5/- to cover the attendance of an employee of the Council for opening and locking the room, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Lalor referred to the condition of roadway at North Quay and was told that the Council could not be expected to cope with this problem created by industrial activity, but that the attention of both Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and C.I.E. was being continuously drawn to the matter. The Council agreed on Councillor Haughton's suggestion to draw the attention of the Harbour Commissioners to a quantity of sand lying on the South Quay opposite the premises of the Wicklow Corn Co., for a considerable time.

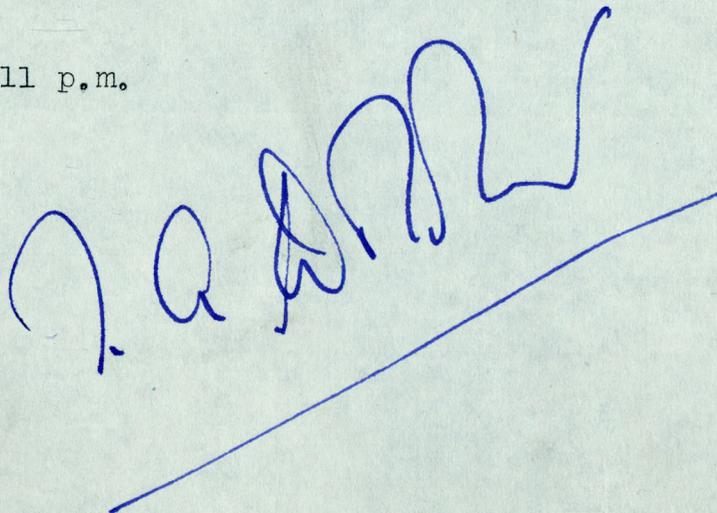
The Town Clerk undertook to inquire into Councillor Haughton's complaint that individuals had dumped at the Black Castle, the way thereto having been opened by Council employees. Councillor Hopkins referred to the problem of fires at the new dump in the Glen and it was suggested that "No Trespassing" notices be erected and that persons found trespassing or loitering in the dumping ground be prosecuted and that the attention of the Gardai be drawn to this problem.

Councillor Hopkins was told by the Town Clerk that the scavenging staff had complained that as yet proper bins had not been provided by the Grand Hotel, that the bins in use were large tar drums with no handles and that on more than one occasion the contents had to be emptied onto the ground and shovelled into the trailer by the men. Councillor Conroy stated that the scavenging men were going into certain houses in the town and instanced the case of the Town Surveyor and the houses at Abbeyfield, and was told by the Town Clerk that the practice was that the vehicle would go up laneways to serve houses where it was possible for it to turn.

A vote of congratulations was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Kelly and passed unanimously to Mr. Hugh Byrne on his election as President of the G.A.A.

The application of Mr. J. Bonus, Castle Avenue, for permission to make an opening in his boundary wall and erect a gateway was referred to the Town Surveyor for his examination with a recommendation that permission be granted.

The meeting concluded at 11 p.m.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
6th April, 1961.

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

A Char,

The Adourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 10th April, 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 March, 1961, Annual Estimates Meeting held on 27th March, 1961 (copies herewith) and Monthly Meeting held on 4th April, 1961.
2. Resolutions from Dun Laoghaire Borough Council and Castlebar U.D.C.
3. *Copper Works RD - Surrender of Option on Murrrough Site*  
Application from Leinster Motor Club for use of Murrrough for Veteran Car Run.
4. Site for Army Training Centre - application for site on Murrrough.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - Advice of Law Agent re expenditure of money in Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund.
6. Extension to Regional Water Supply - Recommendation of Town Surveyor re appointment of Consultant Engineer.
7. Housing - Letting of vacant Council House at (1) 3, St. Patrick's Ave., and (2) 24, Kilmantin Road.
8. Housing Schemes - Correspondence with Department of Local Government re proposed scheme at Castle Park (3 Houses) and St. Patrick's Avenue (4 Non-Subsidy Houses).
9. Wall at Bachelors' Walk - Opinion of Law Agent.
10. Corporate Estate - Report re letting of lands and treatment with fertilizer.
11. Absent Council Tenants - Report of Rent Collector
12. Town & Regional Planning Applications.
13. Sealing Deed of Mortgage - Loan of £1,275 for Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment.
14. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
15. General Correspondence from:-
  - (a) "Vogue" Magazine re Article on Ireland.
  - (b) Wicklow Chamber of Commerce re Joint Industrial Meeting.
  - (c) Wicklow & District Men's Association re use of Town Hall.
  - (d) Civil Defence Officer re use of Murrrough and Ball Alley for Civil Defence Exercise.
  - (e) Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. re repairs to Wicklow Harbour.
16. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILM I N U T E SMONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND MAY, 1961

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 10th April, 1961, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

CORPORATE ESTATE: REPORT ON LETTING OF LANDS BY PUBLIC AUCTION: The report, copy of which had been circulated, was submitted to the meeting and was noted as satisfactory.

HOUSING LIST NO. 9: The Council considered and adopted Housing List No. 9, at 1st April, 1961, copy of which had been circulated.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: The Certificate of Mr. H. C. Delahunt, Clarke Delahunt & Co., Auctioneers and Valuers, Wicklow, was submitted to the meeting. Mr. Delahunt certified that in his opinion a reasonable rent for the County Hospital building would be £150 per annum with the Landlord paying rates and doing outside repairs. It was agreed to defer the matter until such time as the County Council had obtained a valuation from their valuer.

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO WICKLOW REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Council again considered the recommendation of the Town Surveyor as to the appointment of a Consultant Engineer for the proposed extension to the Regional Water Supply. Council considered that it was necessary for them to know if sufficient water would be available at the intakes to supply the additional filters. The County Manager gave figures of the design capacity of the Regional Scheme. It was decided to defer the matter and that the Town Surveyor be asked to submit the report of Professor Purcell, Consultant Engineer who designed the Regional Supply Scheme as to the capacity of the intakes at Annagoulan and Ballyduff.

Councillor Kane enquired if the Town Surveyor had examined the possibility of laying water mains in the footpaths and if in the case of the Main St. main a new smaller main could be laid along each footpath and interconnected.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS GRANT 1961/62: Council felt that it would not be advisable to carry out tar surfacing as had been done last year with the aid of the current grant, and that it would be much better to confine the work to one or two areas and do a good job of reconstruction in either concrete or tarmacadam. A number of roads suitable for reconstruction were mentioned by Councillors and these were referred to the Town Surveyor who was asked to submit a report to the next meeting.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - PREMISES AT THE MALL, MISS E. DOYLE: The Town Clerk outlined the circumstances in this case where the lease had expired on 29th September, 1959, and where the question of its renewal had been deferred pending satisfactory arrangements being made to pay the rent and rates due on the property. He indicated that at present there was a sum of £40 due in respect of rates to 31st March, 1961. After due consideration and discussion it was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Lalor and agreed:-

"That we hereby agree to grant a renewal of the lease for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, to Miss Elizabeth Doyle and Others at an annual rent of £6, of the plot of ground and dwellinghouse thereon situated at Main St. (The Mall), Wicklow, and forming part of larger plot formerly leased by the Chairman and Commissioners of the Town of Wicklow to Messrs Kynaston and Tennison Edwards for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1884, providing adequate arrangements be made for securing of existing Council Mortgage on premises by agreement or otherwise."