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PREMISES AT MARKET SQUARE: A lengthy letter was read from Miss M. G. Carroll and Mrs. H. J. Hynes, regarding property at Market Sq., and after fully discussing the matter and heard the explanations of the County Manager and Town Clerk, the Council directed that the following replies be given to the queries raised in the letter:-

(1) Lease of Dwellinghouse to Miss M. G. Carroll & Mrs. H. J. Hynes: The renewal of the lease was granted at Council meeting held on 1st July, 1958. The execution of the lease was delayed in the first instance when negotiations were in progress regarding the lease of the yard. As soon as the lease map has been prepared by the Town Surveyor, draft lease will be forwarded for approval by the applicants. (2) Lease of Yard: There was nothing the Council could do regarding the yard, the lease of which the applicants had applied for for the purpose of obtaining a right-of-way as the yard was leased to the Misses O'Brien at the meeting of the Council held in September, 1959. (3) Right-of-Way: As to the possibility of the applicants obtaining a right-of-way through the yard which has been leased to the Misses O'Brien, the Council appointed a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Kane and the Town Clerk to meet the Misses O'Brien and Mrs. Fitzsimons in order to ascertain what can be done in this matter.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st March, 1961, was examined in detail and explained by the County Manager. The percentage collected was 96.66% and was considered satisfactory in view of the number of cases in which the Collector was restrained from taking action for settlement. The County Manager informed the Council that he intended striking off rates amounting to £85. 17. 6. and representing 0.05% of the Warrant as being irrecoverable and the balance of £500. 11. 7. was being carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

The meeting was told that the percentage of Housing Rents collected at 31st March, 1961, was 98.99%.

The Council complimented both Collectors on having very satisfactory collections.

RATES MEETING: It was decided that the Rates Meeting be held on Tuesday, 23rd May, 1961.

ANNUAL MEETING: It was decided that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 27th June, 1961.

MR. S. O'ROURKE: (a) An application was considered from Mr. S. O'Rourke, for lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Mr. Sean O'Rourke for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at a yearly rent of £7. 10. 0. a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, as shown on Map as Plot No.

(b) Application was read from Mr. O'Rourke for a loan of £1,100 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts. The Town Clerk indicated that there was no objection to the application providing the Town Surveyor was satisfied that the house, when erected, was good security for the money loaned. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and unanimously recommended that Mr. O'Rourke be approved of for a loan of £1,100 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

Council also agreed that permission be given under the Town & Regional Planning Acts, subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

The Town Clerk referred to the number of sites available at Dunbur Rd. and the necessity for the extension of the sewer to serve these sites. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor be asked to prepare a report on the matter for the next meeting.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application accompanied by plan and specification was received from Mr. J. J. Fallon, for permission to construct a dwellinghouse at Abbeyfield, Wicklow. Report of Town Surveyor that he had no objection to the proposal. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and unanimously recommended that permission be granted.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: This report, copy of which had been circulated was adopted by the meeting.

Councillor Conroy asked if it would be at all possible to have the urinal on the South Quay at the foot of the Doctor's Steps demolished. The Town Clerk undertook to bring Councillor Lalor's complaint about the seat at the Big Tree at Abbey St., to the attention of the County Surveyor. Councillor Conroy was told that the question of flooding at Convent Road was under examination and that efforts had been made to clear blocked sewers etc. Complaints re shores at the back gate to the Convent and at New St. (Henry Nalty's) were referred to the Town Surveyor.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

Harbour Repairs: A letter was read from the Department of Transport and Power outlining the procedure adopted by that Department in considering the application for a grant towards the cost of repairs to Wicklow Harbour. The letter indicated that when the Department's "Engineering Advisers had submitted a report the application would be discussed with the deputation from the Harbour Board.

A letter was read from the Chairman of Vogue Magazine indicating that the editor and author of the article in question both promptly expressed their regret for the ill feeling caused and that he himself had written to the principle newspapers in Ireland endorsing this sentiment. NOTED.

Swimming in Harbour: A letter was read from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, indicating that the County Medical Officer had stated that swimming in the harbour near the sewer outlet should be prohibited and requesting that the Urban Council as the Sanitary Authority would arrange for the erection of the notice. Agreed that Notice be erected to the effect that "Bathing at this place not permitted".

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association addressed to the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, in response to the Urban Council's complaint that the tourist facilities in Wicklow Town and County were not properly or fully publicised. A number of tourist brochures accompanying the letter were submitted to the Council for their information. Councillor Haughton referred to one of the brochures dealing with tours which failed to include Wicklow as a sea-side resort and which completely omitted Wicklow from an East Coast Tour which went inland at Bray and came out at Arklow. It was agreed that this be taken up with the Irish Tourist Association.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from Mr. J. Doyle in response to the Council's request that he would surrender possession of the Council house tenanted by him at 10 Bungallow, St. Laurence's Road. It was noted that Mr. Doyle was in residence and was prepared to continue to do so.

A letter was read from Mr. K. J. Brangan with reference to a remark by Councillor Conroy as reported in the "Wicklow People" at a previous meeting, that the Council's scavenging staff went into his back yard to remove the refuse. He indicated that this was not so, the position being that the bin was collected from outside the gate as per the instructions given by the Council. Councillor Conroy said he withdrew the remark and that what he had intended to say was that the bins from Mr. Brangan's and neighbouring houses were removed from a private road. Council felt that there was no objection to this arrangement.

The Chairman indicated that he had been approached by Mr. S. Conroy, P.C. regarding the lease of a plot of ground in the harbour area at the rear of Wire Ropes store for the purpose of erecting a pavilion thereon for the Wicklow Rowing Club. It was agreed that Mr. Conroy be asked to submit a written application to the next meeting.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that some years ago the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland had donated £10 to the Council to be used for the planting of trees. The Branch had now ceased operation and had handed over a further £3. 13. 0. for the same purpose. The County Manager explained that this money was lodged to the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund and that a Scheme would be prepared for its expenditure on tree planting.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

J. Kane 6/6/61

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL RATES MEETING

HELD ON 23RD MAY, 1961

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

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

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

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following rate and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and heridaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow, liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us, viz: Municipal Rate for the Service of the year ended 31st March, 1962, of 467 Pence (Four Hundred and Sixty Seven Pence). *TM*

Urban Roads	32.40 pence
Sanitary Services	118.38 "
Housing	38.33 "
General Urban Purposes	48.60 "
County Council Services	229.29 "

and that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1961/62 and that the necessary Notice be published forthwith".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed.

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Warrant in respect of 1961/62 to be issued to the Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District Council".

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

The meeting then concluded.

*J. Kane
6/6/61*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
2nd June, 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, 6th June, 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 2nd May, 1961, and Rates Meeting held on 23rd May, 1961 (copies herewith).
2. Wicklow Regatta 1961 - Application from Regatta Committee for (a) Civic Opening (b) Use of Site on Seafront (c) All-night lighting August Bank Holiday Weekend.
3. Application from ^(W) St. Dommic Savio Secondary School, Manchester, for permission to camp on Murrough. ^(B) *de la Salle Boys - Annual Sports*
4. Lease of Building Sites - Application from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for lease of seven sites at St. Patrick's Avenue.
5. Auditor's Report for year ended 31st March, 1960 (copy herewith). *Abstract of Accounts - Year to 31/3/61*
6. Harbour Improvement Works - application from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for loan guarantee.
7. Salaries - Application for revised salary scale for officials.
8. Proposed Extension to Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme (copy of Professor Purcell's report herewith).
9. Urban Road Improvement Scheme, 1961/62 - consideration of works to be discharged with aid of £900 Grant.
10. Discharge of fumes from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. factory - report of Consultant Chemist.
11. S.D.A. Acts - Letter from Department of Local Government re Council's resolution that amount of advances be increased.
12. Sealing Deed of Mortgage - Loan of £1,350 - Foreshore Protection Works.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
14. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

HELD ON 6TH JUNE, 1961

MONTHLY MEETING

Present: Councillors J. Kelly, W. Hopkins, J. Kane, T. Conroy and J. Lalor.

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 T. A. Delahunty and C. W. Hudson.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Kane was elected to the chair on the proposal of Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2nd May, 1961 and Rates Meeting held on 23rd May, 1961, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

WICKLOW REGATTA 1961: Application from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for (1) Civic Opening to the 1961 Regatta and Carnival Fortnight (b) use of site at Sea Front for amusements etc. at usual charge of £5 and (c) All-night lighting on August Bank Holiday week-end, provision for which had been made in the Estimates, were agreed to.

MURROUGH LETTINGS: The St. Dominic Savio Secondary School, Manchester, were given permission to camp on The Murrough from 15th June to 30th June, at a charge of £1.

The De La Salle Brothers were given permission to use The Murrough on Sunday, 18th June, for the purpose of holding their Annual Sports.

The Presiding Chairman referred to campers on the Old Dunbur Road over the Whit Week-end who were a source of nuisance to the Convent Authorities. It was decided to bring this to the attention of the Garda and to ask them to keep an eye on the area during the summer months.

LEASE TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. - BUILDING SITES: An application was received from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a lease of 7 sites at St. Patrick's Ave., for the purpose of erecting houses for their workers. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £52. 10. 0. plot of ground at St. Patrick's Ave., Wicklow, comprising seven (7) sites as delineated on map prepared by Town Surveyor for the purpose of that firm erecting seven houses thereon for the use of their employees, which aforesaid houses shall be erected within 3 years from the date of the lease."

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The Auditor's Report for the year to the 31st March, 1960. Council considered the report, copy of which had been circulated, and it was noted as satisfactory.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS - YEAR TO 31ST MARCH, 1961: The Abstract was submitted by the Town Clerk and was noted.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT WORKS: A letter was read from the Harbour Commissioners, enquiring as to what amount the Council would guarantee in respect of a scheme of improvement works which they proposed carrying out. It was decided to consider this matter in committee at the conclusion of the meeting.

SALARIES: The Town Clerk submitted applications for revised salary scales with effect from 1st August, 1960, for the Clerk Typist, Rate Collector, Rent Collector and himself. After duly considering the matter, it was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed:

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"That we hereby recommend the payment of revised salary scales to the Town Clerk, Clerk Typist, Rate Collect and Rent Collector with effect from 1st August, 1960, and that we approve the necessary additional expenditure in the current year."

EXTENSION TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The Council gave further consideration to the recommendation of the Town Surveyor that a Consultant Engineer be engaged to assist him in the investigation of the proposed extension to the Regional Water Supply Scheme. In this connection Council considered a report of Professor Purcell, who designed the original Scheme, copy of which had been circulated. After a very comprehensive discussion the Council unanimously approved the Town Surveyor's recommendation.

URBAN ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT: Further consideration was given by the Council to the works which might be undertaken with the aid of the grant of £900. The meeting did not accept the Town Surveyor's recommendation that the road from the Stone Bridge Cross Roads along Bath St. be concreted. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor - "That Glenview Road be reconstructed either in concrete or Tarmacadam as the Town Surveyor considered appropriate. It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Kelly - "That the Rocky Road be reconstructed likewise. Councillor Conroy further proposed and it was unanimously agreed, that if neither of the above roads proved eligible under the grant, that Quarentine Hill be reconstructed.

DISCHARGE OF FUMES FROM FACTORY: The Town Clerk read a report from the Consultant Chemist on his inspection and examination of the discharge from both the wash tower and the sulphuric acid contant plant operated by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. The report indicated that both plants operated as far as he could ascertain, well within the legal limits. The County Medical Officer pointed out that although Mr. Riley's report seemed to indicate that matters in the factory were now satisfactory, it was an offensive trade and it is possible for the precautions taken to go out of order or to suffer a temporary break-down. He recommended that frequent visits be made by the Consultant, say on a monthly basis, the fees to be paid by Shamrock Fertilizers.

Council felt that the report was not satisfactory and that further tests should be made and that samples should be taken of vegetation etc. in the area as this seemed to suffer appreciably from the fumes.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government regarding the Council's resolution as to the making of advances under the S.D.A. Acts and indicating that the maximum advance which may be made by a housing authority was statutory defined and so could not be altered by the Minister. The letter also pointed out that it is not the policy of the National Building Agency to finance the building of houses for industrial concerns up to the full net cost of such houses. NOTED.

SEALING DEED OF MORTGAGE: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hopkins 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 £1,350, repayable over 10 years with interest at usual rate, for the purpose of meeting their contribution towards Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £6,600, the balance of which will be met by a State Grant of £4,950 and £300 from Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund."

At Councillor Conroy's request, it was decided to enquire from the Department as to the possibility of obtaining assistance towards the larger scheme of Foreshore Protection Works.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The Council noted this report, copy of which had been circulated.

Council requested that a list of the houses which had been repaired be circulated to the members. A number of housing repairs which were mentioned by Councillors as being necessary were referred to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

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The Town Clerk reported that no tenders had been received for the painting of Council houses. The Council accordingly directed the Town Surveyor to proceed with the work by direct labour.

The Town Surveyor submitted an estimate in sum of £855 for the extension of the sewer along Dunbur Road (from Vize's to the top of Summer Hill) a distance of 210 lin.yds. The Town Clerk stated that the annual loan charges over a period of 15 years would be £100 per annum. The meeting decided to defer this for the time being until there was a definite indication that sufficient houses would be erected on the road to warrant the provision of the extension to the sewer.

OTHER BUSINESS: Premises at Market Sq. (Right-of-Way): The Presiding Chairman told the meeting that the Chairman, Councillor Delahunt, had interviewed Mrs. Fitzsimons in this matter. She was not anxious to receive a deputation to discuss the matter but indicated her willingness to provide a right-of-way at a nominal charge if the other party were willing to meet all the expenses, and that the arrangements be carried out through her Solicitor.

Councillor Hopkins raised the matter of two Council houses which had been disconnected by the E.S.B. because the tenants refused to have meters installed to replace the old arrangement, whereby they had a specified supply of current at a charge of 2/- per week. It was decided to request the E.S.B. to submit an explanation and their views on this occurrence.

The Town Surveyor undertook, at Councillor Hopkin's request to investigate the provision of a supply of water to Fernhill House and two other houses situated at Bollarney.

The Wicklow & District Men's Association wrote congratulating the Council in the efforts being made by them in the Tidy Towns' Competition.

Councillor Conroy requested the submission of the Law Agent's opinion as to the liability of the Council for the reconstruction of the wall at Bachelors' Walk. It was decided that this item be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

On the proposal of the presiding Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kelly, a vote of sympathy was unanimously conveyed to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne on the recent death of his aunt.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME: This matter was further considered by the Council in committee. In considering the matter, Council were at a certain disadvantage as full particulars of the proposed scheme were not available to them. Councillor Hopkins, however, outlined the Harbour Board's requirements. The County Manager put forward suggested financial arrangements for either a scheme costing £180,000 or a scheme costing £100,000 as follows:-

Scheme (1)	Total Cost	£180,000
	State Grant (75%)		£150,000
	Industry (Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd)	£5,000	
	County Council Guarantee	£15,000	
	Urban Council Do.	£10,000	£30,000
Scheme (2)	Total Cost	£100,000
	State Grant		£75,000
	Industry (Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.)	£5,000	
	County Council Guarantee	£15,000	
	Urban Council Do.	£5,000	£25,000

He pointed out that the exact amount of the loan to be guaranteed by the Council could only be determined when a final scheme for the financing of the works had been prepared by the Harbour Board. Likewise, the Council would have to be satisfied that the Harbour Board would be in a position to meet the annual loan charges on the loan which would be guaranteed. He pointed out that the cost to the Urban Rates if a guarantee became operative owing to the Harbour Board being unable to meet the loan charges would be, in the case of a loan of £10,000, a charge of £800 per annum (1/8d. in the £. on the rates). In the case of the County Council, the charge on the rates would be £1,200 per annum (1d. in the £. on the

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rate). From an examination of the Harbour Board's Accounts it would appear that the amount of loan on which they would be able to meet the loan charges would be £20,000.

It was decided by the Council to inform the Harbour Board that they were agreeable in principle to guarantee a loan of £5,000, providing that the County Council agreed to guarantee the repayment of £15,000, and subject to a contribution of £5,000 being made by industry and a substantial State Grant being also made.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 p.m.

J. A. D. D. D.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 1961

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

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

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haughton and unanimously resolved that Councillor T. A. Delahunt be re-elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman extended his thanks to the members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Town Clerk was asked to convey to Councillors Everett and Hudson good wishes for their speedy recovery from illness.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy and unanimously resolved that Councillor J. Kane be elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Kane thanked the members for his election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

It was proposed by Councillor Delahunt, seconded by Councillor Kane and resolved that the following members be appointed as our representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:-

Councillors W. Hopkins, T. Conroy, J. Kelly, G. F. Haughton, T. A. Delahunt, J. Lalor and J. Kane.

NOMINATED MEMBERS FOR AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S SEAL: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved - "That the Chairman, Councillor T. A. Delahunt and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Kane be appointed representatives to witness the affixing of the Council's Seal".

Councillor Conroy proposed a vote of thanks to the Town Clerk which was seconded by Councillor Haughton and supported by the other members present.

The vote of thanks was also extended to the County Manager, Town Surveyor and other officials and in reply the Town Clerk thanked the Council for their co-operation during the past year.

The meeting then concluded.

T. A. Delahunt

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th June, 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 July, 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 6th June, 1961, and Annual Meeting held on 27th June, 1961, (copies herewith).
2. Resolution from Castlebar U.D.C. requesting the Government to set up a commission to enquire into the rating system and Local Government finance generally.
3. Public Lighting - (a) Revised quotation from E.S.B. for provision of public light at New Park Road (b) Quotation for additional light at Abbey St.
4. Phone Kiosks (Motion of Councillor J. Kelly) - "That Department of Posts & Telegraphs be requested to provide Phone Kiosks at Ballynerrin and Summerhill.
5. Swimming Pools - Consideration of Circular from Department of Local Government (copy herewith).
6. Public Conveniences - Consideration of Circular from Department of Local Government.
7. Renewal of Lease - Premises at High St., Mrs. E. F. Murphy.
8. Application from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for lease of plot of ground on North Quay to be used in connection with proposed Rail Siding.
9. Wall at Bachelors' Walk - Opinion of Law Agent.
10. Town & Regional Planning Acts - Applications.
11. Correspondence with E.S.B. re supply of current to certain Council Houses.
12. Water Supply for Industry - Correspondence with Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
13. Discharge of fumes from Acid Plant - correspondence.
14. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
15. Any Other Business.

*Street Name plates
Assoc. of Town Auth.
Coastal Erosion
Camping Dinosaur Road
Veteran Car Run.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH JULY, 1961

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

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, J. Kane and W. Hopkins.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th June, 1961, and Annual Meeting held on 27th June, 1961, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM CASTLEBAR U. D. C.: A Resolution from Castlebar U.D.C. requesting the Government to set up a Commission to enquire into the rating system and Local Government finance generally was adopted.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Clerk submitted a revised quotation in sum of £38 from the E.S.B. for the provision of a public light at New Park Road. The quotation was accepted as satisfactory. Reference was made to the unsatisfactory manner in which the E.S.B. had dealt originally with the matter and it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly that we request the Minister for Local Government to investigate the position of the E.S.B. in regard to the lack of co-operation between that body and local authorities and that he be informed in particular that certain difficulties had been experienced by the Wicklow U.D.C. in their dealings with the E.S.B.

It was further noted that the E.S.B. would provide an additional lamp at Abbey St. (outside Fallon's) at no extra cost and it was agreed that the work be carried out. It was noted that the annual lighting cost for both lamps would be £5. 15. 6.

TELEPHONE KIOSKS: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haughton and unanimously agreed - that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be requested to provide telephone kiosks at Ballynerrin and Summerhill.

SWIMMING POOLS: The Council considered a circular from the Department of Local Government, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the provision of swimming pools by local authorities, and indicating that the Government would give financial assistance in the form of a subsidy of up to 50% of the annual loan charges and that loans would be made available on the instalment system for periods up to 30 years.

The County Manager pointed out that to provide an ordinary size pool the cost would be at least £8000 and allowing for Government subsidy the cost on the rates would be 8d. to 9d. Members put forward their suggestions and it was finally decided to ask the Town Surveyor to report on the cost and feasibility of providing swimming pools at the following sites:- (1) Black Castle (2) The Murrrough (behind the Marine Hotel) (3) Church Banks. It was further decided that copies of the Circular be sent to the Regatta Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Swimming Club, and that they be asked to let the Council have their suggestions in the matter.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: A Circular Letter was read from the Department of Local Government re the provision of public conveniences and indicating that the Minister was prepared to subsidise their provision at the rate of 50% of the loan charges in Urban areas.

Various suggestions were put forward by members and it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should report on the cost and feasibility of providing public conveniences with or without other facilities such as waiting rooms at the following locations:- (1) East Pier near Life Boat House.

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(2) Corner of Abbey Street/Marlton Road (3) Other sites which he might consider suitable.

Councillor Haughton referred to the condition of public conveniences in the town and other places and asked if a special effort could be made both by the Council staff and by persons using them to ensure a greater degree of cleanliness in future. Councillor Lalor referred to the urinal on The Murrrough and was told by the Town Surveyor that this had been damaged by someone or other. Councillor Conroy requested that some effort might be made to make it useable for the summer months and the Town Surveyor undertook to see what he could do in the matter.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - PREMISES AT HIGH ST.. MRS. E. F. MURPHY: The Town Clerk reported that the lease of these premises had expired on 29th September, 1958. The Ground Rent was £3. 10. 0. per year and in January 1959 a sum of £20. 15. 0. was outstanding in respect thereof. In addition a sum of £27. 12. 6. was due in respect of rates and there was also a Mortgage in sum of £64. 6. 0. on the premises since 4th January, 1956, also for rates. Proceedings were instituted for recovery of possession of the premises and a Decree for Possession with costs was obtained in the Circuit Court on 21st April, 1959. Mrs. Murphy, through her Solicitor, made an offer of weekly payments of £1 to clear the rates and rent due and the Council at their meeting held on 5th May, 1959, recommended that the offer be accepted without prejudice. These payments were reasonably well maintained up to October, 1960, but no payments at all had been made in recent months. The present position was that arrears of rates due to 31st March, 1961, amounted to £23. 3. 2. and that the current rates in sum of £17. 10. 3. would be now becoming due. The Mortgage of course still existed. He pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to protect their Mortgage by either renewing the lease or by recovering the premises.

After carefully considering the matter, the Council decided to inquire from Mrs. Murphy's Solicitor if the Council granted her a new lease, would she obtain a loan from the Bank on the security of the lease, to enable her to pay her debts to the Council. This offer to be made without prejudice and it to be pointed out to Mrs. Murphy that if the arrears due to the Council are now now paid that possession of the house will be recovered by the Council.

RAILWAY SIDING TO NORTH QUAY: On the proposal of Councillor Haughton seconded by Councillor Conroy, it was unanimously agreed that a way-leave for an additional section of railway siding along line marked 'A' on map submitted be granted to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. at a charge of £5. per annum.

WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: Councillor Conroy queried the ruling of the Presiding Chairman at the previous monthly meeting, when permission was refused Councillor Conroy to raise the matter of the wall at Bachelors' Walk as that item was not on the Agenda for the meeting. It was pointed out that under Any Other Business items could only be raised with the consent of the Chairman and his decision in the matter was binding. If members desire to have a particular item dealt with at a subsequent meeting it was in order for them to put down a Notice of Motion to that effect.

The following letter was read from the Council's Law Agent:-

30th June, 1961.

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 29th inst., and we note that since the receipt of our letter of the 5th April last indicating that in our opinion the Harbour Commissioners could not be made responsible for the cost of the repairs of the above wall, you have been unable, after due enquiries, to trace any record as to who is responsible for the wall in question.

It is unfortunate that no map can be traced to show where the Harbour Commissioners' boundary ends and the Council's Boundary starts.

In at least two instances the Urban Council have, in the past, repaired a large section of this wall and in view of this we are of opinion that a Court would hold that the Council had already accepted responsibility

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and apart from this we cannot see what evidence can be produced to show that there is any responsibility on the Harbour Commissioners to repair this wall.

Another point we would refer to is that under Section 30 of the Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907 the Council can enclose dangerous places but if they do there is a Statutory obligation to serve Notice on the owner requiring him to repair or protect the property so as to prevent any danger therefrom. In this instance, the Council have taken no steps whatever to enforce the Section.

As regards the Urban Council's liability for persons injured when the wall collapsed, this is an altogether different matter and in our opinion there was no responsibility on the Urban Council. The people were there as Invitees of the Swimming Club and any action would lie against this Club and not the Council.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The County Manager stated that an examination of the Council's records had failed to disclose any indication as to who originally built this wall. The collapse of the wall in 1947 had been due to a cloud burst which occurred on August week-end and which had also caused heavy damage to roads in the town. The Council had no funds available to repair this damage and after repeated requests had obtained a special grant from the Employment Schemes Vote for the execution of the work. Consequently, they had no liability for the reconstruction of the wall. No record was found of the repairs carried out some 40 years ago to the wall at Leitrim Place but as stated by the Town Surveyor it could well be that this work had been carried out by the Urban Council as the Harbour Board were not in a position to do so. Councillor Lalor said that this latter work had been done in either 1918 or 1919. Council agreed that the records be examined for these two years to ascertain under what condition the Council had repaired the wall at Leitrim Place. It was also agreed that the Town Surveyor should examine and report on the condition of the remainder of the wall at Bachelors' Walk and also the wall at Leitrim Place.

The matter was adjourned to the next meeting.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. F. Finlayson to construct a small addition, i.e. back kitchen to his dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road in accordance with plan and specification submitted.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD - CORRESPONDENCE RE SUPPLY TO CERTAIN COUNCIL HOUSES:

A letter was read from the E.S.B. in above connection indicating that due to the growing demand for radio, television and electrical appliances generally this type of limited supply had become obsolete, that it had become increasingly uneconomic for the Board to maintain it and it had to be terminated as the need for it diminished. The letter assured the Council that the former users of the limited supply would not loose by the change over.

It was decided to inform the E.S.B. that the Council considered that the tenants had not been treated fairly, they had not received sufficient opportunity to consider the change over and whilst obtaining the advice of their Solicitor, had been disconnected by the E.S.B. for failing to complete the new agreement.

WATER SUPPLY TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: A letter was read from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and from their Solicitors re the supply of water to their factory premises. Shamrock Fertilizers stated that though they had given the Council plenty of notice regarding their water requirements, no action was being taken by the Council in the matter. The letter indicated that the firm would hold the Urban Council responsible for any shortage of water that would occur in the future.

The Town Clerk told the Council that it was in February, 1960, that Shamrock indicated that their water requirements would be 24,000 g.p.d. and that in July, 1960, the total consumption was given as 48,000 g.p.d. In fact this estimate had been exceeded by 25%, the total consumption for the

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8 months from 1st November, 1960 to 30th June, 1961, amounted to fourteen million gallons, which was an average of 60,000 g.p.d. Some days the consumption was as high as 70,000 g.p.d., and this supply had been very well maintained up to the present. The Town Surveyor said that due to the dry weather the level of the reservoir was falling rapidly, but the fact that the plant had closed down for overhaul would help. The County Manager said that there had not been the slightest indication of what Shamrock Fertilizers' water requirements would when the Regional Scheme was being designed and it was only some time after it came into operation that Shamrock Fertilizers first indicated that they would require additional water.

It was decided that Shamrock Fertilizers be informed of the position and that they be assured of the Council's anxiety to facilitate them but that there are certain physical difficulties not readily overcome. The Town Surveyor told the Council that he would do everything to safeguard the supply to the firm.

DISCHARGE OF FUMES FROM ACID PLANT: The County Medical Officer stated that any built-up area which accepted industries of a type operated by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. must expect some reduction in its amenities. He was aware of no consultant who would carry out the investigations as suggested by the Council and pointed out that any person who considered that their crops or plant had been injured by fumes from the factory have their remedy at law, and similarly those who considered that their health was being injuriously affected. He stated that given the frequent and regular inspections which he had recommended this should not be necessary.

A letter was also read from Shamrock Fertilizers on the subject stating that the discharge from the plant is not in any way dangerous and that their chemists are performing tests every 8 hours to ensure that at no time will there be any offensive material discharged into the atmosphere. Letter indicated that the firm had no objection to the Council's Consultant Chemist carrying out tests but that they were not prepared to meet the cost of such inspections.

The meeting decided that no further action could be taken by them in view of the reports of the County Medical Officer and Consultant Chemist. It was decided that tests and inspections be made by the Consultant Chemist every three months.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: Council considered the report, copy of which had been circulated.

The meeting congratulated the Town Surveyor on the appearance of the sea front and particularly the seats which had been provided there.

The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that there were not sufficient painters available at the moment to commence painting of Council Houses.

Regarding the dump it was decided that extra attention be paid to it during the coming weeks of summer and particularly the week-ends. It was decided to ask the Garda to keep an eye on it and to prosecute trespassers found thereon.

OTHER BUSINESS: A letter was read from the Garda Superintendent acknowledging the Council's complaint re nuisance caused by campers on the Old Dunbur Road and indicating that the matter would receive attention.

Councillor Conroy referred to the Parish Priest's recent statement re itinerants and the nuisance caused by them and it was decided to ask the Health Inspector to ensure that they did not camp within the Urban area.

Councillor Kelly referred to the renewal of the tenancy of Miss H. McGrainor, The Murrough, and requested that in view of her financial circumstances that the rent be not increased. Other members supported Councillor Kelly's proposal and the County Manager said he would bear the recommendation in mind.

Councillor Lalor enquired as to the ownership of Coates' Lane and

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requested that some information on the subject be available for the next meeting.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that ministerial responsibility in coast erosion matters had been assigned to the Minister for Finance. The Town Clerk undertook to take the matter up with the Minister for Finance.

A letter was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities indicating that the Annual Conference will be held in Castlebar from the 19th to 21st September and requesting that Councils who wish to have motions discussed at the Conference should submit them before 19th August. It was decided to place this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Town Clerk drew attention to the fact that there are no name plates to indicate the names of streets or roads on the Council's Housing Estate. He submitted a quotation from the Irish Aluminium Co. for the provision of name plates. The matter was adjourned to the next meeting to enable the Town Surveyor to report on the number of name plates required and the locations for which they are required.

Councillor Conroy inquired about breakage of glass in steel windows and asked in view of the decision taken by Arklow U.D.C., that in cases where breakages occurred that they be examined and that if caused by contraction and/or expansion of the steel window that Council might consider replacing it.

Councillor Conroy inquired if the Council would bring into operation a scheme for the making of Reconstruction Grants. The County Manager indicated that Council had twice before considered the matter but felt that the impact on the rates would not justify adopting the scheme. At the request of Councillor Conroy it was decided to place this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

J. A. [Signature]

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th July, 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, 1st August, 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 4th July, 1961 (copy herewith).
2. Cinema Licences - Renewal of Licences to Rialto and Abbey Cinemas.
3. Absence from Council Meetings - Letter from Councillor C. W. Hudson.
4. E.S.V. Scheme 1961/62 - Notification of Grant of £1,300.
5. Association of Municipal Authorities - Submission of Resolutions for Annual Conference.
6. Scheme of 3 Houses at Castle Park - Correspondence from Department of Local Government.
7. Swimming Pools - Report of Town Surveyor.
8. Public Conveniences - Report of Town Surveyor.
9. Phone Kiosks - Correspondence from Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
10. Public Lighting - Quotation from E.S.B. for improvement of lighting.
11. Housing Reconstruction Grants - to consider adoption of Scheme for making of Grants.
12. Wall at Bachelors' Walk.
13. Provision of Street Name Plates.
14. Sealing of Lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. - Plot of ground at North Quay.
15. Lease of Premises at High St. - Mrs. E. F. Murphy.
16. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
17. Town Planning Applications.
18. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST AUGUST, 1961

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

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson and the County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting held on 4th July, 1961, copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

CINEMA LICENCES: The Chief Fire Officer having no objection to the renewal of Cinema Licences to the Rialto and Abbey Cinemas, Wicklow, it was agreed that the licences be renewed and the seal of the Council was accordingly affixed to both licences.

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETING: A letter was read from Councillor Hudson regretting his inability to attend meetings of the Council over the past six months due to continuing ill health and indicating that his doctor expected that he would be fully recovered in the near future. Council accepted the explanation and excused Councillor Hudson's absence.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1961/62: The Town Clerk reported that the Department of Local Government had notified a grant of £1,300 subject to a local contribution of £130 (total £1,430) under the E.S.V. Scheme for 1961/62. The Town Surveyor was instructed to prepare a scheme of works for submission to the next meeting and the following suggestions were put forward for his consideration: Concrete Footpaths at St. Laurence's Road, Bachelors' Walk, Church Hill, Lower Monkton Row, High St., and the Murrough. Resurfacing Parnell Bridge, Ball Alley Lane, Hospital Lane and Coates' Lane.

Urban Roads Improvement Grant: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that no objection would be made to the utilisation of the grant of £900 on the re-surfacing of Quarentine Hill in tar macadam. Councillor Kelly protested that the re-surfacing of Glenview Road was not sanctioned and it was agreed that it be re-submitted, the Town Surveyor having indicated that the entire grant would not be absorbed in the resurfacing of Quarentine Hill. Should Glenview Road again not be sanctioned it was decided to then submit the following works of resurfacing: Quay Lanes, New Street and Colley Row.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: Council decided to send delegates - Councillor J. Kane and Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk, to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held in Castlebar on the 19th, 20th and 21st September.

It was decided to submit resolution on Coastal Erosion (requesting the State to accept responsibility etc.) and on the E.S.B. (lack of co-operation with local authorities and high charges for installation of new lights etc.) - these resolutions to be gorded by the Town Clerk.

SCHEME OF 3 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK: The following letter was read from the Department of Local Government:-

10th July, 1961.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter received on 12th April, 1961, regarding the proposal to erect 3 houses at Castle Park, Wicklow, and to state that while he will raise no objection to the use of the plan submitted with your letter of 12th February, 1959, for these houses it is noted that the estimated cost (£1,600 per house) is rather high, particularly in view of the fact that services are already available at the site. I am to point out that approval to acceptance of a tender of this order may not, however, be assumed.

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It is noted that the house design submitted with your letter of 12th February, 1959, has a floor area of 817 sq. ft. The Minister is advised that adequate accommodation could be provided within a floor area of 750 sq. ft. If the local authority so desire consideration may be given to the preparation of a revised house plan, with a floor area of 750 sq. ft. approx.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The following observations of the Council's Consultant Architect were also noted:-

July 31st, 1961.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., I wish to inform you that, in my opinion, the estimated cost of £1,600 per house is not unreasonable in view of (a) the limited number of houses to be built (b) the general tendency towards increased cost of labour and materials and (c) difficulty in obtaining estimates.

The floor area of 817 sq. ft. as calculated by the Department appears to include external porch. This porch would not normally be included. It is appreciated that accommodation could be provided in a lesser area but any reduction would detract from the amenities of the house. Should it be found, on receipt of tenders, that the costs are too high economies might then be affected in the floor area, omission of bedroom fireplaces, etc.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. Butler.

It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Kelly that the Council's Architect be asked to pare his specification (omission of bed-room fireplaces etc.) to the extent of approximately £100 per house without any reduction in floor area and that tenders be immediately invited. ADOPTED.

SWIMMING POOLS: The Town Surveyor submitted sketch plans of two sites for the location of a swimming pool, one at Black Castle field at the top of Castle St., and the other on The Murrough opposite the Marine Hotel and on the bank of the river. He indicated that he considered the site at the Black Castle the more suitable but that in the construction of a pool, there would be little difference in cost between either sites. He considered that to construct a covered pool, measuring 110' x 44' would cost at least £15,000 but the final cost to a great extent, would depend on the size and type of ancillary accommodation such as toilets, dressing rooms, etc., which would be provided.

The Council unanimously agreed that the site at the Black Castle was the more suitable and instructed the Town Surveyor to prepare detailed plans and specification for the provision of a pool and to make out an accurate estimate of the cost of same.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES: The Town Surveyor reported that it would be possible to provide public conveniences underground at Fitzwilliam Sq. but that it would be necessary to have separate Gents and Ladies. The estimates cost would be £1,250 each - total £2,500. The Town Clerk mentioned that allowing for a Government Subsidy of 60%, the net cost would be £1,000 resulting in an annual loan charge of £126, i.e. 3d. in the £. on the rate. The maintenance of the conveniences would cost at least a further £20.

The cost of providing public conveniences with fishermens' shelter at the East Pier would be £2,250 but in view of the proposal to erect a swimming pool (which would include public conveniences) at the Black Castle, it was now no longer necessary to proceed with these.

Accordingly, Council on the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haughton instructed the Town Surveyor to prepare detailed plans and specification for the provision of underground public conveniences at Fitzwilliam Sq.

PHONE KIOSKS: The Council noted a letter from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs indicating that as the current year's programme is filled, it is not possible for the Department to accede to the Council's request for the

provision of phone kiosks at Ballynerrin and Summerhill, but that this request will be borne in mind when next year's programme is being considered.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: A letter was read from the E.S.B. indicating that higher wattage lamps, viz: 300 watt lamps, could be provided if the Council so wished but as these would necessitate the replacement of the existing lanterns, the cost to the Council would be 15/- per lamp. The annual charge would also be increased by £2. 6. 0. per lamp. It was decided that the Town Surveyor consult with the E.S.B. officials regarding the improvement of the public lighting system generally in the town and with reference also to the replacement of the old lanterns, which had been in existence for a very long time, by a more modern type lamp.

HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS: The Council discussed the question of adopting a scheme for the making of supplementary grants for the reconstruction and repair of houses. Members generally felt that the impact on the rates would not justify the introduction of such a scheme and the view was expressed that a few people would benefit at the expense of many. The Town Clerk indicated that in the two years to July, 1961, grants totalling £2,666 had been sanctioned by the Department of Local Government and the amount of such grants paid to date amounted to £1,250. Council decided not to adopt a scheme but considered that the Department of Local Government should be asked to increase the amount of their grants to two thirds or to at least 50%.

WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: The Town Clerk reported that an examination of the Minute Books of the Council had shown that portion of the wall at Leirim Place which had collapsed had been reconstructed by the Council in 1920 at a cost of £159. 10. 0. The Minutes gave no indication that the Council had undertaken this work and had accepted liability for the collapse of the wall or had in any way considered that in undertaking the work they were leaving themselves liable for the reconstruction of the wall on future occasions.

The Town Surveyor in a report indicated that the Leirim Place Wall for a distance of 153 ft. and Bachelors' Walk Wall for a distance of 140 ft. are in such a condition that they may collapse within two or three years in whole or in part. On the Leirim Place side from the Stone Bridge to Parnell Bridge the foundations need underpinning where the tidal stream flows whilst on the Bachelors' Walk side over two thirds of the length of the wall requires similar treatment. The Council agreed to write to the Harbour Board pointing out the conditions of both river side wall and requesting that they might be good enough to meet 50% of the cost of the repairs and reconstruction of both wall, the plans of the work to be agreed by the Town Surveyor and Harbour Engineer.

STREET NAME PLATES: The Town Clerk submitted a sample of a street name plate manufactured by the Irish Aluminium Co., Nenagh, which plate cost £2. 4. 9. He also submitted particulars of roads in the Council's Housing Estate which had no name plates - in all 20 plates would be required. It was decided that these plates be obtained over a period of 2 years and names thereon be bilingual. It was agreed that the Irish Street Names be submitted to the Council for their approval at the next meeting before the manufacture of the plates was undertaken.

SEALING OF LEASE TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly 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 North Quay, Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1960, at an annual rent of £5. 0. 0."

LEASE OF PREMISES AT HIGH STREET: MRS. E. F. MURPHY: A letter was read from Messrs A. Cullen & Son, Solicitors, in this connection and having carefully considered the matter, the Council accepted Mr. Cullen's Undertaking that Mrs. Murphy would recommence payments of £4 per month from September next and that she would keep up same. It was accordingly agreed to adjourn the matter for 6 months, the position to be then reviewed.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated, was noted.

In reply to Councillor Conroy the Town Surveyor mentioned that shortage of water on occasions in the Dunbur Road/Summerhill areas was due to extensive repairs which were being carried out to a leak in the 100,000 gal. tank on the Greenhill Road.

The Town Surveyor submitted plans and letter he had received from the C.I.E. regarding the proposed railway siding to the North Quay. He pointed out that the revised plan omitted the two spur sidings entering the factory premises but included a new spur siding in the rear of the laboratory and stores. He further pointed out that the line of the siding at Lr. Strand St. runs very close to the houses on one side and actually touches on No. 49 which is, as far as he was aware, not scheduled for demolition to make way for the siding. Regarding the new spur siding, he pointed out that the Council would have no responsibility for the provision of a protection wall on the seaward side of the siding as requested by C.I.E.

The meeting accepted the views of the Town Surveyor and it was decided to communicate these to C.I.E. and to the Harbour Board.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application was submitted accompanied by plan and specification by Mr. N. Furlong for permission to make alterations and to construct an addition to dwelling house at No. 3, Summer Hill. The Town Surveyor indicates that he had no objection and accordingly the Council recommended that permission be granted.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council regarding the proposal to transfer that Council's offices presently situated in Rathrum to the County Hospital building on Kilmantin Hill. The letter asked that the Urban Council would appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of the County Council to discuss the question of the proposed further use of the hospital building, renewal of lease, etc. It was unanimously decided that all present at the meeting be appointed to the Committee to meet the County Council Committee. It was agreed that a rent of £250 plus rates should be sought for the premises.

RENEWAL OF LEASE TO MISS B. KAVANAGH: Having considered an application from Miss B. Kavanagh, Summerhill, the Council agreed in principle to accept a surrender of the existing lease of 3 houses at Summerhill, which had been granted to her deceased brother, James, on the 5th November, 1946, and to grant a new lease, subject to a 50% increase in rent. The renewal of the lease being subject to the Council's Solicitor being satisfied that it was in order to do so and being also satisfied that Miss Kavanagh is solely entitled to the lease-hold interest in the property and that there are no other persons having interests therein.

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSE: Having carefully considered the matter, the Council decided to accept Mr. D. Cleary's explanation for his absence from the Council house tenanted by him at Castle St. due to the nature of his employment, being a sailor. Council further agreed that the tenancy of the house be transferred to him but that the basic weekly rent be increased to 10/-.

WICKLOW REGATTA - CIVIC OPENING: The Wicklow Regatta Committee wrote thanking the Council for agreeing to a Civic Opening of the Regatta and also for the other facilities which had been afforded to them by the Council. The letter indicated that the Civic Opening would take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 6th August at the Sea Front. NOTED.

LEAK OF ACID AT SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The Town Clerk reported that he had been notified by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. that day that one of their sulphuric acid storage tanks had developed a leak and that the acid was flowing into the Harbour. The firm requested permission to fence off portion of the beach as a precautionary measure. The County Medical Officer had been informed of the occurrence and the Health Inspector had examined the situation that evening. It was understood that the leak was in the bottom of the tank and that the acid was going underground and came to the surface at low water mark. The amount of acid leaking was estimated at 7 to 8 tons per day. Due to the factory not being in production and the fact that all the acid storage capacity was fully utilised Shamrock

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Fertilizers could not empty the leaking tank which at present held approximately 400 tons of acid. The County Medical Officer intended to examine the position more fully in the morning when there would be low water. At present it was impossible to say how serious the position was but it might become necessary to prohibit swimming and possibly other activities in part of the harbour.

The Council decided that they would meet the following morning at 11 o'clock and inspect the position for themselves accompanied by the Medical Officer, Town Surveyor and other officials.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Lalor raised the question of the replacement of a bath for Mrs. O'Neill, Farview Road. The Council considered that in view of the other and more important repairs which were outstanding that they could meet even 50% of the cost of providing a new bath.

The Town Surveyor undertook to examine the wall of Mr. O'Sullivan's house at St. Laurence's Park and also a number of flat rooves which were leaking.

Councillor Kane referred to the trees on The Mall and asked if it would be possible to have them cut back a bit. He also enquired if the hoardings at The Mall and Abbey St. could be tidied up.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

1st September, 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, 5th September, 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 Meeting held on 1st August, 1961 (copy herewith).
2. E.S.V. Scheme 1961/62 - consideration of works to be discharged with aid of Grant of £1,300.
3. Lease of County Hospital - report of Committee on meeting with representatives of Wicklow County Council to discuss renewal of lease, rent, etc.
4. Swimming Pool: (a) Report of Town Surveyor - submission of sketch plans, estimate of cost etc. (b) Application from Wicklow & District Men's Association that Council receive deputation to discuss erection of proposed pool. (c) *Do-Wicklow Swimming Club*
5. Renewal of Lease - Application from Mr. & Mrs. Cameron for renewal of lease of dwellinghouse (Ard-Keen) at Dunbur Road.
6. Wall at Bachelors' Walk.
7. Amenity Schemes - Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re Scheme of Grants for works of Public Amenity.
8. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re contribution to Harbour Loan Charges.
9. Wicklow Holiday Information Folder (copy herewith) - request from Bord Fáilte for comments and suggestions regarding factual information in folder which is being reprinted.
10. Sealing of Leases of sites at Dunbur Road to Messrs F. Conway and S. O'Rourke. *Sealing of lease (HUGHES) & Stephen Harris*
11. Resolution from Longford U.D.C. re fluoridation of Water Supplies.
12. Town Planning Applications.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
14. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.
*Wicklow Rowing Club - Application for site on South Quay for erection of Boat House.
Britas Boy Development - Appointment of Members on Joint Committee with Co. Co.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1961

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1st August, 1961, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1961/62: Council considered the list of works submitted by the Town Surveyor for execution with the aid of the E.S.V. Grant of £1,300 plus local contribution of £130. Council placed the following works in order:-

- (1) Concrete paths at Convent Road, east side, serving the existing houses.
- (2) Concrete path Monkton Row Lr. around corner into Castle St. south side.
- (3) Concrete road at Ball Alley Lane and Hospital Lane.
- (4) Concrete path at part High St.
- (5) Existing steps from Dunbur Tce., St. Dominick's Rd., etc. to be converted into concrete ramp.
- (6) Upper St. Dominick's Rd. (Corkish's) - levelling bank and providing path and steps.
- (7) Murrrough Houses - branch paths.
- (8) Church Road - continuation of 1960/61 Scheme of concrete paths to Railway Gates.
- (9) Rocky Road - concrete channel and pipes from Dr. McEnroy's up west side.

and decided that if any money still remained that the Town Surveyor should expend it on the most suitable of the remaining works.

LEASE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL: The Chairman reported on the meeting which had taken place between representatives of the County Council and Urban District Council and stated that as a result of negotiations the Council had sought a rent of £125 per annum plus rates and he considered this a very fair rent. The County Council offered an annual rent of £100 plus rates.

It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kane and unanimously resolved, that the Urban Council insist on an annual rent of £125 plus rates.

SWIMMING POOL: The following report of the Town Surveyor was read:-

A Chara,

Herewith I submit outline draft plans of my proposals in regard to swimming pool as requested.

I have shown a suggested lay out both at the Blackcastle Site and also on The Murrrough. It will be a matter of course for the Urban Council to decide in its wisdom and having carefully considered all the factors relating to either site to decide on the place in which the Council think it is best. My own views favour the Blackcastle Site but as I point out the Council will accept the final responsibility.

The Blackcastle area offers a very solid foundation, easy access, and convenient clear sea water supply. There is ample room for car parking and extension and the area is developing in the popularity of sport and as a tourist attraction. The Murrrough district is more appropriate to Industrial Developments. However, as I suggest above, the Council will no doubt, carefully consider the various points in favour or against the alternative sites with a view to ensuring the best results in providing for the residents of the town and attracting large numbers of tourists to the town.

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The estimated cost of the pool and its ancillaries is not more than £20,000 probably somewhat over £1,900. The proposals I submit provide for a pool 110 feet and 48 feet which conforms with the Amateur Swimming Association Requirements and is much larger than the Arklow Pool which has attracted large numbers of visitors to the benefit of the town. The draft plans submitted show accommodation for public galleries and extensive dressing rooms all enclosed under a curved roof. The estimate includes for necessary heating of water and chlorination.

J. T. O'Byrne

Councillor Conroy proposed an adjournment of the discussion to allow an opportunity to the Council to receive and hear the depositions. Councillor Hopkins agreed to this course and Councillor Everett pointed out that before the Council could proceed with the building of a swimming pool they required the wholehearted support of the town. Councillor Kane suggested that the meeting should first consider the proposals submitted by the Town Surveyor and then deal with the matter of receiving depositions. Council then proceeded to examine the sketch plans and noted that it would be possible to build the type of pool outlined on either the Black Castle or on The Murrrough. The County Manager indicated that allowing for Government Subsidy the cost to the rates would be at least 1/6d. in the £. Council agreed to the Chairman's suggestion that interested Associations, Clubs, etc. be informed that they could submit memoranda in writing of their suggestions and proposals in connection with the pool and that these would be considered by the Council at their next meeting and if the Council then considered it necessary a special meeting would be arranged for the purpose of receiving depositions from these bodies. It was also agreed that the sketch plans be available in the Town Hall for inspection by interested parties.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - ARD-KEEN, DUNBUR ROAD: An application was considered for a renewal of the lease of dwelling house at Dunbur Road, known as "Ard-Keen" on behalf of the new owners, Mr. & Mrs. Cameron. The Town Clerk pointed out that the existing lease at an annual rent of £2. 10. 0. would not expire until 1977 and that there was no obligation on the Council to renew the lease, but they could if they wished grant a new lease. The County Manager said the Law Agent had been consulted and had stated that the Council would be in order in granting a new lease and that they could charge a reasonable rent for same. A charge of £10. per annum was suggested in this case. Normally where leases were renewed on the expiration of an existing lease the rent was increased by 50%. The County Manager said in the present case the lease had still 16 years to run and that it was possible that the lessees wished to have a more secure leasehold term by getting a new lease from the present date. He pointed out that the present rent of a plot at Dunbur Road on which a house would be erected by the lessee was £7. 10. 0.

The Chairman remarked that it appeared opportune for the Council to decide a policy on matters of this kind. Members agreed that where it was beneficial to the lessee to gain a new lease, the Council should benefit by obtaining a fair rent and that in the future similar cases would each be treated on their merits. It was accordingly proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by the Chairman and resolved:-

"That we hereby accept a surrender of Mr. & Mrs. Cameron's leasehold interest in the premises known as "Ard-Keen", Dunbur Road, which was leased by Indenture dated 19th August, 1902 to Ethel Rhodes for 75 years from 25th March, 1902, and that we hereby grant a new lease of the premises for 75 years from 29th September, 1961, at an annual rent of £12. 10. 0. to Mr. & Mrs. Cameron."

A letter was read from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. confirming that it would be in order for the Council to accept a surrender from Miss B. Kavanagh of the existing lease of 3 houses at Summer Hill and to grant her a new lease of same and that Miss Kavanagh was agreeable to pay a 50% increase in rent. Regarding the question of the rent increase, Council decided to refer this matter back to the Solicitor for advice in view of their decision taken above.

WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: A letter was read from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners indicating that they were not prepared to contribute towards the cost of rebuilding or repairing either the wall at Bachelors' Walk or Leitrim Place in view of legal advice which they had received to the effect that they were not responsible for these works. The Town Surveyor stated that his estimate for the necessary repairs to both walls was £1,560 and that this was additional to the £600 required to reconstruct the portion of the wall which had already collapsed. Councillor Kane stated that a grant should be applied for under the provisions of Amenity Schemes for the repair of the walls.

AMENITY SCHEMES: The Town Clerk gave particulars of the scheme as set out in circular letter received from the Department of Local Government. The grant would be 50% of the approved cost of the works such as providing and developing parks, open spaces, playing fields, river walks, beach works, means of access and boating facilities. Other miscellaneous amenity works which would be eligible include opening up views and prospects, landscape or historic buildings, ornamental tree planting, shelters, car parks and scenic areas, public caravan parks, provision of local museums and protection of places and objects of interest. Council suggested the following works which could be submitted with an application for grants for same:-
(1) Provision of Car Park at Bachelors' Walk, including rebuilding of river-side walls. (2) River-side walk along Church Banks from Parnell Bridge to Brickfield Lane near Railway Station. (3) Development of Caravan Park at Upper Murrrough. (4) Improvement and development at Travel-e-hawk and Paudin's Rock.

CONTRIBUTION TO HARBOUR LOAN CHARGES: A letter was read from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners indicating that that body would only contribute £350 and not £450 this year as requested. The letter stated that Harbour Board had only agreed to an annual contribution of £350 but had given an extra £100 in the year 1960/61. The Town Clerk pointed out that as provision had been made for receipts of £450 in the Estimates for the current year there would be a debit balance of £100 at the close of the year if the full contribution was not received. Council directed that this matter be brought to the attention of the Harbour Board at their next meeting with a request that they be good enough to contribute £450 again this year.

SEALING OF LEASES: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

- (1) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Mr. Francis Conroy a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the purpose of building a dwellinghouse thereon, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."
- (2) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial, whereby the Council lease to Mr. Sean O'Rourke a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the purpose of building a dwellinghouse thereon, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."
- (3) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease (being renewal of expired lease) that piece or plot of ground with dwellinghouse thereon known as No. 6, High St., Wicklow, to Mr. Stephen Morris, for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of £2. 0. 0."

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

WICKLOW HOLIDAY INFORMATION FOLDER: Members examined this folder which they considered far from satisfactory and made a number of suggestions regarding the factual information contained therein such as:- (1) Reference should be made to the reputed landing of St. Patrick at the Black Castle. (2) Inclusion of the Scenic View Car Park on the map. (3) That the map should show the coast road and also that the position of Wicklow should be marked more clearly thereon.

RESOLUTION FROM LONGFORD U.D.C.: The following resolution was considered and marked 'Read':-

"That we strongly protest against the Health (Fluoridation of Water Supplies) on the grounds that it is unethical and a usurpation of parental rights. Furthermore, we are of opinion that the toxic effects of fluorine will be dangerous to the health of the community and that, therefore, the dosage should be controlled by its administration in tablet form, and we call on the Government to introduce amending legislation accordingly. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister for Health and to all other local authorities in Ireland."

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: An application accompanied by plan and specification was received from Mr. J. O'Shea for permission to reconstruct his shop and dwellinghouse at Abbey St. Council recommended that permission be granted subject to the applicant complying with certain requirements of the Town Surveyor. The meeting was informed that Mr. O'Shea had also applied for a loan of £1,600 under the S.D.A. Acts but that he would not qualify for a loan as his income was over the maximum prescribed under the Acts.

SITE FOR ROWING CLUB: An application was received from the Wicklow Rowing Club for a lease of site adjoining the Mill Yard on the South Quay for the purpose of erecting a Club House thereon. It was decided to ask the Town Surveyor to submit a report as it was noted that this site was being kept available as it would be required for a pump house should the Council at any time lay an intercepting main sewer along the quay discharging into the sea at the Black Castle.

BRITTAS BAY DEVELOPMENT: At the request of the County Council, the Chairman, Councillor T. A. Delahunty, and Councillors W. Hopkins, T. Conroy and J. Kane were appointed to represent the Urban Council on a Special Committee set up to deal with the development of the Brittas Bay Region.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The report, copy of which had been circulated, was noted by the meeting and it was unanimously resolved that over expenditure in sum of £50 for Housing Repairs be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Kane raised the matter of a Tenant Purchase Scheme and inquired if there was any scheme of houses in the town on which the loan charges had been repaid. The County Manager replied that the only loan repaid was in respect of the 6 Urban Villas houses. It was decided to revise the Tenant Purchase Scheme and to circulate particulars to the members for further consideration.

Councillor Conroy suggested that an application be made for a further grant for Foreshore Protection Works. It was decided to ask the Town Surveyor to report on the type and cost of the works that are next urgently required and to have same for the next meeting, when the Council could decide if they should send a deputation to support the application for a further grant.

A letter was read from Sam. Doyle, 10 Castlefield relative to trespass of cattle into his garden whilst the boundary wall was in course of construction. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would have no responsibility in the matter.

The Town Surveyor suggested that the Council consider the possibility of providing a central T.V. mast for Council houses. The County Manager was not sure if the Council would have power to do this but the Town Surveyor said that some of the larger T.V. firms might be interested in undertaking the work. It was decided that the Town Surveyor should examine the matter further.

The County Manager undertook to examine Councillor Kane's request that a transfer might be arranged between Denis Byrne and William Kilbride.

It was agreed that the possibility of having the 6 old houses at Castle St. owned by Finlayson Bros. demolished be also examined.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

John W.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
6th October, 1961.

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

A Chara,

The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 9th October, 1961, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

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M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th September, 1961, (copy herewith).
2. Association of Municipal Authorities - report on resolutions submitted by Council to Annual Conference (copy herewith).
3. Proposed Scheme of 7 Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue - submission of plans and specification by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
4. Contribution to Harbour Loan Charges - letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.
5. Harbour Improvement Works - letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re Council guarantee for Bank Loan to finance the works.
6. Lease of County Hospital - letter from Wicklow County Council re leasehold rent.
7. Proposed Swimming Pool - submissions by interested local bodies.
8. Tidy Towns Competition, 1961 - copy of Marking Chart and adjudicator's remarks herewith.
9. Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re planning and submission of Housing Proposals.
10. Tenant Purchase Scheme - copy herewith.
11. Application for consent to Assignment of Lease - dwellinghouse at New Street - Mahony to Gillespie.
12. Sealing of Lease - Dwellinghouse at The Mall - U.D.C. to Fitzpatrick.
13. Dumping Ground - letter from Solicitor to Wicklow Golf Club re nuisance from dump.
14. Road Traffic Act, 1961.
15. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
16. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTESMONTHLY MEETINGHELD ON 3RD OCTOBER,
1961

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

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 9th October, 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 Improvements (Ireland) Act, 1854.