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to £224 or 5d. in the £. on the rates. Councillor Kane asked as to the possibility of the local contribution being made by the County Council as had been suggested by the Minister. At this point the Town Clerk submitted a letter received from the Department of Finance regarding the power of County Councils to contribute towards the cost of protection works done by Urban Councils. The letter drew attention to Section (1) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896 and indicated that this Section could be availed of to enable the Wicklow County Council, if they so wished, to contribute towards the cost of Foreshore Protection Works carried out by Wicklow Urban Council. It was decided that a copy of the Department's letter be forwarded to the County Council with a request for reconsideration of the Urban Council's application for assistance.

**S.D.A. ACTS - WM. O'REILLY:** The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Wm. O'Reilly, The Mall, Wicklow, as a suitable applicant for a loan of £1,600 under the S.D.A. Acts to finance the erection of a bungalow at Friars' Hill, Wicklow.

**TOWN PLANNING ACTS:** Plans and specification were submitted by Messrs S. V. Delahunt & Co. Ltd. for permission to carry out alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse owned by them at South Quay, Wicklow. The proposed alterations would result in this three-storey premises being converted into three self-contained flats. The Town Surveyor reported that he had no objection to the proposal. Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted.

Councillor Everett referred to a small house at Bollarney which had been purchased by Mr. Joseph Byrne and had been extended by him and permission for which extension had been refused by the Council. Councillor Everett pointed out that Mr. Byrne had not been aware of the Town Planning Regulations and as a result of not obtaining permission he had lost the Government Grant. Councillor Everett said that the Council should seek to obtain this grant for Mr. Byrne. It was accordingly proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Haughton and unanimously resolved:- "That notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Joseph Byrne constructed an extension to the existing two-roomed hut owned by him at Bollarney, Wicklow, contrary to the provisions of the Town and Regional Planning Acts, the Council recommend the Minister for Local Government to make the appropriate Housing Grant available to Mr. Byrne as the contravention of the Planning Regulations was not deliberate on his part but was solely due to lack of knowledge."

**PROPOSED SCHEME OF 4 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK:** The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Department of Local Government had now sanctioned the lay-out and sketch plans for the proposed scheme of 4 houses at Castle Park and had indicated that it would be in order for the Council to have contract documents prepared and to seek tenders. Councillor Kane asked if the Architect could examine the possibility of enlarging the third bed-room which he considered somewhat on the small side. Regarding the possible rent for which the houses would be let, the County Manager said that the final rent would depend on the actual cost of the houses and on the class of person that could be re-housed. The Town Clerk gave figures showing that if a two third subsidy was received the weekly rent including rates would be 24/11d. If only one third subsidy were receivable the weekly rent including rates would be 37/9d.

Councillor Conroy suggested that the Council should investigate the possibility of building more houses and the County Manager said he would look into the position. Councillor Kane thought that the housing position in the town required not so much building of new houses as the building of additions to existing Council houses. The County Manager explained that the erection of additional rooms to existing houses was not in all cases practicable or feasible and said that whilst tenants could undertake this work themselves they would not qualify for a Government Grant unless they were purchasing the houses under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Councillor Kane then enquired as to what progress had been made regarding the Tenant Purchase Scheme and was told that it had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and a number of queries had been dealt with but that as yet the Scheme had not been sanctioned by the Minister. The County Manager stated that the Scheme had been prepared

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in accordance with the terms laid down by the Department and that the Council had not the power to make the terms any more attractive. It was decided that the Department be requested to give a decision on the Scheme at a very early date.

**APPLICATION TO CHANGE NAME OF COLLEY ROW:** An application signed by all the residents of Colley Row applying to have the name of their road changed to Glenside Road was placed before the Council. Whilst the members were agreeable to granting the application it was decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting to see if any information could be obtained as to the origin of the present name.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Councillor Haughton referred to recent flooding at the Bridge Hotel and was told by the Town Clerk that as a result of discussions on this matter the Town Surveyor would be asked to investigate and report on the general position of storm shores in the town.

Councillors Kane, Conroy and Kelly raised various points regarding the cleaning of streets, footpaths, squares, etc. and these were referred to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

A letter was read from the Wicklow & District Men's Association indicating that for financial reasons they were not in a position to proceed with the proposed Hill Climb at Greenhill Road. The letter thanked the Council for their assistance in the matter.

Councillor Conroy queried the position as to the Swimming Pool and was told that no decision had yet been received from the Department of Local Government as to the question of providing the pool with a dance floor but that a reminder would be sent asking for a decision at an early date.

Councillor Conroy referred to the dangerous position of the water tank at the field at Ballynerrin and was told that this had been noted and that arrangements would be made to have a lock placed on the lid of the tank immediately and that in the near future the tank would be fenced off from the remainder of the field.

The meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

*J. A. [Signature]*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

28th September, 1962.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1962, 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 September, 1962 (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Bray U.D.C. re Camping by Itinerants on Public Roadway.
3. Absence from Council Meetings - Letter from Councillor C. W. Hudson.
4. Renaming of Colley Row - Application from Residents to have road re-named, Glenside Road.
5. Auditor's Report for year ended 31st March, 1962 (copy herewith).
6. Housing (Loan & Grants) Act, 1962.
7. S.D.A. Acts - Notification from Department of Local Government that Minister had fixed a maximum of £2,000 for Loans.
8. Building Sites at Dunbur Road - Application from Mr. J. Furlong for lease of Site No. 13.
9. Tidy Towns Competition 1962 - Report of Adjudicator (copy herewith).
10. Foreshore Protection Works - Correspondence with Wicklow County Council re contribution to cost of scheme.
11. Association of Municipal Authorities - Report on Motions submitted to 1962 Annual Conference (copy herewith).
12. Revision of Rents of Council Houses - Appeal submitted by tenants (copy herewith).
13. Sealing of Documents:-
  - (a) Lease of 7 Sites at St. Patrick's Ave. to Shamrock Fertilizers
  - (b) Mortgage - Loan of £1,600 to Mr. Brendan Conlon.
  - (c) Deed of Assignment - Yard at South Quay - Bradshaw to Conway.
14. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
15. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER, 1962

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

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

Apologies were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and W. Hopkins.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th September, 1962, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM BRAY U.D.C.: The following resolution from Bray U.D.C. was unanimously adopted by the meeting:-

"That camping by Itinerants on Public Roadways in Urban Districts be prohibited, and that the Department of Justice be asked to introduce legislation for this purpose without delay."

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS: A letter was read from Councillor C. W. Hudson apologising for his absence from Council meetings over the past 6 months, viz: April to September inclusive, and indicating that he was still under Doctor's orders. The meeting unanimously agreed to excuse Councillor Hudson's absence and sent their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

RE-NAMING OF COLLEY ROW: The meeting again considered the Petition from the residents of Colley Row to have the road re-named Glenside Road. The Council unanimously agreed that as from the date the road formerly known as Colley Row should be designated Glenside Road in accordance with the provisions of Section 78 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: The meeting then considered the report of the Local Government Auditor on the Accounts of the Council for the financial year ended 31st March, 1962, copies of which had been circulated. In reply to Councillor Everett, the Town Clerk said that the Council had made no arrangements to pay back into the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund the sum of £300 which had been taken from that Fund to meet portion of the local contribution towards the 1961 Foreshore Protection Works. Councillor Everett also referred to the Credit Balance as shown on the Auditor's Report and drew attention to the fact that the liabilities at the end of the year were not shown.

HOUSING LOANS & GRANTS ACT 1962: The Town Clerk dealt with the provisions of this Act which was now law and gave particulars of changes which had been made. Councillor Kane referred to loans for reconstruction works and suggested that the terms of the scheme should be advertised.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister, in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Loans and Grants Act, 1962, had with the consent of the Minister for Finance raised the limits for loans under the S.D.A. Acts to £2,000. The meeting unanimously decided to amend the Council's Scheme so as to provide for a maximum loan of £2,000. The County Manager said that Mr. Cusack wished to apply for the new maximum loan of £2,000 in respect of his dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road and on the proposal of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Kelly, it was recommended that the increased loan be granted.

The County Manager told Councillor Kane that the loans advanced by the Council were based on 80% of the Market Value of the house and he



was doubtful if the Council would be allowed to make a higher advance. On Councillor Kane's proposal it was decided to enquire from the Department of Local Government if the Council would be authorised to make 90% loans available.

**BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD:** It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Mr. Joseph Furlong, Site No. 1. at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the purpose of his erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for 75 years from 29th September, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

"That we hereby lease to Mr. William O'Reilly, Site No. 11 at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the purpose of his erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for 75 years from 29th September, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

**TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:** The meeting considered the report of the Ad-judicator, copies of which had been circulated. The County Manager went through the report with the members and discussed the items referred to therein. With regard to the derelict houses on the Marlton Road, the Town Clerk said that he was not yet in a position to proceed with their acquisition but hoped to do so shortly. Reference was also made to derelict houses in Castle St., owned by Finlayson Bros. and as to the possibility of having them demolished, but it was pointed out that 2 of the houses were used by Couper Works Ltd. Councillor Kane referred to the marks received for effort involved, viz 50%, and pointed out that this could be much improved with greater co-operation from the towns-people.

The Town Surveyor mentioned with regard to the E.S.V. Scheme which it was decided to expend on the re-building of wall at Bachelors' Walk, that the cost of re-building would amount to about £600 and suggested that the remainder might be expended on the area around Bachelors' Walk. A number of Councillors were anxious that railings be provided from ground level and asked the Town Surveyor to make arrangements in this regard. They agreed that the other improvement works suggested by the Town Surveyor be carried out and also that any balance still available could be expended on the continuation of concrete footpaths at Church Rd. Councillor Conroy asked if the County Council would be prevailed upon to continue the paths from the Golf Links out towards Wicklow head and the Town Surveyor said that paths at the Dunbur area would be shortly improved by the County Council.

**FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS:** The following letter from the Wicklow County Council was read and it was unanimously decided that a copy of same be forwarded to the Minister for Finance:-

24th September, 1962.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 5th inst. in regard to the Deputation from your Council received by the Minister for Finance, to discuss the question of a Grant for Foreshore Protection Works, estimated to cost £13,000 and to the copy of letter of 1st September, 1962, received by your Council from the Department of Finance, I am to say that Wicklow County Council does not agree that Section 2 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1896, would permit the County Council to contribute towards the cost of Foreshore Protection Works carried out by your Council within the Urban District of Wicklow. It appears to this Council that the Section referred to relates to the making of arrangements between Sanitary Authorities of adjoining Districts to carry out joint works for the benefit of both authorities and to permit such works being carried out by one or the other authority by agreement and "on such terms as to payment or otherwise as may be agreed....."

It is noted that it has been indicated by the Minister for Finance that the proposed Coastal Erosion Bill will make provision for contributions by County Councils and it is considered that the matter of a contribution by the County Council would have to be deferred until the Coastal Erosion Bill is enacted.

Mise, le meas, etc.

**ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES:** The meeting then considered the report on motions submitted to the 1962 Annual Conference, copy of which had been circulated. Councillor Conroy queried the appointment of the two delegates who had attended the Conference and the Town Clerk said that according to the rules of the Association delegates were appointed at the first meeting of a Council after election, for a term of 5 years but that some Council did change their delegates annually. The Chairman and other members present said that when the Council were considering the motions for submission to the Conference they understood that the same delegates as in former years would attend this years Conference.

**REVISION OF RENTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES:** The meeting then considered the Petition submitted by the tenants, copy of which had been circulated. After discussing the matters referred to in the Petition it was decided that a letter be addressed to Mr. Hopkins, Solicitor for the tenants, replying to the queries raised in the appeal. Councillor Everett referred to cases where a new tenancy was granted to an existing resident in a Council houses and said he felt that in such cases the rent should not be increased by 50% (viz: where wife succeeds husband etc.) Council felt that each such case should be dealt with on its merits.

Councillor Kane referred to some tenants who by reason of their income should be paying an economic rent and asked that the Rent Collector should submit a report listing such tenants.

In reply to Councillor Everett the Town Clerk said that that morning he had received from the Department of Local Government conveying to the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme and indicated that it could be put into effect immediately.

Councillor Conroy proposed and Councillor Everett seconded that the increase in rents should not be put into effect pending clarification of the legal points raised in the tenants' Petition. The Chairman pointed out that there were no legal points at issue as according to the advice tendered by the Council's Law Agent, the Council were entitled to revise the rents from time to time and to put out the tenants if they refused to pay. He said that the decision to increase the rents had been adopted by the Council and that a Notice of Motion would be required of intention to rescind this resolution.

**SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:** The Seal of the Council was affixed to the various documents as per the following resolutions:-

(1) Proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Indenture wherein the Council consent to the Assignment by John R. Bradshaw to Robert F. Conway and John A. Conway of his interest in premises (garage and yard) at South Quay, Wicklow, held under lease dated 26/8/1962 from Wicklow U.D.C. for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1949, at an annual rent of £6. 0. 0. and wherein the Council consents to the waiver of the clause as to the use of the premises and permit the use of the premises as a garage and office and the yard as a fuel depot for the storage and sale of coal, turf, timber and other fuel."

(2) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd, a plot of ground at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, for the purpose of erecting 7 (seven) dwellinghouses thereon for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1961, at a yearly rent of £52. 10. 0."

(3) That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial, whereby the Council grant to Miss M. G. Carroll and Mrs. H. J. Hynes, a renewal of the lease of their dwellinghouse and yard situate at Market Sq., Wicklow, for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1958, at a yearly rent of £7. 10. 0."

(4) "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Mortgage - Brendan Conlon to Wicklow U.D.C. - in respect of Loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts to finance erection of bungalow at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."



MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The meeting then considered the monthly report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated. In reply to Councillor Conroy the Town Surveyor indicated that he was working on his report on storm shores and hoped to have it shortly. Regarding annexes built on to Council houses, the Town Surveyor said that in a number of cases these had been erected over watermains and sewers and that difficulties could arise in the future if the pipes ever got choked, as floors and walls might have to be broken open to get at the pipes. Council could not accept liability for this work. The Town Clerk informed the members that in December, 1957, the Council had sent a circular to each tenant pointing out that it was necessary to get the permission of the Council before proceeding with the erection of any annexes or out offices and setting out conditions under which permission would be granted. It was decided that tenants should once again be circulated with these conditions and that it be pointed out to tenants who have already erected structures over watermains and sewers that Council will not be responsible for having to open floors, walls, etc. for the repair of pipes.

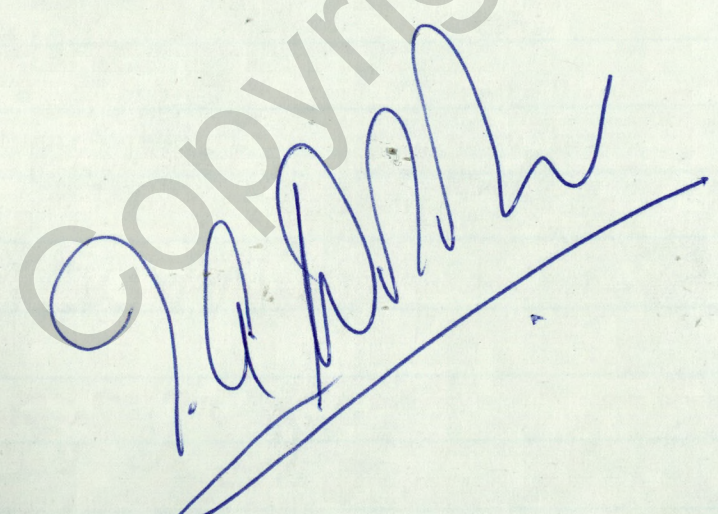
Councillor Kane said that the Council should examine the need for extra accommodation in the Council's houses as a number of these houses were grossly overcrowded and he asked for a report on these houses for the next meeting. The County Manager pointed out that the cost of building additional rooms would be expensive and as state subsidy would not be available the cost would have to be met wholly by the tenants and/or subsidised heavily from rates.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Kelly enquired if there was any development about the provision of the telephone kiosk and was told by the Town Clerk that he understood that the Department were anxious to place it in the Convent area so that it would act as a relief to the kiosk at Fitzwilliam Square. The meeting decided to inform the Department that they wanted the kiosk at St. Laurence's Park and at no other point.

Councillor Delahunty referred to the meeting in Avoca regarding the closing of St. Patrick's Copper Mines and said that a letter inviting him to attend this meeting had not arrived until the morning after the meeting. He replied immediately and pointed out that both he and his Council would do everything possible to prevent the closure of the Mines.

Councillor Conroy referred to the trees at The Mall which had not yet been pruned and suggested that if they were not attended to it would be necessary to provide extra public lighting to serve the Lower Mall. The Town Surveyor said he would give instructions for the pruning of these trees at a very early date. Reference was made to the planting of new trees instead of the old existing ones and it was suggested that new shrubs might be planted between the existing trees and that at such time as they had risen to sufficient height the old trees could be removed.

The meeting concluded at 9.30 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER, 1962

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

In attendance: Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor, Mr. P. O'Brien, Consultant Architect, Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk and Mr. Louis Carroll.

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

The Chairman explained that he had called the meeting as a result of having received a requisition signed by 5 members and the purpose of the meeting was to consider Mr. Louis Carroll's objection to the siting of houses on the field known as the "Bog Field".

Mr. Louis Carroll attended and having thanked the members for calling the Special Meeting stated his case. He said that he believed that the siting of the houses on the Bog Field would devalue his property. At the time he obtained the lease of his site he had been issued with a lay-out plan for the area and had had his house designed in the belief that the other houses would be erected on the same building line as his own. Mr. Carroll said that the first indication he had that the houses were being sited differently was when he had observed Site No. 11 being marked out by Mr. O'Reilly and on enquiry to the Town Clerk he had been informed of the new plans for the Bog Field area and that the houses would be sited at a minimum distance of 45 feet from the roadway. He pointed out that when his house was built the minimum area on which houses could be sited was 80 feet from the roadway. He gave details of his interview with the County Manager at which the Town Surveyor was also present. He further mentioned that he had been charged the sum of 8 guineas for the lay-out and read letters in connection therewith from the Town Clerk in 1958.

The Town Clerk then read a report giving details of the steps that had been taken since 1958 relative to the preparation of a lay-out plan for building sites in the Dunbur Area. The plan prepared in 1958 by the late Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, was a preliminary sketch plan which was approved of by the Council and Plot No. 20 as indicated thereon had been leased to Mr. Louis Carroll. The next stage was not until January, 1962, when the Council's present Architect, Mr. O'Brien, was asked to proceed further with the sketch plan. The report detailed the discussions which took place at Council meetings in February, March and April, 1962, the suggestions put therefrom to the Architect and the alterations to the plan which took place as a result of these discussions. It was pointed out that the smaller plots in the Dunbur Road came about as a result of the wishes of the Council to have a greater number of plots and to also provide for additional access roadways.

Mr. Carroll withdrew at this stage to give the Council an opportunity of considering the matter.

The members then discussed the position with the officials with a view to arriving at an equitable solution which would meet Mr. Carroll's wishes in some manner and at the same time would not unduly upset the development plan which had been prepared. A number of members pointed out that they had been unaware that the proposed houses in the Bog Field would be nearer to the road than Mr. Carroll's house. Reference was made to the fact that the foundations of the house on Site No. 11 had been excavated and that this house was sited at a distance of 45 feet from the roadway. Mention was made that if the position of this house had to be moved further back the question of compensation to the owner would have to be considered. After examining the matter from all angles the Architect put forward a suggestion that the houses on Plots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 10, could be staggered. The members were favourably disposed towards this suggestion and it was decided that the house on



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Site No. 7 should be the same distance from the road as Mr. Carroll's and that the houses on Sites 8, 9, and 10 should be successively brought nearer to the road with house on Site No. 11 remaining as it is.

At this stage the Architect and the Town Surveyor withdrew in order to explain this suggestion to Mr. Carroll and on their return, accompanied by Mr. Carroll the meeting was informed that the suggestion was acceptable to him.

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Kane and resolved that a revised development plan for the Dunbur Area be prepared by the Consultant Architect showing the revised building line of houses on the Bog Field as agreed with Mr. Carroll and that a copy of this plan be sent to Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Carroll expressed his thanks to the Council for the manner in which they had dealt with his objection and said he was quite satisfied with the outcome. He then withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Haughton requested permission to mention the fact that he has become involved in some very heavy business engagements and would have to be absent on the Continent for long periods. Accordingly, he regretted that he would not be in a position to fully attend to the business of the Council and consequently he wished to tender his resignation as of then. The members present expressed their regret that Councillor Haughton might find it necessary to resign from the Council and they asked that he further consider the matter. They suggested that if it were at all possible for him to attend an occasional meeting of the Council that he should remain a member. Councillor Haughton thanked the Council for their kind remarks and said that in view of what they had said he would think the matter over.

The meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
 Wicklow,  
 2nd November, 1962.

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 November, 1962, 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 2nd October, 1962 and Special Meeting held on 29th October, 1962 (copies herewith).
2. Phone Kiosk - Correspondence from Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
3. Housing List - Consideration and adoption of Housing List No. 12 at 1st October, 1962 (copy herewith).
4. Provision of Tourist Information Office - Request from Wicklow Chamber of Commerce.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - (a) Notification from Minister for Finance of 80% Grant (b) To authorise raising of loan of £2,600 being local contribution to Scheme (c) Report of Town Surveyor on progress of Scheme.
6. Extension of Main Sewer at Dunbur Road - (a) To consider report of Town Surveyor on Tender received (b) To authorise raising of loan of £1,500 to finance work.
7. Development of Building Sites - To consider and adopt revised layout plan.
8. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - (a) Application from Thomas Fitzgerald for increased loan of £2,000 (b) Application from Messrs M. Carey and N. Lalor for loans of £1,600.
9. Housing Subsidy - Notification from Department of Local Government of revised Subsidisable Limits of Capital Cost.
10. Leases to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. - Application for consent to mortgage certain leases to the Irish Assurance Co. Ltd.
11. Town Planning Applications.
12. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
13. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER, 1962

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2nd October, 1962 and Special Meeting held on 29th October, 1962, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the minutes, mention was made of a letter which appeared in the "Wicklow People" regarding the name Colley Row and this letter was read and noted.

TELEPHONE KIOSK: A letter from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs regarding provision of an additional telephone kiosk at Ballynerrin was read as follows:

22nd October, 1962.

A Chara,

We refer to your letter of 3rd October, concerning our proposal to provide an additional telephone kiosk at Wicklow.

We would like to point out that telephone kiosks can be provided only at places where the revenue from the kiosks is sufficient, at least, to meet the relatively high costs of provision and maintenance. In selecting the proposed site at the Fair Green we took into consideration that apart from the use to be made of it by local residents, a kiosk at this position would attract a certain amount of custom from passers-by. It is virtually certain that a kiosk situated at the junction of St. Laurence's Road/St. Laurence's Park would not secure sufficient support to enable it to pay its way. Furthermore, the receipts from the existing kiosk at Fitzwilliam Square indicate that the user is greatest in this district and that a relief kiosk should be sited at a not too distant position. The site suggested by us is approximately half-way between Ballynerrin and Summerhill, and is reasonably close to the existing kiosk. A site at the junction of Kilmantan Hill/Bayview Road would also meet our requirements.

In the circumstances, we shall be obliged if the Council would reconsider the matter with a view to giving consent to a site either at the Fair Green or at Bayview Road junction. Unless the Council is prepared to give such consent we may have to abandon, with regret, the proposal to provide a second kiosk in Wicklow.

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Councillor Kelly and other members expressed the view that if the kiosk could not be sited in the position suggested by the Council i.e. St. Laurence's Road/St. Laurence's Park junction that it be abandoned altogether. Councillor Kane proposed, and it was agreed that the Council once again request the Department to reconsider the site for the kiosk, pointing out that a kiosk at the Fair Green would serve no useful purpose and that approximately a thousand people lived in the Housing Estate at Ballynerrin and that the need for the kiosk was greater here. Councillor Conroy mentioned that if the kiosk was not being sited at Ballynerrin it should be sited at Summer Hill.

HOUSING LIST: The Council considered and adopted Housing List No. 12 at 1st October, 1962, copies of which have been circulated. The Town Clerk mentioned that final plans for the 4 houses at Castle Park had now been received and that tenders would be invited during the course of the present week. The need for further houses in the town was mentioned and it was agreed that the Consultant Architect be requested to examine potential building sites in the area.

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TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE: A letter was read from the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce inquiring if the Council could provide a Tourist Information Office in the town. A number of points were discussed in this regard viz. Need for such an office, staffing of same, and the expenditure involved. Finally it was agreed to request the Chamber of Commerce to forward fuller particulars, of what was envisaged in their request for the provision of such an office.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A letter was read from the Department of Finance confirming that the Minister had issued his formal approval to the making of a grant not exceeding 80% of the cost of the works, estimated to cost £13,000. The Council noted the position and noted that they were obliged to make a local contribution of £2,600 towards the cost of these works. It was proposed by Councillor J. Kane, and seconded by Councillor J. Kelly and was resolved:

"That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a loan of £2,600 from The Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of financing the Council's Contribution to a scheme of Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £13,000 and towards which the Minister for Finance has indicated he will give a grant of 80%, the loan to be payable on the instalment system over 25 years with interest at 6½%"

The Town Surveyor in his report stated that to date 1200 tons of rock had been placed in position in the Foreshore. Councillor Conroy queried the type and size of the stone being used and the Town Surveyor explained the work of the scheme to him.

EXTENSION OF SEWER AT DUNBUR ROAD: The Town Clerk stated that in reply to advertisements, one tender only had been received for the extension of the sewer at Dunbur Road to serve additional building sites in the "Bog Field". This tender had been opened by the County Manager in the presence of the Chairman and was from Mr. Blake, Dublin in sum of £1460, 12, 0. The Town Surveyor recommended that the tender be accepted. It would be necessary to raise a loan of £1,500, from the Hibernian Bank to finance this work. The loan charges would amount to £225 per annum, 60% of the loan charges would be recouped by the state (£135) leaving a net loan charge of £90 or 2d. in the £ on the rate to be met by the Council. Discussion ensued during which the possibility of extending the sewer to serve the proposed development at Dunbur Road, was mentioned and also the revenue which would be earned by the Council by ground rents on the new building sites. Finally it was proposed by Councillor J. Lalor, Seconded by Councillor J. Kelly and was resolved:

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £1,500. from the Council's Treasurer, the Hibernian Bank Ltd., subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, for the purpose of financing an extension to the Main Sewer at Dunbur Road, the loan to be repayable over 10 years with interest at usual rate.

DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD: Consequent on the decision of the Council, at a special meeting, held on the 29th October, to revise the layout of the proposed building sites at Dunbur Road, the Council's Consultant Architect had been instructed to prepare a revised layout plan. This plan was now submitted for the approval of the Council. The Council considered the plan as satisfactory and formally approved of it. Councillor Conroy suggested that all further houses should face the road and that this would eliminate further objections.

S.D.A. Acts: (a) An application was read from Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Fitzwilliam Road, to have his S.D.A. Acts loan increased from £1,600 to £2,000.

(b) An application was received from Mr. Michael Carey for a loan of £2,000 to finance the erection of a house at Friars Hill.

(c) An application was received from Mr. N. Lalor for a loan of £2,000 to finance the erection of a house at Friars Hill.

The Council recommended that these loans be granted.

HOUSING SUBSIDY: The Town Clerk explained to the Councillors the terms of a circular dated the 1st November, 1962, from the Department of Local Government increasing the subsidisable capital cost limits, in respect of



schemes for the provision of flats and houses. The subsidisable cost limits in respect of the provision of houses under the Housing of the Working Classes have been increased from £1,500 to £1,650. NOTED

LEASES TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD.: It was proposed by Councillor Everett, Seconded by Councillor Kelly and was resolved

"That we hereby consent to the undermentioned leases to Shamrock Fertilizers being sub-demised by Woodstock Ltd. to the Irish Assurance Co. Lease of 28/2/61 - 75 years from 25/3/60 at £10 (Sulphur Store). Lease of 31/8/61 - 75 years from 29/9/60 at £5 (Railway Siding)

TOWN PLANNING: Applications were received for permission, under the Town & Regional Planning Acts, for the following;

- (a) House at Friars Hill for Mr. M. Carey.
- (b) House at Friars Hill for Mr. N. Lalor.
- (c) Sub-station at Coate's Lane for the E.S.B.
- (d) A Poultry House at the "Brambles", Church Hill.

The Council recommended that permission be granted in these cases, the Town Surveyor having indicated that he had no objection to the proposals.

Shamrock Fertilizers submitted a plan of a proposed Sulphur Store at Strand Street. The Council recommended that permission be granted subject to some alterations being made in the position of the doorway, as it was felt that loose sulphur around this entrance would be an annoyance to nearby residents.

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

Councillor Everett drew attention to the dangerous turn at Kilmantan Rd/Newpark Rd. and the Town Surveyor said he would inspect it. Councillor Conroy referred to the condition of the road surface at Colley Row and Councillor Kane to the condition of the road in the Lower Mall and the Town Surveyor said he would examine them. Councillor Lalor asked if the Town Surveyor would examine the party wall at Hunters, Glenview Road, which he said was in a bad condition. Councillor Kelly asked why the water had been cut off from Ballynerrin for the entire afternoon and was told that the matter was being remedied.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Applications for public lights. at Kilmantan Road and Dunbur Road were considered. Members stated also that lights were needed at Quarantine Hill and High Street and it was decided to get an estimate of the cost of providing these lights from the E.S.B. Councillor Conroy states that trees at Dunbur Road were obscuring the lights and that the E.S.B.'s attention should be drawn to this. A mention was made of the fact that the entire public lighting system in the town needed examination and it was suggested that the E.S.B. be requested to do this in conjunction with the Town Surveyor.

The Council in committee heard Councillor Conroy's request that legal proceedings against a number of boys who were caught breaking a lock in the Public Convenience be dropped. The County Manager said that the case was entirely a matter for the Garda and one in which the Council should not interfere.

The meeting concluded at 9. 15.

*J. A. Dowling*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

30th November, 1962.

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 December, 1962, 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 6th October, 1962, (copy herewith).
2. Christmas Fowl Market - to fix date of Market.
3. Public Lighting - (a) Application from Wicklow Traders' Association to have Christmas Illuminations connected to Public Lighting System. (b) Report of Town Surveyor on discussions with E.S.B. officials re improvements to Public Lighting System.
4. Scheme of 4 Houses at Castle Park - open tenders.
5. Phone Kiosk - Correspondence with Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
6. Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 - Explanatory Circular from Department of Local Government (copy herewith).
7. Foreshore Protection Works - (a) Letter from Department of Local Government re raising of loan of £2,600 (b) Report of Town Surveyor on work in progress.
8. Building Sites at Dunbur Road - Application from National Building Agency for lease of 3 sites for erection of houses for Gardai.
9. Remuneration of Waterworks Overseer - Application to have the increase of 2d. per hour granted to tradesmen applied to this post.
10. Tenant Purchase Scheme - To consider Draft Lease and Mortgage.
11. Premises at The Mall, Wicklow, (Miss E. Doyle) - Sealing of Lease and Mortgage.
12. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor. (copy herewith).
13. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J. Kane, J. Kelly, J. Lalor, and T. Conroy.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and G. F. Haughton.

It was agreed that a message of good wishes for his speedy recovery be conveyed to Councillor Haughton who is presently ill in hospital.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th November, 1962, copy of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET: It was decided that the Annual Fowl Market be held in the Market Square on Monday, 17th December.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Council granted the application of the Wicklow Traders' Association to have the decorative street lighting for the Christmas period connected to the public lighting system, cost of same to be recouped by the Association.

The Town Surveyor reported on his meeting with representatives of the E.S.B. regarding improvements to the Public Lighting System and indicated that the E.S.B. would give a quotation for the cost of providing traffic route lighting from Abbey Hill to the Market Square and would also give individual quotations for additional lights required at different points in the town. It was agreed to await the quotations from the E.S.B.

TENDERS FOR 4 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK: Before opening the tenders Councillor Conroy said that he would like to know what the Council could do to ensure that the Contractor for the erection of the houses employed Trade Union and/or skilled labour and have each tradesman do his own particular work and not encroach on the work of other trades. This point was fully discussed and it was pointed out that the General Conditions of Contract provided that the "Contractor should pay rates of wages and observe hours and conditions of labour not less favourable than those established for the trade or industry in the district". The Manager pointed out that it would be very difficult to enforce Councillor Conroy's suggestion. He could not agree with the further suggestion that a Clerk of Works be employed as the cost of such employment would be disproportionate to the cost of the houses. After discussing the matter further and not being able to arrive at a satisfactory solution it was decided to open the tenders. The tenders read as follows:-

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Tender Price</u>	<u>Extra for 11" Cavity Walling</u>
Wm. Clarke (Builder) Ltd. Abbey St., Wicklow.	£10485. 18. 0.	£300
Edward Kane Ltd. Quarentine Hill, Wicklow.	£7853. 19. 10.	£500
Michael McNulty, Greystones.	£8952. 0. 0.	£400

PHONE KIOSK: The following letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs:-  
A Chara,

In reply to your letter of 7th inst. we regret that for the reasons already conveyed to you we cannot undertake to provide a telephone kiosk in the Ballynerrin Estate at present. The number of kiosks that can be provided in any one year is limited and accordingly

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it is essential that they be sited to serve the best interests of the public and the Department. Actually apart from the suggested earning capacity of a kiosk in the Estate there is a very high user on the kiosk at Fitzwilliam Square and any structure being provided now should be sited so as to give a measure of relief to that kiosk. The Estate site would not suit in that respect nor would it in the light of experience we have had of similar type of housing estates prove self-supporting.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was decided that representatives from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs be invited to meet the Chairman and a number of members of the Council to discuss the matter and see if a satisfactory solution could be arrived at as to the siting of the kiosk.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SANITARY SERVICES) ACT, 1962: The explanatory circular from the Department of Local Government relative to the provisions of the Act now being brought into operation, copy of which had been circulated, was noted.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government regarding the Council's application for a loan of £2600 from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of meeting their contribution to Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £13,000. The letter indicated that the loan could not be made available as the resources of the Local Loans Fund were being conserved for major capital purposes. Accordingly, it was suggested that the loan be sought from the Council's Treasurer or other sources.

The Town Clerk pointed out that a loan could be obtained from the Hibernian Bank Ltd. but that the repayment period would be shorter, viz: 15 years as against 25 years period had the loan been available from the Local Loans Fund. A shorter repayment term means a higher annual loan charge which would now cost 7d. in the £. on the rates as against 5d. in the £. as envisaged. It was decided to ask the Department to reconsider their decision in the matter, pointing out the burden being borne by the town for Foreshore Protection Works, the small productivity of 1d. in the £. and also the fact that the town was the smallest Urban Area so burdened with Foreshore Protection.

The Council then considered the Town Surveyor's report on the work in progress and considered his suggestion that work should cease and not recommence until February, 1963. Having discussed the matter with the Town Surveyor and heard his views the Council concurred with his recommendation.

BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD - SITES FOR GARDA HOUSES: Formal application from the National Building Agency Ltd. for the lease of sites for 3 houses at Dunbur Road was then considered. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and agreed:- "That we hereby lease to the National Building Agency Ltd. a lease of 3 sites on the Dunbur Road, Wicklow, and numbered Sites Nos. 7, 8, and 8 on Development Plan prepared by the Council's Architect, the lease to be for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1962, at an annual rent of £22. 0. 0., the sites to be used for the erection thereon of dwellings for members of the Garda Síochána."

REMUNERATION OF WATERWORKS OVERSEER: An application was received from Mr. J. De Courcy, Waterworks Overseer, to have the 2d. per hour increase recently awarded to tradesmen applied to him. The Town Clerk reported that the remuneration of the Waterworks Overseer was determined at 1/- per hour over the tradesmen's rate. Accordingly, Mr. De Courcy would be entitled to the increase of 2d. per hour from 6/1½d to 6/3½, viz: £14. 3. 1. per week, increase to take effect from 24th October, 1962. In a full year the additional expenditure required would be £19. 10. 0. Council unanimously recommended that the increase be granted and authorised the additional overexpenditure in the current year.



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TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: The County Manager informed the meeting that the Law Agent had now prepared 2 draft leases which would be used in the sale of Council houses to tenants, one would be used in the case of cash sales and the other in the case of annuity sales. Both leases would be for a term of 99 years at a rent of £1. per year but in the case of annuity purchase leases, provision was also being made therein for the collection of rates and ground rent and insurance on a weekly basis together with the purchase annuity. He mentioned various points contained in the leases which were approved by the Council. Members were told that 12 people had indicated their willingness to purchase for cash and a further 4 were anxious to purchase on the weekly system. Council was also told that as soon as the draft leases had been approved by the Department of Local Government the actual sale to the tenants would be completed without further delay.

PREMISES AT MAIN ST. - MISS E. DOYLE: SEALING OF LEASE AND MORTGAGE: 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 grant to Miss E. Doyle a lease (being a renewal of an expired lease) of a plot of ground with dwellinghouse, shop, bungalow and garden thereon on The Mall, Wicklow, as shown delineated in red on map attached to lease, for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1959, at an annual rent of £6."

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Mortgage - Miss Eliz. Doyle to Wicklow U.D.C. - in respect of the sum of £115. 12. 8. being rates, legal expenses and stamp duty, due by her to the Council".

PREMISES AT MARKET SQUARE - SEALING OF ENDORSEMENT ON ASSIGNMENT: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Endorsements on the following Deeds of Assignments whereby the Council consent to the Assignment of premises at Market Sq., Wicklow, held under lease dated 4th October, 1904 and 1st March, 1960:-

- (1) Deed of Assignment dated 2nd May, 1961 - Elizabeth O'Brien to Marion Fitzsimons.
- (2) Deed of Assignment dated 28th July, 1962 - Mrs. Marion Fitzsimons to Mr. Francis Newsome."

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

Councillor Kelly enquired as to when the watermain would be re-connected to the Life Boat House and was told by the Town Surveyor that the Council pipes serving that area were in bad condition and he would like to give the Council an estimate for replacing it. Councillor Conroy asked if an extension could be made to the East Pier and the Town Surveyor said he would consider both matters in his report.

DATE OF JANUARY MEETING: It was agreed that the January Meeting due to be held on Tuesday, 1st January be adjourned to Wednesday, 2nd January.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Conroy referred to the pressing need for the provision of car park accommodation convenient to the town centre and suggested that Bachelors' Walk was an ideal location. He suggested that the Council consider building a car park and have it extend out over the River. The Town Surveyor said he would prepare a sketch plan for this and submit it with an inquiry to the relevant Government Department.

Councillor Kane referred to the necessity of improving the sign-posting to the Sea Front. It was agreed that C.I.E. be approached regarding the continued provision of the level crossing which had been provided as an experiment in the current year and had proved most successful. Councillor Conroy referred to the large amount of furze bushes on The Murrough and asked that some effort be made to have them removed. The Town Surveyor said he would examine the position. The Chairman wished members, officials and their families and the people of the town a happy and holy Christmas. Councillor Conroy on behalf of the members of the County and the County Manager on behalf of the staff returned their good wishes to the Chairman and his family. The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

28th December, 1962.

To: The Chairman and Each Member  
of the WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Chars,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st January, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

In the event of a quorum not being present the Meeting will be adjourned to Wednesday, 2nd January, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

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M. J. CUSACK,

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th December, 1962. (Copy herewith).
2. Phone Kiosk - Correspondence with Department of Posts & Telegraphs.
3. Pension (Increases) Bill, 1962.
4. Letting of Council House - No. 5, St. Patrick's Avenue.
5. Scheme of 4 Houses at Castle Park - (a) Report and recommendation of Consultant Architect on Tenders received. (b) Report of Town Clerk on probable rent at which Houses could be let.
6. Sites for Garda Houses - Correspondence with National Building Agency.
7. Building Sites at Dunbur - Surrender by Mr. P. Kavanagh of Lease of Site No. 12 - Application by Mr. E. Flannery therefor.
8. Sealing of Documents:-
  - (a) Lease of Site No. 11 to William O'Reilly.
  - (b) Mortgage - Loan of £1,250 to Mr. J. Ryan.
  - (c) Mortgage - Loan of £1,800 to Mr. T. Fitzgerald.
9. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
10. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - SHANNON FERTILISERS LTD.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

ADJOURNED  
MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND JANUARY, 1963

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th December, 1962 and Monthly Meeting held on 1st January, 1963, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes re the raising of a loan for Foreshore Protection Works, Councillor Everett suggested that an application be made to the Irish Assurance Co. to see if more favourable terms could be obtained for the loan. It was agreed to do this.

**TELEPHONE KIOSK:** A letter was read from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs indicating that they were not prepared to reconsider their decision as to the siting of the kiosk and intimated the reasons which in their opinion would make the provision of a kiosk at Ballynerrin unsuitable. After considering the matter it was decided that an appeal be addressed directly to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs.

**PENSIONS INCREASES BILL 1962:** The Town Clerk outlined the provisions of the Bill and indicated that a Circular from the Department of Local Government authorised the payment of revised pensions in accordance with the Bill with effect from 1st August, 1962. He said that increases would apply to two of the Council's pensioners, viz: Andrew Clarke and James and the total cost in one year would be £20 and in the current year £15. The Council unanimously recommended that the increases be granted and authorised the necessary additional expenditure in the current year.

**TENANCY OF 5, ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:** The Town Clerk reported that the letting of this house had been advertised on the Notice Board and the only application received within the time limit was that from Mr. P. Doyle, tenant of a Council house at Laurence's Park. An application from Mr. J. Kavanagh had been received after the closing date. Accordingly, the meeting decided that this application be disqualified. On the proposal of Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Haughton it was agreed to grant the tenancy of 5, St. Patrick's Avenue to Mr. P. Doyle, the rent to remain at the existing rate. It was further decided that Mr. Doyle's house be offered to the next person on the Housing List and if it could be so arranged that Mr. D. Byrne be granted a transfer from Glenview Road.

**PROVISION OF 4 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK:** The report of the Consultant Architect which recommended the acceptance of the lowest tenders, i.e. that of Edward Kane Ltd. in sum of £7,853. 19. 10. was read. The Architect had the following comments to make on his examination of the tender:-

Further to your letter of the 5th inst. with which you enclosed the three tenders received re above, I now return the examination of tender forms duly completed.

The lowest tender at £7,853. 19. 10. or £1,963. 9. 11. per dwelling is high as is the variation between the first and third tenders of £658 per dwelling. While no major development works such as roads or large water mains are involved in this work, the site, however, is not an easy one falling as it does 10 ft. across the width of the site at the rear of the houses and entailing some under building and filling to bring up the floor levels to an adequate height. There is also a difficult sewer connection and it is noted that the lowest tender has stated in a letter accompanying his tender, that excavation and rock will be charged at 50/- per yard cube extra. The site and development works in the lowest tender works out at £409 per dwelling. The super

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structure work at £1,554 per dwelling for a 787 sq.ft. house with 9" hollow block walling would be increased by £125 per dwelling if 11" cavity walling were employed. This 787 sq. ft. house has been developed from an original 815 sq.ft. project and it is clear that it would require a very large reduction in the total floor area before any major significance would be felt in an over-all tender sum, having regard to the site and development tender figures. The time - 40 weeks - which the lowest tender is required to complete the works is satisfactory in relation to the other two tenders.

P. O'Brien.

Regarding the possible rent at which the houses could be let the Town Clerk reported that if the Council were to qualify for 2/3rd subsidy which was very doubtful, the rent would be 26/6d. per week and rates 7/11d. per week making a total of 34/6d. However, it was more likely that the Council would only qualify for 1/3rd subsidy and in this case the rent would be 39/11d. which with the addition of rates of 7/11d. per week would make a total rent of 47/10d. The County Manager pointed out that the Council would be expected to subsidise the rent but the amount of subsidy would be a matter for determination by the Council. He wished the members to bear in mind that one way or another the inclusive rent would be in the region of 45/- per week. The meeting discussed the matter and members were fully satisfied that they would be able without difficulty to obtain tenants for the 4 houses even at the high rent mentioned. Accordingly, the meeting recommended that the tender by submitted to the Department of Local Government and the sanction of the Minister sought for the erection of the houses.

**SITES FOR GARDA HOUSES:** A letter was read from the National Building Agency regarding the provision of 3 houses for Gardai on the Council's sites at Dunbur Road, and indicating that they considered that 2 sites would be sufficient as they proposed to erect one detached bungalow and 1 pair of semi-detached houses. After fully considering the matter it was decided to point out to the National Building Agency that the Council could not concede to their request as the development of this part of the town had been very carefully planned and members felt that semi-detached houses should not be allowed on the western frontage of Dunbur Road. If the erection of semi-detached houses were now to be approved the whole character of the area would be disturbed and could well result in objections from persons who have already built houses on that side of the road.

**BUILDING SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD: LEASE OF SITE NO. 12 TO MR. E. FLANNERY:**

A letter was read from Mr. P. Kavanagh surrendering his lease of Site No. 12 on Dunbur Road and an application therefor was considered from Mr. E. Flannery. It was proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby lease to Mr. E. Flannery Site No. 12 at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1963, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

**SEALING OF DOCUMENTS: (1) William O'Reilly:** It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Mr. Wm. O'Reilly Site No. 11 on the Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for the purpose of building a bungalow thereon for a term of 75 years, from 29th September, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0.

(2) Mr. John Ryan: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Mortgage - John Ryan to Wicklow U.D.C. - in respect of dwellinghouse at Brickfield Lane, Wicklow, on which a loan of £1,250 under the S.D.A. Acts has been advanced by the Council."

The seal of the Council was duly affixed to the documents.



SMALL DWELLINGS (AGG) ACTS - LOAN TO MR. T. FITZGERALD: Councillor Everett queried the valuations of houses for loan purposes and the Town Surveyor explained the basis on which he calculated the valuation and the County Manager pointed out that the amount of loan that could be advanced was dependant on the valuation of the house as determined by the Town Surveyor. Councillor Kane enquired as to why Mr. T. Fitzgerald had been granted a loan of only £1,800 when the Council had approved a loan of £2,000. The County Manager explained the position indicating that when the matter came before the Council no Certificate of Valuation had been available and what in effect the Council had done was to recommend Mr. Fitzgerald as a suitable applicant for a loan of £2,000 subject to a Certificate of Valuation being submitted by the Town Surveyor. Through an error a letter had gone to Mr. Fitzgerald informing him of the Council's recommendation but unfortunately he had not been told that the amount of the loan would only be finally determined after a Certificate of Valuation had been submitted. Councillor Haughton and Councillor Kane pressed very strongly for a loan of £2,000 for Mr. Fitzgerald in view of the fact that a letter had gone to him. Councillor Haughton considered that a letter of explanation should be sent to Mr. Fitzgerald explaining that the letter of the 7th November, 1962, notifying a loan of £2,000 was not a definite decision at that time but only a recommendation of the Council pending submission of a Valuation Certificate by the Town Surveyor. The Manager again pointed out that the maximum loan that could be given in this case was £1,800 as the house had been valued only at £2,250. It was finally resolved on the proposal of Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Haughton that in view of the letter of the 7th November, 1962, which had been sent to Mr. Fitzgerald the Council unanimously recommend that they adhere to the terms of that letter and grant a loan of £2,000 to Mr. Fitzgerald.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The monthly report of the Town Surveyor copy of which had been circulated was then considered. The Town Surveyor told the meeting that there were 6 men employed on the E.S.V. Scheme in addition to the foreman and a watchman. In reply to Councillor Kelly he said he was unable to get extra men before Christmas. In reply to Councillor Lalor the Town Surveyor said that the painting of houses had been stopped due to inclement weather. Councillor Conroy asked that a report be submitted to the next meeting on the cost of painting Council houses this year.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Everett said that Mr. Toner had complained about the condition of the new G.A.A. field behind his house on Dunbur Rd. Tinkers were continually camping thereon and all kinds of material was dumped there. It was decided to write to the G.A.A. Club asking them to have a gate placed at the entrance to the field.

Referring to the Foreshore Councillor Kane said that very good work had been done thereon and it was providing very useful protection in the present adverse weather conditions and he even thought that it was gathering gravel in.

Councillor Everett handed in Notice of Motion in connection with the School Meals for consideration at the next meeting.

Councillor Conroy asked the Town Surveyor to have his report on storm shores ready for submission to the next meeting. The Town Surveyor told the same Councillor that he had not yet got a report from the E.S.B. on the cost of extending the public lighting.

The Council agreed to grant their consent to the Assignment of the lease of a plot of ground at North Quay from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to Woodstock Ltd. subject to approval of Law Agent.

This concluded the business of the meeting and before adjourning the Chairman on behalf of the members of the Council made a presentation to Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk, of a set of Waterford glass to mark the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. The Chairman and members present paid tribute to the Town Clerk as also did the County Manager and Town Surveyor and Mr. Cusack suitably replied thanking the members for their very kind gesture which he much appreciated.

The meeting then concluded.

## MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 18TH JANUARY, 1963

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

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners: Messrs F. Conway, R. Kearns and P. Farrell.

Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd: Messrs H. Van den Berg, P. O'Brien, L. O'Brien and B. Garvey.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Law Agent, Mr. J. McCarroll and M. Kavanagh, Acting Town Clerk.

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called to discuss the question of erosion on the plot occupied by Shamrock Fertilizers' factory at the North Quay and he invited Mr. Van den Berg on behalf of that firm to explain the position.

Mr. Van den Berg stated that as a result of a heavy storm a couple of weeks previously a large portion of the property behind the Acid Plant and Bagged Store has been washed away, and only a strip of land measuring 8 feet now existed between the corner of the store and the sea. There was now the danger that if present weather conditions continued the sea would take away the soil underneath the buildings with consequent destruction. He informed the meeting that he was not at the moment trying to pin point responsibility for providing protection but was anxious to know what assistance the local authorities could give in order to carry out some immediate works for the protection of the area.

The Town Surveyor stated that he had examined the position and in his opinion the amount of land which has been eroded was very small. The edge of the bank had gone in about 6' to 7' on the top and the gravel and filling had been washed away. He noted that one of the tanks had subsided but in his opinion this happened before the present storm. He also mentioned that this particular area was subject to seepage of water from the sea to the river. In order to provide protection similar to that already partly done by the Harbour Commissioners in the form of slabs he estimated the cost at about £5,000 to £6,000 which would cover an area of about 210 yards.

Mr. McCarroll, Law Agent, stated that legally neither the Council nor the Harbour Commissioners would be responsible for any damage from coast erosion. He pointed out that in all the leases to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. there was a covenant which obliged the firm to maintain and repair the property.

The County Manager agreeing with the Law Agent added that the Council could only carry out works which they were permitted to do within the law. If the Council agreed to be a party to or assumed liability for the present suggested protection works they would be acting irregularly and contrary to the terms of the lease and would leave themselves open to claims from others who held leases from the Council.

A general discussion then followed and many points were raised. In reply to Councillor Everett the County Manager said that the Protection works being done further up The Murrrough by the Council were to protect their own property. Mr. O'Brien asked as to what area the leases covered and was told by Mr. McCarroll that the leased covered land to the water's edge. In reply to Mr. Conway, the County Manager said that the Minister for Finance from whom the Council held a lease of the property would have no responsibility in the matter.

The Chairman said that the position now appeared to be that the Council legally could not contribute financially to any protection works in this area. He suggested and other members agreed that Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. apply for a grant towards these works and stated that



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the Council would give them every support in this way. It was the opinion of the meeting that it would be necessary to prepare a scheme of Protection Works as soon as possible which could be submitted to the relevant Government Department with a request for a grant and that Shamrock Fertilizers ought to do this without delay.

Mr. McCarroll pointed out that the Harbour Board would have more power to assist financially as the Harbour Act, 1946, gives them power subject to sanction by the Minister, to expend monies on works which they might consider necessary to maintain the Harbour.

Mr. Van den Berg said he would like to consult the Town Surveyor in the matter and that his firm would then prepare details of the works required to protect the area and that these details would be submitted to both the Council and Harbour Commissioners as soon as possible.

The meeting then concluded.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
1st February, 1963.

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 February, 1963, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 2nd January, 1963 and Special Meeting held on 18th January, 1963 (copies herewith).
2. Phone Kiosk - Correspondence with Minister for Posts & Telegraphs.
3. Siting of Bus Stop at Market Square - Letter from Wicklow County Council re representations received about present position of bus stop.
4. Vacancy on Vocational Education Committee - Filling of vacancy created through resignation of Rev. J. Hans, C.D.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - Report on negotiations for raising of loan of £2,600.
6. 4 Houses at Castle Park - Letter from Department of Local Government re tender prices and observations of Architect thereon.
7. Tidy Towns Competition, 1963.
8. Sites for Garda Houses - Correspondence with National Building Agency.
9. Public Lighting - Quotation of E.S.B. for Scheme of Traffic Route Lighting.
10. Allotments - Report on position of Allotment Scheme for current season.
11. Correspondence from Wicklow & District Men's Association.
12. Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D:-  
"I or some member for me shall move at next meeting that hot lunch be provided for children attending National Schools in substitution of bun and cold milk and that arrangements be made accordingly."
13. Sealing of Documents:-
  - (a) Contract for extension of Main Sewer at Dunbur Road.
  - (b) Lease of Site No. 10 at Dunbur Road to Mr. John Barlow.
  - (c) Assignment - Lease of Plot at North Quay - Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to Woodstock Ltd.
14. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
15. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 1963

**Present:** Councillor T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J. Kelly, J. Lalor, T. Conroy, J. Kane and J. Everett, T.D.

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

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

**MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY:** The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the Archbishop, Clergy and people of the Archdiocese of Armagh and that the heartfelt sympathy of the Council and people of Wicklow be sent to them on the recent death of His Eminence, Cardinal D'Alton. The motion was passed in silence all present standing.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 2nd January and of Special Meeting held on 18th January, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

**TELEPHONE KIOSK:** A letter was read from Mr. Hilliard, Minister for Posts & Telegraphs in reply to the Council's request to him for the siting of the proposed 'phone kiosk at Ballynerrin instead of at Bayview Road as proposed by the Department. The Minister could not agree to the siting of the kiosk at Ballynerrin but said that should the need for a third kiosk in the town become apparent the claims of the Ballynerrin Estate would be borne in mind. Councillor Everett submitted a similar letter which he had received as a result of representations made by him to the Minister and Councillor Kelly submitted a letter received by Deputy Brennan, whom he had request to make representations in this matter. Councillor Everett felt that the matter should be let stand and no further action taken by the Council. The meeting agreed to do so.

**BUS STOP AT MARKET SQUARE:** A letter was read from Wicklow County Council regarding representations made by Miss M. Langrell to the effect that the Victualler's business carried on by her tenant, Mr. Dowling, was being interfered with due to the fact that busses parked opposite his shop. As the Urban Council had been instrumental in siting the bus stop the County Council wished to have their views on the matter before any action would be taken. Councillor Conroy suggested moving the bus stop slightly and siting it in front of the premises of Mrs. Byrne where the bus depot is situated. When parked in the new position the front of the bus would then be opposite the door of the Office of the County Committee of Agriculture. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should discuss this with the Garda Superintendent. Councillor Kane proposed and it was agreed to ask C.I.E. to bring the Arklow/Dublin bus which is also the Wicklow Bus and which presently stops at the Grand Hotel Corner up to the Market Square where it would turn and then proceed to Dublin. Councillor Conroy enquired if a recess could be made for parking busses in the large open space on the opposite side of the Market Square in front of the premises of Mr. Newsome and Miss O'Carroll. The Town Surveyor said he would look into the matter and he would have to examine the leases as to the ownership of the piece of ground.

**VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** On the proposal of Councillor Everett seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously agreed that Rev. S. Quigley, C.C. be nominated to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee created by the resignation of Rev. Fr. Hans.

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**FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS:** The Town Clerk reported that as requested at the last meeting by Councillor Everett he enquired from the Irish Assurance Co. as to the availability of a loan of £2,600 for Foreshore Protection Works, the loan to be repayable over a term of 25 years. The Assurance Co. had indicated that they were not interested in this type of business. The Town Clerk then reported on discussions which had taken place with the Department of Local Government and stated that whilst the Department were now prepared to approve a 25 year loan from the Local Loans Fund they had pointed out that with reduced interest rates a loan from the Council's Treasurer would be a more economic proposition. The repayments on a 25 year loan from the Local Loans Fund would be 6d. in the £. whilst the repayable on a 15 year loan from The Hibernian Bank would be 6½d. The County Manager pointed out that the figures given related to the first years repayments but would reduce each year with the result that the loan from The Bank would be by far the better proposition and he recommended this to the Council. It was accordingly agreed on the proposed of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Kane - "That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a loan of £2,600 from The Hibernian Bank Ltd. for the purpose of financing the Council's contribution to a Scheme of Foreshore Protection Works estimated to cost £13,000 and towards which the Minister for Finance has indicated he will give a grant of 80%; the loan to be repayable on the instalment system over 15 years with interest at usual rate."

**4 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK:** The Town Clerk reported that the tender of Messrs Edward Kane Ltd. in sum of £7,853. 19. 10. for the erection of 4 houses at Castle Park had been submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction by the Minister. The Department had now indicated to the Council that the tender submitted at £1,963. 9. 11. per house is extremely high particularly for houses on which development costs was minimal. They have asked for a detailed explanation of the great difference between the tender price and the Architect's Estimate in sum of £1,525. They have suggested that a better price might be obtained by either negotiation with the Contractor or by re-advertising for further tenders.

The following observations of the Council's Architect were then read:-

I have your letter and enclosure of the 30th ult. re above. I agree that the lowest tender figure is high and in my note of the 31st December I indicated the two features in the scheme which I felt might have influenced this high figure. A minimum type house only is proposed and as already indicated with super structure cost £1,554 per house leaving £409 for development and site works it would require a considerable reduction in floor area to give any significant reduction in total tender price.

It is not possible from the information contained in these standard tender forms to attempt a detailed explanation of any tenderer's high figures particularly when the high figures are proportional through the tender breakdown. A detailed materials and labour schedule would have to be available before any worthwhile comments could be made and in the present circumstances conjecture might not be helpful.

The Department's suggestion of negotiating with the lowest tender could be tried, however, before re-advertising for further tenders.

P. O'Brien.

Having considered the matter Council felt that they could not agree to re-advertise as the tenders received had been submitted by competent Contractors. It was agreed to ask the Architect to negotiate with the Tenderer to see if any reduction in the tender price could be achieved.

**TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:** The Town Clerk submitted details of the 1963 Tidy Towns Competition. The meeting agreed to enter for the Competition again this year and to display copies of the Regulations and Prize Fund on the Notice Board. Councillor Conroy referred to the neglected site in the Main St. (Mr. G. Murray's) and asked if any effort could be made to have this site tidied up. The Manager pointed out that the site was private property and the Council could not undertake any work on it.