

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2nd OF MARCH, 1965

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding.
Councillors J. Kane, T. Conroy, J. Lalor, Wm. Hopkins and P. Doyle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Town Surveyor and also present was Mr. McKinley Tembo, a Student of Local Government from Zambia.

Opening the Meeting the Chairman on behalf of the Members welcomed Mr. McKinley Tembo who had come from Zambia to study Local Government. He expressed the hope that his stay in Ireland and particularly in Wicklow would be a pleasant one.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd February, 1965, copy of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes the Town Clerk informed Councillor Conroy that an advertisement had been placed some weeks back in the "Irish Independent" indicating that industrial sites were available in the Wicklow area and it was proposed that similar advertisements would be placed in the other daily papers during the course of the coming months. Regarding sites available in the district the Town Clerk mentioned that Messrs Goulding Fertilizers Limited had indicated that they were prepared to make available their forty acre site on the Murrough for suitable factories. There was also a large field (22 acres) owned by the County Council at Rathnew. The Manager said that all the land owned by the Council was brought to the attention of industrialists but due to location and other difficulties it had not in the past proved suitable to their needs.

SUPERANNUATION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR.- NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Motion, notice of which had been given at the previous Monthly Meeting, was proposed by Councillor Kane seconded by Councillor Doyle:-

"That we hereby approve additional expenditure in sum of £436 in the current year to meet payment of superannuation gratuity to Former Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne."

The Resolution was declared passed with Councillor Lalor dissenting.

DUNDALK FESTIVAL COUNCIL.

A Letter was read from Dundalk Festival Council requesting the loan of the Council flag to be used in conjunction with their forthcoming Grain and Grape Festival. The meeting agreed to make a flag available to the Council.

PROPOSED NEW ROADWAY TO MURROUGH.

The Town Clerk reported that as a result of representations made to the Department of Local Government a letter had now been received indicating that the Minister had no fund at his disposal from which a grant could be made available towards constructing the proposed new roadway on the Murrough to facilitate the factory of Veba Limited. The letter pointed out that the Minister would, as an exceptional measure, sanction the use by the Council, if they so wished, as their contribution to the project, either of the following:

1. Utilization of the E.S.V. Schemes Grant.
2. Utilization of the Road Improvement Grant.
3. Raising of a Loan.

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The Town Clerk suggested that if the Members wished to make a contribution the use of the Road Improvement Grant in sum of £990 would be most appropriate. This contribution would be equivalent to almost thirty per cent of the cost and a further thirty per cent was being put up by the Industrial Grants Board. The balance would have to be found by Veba Limited. During the course of the discussion it was considered advisable that the work be undertaken directly by the Council under the supervision of the Town Surveyor and that tenders be sought for the carrying out of the work by contract. After carefully considering the matter it was decided to indicate to Veba Limited that the Council was prepared to contribute towards the cost of the project by way of the Road Improvement Grant of £990, subject to the Industrial Grants Board meeting thirty per cent of the cost and Veba Limited the remainder.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The meeting had before them a Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government, copy of which had been circulated, regarding the design and maintenance of public conveniences. The County Manager pointed out that to maintain public conveniences to the standard required by the Minister would be very costly and could hardly be justified by their limited use in a town such as Wicklow. Members remarked on the necessity of providing further public conveniences in the town and it was finally decided that the Town Surveyor should carry out a survey and submit to the Council a list of suitable sites.

DEVELOPMENT AT WENTWORTH PLACE.

The meeting was reminded that this item had been before them previously and it was agreed to defer it until such time as the valuation of the four houses had been determined. The P.L.V. of the four houses was now known and was £19 per house. The Manager said that in the coming year allowing for remissions, etc. the income to the Council from rates would be slightly in excess of £16 and this would be sufficient to cover the cost of the two lights which the E.S.B. had indicated would come to £15 per annum. It was agreed that public notice be given of the Council's intention to take over as a public road the new roadway off Wentworth Place and known as Wentworth Grove. The formal resolution in this regard to come before the Council at their April Meeting.

EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

Proposed by Councillor Lalor.
Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby approve the following excess expenditure in the current year:-

ROADS:	Road Grant Works	- £372	
	Ord. Road Works	- £150	£522
SANITARY SERVICES:	Water Supply Maint.	- £75	
	Scavenging	- £34	
	Public Lighting	- £17	£126
HOUSING:	Fire Dam. Repairs	- £120	£120
GENERAL PURPOSES:	Treasurer's Inter.	- £35	
	Insurances	- £28	£63
			<u>£831</u>

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The Town Clerk mentioned that almost £550 of the above sum would be recouped to the Council.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was decided that the Annual Estimates Meeting be held on Monday, 29th March, 1965. Councillor Conroy asked that the report previously requested by him on the last scheme of foreshore protection works be made available before the Estimates Meeting. The County Manager explained that the delay in furnishing this report was due to the illness of the County Accountant. He said he would see what could be done in having the report available for the Estimates Meeting.

TENANT PURCHASE.

The Town Clerk informed the members that to date twenty-three houses have been sold to tenants. Of these seventeen were sold for cash and six on a weekly purchase basis. He now had four further applications to purchase from the following:-

John Murphy, 25, Kilmantin Road ..	.. ..	Weekly Purchase
Michael Byrne, 18, Kilmantin Road ..	.. ..	Cash Purchase
Laurence Doyle, 7, Kilmantin Road ..	.. ..	Weekly Purchase
Harry Smith, 5, Laurence's Road ..	.. ..	Weekly Purchase

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There being no objection by the Town Surveyor the Council recommended that planning approval be granted in the following instances:-

William Hopkins ... ..	...	Erection of dwellinghouse at Church Hill.
James Byrne ... ..	...	Reconstruction and improvement of dwellinghouse at Upper Stand Street.
Frank Doherty ... ..	...	Erection of illuminated sign on Strabreaga Hotel.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOAN.

The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Patrick Davis, Brewery Place, Rathdrum, as a suitable applicant for a loan of £1,600 under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act. The Council also agreed to consent to the subdemise by Mr. J. Sugrue of his dwellinghouse being erected on site no. 6 Dunbur Estate to the Educational Building Society from whom he proposed to borrow £2,800.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy,
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Mortgage - Donal Griffin to Wicklow Urban District Council - in respect of loan of £2,000 under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, on dwellinghouse at Dunbur Estate, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy,
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Mortgage - Aiden O'Rourke to Wicklow Urban District Council - in respect of Loan

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of £1,800 advanced under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, on bungalow on Site No. 29, Dunbur Estate, Wicklow.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The members noted the fact that the tender of Mr. J. Wilkinson in sum of £70 had been accepted for rewiring of ten houses on Glenview Road. In view of the low cost Councillor Lalor enquired if a further lot of ten houses could be rewired and after some discussion it was proposed by Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy that Mr. Wilkinson, Contractor, be asked to rewire a further ten houses for the same price as the ten he had tendered for. The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Kane seconded by Councillor Doyle:

"That we accept the tender submitted by Mr. Wilkinson for the rewiring of ten houses on Glenview Road and that fresh tenders be invited for any further houses proposed to be rewired."

A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:-

FOR:	Councillors Kane, Delahunty and Doyle.	(3)
AGAINST:	Councillors Hopkins, Conroy and Lalor.	(3)

The Chairman made his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was consequently declared carried and the proposal declared lost.

The Council noted the report of the Town Surveyor regarding the demolition of six unfit houses at Castle Street and the clearance of the site which he estimated to cost £265. He estimated that to resurface the site with tarmacadam and provide, say, four seats would cost a further £180. The Town Clerk pointed out that it was hoped that the Council would qualify for a State Grant of half the cost and this would leave the sum of approximately £220 to be met by the Council. However, the greatest portion of the cost related to the removal of the debris and it was possible that some contractor might be prepared to take away the rubble. The Town Clerk pointed out that Messrs Finlayson Brothers, who owned the property, were unable to produce Title Deeds and accordingly it would be necessary for the Council to acquire the sites under the Derelict Sites Act for the purpose of establishing title. The proposal was agreed to.

The Council noted that the Town Surveyor proposed laying a new 6 inch cast-iron main from the valve house at Fitzwilliam Square to the boundary of Veba's site on the Murrough, at an estimated cost of £3,500 to meet the expanding requirements of industry for water. The Town Clerk told the meeting that the cost of laying the water-main would be deferred by means of a loan repayable over fifteen years and the annual loan charges would come to £408. However, it was hoped to obtain 60 per cent State Subsidy in sum of £240 leaving the net cost to be met by the Council at £168 per annum. The receipts from the supply of water to the industries should be sufficient to cover this net cost. It was pointed out to the members that in about five years time the increased demand for water on the Murrough would be in the region of 12,500 gallons per hour for a nine hour day and as matters stood at present this amount of water was not available. Consequently it would be necessary to make arrangements with the County Council for extensions to the Regional Scheme by way of providing additional infiltration capacity at the Cronroe Filter House. A prolonged discussion took place regarding the Regional Scheme, the Manager pointing out that this Scheme had only been designed to supply a limited quantity of water to Wicklow and in fact Wicklow Town was continually taking more than it was intended it should take and on some occasions had practically taken the entire output of the Regional Scheme. He stressed that

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Wicklow Urban District Council was getting water from this Scheme which was heavily subsidised by the County Ratepayers. It was finally agreed to proceed with the laying of the new watermain to the Murrrough as proposed by the Town Surveyor.

The Council noted the proposal of the Town Surveyor for the reinstatement of footpath at Church Street opened sometime ago by the Post Office in connection with the laying of an underground cable. The meeting did not consider the proposal satisfactory and felt that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs should be responsible for the entire cost of relaying the footpath to the satisfaction of the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Foreshore Protection Works.

It was noted from correspondence received from the Wicklow County Council that the Office of Public Works were unable to indicate when they would be in a position to carry out the statutory preliminary examination of coast erosion at the North Beach, Wicklow. It appeared that many requests had been received from County Councils throughout the country and that at present the Office of Public Works was endeavouring to establish a priority list for the carrying out of the preliminary examination. Having considered the matter the Council directed the Town Clerk to write to the three T.D.s for the County asking them to make representations to the Minister not alone for a preliminary examination to be undertaken but also to have immediate repairs carried out to arrest recent damage carried out by the sea and prevent the threatened danger to the new factories on the Murrrough.

LEASE OF PREMISES AT NEW STREET.

A letter was read from J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, applying on behalf of Mr. Andrew Dunne and his son, Andrew Dunne, Jnr. for a renewal of the lease of premises at New Street which they propose reconstructing at considerable expense. The present lease has six years to run. The Council agreed in principle to grant a renewal of the lease subject to particulars of the proposed reconstruction work being submitted.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

A report was read from the Town Surveyor naming three buildings viz. "Doyle's", the Mall; Lindsay's, Strand Street and Canavan's, Bond Street, which were a danger to the public by reason of loose slates and recommending that notices be served on the owners requiring them to have the premises made safe. Agreed.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ON MURROUGH.

The Town Clerk told members that he had expected within the coming week to receive from the Law Agent a draft of the type of statement to be made by people who had used the right-of-way on the Murrrough for a long number of years. He would make arrangements to have these completed and forwarded to the County Council who could then proceed with the making of an Order declaring a right-of-way to exist under the Local Government (Planning and Development, Act, 1963.

SCAVENGING TRACTOR AND TRAILOR.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Council's tractor and trailer had been involved in an accident on the Greenhil Road that morning when it overturned whilst engaged in sanding the road which was in a slippery condition. Fortunately no one was injured and did not think that the damage to the tractor was serious. He

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undertook to let the members have a report on the running cost of the tractor and trailer over the past twelve months.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

J. A. Delahunty

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

19th March, 1965.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on 31st March, 1966

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Details of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year 1965/66 are given in the Tables attached to this Report. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on Monday, 29th March, 1965.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £60,567 and the receipts are expected to come to £28,627, so that the net requirement to be met from the rate would be £31,940. This would require a rate of 57/-d. in the £.

The expenditure and receipts, over the four main headings used for accounting purposes, for 1965/66, together with the corresponding figures for the current year are set out below (the figures for the current year are shown in parenthesis):-

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>GROSS EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>NET EXPENDITURE</u>
Roads	£4,842 (£3,968)	£2,380 (£2,065)	£2,462 (£1,903)
Sanitary Services	£9,752 (£9,308)	£2,886 (£2,592)	£6,866 (£6,716)
Housing	£20,528 (£16,959)	£18,775 (£15,271)	£1,753 (£1,688)
General Urban Purposes	£25,445 (£21,001)	£4,586 (£4,382)	£20,859 (£16,619)

The Estimates now submitted for your consideration would require a rate of 57/-d. in the £. This would be an increase of 13/-d. over the rate levied in the present year, for which it has been 44/-d.

Briefly the increase in the Rates which would be entailed could be accounted for under three headings. The first item affecting the rate is the use last year of credits to the extent of over 5/-d. When the rates were being determined for 1964/65 it was made quite clear that if the Council's rather limited credit balance was to be used in this way it would automatically follow that the rates for the following year would show a corresponding rise. If credits be applied in one particular year to the extent which obtained in 1964/65 then they cannot be expected to be available subsequently. Moreover, their use to such an extent as obtained last year was bound to have a most disturbing effect on the trend of rate levels.

The second item affecting the rate for the coming year is the increase in the County Council Demand, and the public will be well aware of the factors which brought about the rise of this Demand. For the coming year it will require an increased rate of 5/11d. in the £. Of this increase the greater part, 4/-d. in £, is attributable to the Health Services. During the present year there was a marked rise in the cost of all the Health Services due mainly to increases in

remuneration for health staffs. These resulted from Arbitration Awards under a National scheme on the claims put forward by various Unions representing the staffs. In addition the costs of treatment in the Dublin Voluntary Hospitals to which so many patients from County Wicklow are sent, have risen very considerably in the past few years.

The Council's own services show increases in costs requiring an additional rate of 2/-d. In point of fact the increases under various headings come to 2/11d. but are offset to the extent of 11d. by some increases in receipts and the liquidation of one of the Council's loans.

The trend of costs in the present year and the results to be expected in the coming year already have been fully reported on to the Council. In a special report submitted in December last the Town Clerk dwelt very fully on the various elements affecting costs and showed clearly that a very steep rise in the rate levy would have to be faced in the coming financial year. It should also be mentioned here that last year the Estimates which were submitted would have required a rate of 49/-d. in the £ and no alterations were made in the sums included for the various public services. The reduction which was made was not effected by a pruning of expenditure but was achieved solely through the application of credits. If, for the purpose of a true comparison, the scale of expenditure in the coming year be related to that of the present year it would consequently be found that the actual rise in the level of the rate is 8/-d. instead of 13/-d. It should also be borne in mind that the reduction in the rate effected last year did not in any way reflect the trend of costs and furthermore gave a disjointed picture of the position in Wicklow Urban District as compared with other Urban Districts throughout the country. The result was that Wicklow last year had a rate much lower by far than other Urban Areas. The reports in the newspapers of Estimates Meetings of Urban Authorities in the past few weeks will show the extraordinary wide margin of difference which exists between the rate struck by them and that which was levied last year in Wicklow. About fifteen or sixteen years ago, for example, the rate for Wicklow Urban District was substantially higher than another Urban District in the Eastern part of Ireland but the rate for the coming year determined by this latter authority shows a difference of almost £1 from that which was struck last year in Wicklow. Incidentally the Urban Area in question is one of the most progressive in the country and is highly industrialised.

The rates for the coming year would be appreciably higher than 57/-d. in the £ if it were not for the application of credits of £495, equivalent to the rate of 11d. Here it must be stressed, however, that the credits available to the Council are being rapidly exhausted and it is expected that at the end of the present financial year very little will remain. It is advisable that a local authority have available to it some modest reserves so that it can avoid as far as possible, having to seek Overdraft Accommodation to meet current revenue expenditure. Furthermore, the resort to Overdraft Accommodation brings with it charges for Bank Interest which must be made by an addition to the rate which is to be levied for the normal purpose of maintaining public services.

ROADS.

Employment Schemes Grant

The amount received last year by way of Government Grant for works to provide employment during mid-Winter was £1,300. To this the Council made a contribution from rates of £130. A similar grant is expected in the coming year and consequently a similar contribution from rates is included. With the total sum of £1,430 which was available last year the Council laid new concrete footpaths in a

number of places throughout the town. Later a special report will be submitted to the Council outlining the works on which this amount, together with Council's contribution, might be used during the coming year.

Ordinary Road Works

There is no change in the provision being made under this heading (£1,103). This money is used for ordinary maintenance and repair. As has been indicated on previous occasions if the Council is to receive Grants from the Road Fund it is necessary that provision be made each year for maintenance.

Special Works - Tar Spraying

The amount provided here is again £100. It only enables the Council to carry out very limited work.

Road Fund Grant

Last year the Council received a Road Fund Grant of £990 and a similar sum is again included in the Estimates for the coming year. The Grant was used for resurfacing Church Hill in tarmacadam. The Council have presently under consideration devoting this Grant of £990 for the coming year as their contribution towards the construction of a section of new concrete roadway to serve a factory site on the Murrough and estimated to cost £3,500. It is expected that the Industrial Grants Board will give a Grant of 30 per cent of the cost; the balance to be made up by the owners of the factory.

New Road Works - Dunbur Road Area

It will be found that there is a substantial increase, (£496) under Loan Charges, in respect of new road works being carried out on the Council's Housing Estate at Dunbur Road. In 1964 the Council borrowed £6,600 for the construction of roads and footpaths in this area and this involves a Loan Charge of £525 in the coming year; last year the amount included (£220) only covered less than a half year. Further road works are to be carried out at Dunbur Estate and it is estimated that the capital cost will be £4,800. This will involve a loan charge of £382 for a full year and £191 in the coming year. It will be found from the details given that the total capital cost of new road works at Dunbur Housing Estate will come to £11,400. and will entail annual loan charges eventually of over £900.

SANITARY SERVICES.

In the coming year the total cost of Sanitary Services is estimated at £9,752 and after deducting receipts of £2,886 the net requirement would be £6,866. This compares with a net estimate of £6,716 in the present year.

Water Supply - Maintenance

As a contribution towards the cost of maintenance of the regional supply a sum of £450 has been included which is £50 greater than the amount allowed last year. The position is that there was an arrangement some years ago that the Urban Council would contribute 50 per cent (or £400) of the cost of maintenance of the regional supply. At the time it was thought that the maintenance would not much exceed £800. Recently, however, it has been found that the maintenance costs have been in excess of £1,200 and consequently it was thought it only reasonable that some additional contribution should be made by the Urban Council. Moreover, fluoridation - with a view to preventing dental decay - has been arranged for the Regional Plant at Cronroe and this has resulted in additional maintenance costs. The consumption in the Urban Area is still very high when measured as an

amount per head of population. Notwithstanding efforts that have been made to curtail consumption by inspection of the system the consumption is still running at about 80 gallons per head per day which is about twice as high as what would normally be expected in an Urban Area. When the Regional Cronroe Scheme was being designed it was taken that the maximum draw on it from the town of Wicklow would not exceed 154,000 gallons per day. This latter figure moreover was intended to allow for an increase in the existing domestic consumption and for possible industrial development - the margin in fact being allowed was felt at the time to be quite generous. The Urban Area, however, at times has been almost completely dependent on the Regional Scheme and the draw from it has consequently reached 220,000 gallons per day. It should also be mentioned that only 30 per cent of the capital cost of the Cronroe Regional Scheme is being borne by the Urban Council.

The loan charges in respect of the regional scheme at £2,400 in all show a reduction of £100 on the charges in the present year. The Council recently agreed to lay a new watermain at the Murrough so as to make adequate provision for new industry and the capital cost of this is estimated at £3,500. This new main will involve the Council in an additional loan charge of £204 in the coming year and £408 later on for the full year. The receipt of State Subsidy will mean a net charge to be met from rates of £84.

It is expected that the receipts from water rents at £930, will show an increase of £200 over the present year.

Water and Sewerage at Dunbur Estate - Loan Charges

In this instance the Council will be involved in an additional loan charge of £41 (£146 in all) in respect of the new sewer and watermain extension at the Dunbur Housing Estate. The charge of £146 will, however, be offset to the extent of £87 by a State Subsidy.

Cleansing Services.

The total cost of the Cleansing Service is estimated at £1,375, a rise of £25 over the present year. The additional sum is required because of higher running expenses on the tractor and trailer used for collection of domestic refuse.

Public Lighting

In the present year the Council agreed to provide nine additional new public lights and these will result in an additional lighting charge of £52 for the coming year. In addition two lights were taken over on the new housing estate at Wentworth Place entailing a new and additional charge of £15 per year. It will be seen consequently that the Council already is committed to an increase of £67 over the present cost of public lighting.

For some time past the Council has had under consideration proposals for the improvement of public lighting along the Main Street. It has been submitted from time to time that the present system is not adequate. Notification was received in 1964 from the Department of Local Government of a Grant from the Road Fund for lighting on Main Roads in towns provided the improved lighting met with the specification determined by the Department. The Grant would be equivalent to half the capital cost involved but no State Assistance whatever would be given towards the annual costs of maintenance. One half of the capital cost of lighting improvements of main roads would be met by the County Council from rates. Whilst to a small Urban Authority it might seem, at first glance, desirable to avail of such a grant for an improvement of public lighting the conditions were found to be altogether unsatisfactory when it was appreciated that no assistance whatever would be forthcoming towards maintenance costs.

A small Urban Authority with limited reserves consequently could find itself involved in very heavy additional annual charges for public lighting.

Seeing that the type of scheme, assisted in relation to capital costs only, by a grant from the Road Fund, was completely unsuitable, the Council investigated the possibility of making improvements in the lighting system which would not place too great a burden on them by way of new annual charges. It was found that a system which would lead to reasonable improvement in the Main Street would in the matter of capital costs come to £400 and the Council felt that this might be defrayed by loan over a period of five years. The yearly charge to be met by the Council if this modified scheme were to be adopted would be: £80 Loan Charges and £40 Annual Maintenance; a total of £120. In the attached Estimates a sum of £60 which would cover the outlay for a half year (i.e. from 1st October, 1965) has been included.

New Dumping Ground

Many complaints have been received regarding the condition of the existing dumping ground adjoining Dunbur Road and the unsuitability of the site generally. The dump is very much subject to trespass and it is difficult to see how this can be prevented. It has now been in operation for over four years and is rapidly filling up, consequently it is felt that it would be advisable to seek an alternative site at an early date. It has been suggested that a site could be procured at the top of the Glen, West of Dunbur Road, but this would require that an improved approach road be constructed. For the latter purpose a sum of £90 has been included in the attached Estimates.

HOUSING

The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £20,528 but the increase is in great part due to new loans for private dwellings and taking into account receipts of £18,775 from rents, repayments of loans and State Grants the net cost to be met from rates will be £1,753 - an increase of £65 over the present year.

Maintenance and Repair

In the present year £1,000 was allowed and a similar sum again has been included.

Provision for new Schemes

Four new houses have just been completed at Castle Park and the Council is at present arranging to proceed with a further ten houses at Ballynerrin. A tender already has been accepted and approved by the Department and it is hoped that building will start at an early date. A loan charge of £767 has been included in respect of this new scheme of ten houses but it is offset, except to the extent of £30, by rents and State Subsidy.

Loans for Private Dwellings

Many more loans were issued in the past twelve months to persons who are building their own houses. Up to date the number of loans approved is 62 and almost all the houses have been erected on the Council's Housing Estate at Dunbur Road. The amount borrowed by the Council for the purpose of making these loans amounts to £110,000. These loans do not involve any charge on rates as the repayments by borrowers cover in full all costs to the Council.

Housing Reconstruction - Loans

A number of applications were received for loans towards the

cost of housing reconstruction. So far, however, only one loan has been arranged.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Under this heading comes the expenditure for many services, including Foreshore Maintenance, School Meals, Cheap Fuel Scheme, Allotments, Corporate Estate Maintenance, Insurance on Council property, Printing, Stationery, etc., but by far the largest item is the County Council Demand.

The total expenditure is estimated at £25,445; the Receipts come to £4,586, leaving the net expenditure £20,859. Of the total expenditure of £20,859 the County Council Demand accounts for £16,863.

Planning and Development

As a result of the coming into operation from 1st October, 1964, of the Planning and Development Act the Council will have a statutory duty to prepare a Development Plan and this must be done within a period of three years. At this early stage it is difficult to say what the costs of preparing such a Plan may be but it is expected that during the coming year surveys and other work will have to be put in hands. The Department of Local Government has been asked to make a special grant towards the cost of Planning but so far no information as to the likely decision on the application has been received. Towards the cost of preparing a Development Plan the sum of £400 has been included and a Government Grant of £300 has been taken into account, leaving the net cost of £100, or expressed as a rate, about 2d. in the £.

Salaries

As a result of recent Arbitration Awards, which apply on a national basis, salaries will show an increase of £264 and it is also likely that some additional provision will have to be made later in respect of rate collection costs - information on the matter, however, is not available.

Election Expenses

As elections will be held during the coming financial year it will be necessary to include a sum of £90 to cover the costs.

Bank Interest

As it would be necessary to resort, in increasing extent, to Overdraft Accommodation, in the coming year an amount of £90 (a rise of £80 over the present year) has been included in respect of Bank Interest.

Harbour Authority Contribution

For some years past the Harbour Commissioners had been contributing £450 a year in respect of loan charges which originally had been defrayed by the Urban Council on foot of a Guarantee. As this liability of theirs has now almost been cleared off the receipt in the coming year will only be £157 - a reduction of £293.

Corporate Estate Receipts

From the new housing estate at Dunbur Road additional rents will be received in the coming year. The new industrial sites also add to the Council rental. In all it is expected that Corporate Estate Rents will reach £2,189 which is higher by £192 than the revenue from this source in the current year.

Here it should be mentioned that it will be many years before the

Housing Estate Development at Dunbur Road will show a return commensurate with the outlay which has to be incurred by the Council in the repayments of loans borrowed to meet the costs of constructing roads and footpaths and laying water and sewer mains. In the past three years 54 sites have been leased at Dunbur Road to persons building their own houses. The Ground Rents range from £7 10s. Od. to £10. Eventually through Ground Rents and new rate productivity this will be of an advantage to the Council's finances but at present it involves a measure of subsidy. It must not, however, be overlooked that if it were not for its existence the Council would have had to build many more new houses which would involve them in a special subsidy from the rates. The development of this estate has enabled the Council to provide houses at reasonable Ground Rents for persons desirous of owning their own homes. So far the total outlay on development almost reaches £20,000 and the gross loan charges on this capital cost would reach almost £2,000. The availability of State Subsidy towards the cost of laying watermains and sewers, however, reduces the annual net loan charge to £1,348.

County Council Demand

The total County Council Demand comes to £16,863 and shows an increase of £3,658 over that for the present year. There is an increase of £625 under the heading of Public Assistance by reason of the fact that the estimated for this purpose was reduced last year but in this event it was found that expenditure substantially exceeded the estimate. The excess expenditure in the current year is reflected in the Demand together with the additional costs which will have to be borne next year. The other item and one which accounts for the greater part of the increase in the Demand is Health which is up by £2,258. Reference already has been made to the reasons for the increase in the costs of the Health Services. It will be found that of the total rate of 57/-d. which the attached Estimates would require, 20/4d. is attributable to the Health Services. An examination of the matter, however, will show that full value is being got for the outlay on Health Services. There may be objection as to the manner in which the costs have to be defrayed but there can be no gainsaying the claim that the community is deriving benefit from the Health Services. The greater part of their cost is associated with hospital outlay and nowadays it is only a limited part of the community meets any part of the costs of treatment in hospital.

In the past year the Council's staff endeavoured to maintain services at a satisfactory level and it is felt that tribute must be paid to their efforts. In particular reference must be made to the contributions of Mr. Cusack, Town Clerk and the new Town Surveyor, Mr. R. L. Farrell. Likewise, mention must be made of the help given by Miss Kilcoyne in connection with the preparation of the Estimates now submitted for your consideration. Whilst the outdoor staff, under Mr. P. Henry, gave a satisfactory service in connection with items such as cleansing, water supply and roads, the Rent and Rate Collectors helped to keep the revenues of the Council at satisfactory level.

The occasion is also taken to express to the Chairman and the Members of the Council my thanks for the assistance and guidance given by them during the past year.

Yours sincerely,

M. FLANNERY.

COUNTY MANAGER.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1965/66

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	242	242
Salaries - Water Inspection	872	872
Retiring Allowances	145	145
Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir	7	7
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	2	2
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	5	5
Sewerage (Wages £106; Materials £40)	146	146
Expenses	70	70
<u>URBAN ROADS</u>		
Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes	1,430	1430
Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £1,023 - Materials: £80)	1,103	1103
Special Works - tar spraying, etc.	100	100
Road Fund Grant - resurfacing.	990	990
Retiring Allowances.	190	190
Salaries.	203	203
<u>Loan Charges</u>		
1953 - Murrrough Road in Concrete	110	110
1964 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate	525	525
1965 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate	191	191
1956 - Public Conveniences at Town Hall	80	80
1958 - Repair of Water Supply	500	500
1960 - Repair of Water Supply (suppl.)	100	100
1959 - New Watermain at Dunbur Road	265	265
1961 - Purchase of Mechanical Soevenging Equipment	192	192
1962 - Water Supply Improvements	286	286
1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road	225	225
1964 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	583	583
1965 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	146	146
1965 - New Watermain - The Murrrough	204	204
	£4,842	£4,842
	29,752	29,552

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	242	242
Salaries - Water Inspection	872	872
Retiring Allowances	145	145
Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir	-	-
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	552	552
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	450	400
Sewerage (Wages £106: Materials £40)	146	146
Public Conveniences	70	70
Scavenging (Wages £1,200: Running Expenses £175)	1,375	1375
Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	420	420
Public Lighting (Lighting Contract £623 Provision for New Lights £40 Improvement - Main Street Area £60)	723	663
Water Safety Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
Provision of New Dumping Ground	90	-
<u>Loan Charges.</u>		
1937 - Waterworks Improvement	5	5
1948 - Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	115	115
1950 - Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road)	135	135
1951 - New Watermain at North Quay	41	41
1956 - Public Conveniences at Town Hall	60	60
1958 - Regional Water Supply	2,300	2300
1960 - Regional Water Supply (suppl.)	100	100
1959 - Link Watermain at Dunbur Road	265	265
1961 - Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment	192	192
1962 - Water Supply Improvements	286	286
1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road	225	225
1964 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	583	583
1965 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	146	146
1965 - New Watermain - The Murrough	204	204
	£9,752	£9,552

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc.)	£	£
<u>HOUSING</u>		
Maintenance and Repair Sites	1,000	900
Salaries Estate Maintenance (Wages £198)	203	203
Rent Collector's Poundage Materials £26)	552	552
Retiring Allowances Planning & Development	80	80
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	50	50
Insurances	155	155
Rates on Council Houses	3,602	3602
Housing Letting Grant	40	40
<u>Loan Charges.</u>		
1932 - 10 Houses Scheme	184	184
1934 - 28 Houses Scheme	640	640
1937 - 28 and 10 Houses Schemes	29	29
1937 - 120 Houses Scheme	2,444	2444
1938 - 120 Houses Scheme	152	152
1940 - 120 Houses Scheme	103	103
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme	884	884
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme (Cor. Estate)	84	84
1947 - 80 Houses Scheme	65	65
1948 - 80 Houses Scheme	2,620	2620
1957 - 2 Houses - Castle Street	183	183
1964 - 4 Houses Scheme - Castle Park	572	572
1965 - 10 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin	767	767
<u>Housing (Loans and Grants) Act - Loan Charges</u>		
1934 Loan	72	72
1948 Loan of £5,000	240	240
1949 Loan of £10,000	480	480
1950 Loan of £10,000	563	563
1956 Loan of £5,000	380	380
1962 Loan of £10,000	700	700
1963 Loan of £10,000	687	687
1964 Loan of £20,000	1,379	1379
1965 Loan of £40,000	1,414	1414
1965 Loan of £2,000	204	204
	£20,528	£20,428

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>		
Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting etc.)	90	90
Demolition of Ruinous Buildings	5	5
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	10	10
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £198 Materials £26)	224	224
Local Government (Planning & Development Act)	400	-
Foreshore Maintenance	-	-
Access to Seafront	50	55
F Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges	5	5
Band Performances	45	45
Milk and Dairies	1	1
Tourist Development	5	15
School Meals - Cost of Food	430	430
Administration	180	180
Allotments	320	320
Salaries	2,221	2221
Rate Collector's Poundage	700	700
Retiring Allowances	93	93
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp. Estate)	187	187
Audit Fee	46	46
Election Expenses	90	-
Legal Expenses	145	145
Printing, Stationery, Advertising.	160	160
Rents on Council's Property	12	12
Rates on Council's Property	374	374
Insurance on Council's Property	20	20
Public and E.L. Insurances	214	214
Office Expenses	75	75
Discount on Rates	75	75
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	158	158
Cheap Fuel Scheme	1,300	1300
Treasurer's Interest	90	40
Rent of Pound	39	39
Miscellaneous	40	40
<u>Loan Charges</u>		
1946 - New Footbridge	60	60
1956 - Foreshore Protection Works	115	115
1960 - Foreshore Protection Works	Nil	-
1961 - Foreshore Protection Works	185	185
1963 - Foreshore Protection Works	290	290
1962 - Town Hall Repairs	128	128
	£8,582	£8057

County Council Services

Main Roads
 Public Assistance
 Health (County)
 General Purposes (County)
 Fire Brigade
 Library
 Separate Charges

	Estimated by Manager		Adopted by Council
	£	£	£
		B/F 8,582	8057
			1294
			939
			11,225
			1621
			614
			75
		16,863	1095 £1683
		£25,445	£24,920
TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES/		£60,567	£59,742

WATER SUPPLY SERVICES

Water Boats
 State Subsidy Regional Water Supply
 State Subsidy Regional Water Supply
 State Subsidy New Watermain Dumbur Road
 State Subsidy Water Supply Imp. at
 Dumbur Road
 State Subsidy Watermain & Sewer
 Extension at Dumbur
 State Subsidy Watermain & Sewer Ext. at Dumbur
 State Subsidy New Watermain The Marrough
 Receipts from Water Conveniences

	930	930
	905	905
	42	42
	156	156
	135	135
	135	135
	350	350
	87	87
	120	120
	10	10
	£2,886	£2,886

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R E C E I P T S

ROADS

Employment Schemes Grant
Road Fund Grant
Estate Duty Grant

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
1,300	1300
990	990
90	90
£2,380	£2380

SANITARY SERVICES

Water Rents
State Subsidy to Loan Charges -
Watermain, North Quay
State Subsidy Regional Water Supply
State Subsidy Regional Water Supply (Suppl.)
State Subsidy New Watermain Dunbur Road
State Subsidy Water Supply Improvements
State Subsidy Extension of Sewer at
Dunbur Road
State Subsidy Watermain and Sewer
Extension at Dunbur
State Subsidy Waterm. & Sewer Ext. at Dunbur
State Subsidy New Watermain The Murrrough
Receipts from Public Conveniences

930	930
16	16
905	905
42	42
156	156
135	135
135	135
350	350
87	87
120	120
10	10
£2,886	£2886

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TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES/

538	538
2,189	2189
3	3
19	19
157	157
10	10
10	10
228,627	£228,627

R E C E I P T S

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>HOUSING</u>		
State Grant - Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre-1948 Scheme)	2,164	2,164
State Grant - New Houses (60 Houses Scheme)	326	326
State Subsidy - 2 Houses - Castle Street	100	100
State Subsidy - 4 Houses - Castle Park	278	278
State Subsidy - 10 Houses - Ballynerrin	347	347
Subsidy to Interest Rates	280	280
Rents inclusive of Rates	8,957	8,957
State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant <u>Housing (Loans & Grants) Act</u>	26	26
Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)	64	64
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)	6,233	6,233
	£18,775	18,775
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>		
<u>State Grants</u>		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	+92	177
School Meals		8
Recoupment of losses on Allotments		215
Cheap Fuel Scheme		310
Local Government (Planning and Development) Act		310
	-300	750
		300
<u>Other Receipts</u>		
Cheap Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contributions and recoupment by County Co.)	538	538
Corporate Estate Rents	2,189	2,189
Licences and Fees	3	3
Refund of fees by Officers	-	-
Refund by Co. Council of half rent of Pound	19	19
Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges	157	157
Letting of Town Hall	10	10
Miscellaneous	10	10
	£4,586	£4,378
<u>Co. Co. Demand</u>		2482
<u>State Cont. to Cost of Health Services</u>		2,247
TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES/	£28,627	£30,901

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1965/66

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Net Expenditure
<u>ROADS</u>	£4,842	£2,380	£2,462
	952		666
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	£9,752	£2,886	£6,866
	20428		1653
<u>HOUSING</u>	£20,528	£18,775	£1,753
	24920	4378	20542
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	£25,445	£4,586	£20,859
	59742	28419	31323
	£60,567	£28,627	£31,940
Deduct State Cont. towards cost of Health Services			2482
Deduct Credit			720
			£495
Total Requirements to be met by Rate Levy			31,940 28121
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces			£45 19s. 2d.
Rate of £ to meet total requirements of £31,445 would be 57/- 51/- in £.			
<u>Rate determined by Council</u>			51/-

ESTIMATES 1965/66

Total Valuation as per Valuation List		£12,477 6. 0.
<u>BUILDINGS:</u>	£11,406 14. 0.	
LESS: Remissions under Housing Acts	£975 14. 8.	£10,430 19. 4.
<u>LAND:</u>	£788 7. 0.	
LESS: Occupied by Council for Allotments, Building Sites and other purposes.	£46 15. 0.	
Two-fifth Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (two-fifth of £741 12. 0.)	£296 12. 10.	£444 19. 2.
<u>Land Used as Railways:</u>	£50 5. 0.	
LESS: Two-fifth Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£20 2. 0.	£30 3. 0.
Railways Rated in Full		10. 0.
<u>Half Rents:</u>	£217 0. 0.	
LESS: Half Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£108 10. 0.	£108 10. 0.
<u>Telegraphs:</u>		£1 10. 0.
<u>Yards</u>		£13 0. 0.
TOTAL VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES/		£11,029 11. 6.
<u>Rate of 1d. in £ produces</u>		<u>£45 19s. 2d.</u>

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON 29th MARCH, 1965

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding.
Councillors T. Conroy, J. Kane, J. Lalor, Wm. Hopkins and P. Doyle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk and Mr. R. L. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

Councillor Kane referred to the substantial increase in the County Council Demand and enquired if the Members could be supplied with a detailed breakdown of the County Council figures. He questioned the increase in the Demand of 5/11d. when the County Council's own rate went up by only 3/-d. The County Manager said that he had given full details of the County Council Demand and any further information required was available in the County Council Estimates. He explained that the County Council had used moneys from their Credit Reserves to keep the rate increase down to the rate of 3/-d. The Chairman drew Members attention to the fact that over the past five years during the Council's term of office the rates had increased by 18/10d. Of this sum 11/6d. related to the County Council Demand and only 7/4d. to the Urban Services, despite the fact that the Urban Council had made great progress in the provision of house sites and factory sites. Councillor Kane suggested that a meeting be held between the three Urban Councils to discuss the Credit Reserves of the County Council which he felt should have been apportioned between the Urban Councils. The County Manager pointed out that the County Council had no claim on the Credit Reserves of the Urban District Councils and vice versa. Councillor Kane's suggestion was then put by him in the form of a proposal that representatives from the three Urban Councils be asked to meet for the purpose of discussing the question of the County Council Demand. This was seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed to.

It was then decided that following the usual practice the Council would examine the Estimates in detail. During the course of the examination the following items were specifically dealt with:-

1. - SPECIAL ROAD WORKS - £100.

Members thought that this item might conveniently be struck off though the County Manager indicated that he felt that any reduction in the amount provided for road works would affect the level of the Road Improvement Grant for the coming year. It was decided to ear-mark this item for further consideration.

2. - DUNBUR ESTATE - PROVISION OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

In reply to Councillor Kane the Town Clerk said that approximately 24 sites had been leased during the past twelve months. Councillor Kane pointed out that had a site fine of £50 per site been introduced it would have been worth £1,200 in the current year.

3. - MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY.

It was felt that the increase of £50 under this heading was not warranted.

4. - SCAVENGING SERVICE.

It was noted that an increase of £25 was sought in respect of running expenses of scavenging equipment. The Council indicated that they wished to have particulars of the cost of this service over the past four years of operation submitted to them.

5. - PUBLIC LIGHTING.

During the discussion on this item it was noted that provision in sum

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of £40 had once again been made for the purpose of providing a certain number of new lights throughout the town and that in particular some further lights would be required on the Dunbur Estate by the Autumn months. Regarding the improvement of lighting in the centre of the town a sum of £60 had been included to provide for the bringing into operation of the system as from 1st October, 1965. Councillor Hopkins enquired as to the obligation of the County Council to provide improved public lighting on a main road and was told that the County Council could do so providing that the lighting was to a very high standard. In this case the County Council would meet 50 per cent of the cost and the remaining 50 per cent would come from the Road Fund. However, the estimate received some two years ago for such a system in Wicklow Town and providing for 37 250 Watt Mercury Fluorescent Lamps would cost £9,500. The Manager pointed out that whilst the installation of this system would not cost the Urban Council any money; the maintenance costs would fall completely on them and would be high. The estimate given by the E.S.B. was a net increase of £481 equivalent to 10½d. in the £ on the rate. The proposal included in the estimates was for a more simplified system of improvement and the cost of both installation and maintenance would fall directly on the Urban Council. It was decided to leave this item in sum of £60 over for further consideration.

6. - PROVISION OF NEW DUMPING GROUND.

It was decided to delete this item in sum of £90.

7. - HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

The Town Clerk told the meeting that he estimated that at the end of the current year the provision for maintenance of Council houses would be underspent by approximately £200 due to the painting programme having started late in the year.

8. - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT.

In view of the fact that the Council had three years in which to prepare the plan it was decided to delete the sum provided in the estimates in sum of £400 and the estimated receipt by way of State Grant in sum of £300 leaving a net saving of £100.

9. - ACCESS TO SEA FRONT.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy it was decided to add the sum of £5 to this provision so as to grant a small increase in the remuneration of the crossing keeper.

10. - TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

The Members decided to consider at a later stage the question of making a small increase such as £10 under this heading.

11. - ELECTION EXPENSES.

Members were of the opinion that the Local Elections which had been postponed from June to a later date might not be held at all in the coming year and consequently were inclined to delete the provision in sum of £90.

12. - P.L. AND E.L. INSURANCES.

In view of the good record of the Council in regard to claims under these insurances Councillor Kane suggested that an appeal be made to the insurance company for a reduction in the premiums charged.

13. - TREASURER'S INTEREST.

Councillor Kane referred to the outdated method of collection by way

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of two moiety's and enquired as to the possibility of collecting the rates in twelve monthly instalments so as to meet the month to month expenditure of the Council. In general it was agreed that the suggestion was a good one but that it would take time to implement and would lead to the necessity of employing additional staff with the possibility that any savings made might be lost by way of increased costs. It was decided to reduce the provision under this heading to £40.

14. - COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

Councillor Conroy enquired if Wicklow Urban Council was contributing by way of the County Council Demand to Arklow Harbour. The County Manager confirmed that there was a harbour guaranteed charge in respect of Arklow Harbour and as it was levied as a County at large charge Wicklow's share of the cost came to about £10. Councillor Conroy indicated his objection in principle to paying anything towards the cost of Arklow Harbour and asked if a copy of the accounts of the Arklow Harbour Board could be made available for the information of the Members.

15. - HOUSING RENTS

Councillor Kane referred to a suggestion of his made some years ago that a graded rent scheme should be introduced for all Council houses. The Manager remarked that such a scheme applied to the four new houses at Castle Park and would also apply to all new tenancies of existing houses. It would be difficult to implement the graded rent scale in respect of existing tenancies.

The Chairman said he understood it was the feeling of the meeting that further consideration of the Estimates be adjourned to give Members an opportunity of giving further thought to the matter. It was accordingly decided that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, the 12th of April at 7.30 p.m.

Regarding the meeting of the Urban Bodies in the County it was suggested that it be held on Monday, 5th April at 4.30 p.m. and the meeting nominated the Chairman and Councillors Kane, Conroy and Hopkins to be their representatives to this meeting.

It was agreed that the Monthly Meeting of the Council due to be held on the 6th of April, be adjourned to the 12th April. The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

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J. A. Doherty

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

2nd April, 1965.

To/ The Chairman and Each Member of
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 April, 1965 at 7.30 p.m.

In the event of a quorum not being present the Meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 12th April, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

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M. J. CUSACK.

TOWN CLERK.



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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes

Monthly Meeting

Held on 6th April 1965

In Attendance: M. J. J. CUSACK, Town Clerk.

LACKING A QUORUM OF MEMBERS THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED TO Monday, 12th April, 1965 AT 7.30 PM
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECT. 41
COMMISSIONER'S CLAUSES ACT, 1854 AS INCORPORATED
IN THE TOWNS IMPROVEMENT (IRELAND) ACT 1854.

J. A. Delah

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

9th April, 1965.

To: THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Chara,

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow on Monday, 12th April, 1965, at 7.30 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Estimates Meeting the Monthly Meeting of the Council will be held.

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 Estimates Meeting held on the 29th March, 1965, and Monthly Meeting held on the 2nd March and 6th April, 1965 (copies herewith).
2. Access to Seafront (a) to determine period of opening of level crossing for 1965 Season and (b) Preservation of right-of-way.
3. Development at Wentworth Place - (a) Declaration of Road to be a public road (b) Taking into public charge watermains and lighting.
4. Road Improvement Grant - Notification of increased grant of £1,089 for 1965/66.
5. Proposed new road on Murrough - report on discussions with representatives of Veha Limited.
6. Scheme of Ten Houses at Ballynerrin - authorise raising of loan in sum of £23,500.
7. Authorise Overdraft Accommodation in sum of £5,000 for quarter to 30th June, 1965.
8. Derelict Sites (a) report on acquisition of sites at Castle Street (b) report re sites at Marlton Road and Main Street.
9. Dangerous Buildings - report on action taken.
10. Dunbur Estate - to consider proposals of Town Surveyor for construction of Roads and Footpaths (Stage 2).
11. Dunbur Estate - Site applications.
12. Planning Applications.

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13. Housing Construction Loans - applications.
14. Premises at Leitrim Place - Application for waiver of Covenant in Lease.
15. Wicklow Regional Water Supply Scheme - Correspondence from Wicklow County Council (copy herewith).
16. Coastal Erosion (a) report on representations made to Dail representatives (b) correspondence from Wicklow County Council re surplus stones in Ballinclare Quarry. (copy herewith).
17. Sealing of Documents.
18. Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
19. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on
the 12th April, 1965.

PRESENT: T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors J. Kane, T. Conroy, J. Lalor and P. Doyle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk and Mr. R. L. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. Wm. Hopkins.

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on the 29th March, 1965,
copy of which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the
Chairman.

Having regard to the fact that there was not a full attendance of
Members it was unanimously decided that the meeting be adjourned to
Thursday the 15th of April, 1965, at 8.30 p.m.

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T.A. Delahunt

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12th APRIL, 1965.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding.
Councillors T. Conroy, J. Lalor, P. Doyle and J. Kane.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. M. J. Cusack,
Town Clerk and Mr. R. L. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor Wm.
Hopkins.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd March, 1965, copy
of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and
signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on
the 6th April, 1965, were read and were adopted and signed by the
Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillor Conroy requested a report
on the reletting of houses out of which the Council had rehoused
tenants.

ACCESS TO SEA FRONT.

It was decided that in the coming season the level crossing
giving access to the Sea Front be opened for the period Saturday, the
15th May to Thursday the 30th September, 1965. Regarding the
preservation of the right-of-way along the Sea Murrough the Town Clerk
said that he had obtained statements from a number of residents in the
town to the effect that they had used the right-of-way over a long
period and that he would be asking Councillors who would volunteer to
do so to sign similar statements.

DEVELOPMENT AT WENTWORTH PLACE.

The Town Clerk confirmed that a statutory public notice had been
published of the Council's intention to declare the road to be a
public road.

Proposed by Councillor Lalor.
Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Resolved: "That we hereby declare that the road described
hereunder be a Public Road:-

"New Roadway at Wentworth Grove, Westwards
from Wentworth Place for a distance of
66 lin. yds. in the Urban District of
Wicklow."

Proposed by Councillor Lalor.
Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

Resolved: "That we hereby take into public charge new
watermain and two street lights at Wentworth Grove".

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1965/66.

The meeting was informed that notification had been received
from the Department of Local Government that the Road Improvement
Grant for the current year had been increased by 10 per cent from
£990 to £1,089. The Town Clerk reminded members that the Council
had submitted a Resolution calling for this increase to the 1964
Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities. The
meeting noted that they had agreed in principle to allocate £990

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of the Grant towards construction of the new roadway on the Murrough and decided to hold over allocating the additional £99 for the present.

PROPOSED NEW ROADWAY ON MURROUGH.

The Town Clerk reported that he had conveyed to Messrs Veba Limited the decision of the Council in this matter which was to the effect that the Council would be prepared to allocate £990 from the Road Improvement Grant towards the construction of a new roadway on the Murrough estimated to cost £3,500, subject to a grant of 30 per cent of the cost being made available by the Industrial Grants Board and the balance by Veba Limited and also provided that the plans and specifications of the proposed roadway be prepared by the Town Surveyor and that the work be undertaken by contract under the supervision of the Town Surveyor. At a subsequent meeting between representatives of Veba Limited and representatives of the Council Veba Limited indicated their desire to carry out the work themselves as part of the contract for the construction of their factory. They felt that by doing this they would obtain a keener price and would be in a better position to qualify for the grant from the Industrial Grants Board. They had submitted to the Council plans and specifications for the proposed roadway prepared by their Engineer. Having discussed the matter and heard the views of the Town Surveyor the Council decided to adhere to the conditions as originally laid down by them. As this was a road which would be partly constructed with the aid of public money and a roadway which would be taken into charge as a public road, it was essential that it be constructed according to the Council's plans and specifications and also under the supervision of their Engineer.

The Town Clerk submitted an application he had received that day for a lease of a small area of land required by Veba Limited to facilitate the provision of a rail siding to their factory site. The lease was agreed to in principle on the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Doyle, to be for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1965 at a rent apportionate to that proposed for the factory site and subject to the approval of the Town Surveyor regarding the point at which the siding would cross the proposed new road.

TEN HOUSES AT BALLYNERRIN.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Minister had sanctioned the acceptance of the tender of Mr. Michael McNulty in sum of £23,251 7s. 6d. for the erection of a scheme of ten houses at Ballynerrin. It would now be necessary for the Council to authorise the raising of the necessary loan and as soon as the contractor had produced an insurance bond it would be in order for him to sign the contract and commence work.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

Resolved: "That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the raising of a loan of £23,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over 50 years at 6½ per cent annuity, for the purpose of financing the erection of a scheme of ten houses at Ballynerrin."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Proposed by Councillor Lalor.
Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

Resolved: "That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation on General Revenue Account in sum of £5,000 for the quarter to 30th June, 1965".

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DERELICT SITES.

The Town Clerk reported on the position as follows:-

(a) Castle Street:- Statutory Notices of the Council's intention to compulsorily acquire the site of six small derelict sites at Castle Street had been published and as no objections had so far been received or indeed were anticipated the site would be formally taken into the possession of the Council later that month. Application had been made to the Department of Local Government for a grant towards the cost of levelling and acquiring the site.

(b) Marlton Road:- This site, the property of Mrs. Rosanna Murphy, had been commented upon by the adjudicators in the Tidy Towns Competition. Whilst Mrs. Murphy was prepared to surrender the site to the Council she was unable to produce any Title Deeds thereof and consequently it would be advisable to proceed to acquire the site compulsorily so as to establish title. Agreed. The Town Clerk mentioned that the site was of no great value, that the old buildings could be demolished, the site levelled and some trees or shrubs planted on it.

(c) Main Street:- Mr. Murray the owner of this site had phoned from Nottingham to say that he proposed building a lock-up shop thereon before the end of the year. Meanwhile he was prepared to have the site tidied up and a concrete floor laid on it and when this was done he was agreeable to permit the Council to place seats on it as a temporary measure.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.

The Town Clerk reported that Statutory Notices had been served on the owners of all three sites and the position was as follows:

(a) Strand Street:- The owner was not in a financial position to carry out the repairs necessary but was considering surrendering her interest in the premises to the Council who could then render the premises safe. Members commented that it might be possible to dispose of the premises to any person willing to reconstruct them.

(b) Bond Street:- It was understood that Messrs Wire Ropes Limited were negotiating to purchase these premises and would then comply with the Notice served by the Council. Councillor Conroy commented on the poor condition of the other small houses in Bond Street owned by Wire Ropes Limited and asked if the Town Surveyor would report thereon. He also drew attention to the two small derelict houses owned by Shamrock Fertilizers Limited on the same street.

(c) Main Street:- No reply had been received following the service of the Statutory Notice on Mill Farm Holdings Limited. Councillor Doyle mentioned that he had observed workmen repairing the roof in the present week. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should enquire from the owners if the repairs ordered had been carried out.

DUNBUR ESTATE.

The Council considered the proposal of the Town Surveyor for the construction of roads and footpaths (Stage 2) on the Dunbur Estate. The meeting agreed that as this work was a direct continuation of the first stage that it should also be carried out by direct labour. It was noted that at present only six sites remained for leasing and the Council directed that the Architect and Town Surveyor should forthwith proceed to survey the land in preparation for the next stage.

Site Applications.

On the proposal of Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy it was agreed to lease sites to the undermentioned applicants