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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Town Hall,

Cill Mannáin  
Wicklow

Feb. 27

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER, 1965  
(At 8.30 p.m.)

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Councillors T. Conroy, P. Doyle, Edward Kavanagh, J. Kane, Wm. Hopkins and J. Everett, T.D.

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

The Chairman said they were all grieved to learn of the sudden death of Robin Haskins and he felt it would be the wish of the Council that they extend their deepest sympathy to the family. The Chairman mentioned that Mr. Haskins' father and two uncles had served on the Council with distinction and that he himself had followed in their footsteps and had been unsparing in his efforts to improve the town. Councillor Kavanagh seconded and endorsed the comments of the Chairman. The vote was passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd November, 1965, copy of which had been circulated, were adopted subject to the undermentioned deletion and were signed by the Chairman. After a prolonged discussion arising out of the decision taken at the November Meeting regarding the tender for fourteen houses at Ballynerrin it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Hopkins seconded by Councillor Kane to delete from the Minutes of that meeting the following paragraph:-

"It was agreed that during these negotiations it be indicated to the tenderer that should he submit a satisfactory revised price for the fourteen houses and should his work be suitable the Council would be agreeable with the concurrence of the Department of Local Government to have his contract extended for the 24 houses to be erected as next year's programme."

Regarding the Housing List the Town Clerk explained to Councillor Doyle that James Doyle, Monkton Row, whose name had been first on List Number 17 had been omitted from the present List Number 18 because no application form had been received from him. During the course of the past month James Doyle had called and said he had submitted a form. As there appeared to be some confusion he proposed, with the agreement of the Council, to reinstate James Doyle as Number One on the present Housing List. The meeting agreed with this arrangement.

ANNUAL FOWL MARKET.

It was agreed that the market be held on Friday, the 17th December.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Proposed by Councillor Hopkins.

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Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

Resolved: That subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government, we hereby authorise Overdraft Accommodation in sum of £5,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1966."

LOANS FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND - INCREASE IN RATE OF INTEREST.

The Town Clerk reported that the rate of interest for loans from the Local Loans Fund had been increased from 6½ per cent to 7 per cent with effect from the 15th November. This means that loans to persons erecting houses would now be issued at 7½ per cent. He mentioned that at the 14th November nine loans, totalling £17,700, had been issued and on foot of which instalments amounting to £9,850 had been paid. A balance of £7,850 was yet to be paid and unless the Council agreed otherwise these would have to be issued at the higher rate of interest. In the past the Council had issued balances at the existing rate of interest. The cost to the Council in doing so in the present instance would be £40 per annum. The meeting decided to make representations to the Minister to have the balance of the money required issued at the old rate of 6½ per cent.

PROVISION OF CONCRETE ROAD ON MURROUGH.

The Town Clerk reported on tenders received, copy of which had been circulated, and mentioned that the lowest tender in sum of £3,039 had been accepted subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. The following letter was read from Veha Limited:-

VEHA LIMITED

The Murrough,  
Wicklow.

6th December, 1965.

Re/ Proposed New Concrete Road on the Murrough.

Dear Mr. Cusack,

We wish to thank you for your letters of 29th November in above connection.

We set out below our observations on the position as we now see it following the lengthy correspondence and interviews which have taken place in this matter. We will be obliged if you will convey the points to your Council and let us have their views as soon as convenient.

Please be assured that, in setting out our opinions on the various items, it is not in any spirit of non-co-operation with your Council, from which we have always received the greatest assistance. We feel that in fairness to our Company, we are compelled to place on record our conclusions on the situation as we see it, and to ensure that your Council also will be fully aware of our point of view.

When the new alternative road was first under consideration we were informed that the cost would be about £3,500; this was confirmed again before the tenders were in. At that time no plans had been prepared prepared from your office, but following the first discussions we directed our engineer, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, to prepare a plan and specification for the alternative road and submit them to you - this was done. This plan provided for a concrete slab to the same width and specification similar to the existing roadway and to cost £3,500 approx. We received a letter from you subsequently (dated 3/3/1965) informing us that the plans, etc. must be prepared by your Council's engineer. We were prepared to do the work ourselves and at the firm price of £3,500 in accordance with our specification to which, incidentally no objection, per se, has

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been raised. You indicated to us, in letter dated 3/3/1965, that the cost would be met as follows:-

Urban District Council ...	£990 (State Grant Allocation)
Veha Limited ...	1,460
An Foras Tionscal ...	1,050
	<u>£3,500</u>

We must point out immediately that An Foras Tionscal will only give one-third of the expenditure falling to Veha Limited so that the correct proportions would have been:-

Urban District Council ...	£990
Veha Limited ...	£1,673
An Foras Tionscal ...	£837
	<u>£3,500</u>

We wrote to you on 30/4/1965 and said that we could not be held responsible for extra cost, if any, of providing a new road which would not be similar to the existing; this is a fundamental point and we presumed that you appreciated it. Nevertheless, the plans prepared by you indicated the intention to lay down a width of 18 feet (as against 16 feet for the old road) together with the addition of steel reinforcement. We certainly had no objection to that, but you will remember that we repeated our disagreement to pay for it.

Your plans were finally advertised for Contract and you were kind enough to let us have a copy of the list of contractors who tendered - the prices ranging from £4,339 to £7,000. In a letter dated 29/11/1965 you informed us that the lowest tender had been accepted by your Council and that the documents are now with the Department of Local Government for approval.

We find according to your letter of 29th ultimo, that a reference is made to fees in sum of £163; we are not aware that there is any precedence for such payment for this type of work (which appears now to be included in the sum of £4,339). You will remember we queried the possibility of this some time ago and were assured that fees would not arise. We should like your comments on this point. Anyway the figures now appear to have altered as follows:

Lowest Tender for new road (In accordance with your specification and plan) ...	£4,339
Contingencies ...	300
Net ...	<u>£4,039</u>
Urban District Council ...	£1,089
Veha Limited ...	£1,967
An Foras Tionscal ...	983
	<u>£4,039</u>

NOTE: We have put the U.D.C. contribution £1,089 (which is a Road Grant from the State as you said) because we observed in "Wicklow People" that you had received that amount and we presumed would make it available for this work.

It will be seen from above that we are now being made liable for an increased contribution of at least £294 (£1,956 - £1,673) and An Foras Tionscal will have to provide also an additional sum of £146. We do not know whether this will be accepted. At this stage may we point out that proposed in our specification and we trust that our fencing would not be

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affected in its height over ground outside by banking of clay or gravel.

There is one other point. The excavated material from the formation depth of the new road is to be deposited "on the works as may be directed" and we understand from you that this material would be deposited anywhere on the factory site or along the river bank as directed by our site engineer. At the moment our contractor is finding his work being delayed because of traffic passing along the old road and having regard to the urgency of the matter and without prejudice, we are prepared to accept the price of £4,039 so as to have the new road constructed as soon as possible, and provided that the excavated material is deposited, as indicated above.

You will appreciate also that we must inform An Foras Tionscal.

Yours faithfully,

VEHA LTD.

After a prolonged discussion it was decided that the County Manager, Town Clerk and Town Surveyor should meet Mr. Van Der Flier to try and finalise the matter and if necessary a special meeting of the Council could be called at a later date. The meeting agreed not to increase the Council's contribution from £990 to the full grant of £1,089 pending the outcome of discussions with Veha Limited.

#### DUNBUR ESTATE.

The report of the Town Surveyor regarding the standard of work on houses erected on the Dunbur Estate was noted. A letter was also read from the Council's Law Agent regarding a proposal to include a covenant in building leases requiring the lessee to seek a certificate from the Council that the dwellinghouse had been erected to their satisfaction. The Law Agent pointed out that the Council's interests were adequately covered as things stand and they had at all times the right to arrange for an inspection of their property. Noted.

#### HOUSING SCHEMES.

A report of the Consultant Architect on the standard of work on the scheme of ten houses at Ballynerrin was noted.

Having considered the recommendation of the Consultant Architect the Council, on the proposal of Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Delahunt, recommended acceptance of the revised tender of Messrs Western Enterprises Limited of £33,992 10s. 0d. subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. The Council discussed the question of engaging a Clerk of Works and having been advised by the Manager that same would not be economical for a scheme of only fourteen houses it was agreed not to include for the employment of a Clerk of Works at this stage.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy  
Seconded by Councillor Kane

Resolved: "That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a loan of £34,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable over a term of 50 years with interest at the rate of 7 per cent, for the purpose of erecting a scheme of fourteen houses on Ballynerrin, being completion of the housing programme set for the year 1965/66."

The Consultant Architect submitted a report and site layout for twenty-two houses on the adjoining field at Ballynerrin. The Town Clerk said this would meet the Council's housing programme for 1966/67. The meeting adopted the layout and directed that it be submitted to the Department of Local Government for sanction.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Town Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the E.S.B. regarding improvement in the public lighting system in the Main Street area. He had been promised a revised quotation during the present month and expected that it would be very reasonable. Meanwhile the E.S.B. were arranging to erect one light (Mercury Fluorescent Type) in the Market Square on an experimental basis.

The meeting agreed that the six lights to be provided on Dunbur Estate would be of the Mercury Fluorescent Type at an annual charge of £6 8s. 0d. per lamp. A letter was read from the Wicklow County Council indicating that they were satisfied as to the adequacy of the lighting at the District Hospital. Deputy Everett said he would have this matter raised at the next meeting of the County Council.

S.D.A. ACTS - HOUSE AT DUNBUR ROAD.

The Town Clerk reported that Messrs Couper Works had now surrendered the house at Dunbur Road which for the past nine years had been let to their manager. He mentioned that the amount still outstanding on foot of the original loan of £1,600 was £1,375 and over the period of renting losses amounting to £342 7s. 2d. had been incurred by the Council. It appeared to be advisable that this house be sold and the total amount of £1,717 due to the Council be recouped. After some discussion the meeting agreed that tenders be invited by public advertisement for the purchase of the house with the purchaser being given the opportunity of being given the opportunity of taking over the existing loan of £1,375 at 5½ per cent interest. The tenders to be considered at the January meeting.

PLANNING.

There being no objection from the Town Surveyor it was recommended that permission be granted in the following instances:-

Messrs Buitelaar Lines M.V.	...	Revised layout for cattle yards at South Quay (subject to approval of County Medical Officer)
Messrs Fitzpatrick Brothers	...	Erection of slaughterhouse at South Quay (subject to approval of County Medical Officer)
Mr. G. Phelan	...	Erection of bungalow on Site No. 1 (Kane's field) on St. Patrick's Road.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The monthly report copy of which had been circulated, was noted. In regard to the condition of the Old Technical School it was agreed to await the submission of a more detailed report by the Engineer. On the question of street cleansing it was agreed that the matter of employing an extra labourer should be considered in conjunction with the Annual Estimates. In response to Councillor Conroy's request the Town Surveyor said he would see what extra attention could be given to the cleansing of the back streets of the town.

OTHER BUSINESS.

1. Councillor Everett referred to complaints about delivery of turf under the Cheap Fuel Scheme and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should take the matter up with the Contractor.
2. A letter of acknowledgement was read from the Chairman of Bray Urban District Council in response to a letter from the Chairman of Wicklow Urban District Council expressing concern of the Council on the severity of the flooding experienced in Bray.
3. Councillor Kavanagh referred to flooding at the rear of Mr. George

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Nichols' house on Dunbur Road and was told by the Town Surveyor that this would not occur when the new roads on the estate had been completed and gullytraps provided.

4. Councillor Kane referred to the derelict site at Main Street and suggested that as the owner had made no move to improve same the Council should proceed to acquire it.

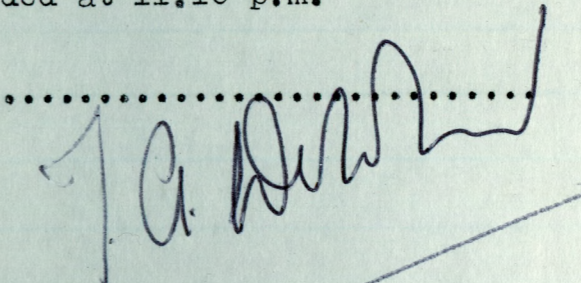
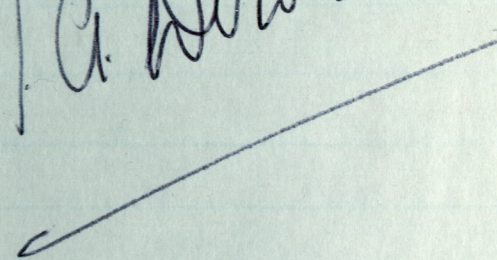
5. Councillor Conroy referred to dampness in O'Neill's house at Kilmanthin Road and Doran's house at Glenview Road and was told by the Town Surveyor that in the first instance the trouble seemed to be condensation but that he would look further into the matter at Dorans.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Chairman reported to the Council on a recent visit of a German industrialist representing Heyco Limited who are anxious to obtain a large site on which to erect a branch of their tool making factory and to erect houses for their senior staff. This man was principally interested in two sites in Wicklow, viz. the 16 acre site owned by the Council at Dunbur and the 22 acre site owned by the County Council at Rathnew. He was anxious to ascertain the terms on which these sites would be made available so as to report to his Board of Directors. The meeting agreed to lease to Heyco Limited for the erection of factory and dwellinghouses the site at Dunbur containing approximately 16 acres at a rent of £5 per acre in the first year rising yearly by £5 per acre to £50 per acre in the tenth and subsequent years. It was agreed that this figure could be open for negotiation should the necessity arise.

The Chairman wished the members, staff and townspeople a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year. Councillor Conroy replied conveying the good wishes of the Council to the Chairman and his family.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 17th DEC. 1965

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

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

The meeting noted the report, copy of which had been circulated, on the meeting held between representatives of the Council and representatives of Veba Limited regarding arrangements for the financing of the new concrete road on the Murrough. Arising therefrom, on the proposal of Councillor Kane seconded by Councillor Doyle, the meeting agreed that the Council's contribution towards the cost of the proposed roadway should be £1,089 being the full amount of the Urban Road Improvement Grant for 1965/66.

The meeting then concluded.

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Oct. 27

31st December, 1965.

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

Dear Councillor,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 4th January, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. Cusack

TOWN CLERK.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th December, 1965 (Copy herewith).
2. Renewal of lease of Coastguard Station (Rocket Cart House) - correspondence with Office of Public Works.
3. S.D.(A) Acts - Tenders for purchase of dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road.
4. Public Lighting - quotation from E.S.B. for improved lighting system for Main Street area.
5. Loans from Local Loans Fund - Correspondence with Department of Local Government re revised interest rate.
6. Murrough Watermain - Loan of £3,600 - letter from Council's Treasurer.
7. Development of building sites at Dunbur - Correspondence with Department of Local Government re State Subsidy arrangements.
8. Tenant Purchase applications.
9. Housing Loans - Applications.
10. Planning Applications.
11. Monthly report of Town Surveyor.
12. Sealing of Documents.
13. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

NOTE: Please see attached notice of Special Meeting on Wed. 5th Jan., 1966



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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4th JANUARY, 1966 at 7 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mr. T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, presiding - Councillors G. F. Houghton, J. Kane, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, T. Conroy and J. Everett, T.D.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Opening the meeting the Chairman said that the people of Wicklow and district and the members of the Council were deeply shocked and grieved to learn on the previous evening of the tragic death of Reverend Brother Martin, Superior, De La Salle Order, Wicklow. Mentioning that Brother Martin was only a short time in Wicklow nevertheless all were fully aware of his genial personality and his academic achievements. His death was a sad loss to the De La Salle Community, to his relatives and to the people of Wicklow. The Chairman thanked God for the miraculous escape of Reverend Brother Mark and expressed his good wishes for a speedy recovery. Deputy Everett seconding the motion said that the De La Salle Order, since coming to Wicklow, had taken a great interest in their pupils, even outside the school hours. The Community was similar to a family and the loss of one member affected the whole family.

All the other members present joined in the message of sympathy and in their own words paid tribute to the memory of Reverend Brother Martin and to the De La Salle Order in general. The Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager, the staff and on his own behalf joined in the tribute.

The motion was then passed in silence all present standing and the meeting adjourned as a mark of respect and in order to enable the members to attend the removal of the remains.

*T. A. Delahunty*



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Feil. 27

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON  
4th JANUARY, 1966 at 8.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Mr. T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, presiding - Messrs G. F. Houghton, J. Kane, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, T. Conroy, W. Hopkins and J. Everett, T.D.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:-

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 7th December, 1965 and the Special Meeting held on 17th December, 1965, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting Councillor Conroy indicated that he wished as a matter of urgency to register a strong protest about the lack of lighting at the District Hospital, a fact which had been experienced by all members in attending the funeral of Reverend Brother Martin earlier that evening. Councillor Kane agreed with the protest and that a request be made to the County Council to have the matter rectified. Councillor Houghton mentioned the necessity for an illuminated sign to indicate the presence of the hospital to strangers. The County Manager pointed out that the County Council would not be empowered to provide lighting for a public road but members replied that the lighting was needed within the hospital grounds and as such its provision would be the responsibility of the Wicklow County Council. It was agreed to press the County Council on these points and to also ask them to widen the approach avenue to the Mortuary so as to enable the chief mourning cars to park there.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF COASTGUARD STATION.-

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works confirming that they were agreeable to accept the renewal of the lease of the Rocket Cart House for a thirty-one year term at the rent of £16 10s. Od. as stipulated by the Council. They were arranging to forward a map of the area involved. Noted.

A question was raised as to responsibility for the flag pole on the Coastguard Station and it was agreed that this matter be investigated.

S.D.A. ACTS - TENDERS FOR HOUSE ON DUNBUR ROAD.-

The Town Clerk mentioned that advertisements inviting tenders had been published in the daily papers and the "Wicklow People" and five sealed tenders had been received. These were then opened and found to be as follows:-

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Mr. Henry Jordan, The Mall, Wicklow	£2,050
Mr. W. Knox, Wicklow Head Lighthouse	£1,975
Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, Abbeyfield, Wicklow ...	£2,176
Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor FOR	
Mr. David Supple, South Quay, Wicklow ...	£1,900

It was noted that the fifth letter did not contain a tender figure but was merely an enquiry regarding the condition of the house. On the proposal of Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Doyle, it was agreed that the highest tender received, viz. that of Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, "Enniskeen", Abbeyfield, in sum of £2,176 be accepted and that he be granted a transfer of the existing loan on the house in sum of £1,375 with the balance of the purchase to be in cash.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.-

A letter was read from the E.S.B. indicating that after a thorough survey of equipment available the Board had decided to stock the 125 watt size Mercury Fluorescent lights with a view to offering these on rental terms to local authorities. Consequently the Board is now prepared to remove from the Main Street area the fourteen existing 200 watt lamps and to erect seventeen 125 watt Mercury Fluorescent lamps. This would cost the Council an initial payment of £12 and an annual charge of £31 15s. 6d.

In reply to members the Town Clerk mentioned that the annual lighting charge for the Mercury Fluorescent unit is £6 12s. 6d. as against £5 15s. 6d. for the existing lamp type. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Everett it was agreed to accept the quotation of the E.S.B. for the improvement of lighting in the Main St. area and to request them to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

It was also agreed to accept the offer of the E.S.B. To discuss the question of the general improvement of lighting in the town.

LOANS FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND.-

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government confirming that the Council was empowered to determine the rate of interest at which a Housing Construction Loan is made by them. Consequently in keeping with previous practice it would be in order for the Council to grant to borrowers who had prior to the 14th November, 1965, obtained instalments on foot of their loans at an interest rate of 6½ per cent, the balance of the loans at the same interest rate. New borrowers would of course, pay the new interest rate of 7½ per cent. Noted.

MURROUGH WATERMAIN.-

A letter was read from the Hibernian Bank Limited indicating that they would grant to the Council a loan of £3,600 for the laying of a new watermain to the Murrough but that they would require repayment of the loan over a term of seven years instead of the ten year repayment period applied for. It was agreed that the Directors of the Hibernian Bank Limited be asked to reconsider their decision regarding the term of repayment.

DUNBUR ESTATE DEVELOPMENT - STATE SUBSIDY.-

The Town Clerk reported to the Council on the negotiations in progress with the Department of Local Government regarding State Subsidy towards the cost of developing private building sites at Dunbur. The meeting noted the position and it was agreed that the Town Clerk would keep the members informed of progress on this matter.

TENANT PURCHASE.-

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Subject to their being no objection from the Department of Local Government in view of proposals in the Housing Bill, 1965 the Council agreed to sell to the following tenants for cash under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and subject to a 99 year lease from the 30th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £1:-

Richard Wall, 13, Kilmantin Road ...	£249
James Phillips, 14, Kilmantin Road ...	£249

HOUSING ACQUISITION LOAN.-

An application was submitted from Mr. Tamonn Doyle, The Mall, Wicklow, for a loan in sum of £750 for the purchase of an existing dwellinghouse at 4, Convent Road. The Town Surveyor had determined a Market Value of £800 for the house and it was felt that in view of this and of the age of the house a Loan of £700 would be reasonable. The Council recommended Mr. Doyle as a suitable applicant for such a loan.

PLANNING.-

There being no objection from the Town Surveyor the Council recommended that permission be granted to Nesco Signs for the erection of an illuminated sign on the premises of the Abbey Service Garage, Wicklow.

The Town Clerk mentioned that a revised application had been received from Messrs Coleborn and Hopkins for permission to erect a petrol filling and service station on the plot of ground adjoining the Tennis Club at Abbey Street. Certain alterations so as to improve site distance were proposed in the plans but as the application had only been received some three days previously the Town Surveyor and County Engineer had not had an opportunity of considering the revised proposals and reporting thereon. These reports will be available for the February meeting.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.-

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh.  
Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

"That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council lease to John Walsh Site Number 31 on Dunbur Park for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964 at an annual rent of £10."

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.-

The Town Surveyor reported that work on the E.S.V. Scheme was proceeding satisfactorily even though the inclement weather conditions had a retarding effect. In reply to Councillor Kane he would have the matter of water lodgment on sections of the Murrough Road attended to.

OTHER BUSINESS.-

Councillor Haughton referred to the parking problem in Wicklow town and after some discussion on the subject it was decided to invite the Garda Superintendent to meet members of the Council to discuss the matter.

In reply to Councillor Kane the Town Clerk said that he had been informed by Mr. Murray, the owner of the derelict site at Main Street, that plans would be submitted for the approval of the Council to the erection of a lock-up shop thereon. In reply to Councillor Conroy the Town Clerk said it was hoped that during the coming year to proceed with the clearance of some other derelict sites.

The meeting confirmed the arrangements to meet the Directors of Shamrock Fertilizers Limited the following afternoon (Wednesday) to learn of the decision which had been taken in relation to the future of the Shamrock Fertilizer factory.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

*J. A. Doyle*



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MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING BETWEEN MEMBERS OF  
THE WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND WICKLOW  
HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, WICKLOW  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE  
TAKEN CONSEQUENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE  
SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED WILL CLOSE THEIR FACTORY  
IN WICKLOW IN MARCH, 1966.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Councillors P. Doyle, G. F. Haughton, Edward Kavanagh, Wm. Hopkins, J. Kane, Deputy Everett, T.D. and Commissioners P. O'Brien, L. O'Brien and F. Conway.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk and Captain Wm. Kinsella, Harbour Master.

Opening the meeting the Chairman mentioned its purpose which was to discuss the effects that the closure of the fertilizer factory would have on the Urban Council, the Harbour Board and the town in general, and to decide what action they should take.

A letter was read from the Council's Law Agent stating that he was of the opinion that if the factory was closed down the Council in view of the terms of the Lease would be entitled to take back the premises. In reply to Deputy Everett who said that there were rumours that the roof would be taken off the building the Town Clerk said that the repair clause in the Lease would prohibit Shamrock Fertilizers doing this. Councillor Kane suggested that a fund be established for the purpose of advertising the premises for sale and that the Council, Harbour Board, Chamber of Commerce, Unions and townspeople would be asked to subscribe.

Mr. Pearse O'Brien asked if there was any possibility that Shamrock Fertilizers would allow part of the premises to revert to the Council. Councillor Haughton said that the Council should offer to take over the entire premises but it would be necessary for them to pay to the Council the equivalent of rates and ground rent for a number of years. Mr. Pearse O'Brien said the Industrial Development Authority should be asked to inspect the premises and to advertise its availability but Councillor Kane pointed out that from past experience it was the Council's own efforts that were successful in attracting industry and he believed that the same applied now. Councillor Hopkins queried the possibility of obtaining one industry which would take over and use such a large premises.

Finally it was unanimously agreed that an immediate approach be made to Shamrock Fertilizers with (1) an appeal for an extension of the closure of the factory for at least a further 5 to 6 months and (2) an appeal that immediate steps be taken to advertise the premises and to make every effort to obtain an alternative suitable industry. It was also decided that after the meeting with Shamrock Fertilizers a further meeting be arranged with the Minister for Industry and Commerce to seek assistance and cooperation in obtaining an alternative industry for the site.

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On the proposal of Councillor Everett, seconded by Mr. Pearse O'Brien it was agreed that the deputation should consist of the Chairman, Councillors Hopkins and Kane and the Town Clerk.

The meeting then concluded.

*L. G. De la Hunt*

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Tel. 27

28th January, 1966.

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

Dear Councillor,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st February, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. CUSACK  
TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting and Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 4th January, 1966 (copies herewith).
  - 2) Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. - (a) Confirmation of Minutes of joint meeting held on 11th January, 1966 (copy herewith) (b) Report of discussion with Directors of Goulding Fertilizers Ltd. (c) Letters from Gouldings Fertilizers Ltd. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. (copies herewith) and (d) Representations to Minister for Local Government.
  - 3) Murrough Watermain - correspondence with Treasurer re loan of £3,600.
  - 4) Traffic congestion Main Street - correspondence with Garda Superintendent.
  - 5) Tenant Purchase application.
  - 6) Dunbur Estate - site applications.
  - 7) Planning applications.
  - 8) Housing Loans - applications.
  - 9) Sealing of documents.
  - 10) Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
  - 11) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY, 1966

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Councillors J. Kane, T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle and Wm. Hopkins.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager.

Opening the meeting the Chairman expressed the sympathy of the Council with the Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack, on the recent death of his uncle. The message was passed in silence all present standing. Mr. Cusack returned thanks to the Chairman for his kind remarks.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting and of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on the 4th January, 1966, copies of which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the Minutes the Chairman read a letter of appreciation from the Provincial of the De La Salle Order. Councillor Conroy enquired as to what progress had been made regarding the provision of the right-of-way on the Murrough and was told by the Town Clerk that this matter was being dealt with by the County Council in connection with the preparation of the Development Plan for the County.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED.

The Minutes of the joint meeting held on the 11th January, 1966, copy of which had been circulated, were adopted and signed by the Chairman. The Town Clerk reported on the deputation to Goulding Fertilizers Limited and said that the Directors had made it quite clear that the factory would close on the 31st March and indicated the reasons why it could not be continued in operation after that date. The deputation had also pressed strongly for Gouldings to advertise the factory for redevelopment. These and other points discussed at that meeting were clarified in a letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Limited, copy of which had been circulated.

Councillor Kane again raised the question of a fund for advertising the factory and the Chairman pointed out that before doing any advertising it would be necessary to ascertain as to what papers, journals, etc. that Shamrock Fertilizers had advertised in. It would also be advisable to consult the Industrial Development Authority as to the best places to advertise. It was agreed that the information be requested from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited and from the Industrial Development Authority and if satisfactory to circulate the various local bodies enquiring if they would contribute towards an advertisement fund. Councillor Kavanagh expressed thanks to the members of the deputation for their fine effort.



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A letter from the Minister for Industry and Commerce was then read:

Office of the Minister for Industry and Commerce,  
DUBLIN, 2.

21st January, 1966.

A Chara,

I am desired by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer further to your letter of the 13th January, 1966 concerning the closure of the Shamrock Fertilizer factory in Wicklow town.

As you are aware, the Minister has arranged that the Industrial Development Authority will pay particular attention to the potentialities of Wicklow as a location when discussing industrial proposals. He has been advised by Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta that they would be prepared to interview and recruit all suitable personnel available at Wicklow for employment in their factory at Arklow. He has also been advised by Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta that they will bear in mind the possibility of handling a certain amount of their import and export business through Wicklow harbour.

In these circumstances, and as Goulding Fertilizers Ltd. propose to provide alternative employment for the workers at the Shamrock Fertilizer factory by engaging in the manufacture of unit buildings at the Murrough, Wicklow, the Minister feels that a further discussion in the matter with representatives of your Council would serve no useful purpose. The Minister appreciates your concern in this matter but as you will realise, there is no further action open to him.

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M. C. O'Riordan

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M. J. Cusack, Esq.,  
Town Clerk,  
Wicklow Urban District Council,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Councillor Conroy said it might be advisable to send a deputation to Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta. The Chairman remarked that he would be meeting Mr. Hynes, Chairman of Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta, privately within the next two weeks and he might have useful news arising out of this meeting. The Council decided to await the outcome and afterwards decide whether or not they should send a deputation to Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta.

MURROUGH WATERMAIN - LOAN OF £3,600.

The Town Clerk reported that the Directors of the Hibernian Bank Limited had now agreed to the issue of this loan on a repayment basis of ten years as requested by the Council and not seven years as previously stipulated by them. Noted.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

The Town Clerk reported that representatives of the Garda Siochana would be prepared to meet the Council at any time to discuss this matter. He added that he understood that the Superintendent was carrying out an investigation of the problem. It was agreed that the Superintendent be asked to forward his proposals for the consideration of the Council after which they would arrange a meeting with him. On the suggestion of Councillor Doyle it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should examine the possibility of affecting an improvement of conditions on the Mall by the removal of the existing trees and also the kerb. In

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reply to Councillor Kane the Town Clerk said that he had received no further word from Mr. George Murray regarding his proposal to build on the derelict site at Main Street and undertook to enquire into the position before the next meeting.

TENANT PURCHASE.

The following sales on a Weekly Purchase Basis were approved:-

Mr. Patrick Hayden, 6, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road.  
Mr. Paul Rice, 8, St. Laurence's Park.

DUNBUR SITE APPLICATIONS.

The Council agreed to lease the following sites for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10:-

Site Number 46 ... James O'Neill.  
Site Number 50 ... M. C. Gaffney.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There being no objection from the Town Surveyor the Council recommended that Planning Permission be granted to James O'Neill for the erection of a bungalow on Site Number 46 Dunbur Park.

In connection with the renewed application of Messrs Coleborn and Hopkins for the erection of petrol filling and service station on a plot adjoining the tennis court at Abbey Street the Town Clerk said he was awaiting a report from the County Engineer who was investigating as to whether or not the alteration shown in this second plan improved the sight distance. On the proposal of councillor Conroy the Council unanimously agreed that permission be granted subject to satisfactory report from the County Engineer and also from the Town Surveyor.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOAN.

The Council unanimously recommended Mr. James O'Neill, The Mall, Wicklow, as a suitable applicant for a Housing Construction Loan of £1,900 in respect of bungalow to be erected on site number 46 Dunbur Park.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

Councillor Conroy said that he felt a more detailed report should be submitted and one which would include reports from the Waterworks Overseer and Town Sergeant. Councillor Kane asked if it would be more advisable to obtain a quarterly report on the state of the town generally. It was finally agreed to adopt Councillor Conroy's suggestion. Councillor Doyle enquired when development work would commence on the derelict site at Castle Street and was told that as soon as the mason completed work on the E.S.V. Scheme he would be moved to Castle Street. The Council examined the lay-out for the derelict site as prepared by the Town Surveyor and expressed themselves pleased with the proposal. The Chairman was told that the request to the County Council for the provision of a light at the entrance to the District Hospital was acknowledged. It was agreed to send a reminder to the County Council. The Town Surveyor told Councillor Doyle he examined the condition of the path leading from Castle Street to the South Quay.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman told the Council that some time ago an approach had been made to the Council through the Industrial Development Authority for a list of suitable sites in the area. This list was submitted and subsequently a German industrialist called and inspected the sites accompanied by Mr. Toner, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Cusack, Town Clerk and himself. This man selected two sites, one at

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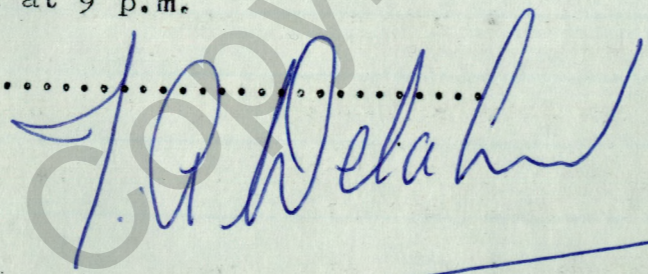
Dunbur and the other at Rathnew and indicated he would contact the Council at a later date when the German Principal of the firm would come over. Subsequently the Town Clerk had a phone call from London asking him to hold the Rathnew site available. The Managing Director came over very recently, inspected both sites and again selected the Rathnew site as the most suitable one for his purpose. Before returning to Germany they informed him that they would be starting a factory in Rathnew and would be applying to the County Council for the purchase of the site and also for the provision of certain services, such as access road, watermain and sewer. The Chairman said he felt that when this application came before the County Council it would have every support of Deputy Everett and Councillor Hopkins. Councillor Kane said he had met the Principal of the firm on his last visit here and he agreed that the Chairman had stated the position quite accurately. Every effort had been made to get the industry for Wicklow town but when they saw that the industrialist was interested in the Rathnew site they decided to continue to assist him rather than lose the factory to a site in the West which was also under investigation. He was pleased the new factory would at least be in Wicklow Parish and would give employment, not alone to Rathnew people, but also to Wicklow townspeople. In reply to Councillor Doyle the Chairman said that the rent asked for the Dunbur site was not a deterrent factor. The Germans were, however, keen to purchase a freehold site such as the Rathnew one is, but more important the site at Rathnew was a level site and much more suitable for their development.

The Chairman enquired if members had any plans for the 1916 Commemoration Celebrations. He said that Comandant Matt Kavanagh had been in touch with him in this matter and was planning on having a plaque unveiled on the Jail Wall. He also mentioned that there was a suggestion that the County Council would organise a Celebration at Kilcoole to commemorate the running of arms. After discussing the matter the Council felt that they should not participate actively in anything but that they would agree to cooperate with any local committee who might organise the Celebrations.

Councillor Conroy referred to the overcrowding in Mrs. Murphy's house at St. Kevin's Terrace and asked as to the possibility of a transfer. The Chairman pointed out that to arrange a transfer would be against our present policy. He mentioned that some time ago the Council had discussed the possibility of building on some extra bedrooms to overcrowded houses. The meeting decided that as an experiment the Town Surveyor be asked to indicate the possibility of building on an additional bedroom and bathroom to Mrs. Murphy's house and to submit an estimate of the cost of same.

Councillor Kavanagh referred to the condition of the dump which had deteriorated badly since it was levelled before Christmas. He was told that this was due to the very bad weather, the ground was so soft and wet it was not possible for the vehicle to approach the tiphead. The Town Surveyor said he would arrange very shortly to have the dump levelled.

The meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

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 WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Vol. 27

25th February, 1966.

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

Dear Councillor,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow on Tuesday, 1st March, 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. CUSACK

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 1st February, 1966 (copy herewith).
2. Tidy Towns Competition, 1966.
3. Traffic Congestion - arrangements for meeting with Garda Authorities.
4. Road Improvement Grant 1965/66 - correspondence with Department of Local Government re increase in amount of grant.
5. Application from Wicklow Harbour Board for extension of watermain to East Pier - report and estimate of Town Surveyor.
6. Council Housing Programme - correspondence with Department of Local Government.
7. Overcrowding in Council houses - report and estimate of Town Surveyor for construction of additional accommodation at No. 6, St. Kevin's Terrace.
8. Sale of dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road - sealing of Lease to Patrick Kavanagh.
9. Murrough watermain - sealing of Contract Documents.
10. Shamrock Fertilizers Limited - correspondence re advertising of site for redeployment.
11. Tenant Purchase Applications.
12. Approve Overdraft Accommodation in sum of £6,000 on General Revenue Account for quarter ending 30th June, 1966.
13. Approve excess expenditure on General Revenue Account for year

31st March, 1966.

- 14. Dunbur Estate - site applications.
- 15. Planning Applications.
- 16. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
- 17. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, WICKLOW  
ON TUESDAY THE 1st MARCH, 1966

PRESENT: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Kane, Ed. Kavanagh, Wm. Hopkins, P. Doyle and T. Conroy.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 1st February, 1966 copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1966.

The Town Clerk reported on the Tidy Towns Competition, 1966, details of which had been received from Bord Failte. He indicated that this year the adjudicators will pay special attention to litter, condition of approach roads, weeds and gutters, abandoned cars, rehabilitation of derelict buildings and sites and where they exist, preservation of interesting features. Members referred to a comment in the adjudicator's report on the 1965 competition regarding the boundary wall of what was taken to be the National School premises. The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Bord Failte in reply to the Council's query. It was agreed that the reply received was somewhat ambiguous and it still was not clear whether the adjudicator meant to refer to the boundary wall attached to the National School or to the Wicklow Technical School. It was agreed that this matter be again taken up with Bord Failte. Councillor Hopkins referred to the condition of the Orange Hall premises and was told by the Town Clerk that the matter was still before the High Court on an application from the State to have the property taken over under the State Property Act. A claim was lodged by a person named Hudson and until such time as he could submit evidence of title the State's application was adjourned. The Town Clerk mentioned that the Council had a claim for arrears of rates but would only be entitled to two years rates. The Town Clerk further explained that as there was no title to the premises it would be difficult for the Council to acquire same. In reply to Councillor Kavanagh the Town Clerk said he would see what could be done to have the dangerous back-gate entrance to the Orange Hall boarded up in order to protect the public and the property. In reply to Councillor Kane the Town Clerk mentioned a phone call from Mr. George Murray regarding the derelict site at Main Street. Mr. Murray was to be in town the following week to make arrangements for the clearance of the site. The Council agreed that if no action was taken by Mr. Murray within the coming month the Council would proceed to acquire the site compulsorily. Councillor Kavanagh referred to the condition of the Boys' Club and it was noted the Town Surveyor had been asked to submit a detailed report regarding the condition of the Old Technical School premises. It was asked that he pay particular attention to the Boys' Club. It was agreed that Wicklow be entered in the competition for the current year.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, indicating he would be prepared to meet representatives of the Council at any suitable time to discuss the question of traffic congestion in the Main Street area. The meeting agreed to arrange for a meeting with the Superintendent in the Town Hall, Wicklow on the following Saturday morning, March the 5th at 10.30 a.m.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1965/66.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government in reply to the Council's request for an increase of 10 per cent in the Grant allocated for the current year in order to meet the Council's contribution towards the cost of constructing the new concrete road on the Murrough. The letter indicated that the funds available for Road Fund Grants in the current financial year have been fully allocated and there are no additional funds at the Minister's disposal from which the increased allocation on foot of the abovementioned Grant could be made available.

EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN TO EAST PIER.

An application was read from Wicklow Harbour Board for the extension of the watermain to the East Pier to provide watering facilities for ships berthing there. A report and estimate of the Town Surveyor was read. In the report the Town Surveyor indicated that the cost of providing 150 linl. yards of 2 inch dia. class C P.V.C. pipe together with 120 linl. yards of galvanised pipe plus the necessary valves, bends, meter, etc. would be £300. In reply to members the Town Clerk said that the average revenue from watering a cattle boat was £2. It was noted that it was expected that at least one boat per week would require water. The Town Clerk mentioned that it would not be unreasonable to ask the Wicklow Harbour Board to contribute towards the capital cost involved in extending the watermain. Councillor Kavanagh mentioned the fact that a new service had been provided to the Lifeboat House and also that the contractor engaged on the reconstruction of the East Pier had extended this water supply to serve his requirements. He asked that the Town Surveyor examine the position and see if it would be possible to use the existing service and possibly purchase the temporary service used by the contractor. It was agreed that the Council would in principle extend the watermain providing a mutually satisfactory financial arrangement could be worked out with the Harbour Board. Meanwhile the Town Surveyor to examine the points put forward by Councillor Kavanagh.

COUNCIL HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The Town Clerk said he understood from the Department of Local Government that the provisional allocation of capital money for the coming financial year meant that the Council would be in a position to complete the existing scheme of ten houses at Ballynerrin and to also proceed with the erection of the fourteen houses scheme. It could be expected that sanction to the acceptance of the tender for the fourteen houses would shortly be received from the Department of Local Government. He submitted a letter from the Department conveying the sanction of the Minister to the layout for the twenty-two houses scheme at Ballynerrin and noting that the existing house type would be used. When Councillor Conroy enquired as to when the scheme of ten houses would be completed the Manager pointed out that work had been delayed due to the inclement weather conditions. The Town Clerk mentioned that two Malicious Injury Claims had been submitted by the contractor, one was in the sum of £500 and the other in the sum of £50. During a discussion on these Malicious Injury Claims the Manager pointed out that similar claims had been submitted in other towns. Councillor Kane said he felt that the specification should provide for watching and lighting and that it should be an obligation on the contractor to provide proper watching facilities. It was agreed that this point should be clarified with the Council's Architect but in any event the Manager said that when the County Council would be contesting the claim in

Court this would be one point that their solicitor would make.

OVERCROWDING IN COUNCIL HOUSES.

A report was read from the Town Surveyor submitting an estimate for building on an additional room at No. 6, St. Kevin's Terrace. The report was accompanied by a plan of the proposed room. The estimated cost of erecting this additional room would be £380. In reply to members it was indicated that the Housing Bill, 1965 provided for the payment of one-third grants by the Government towards the cost of building on additional rooms to Council houses. At present it was not possible to say if money would be available by way of loan for the purpose of building additional rooms. As the Bill had not yet become law the conditions under which the grants would be paid had yet to be clarified. It was agreed to defer the matter to enable the Town Clerk to check on the position regarding grants and also to calculate as to what recoupment would require to be met with by way of increased rents etc.

SALE OF DWELLINGHOUSE AT DUNBUR ROAD.

The Town Clerk reported that the purchaser, Patrick Kavanagh, had paid the cash sum of £801 and that Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, was preparing the Deed of Mortgage for the transfer of the outstanding balance of the loan in sum of £1,375. The lease relating to the transfer of the house was now ready for sealing by the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kane it was resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the lease.

MURROUGH WATERMAIN.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kane the seal of the Council was affixed to Deed of Contract with Mr. P. J. Fortune in respect of the laying of a 6 inch watermain to the Murrough at a cost of £3,039 5s. 4d.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED.

A letter was submitted from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited indicating that they had advertised the factory premises at the North Quay, Wicklow in the three daily papers, The Cork Examiner and The Wicklow People. They indicated that they would also be prepared to advertise in whatever other journal or newspaper the Council would recommend. The Town Clerk reported on discussions he had with a representative of the Industrial Development Authority regarding advertising abroad. Briefly the position is that such advertising would be very costly. At least £300 would be required and possibly up to £1,000. Successfully advertised in any continental country it would be advisable to consult with a local advertising agent regarding the type of paper in which to advertise and the form the advertisement should take. Their experience in the Industrial Development Authority was that first of all they had to interest a foreign industrialist in Ireland and having thus interested him to further interest him in a particular site in the country. The Industrial Development Authority said they frequently advertised the facilities available in Ireland and Wicklow was very much at the top of their list. After a discussion it was finally agreed that the Town Clerk enquire from the Industrial Development Authority as to one or two suitable papers in which to advertise in Germany and to then ask Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers to advertise in those papers.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

It was agreed to dispose to the following tenants under the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme as from the 25th March, 1966:

Mr. James Wynne, 19, Kilmantin Road	...	Cash
Mr. P. Phillips, Urban Villas	...	Weekly
Mr. J. O'Brien, 20, Glenview Road	...	Weekly
Mrs. E. Kinsella, Laurence's Road	...	Weekly
Mr. Ml. Egan, 19, Glenview Road	...	Weekly

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh.  
Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

Resolved: "That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the provision of Overdraft Accommodation on General Revenue Account for the quarter ending 30th June, 1966 in sum not exceeding £6,000."

EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh.  
Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

Resolved: "That we hereby approve the following excess expenditure on General Revenue Account for the year ending 31st March, 1966:-

		£	£
<u>ROADS:</u>	Ordinary Road Works	54	
	Reinstatement of Roads and Paths	150	
	Special Grant Works	170	374
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>	Water Supply Maintenance	276	
	Scavenging	80	
	Public Conveniences	53	409
<u>HOUSING:</u>	Maintenance and Repair		300
<u>GENERAL PURPOSES:</u>	Derelict Sites	230	
	Seafront	84	314
			<u>£1,397</u>

The Town Clerk mentioned that of the total over expenditure the following amounts would be recovered - reinstatement of roads and paths £150; Special Grant Works £230 - together with a sum of £150 in respect of water and sewer connections.

DUNBUR ESTATE - SITE APPLICATIONS.

The Council agreed to grant sites to the undermentioned subject to a lease of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10.

Site Number 48	....	Mr. Norman McBride
Site Number 54	....	Mr. John Fox

PLANNING APPLICATION.

The Chairman enquired as to what the position was regarding the application of Messrs Coleborn and Hopkins Limited for permission to erect a petrol filling and service station on their site adjoining the tennis court at Abbey Street. He mentioned that at the previous meeting the Council had recommended that permission be granted subject to a satisfactory report from the engineers. The meeting was told that the reports had been received from the County Surveyor and Town Surveyor and whilst the revised plans now submitted indicated an improvement in the sight distance and a reduction in the traffic hazard to some degree, nevertheless the proposed site is not entirely satisfactory. In considering the application regard was had to the traffic hazard created by the existing petrol pumps at their premises at Abbey Street and whilst the proposed new site is not entirely satisfactory yet it would be preferable to the existing one. It was felt that if the applicant could give an undertaking that the existing petrol pumps at the street

would be removed immediately the petrol filling station at the new site come into operation it might be possible to grant permission. However, when approached on this matter Messrs Coleborn and Hopkins indicated that they were unable to grant the undertaking due to the petrol agreement which they have with Messrs McMullin Brothers Limited. During the course of discussions the County Manager indicated that in view of the reports of the engineers and in view of the fact that Messrs Coleborn and Hopkins could not give an undertaking regarding the removal of the existing pumps he felt he had no alternative but to refuse permission. The Council asked the Manager to delay making a decision in order to give the engineers an opportunity of meeting representatives of Messrs Coleborn and Hopkins to see if a mutually satisfactory arrangement could be worked out.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The report, copy of which had been circulated, was then considered. The Town Surveyor assured Councillor Conroy that the exit of the new concrete road onto the existing road at the upper end of the Murrough would be sufficient to enable heavy lorries with trailers to turn satisfactorily. In reply to Councillor Kane the Town Surveyor said he would see what he could do about providing some extra concrete between the level crossing and the new concrete road. He also promised Councillor Conroy to attend to the question of water lodging on the existing concrete road on the Murrough. The Town Clerk told Councillor Kane that it was understood from the Office of Public Works that the Statutory Preliminary Examination of the Foreshore at Wicklow would commence in October last. It was agreed to enquire from the Board of Works if this examination has been completed and as to what the present position is. Councillor Hopkins complained about the tarmac used in filling potholes. The Town Surveyor said it was the usual tarmac used throughout the county but their experience was that in wet weather it was very difficult to get the tarmac to stick. The Chairman asked the Town Surveyor to examine the flooding caused to Mrs. Roche's house at Main Street. Councillor Conroy asked the Town Surveyor to examine flooding caused at the rear of the new houses on St. Patrick's Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Kane said there were two matters that required the urgent attention of the Council. The first referred to the system of collecting rates. He felt that it should be possible to have rates collected regularly as against two half-yearly payments presently made. Secondly he felt that the Council should very carefully examine the overall position relating to rates and see if there were any other sources of revenue which could be tapped. He felt that the action taken last year by the Council had focused attention on the matter. He understood that there would be quite a large increase in the County Council rate and felt that information should be forthcoming from the County Council on their estimates. The County Manager pointed out that very detailed information had been provided by him last year when the Urban Council was considering their Estimates. The Urban Council had no legal right to examine County Council Estimates. However, each member could, in his own right, obtain a copy of the Estimates from the County Council. On ending the discussion the County Manager handed Councillor Kane a copy of the County Council Estimates for the year 1966/67. Councillor Kane thanked the Manager indicating that this was the information required.

DATE OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was agreed that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday the 29th March, 1966.

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council indicating that arrangements were being made to have improved lighting provided in the grounds of the District Hospital. Noted with pleasure. Agreed to thank the County Council.

Councillor Kavanagh queried the position regarding the collection

of refuse. The Town Clerk explained that when the service was first introduced it was indicated that householders would be entitled to have one bin collected and that this bin should be of the proper type, complete with handles and lid. Old, broken and rusty bins, together with those without handles, could be a source of danger to the man handling them and they were entitled to refuse to take them. He thought it might be opportune to send a reminder to householders regarding the service.

Councillor Hopkins enquired as to the position regarding the lease to Fitzpatrick's yard at South Quay and was told by the Town Clerk that it should be ready in a matter of days.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Chairman told the meeting that as a result of the private talk he had with Mr. Hynes the Managing Director of Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta, Mr. Hynes would be pleased to meet a deputation representing the Harbour Board and Council at any time. Mr. Hynes had told him that a considerable tonnage of both import and export business would be handled through Wicklow Port by Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta. They were very interested in obtaining part of the Shamrock Fertilizer buildings to use as a store. It was finally decided to ask Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta to receive a small deputation from the Harbour Board and Council. It was agreed that Councillors Hopkins and Conroy would represent the Council on the deputation.

The meeting concluded at 10 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

21st March, 1966.

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

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st MARCH, 1967

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details are given of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the Financial Year 1966/67. The meeting at which these Estimates will be considered will be held on Tuesday, 29th March, 1966.

The total Expenditure for which provision is being made in the attached Estimates is £69,853. Receipts are expected to reach £35,271 so that the net requirement to be met from the Rate Levy would be £34,582. This would require a rate of 63/5d. in the £.

The Expenditure and Receipts, over the four main headings used for accounting purposes, for 1966/67, 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>	
<u>ROADS</u>	£5,574	(£4,842)	£2,775	(£2,380)	£2,799	(£2,462)
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	£10,530	(£9,552)	£3,283	(£2,886)	£7,247	(£6,666)
<u>HOUSING</u>	£26,178	(£20,428)	£24,563	(£18,775)	£1,615	(£1,653)
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	£27,571	(£24,920)	£4,650	(£4,378)	£22,921	(£20,542)

The suggested Rate of 63/5d. in the £ shows a steep rise over that struck last year which was 51/-d. In striking the Rate last year the Council brought into account the entire Credit Balance at 31st March, 1965 and in addition the Rate contemplated a special subvention from State Funds to offset the rising cost of the Health Services. The total amount taken into account for the purpose of reducing the Rate Levy in this way, in all came to £3,202 and this would be equivalent to a Rate of 5/9d. in the £.

The increase in the Rate of 12/5d. which would result from the attached Estimates can be briefly analysed as follows:-

ROADS: ..... 7d.

Provision being made for new service roads at Dunbur Housing Estate

SANITARY SERVICES: ..... 1s. 2d.

The Dunbur Road Housing Estate development (Water and Sewerage) 5d.; New Watermain to serve industry at Murrough 3d.; proposed new dumping ground in Murrough district 2d.; new public lighting 2d.; Burial Board Demand increase 1d.; maintenance of public sanitary conveniences 1d.:

HOUSING: ..... 6½d.  
 Additional provision for repairs 4½d.;  
 new housing schemes 2d.:

GENERAL PURPOSES: ..... 1s. 1½d.  
 Planning and Development 2½d.; Seafront  
 maintenance 1d.; salaries and poundage  
 6½d.; elections 2d.; Overdraft Interest  
 1d.; insurances ½d.:

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND: ..... 3s. 3d.

The foregoing items come to 6/8d. and this roughly represents the increased outlay for which provision would have to be made in the coming year, but in addition regard must be had to the Credits and special State subvention for which account was taken last year and these would represent the equivalent of a Rate of 5/9d. In consequence the total extra additional provision required for the coming year in excess of the Rate levied for the current year, comes in all to a Rate of 12/5d. in the £. From the details given it also will be noted that this increase in the Rate Levy can be regarded as coming under three separate headings; additional provision for the Municipal Services (watermains, sewers, roads, housing, etc.) 3/5d.; increase in the County Council Demand 3/3d.; additional rate required because of absence of Credits and any special subvention from State Funds 5/9d.

If it had not been for the application of Credits and the bringing into account of a contemplated State subvention towards the cost of the Health Services the Rate struck last year would have had to be 56/9d. instead of 51/-d. Even at the level of 56/9d. the Rate would still have been well below that which had to be levied in most Urban Councils in the current year.

In order to establish conditions essential to progressive development the Council has been obliged in recent years to incur heavy outlay on new capital schemes. The development for which the Council is catering broadly falls into three divisions: (1) Industrial Development with a view to providing new sources of employment and generally assisting industrial growth which in the long term would have a beneficial effect on the welfare of the Urban area; (2) Private Housing - this is being assisted by the laying out of a Housing Estate on which persons, with the aid of loans from the Council, can build their own houses; (3) Housing Construction - the Council has been endeavouring to complete new houses for letting to persons who would not be in a position to provide their own homes with the aid of loans under the Housing Acts. The cost of the capital schemes to assist this industrial and housing development inevitably is reflected in the Rates which have had to be levied in recent years. A measure of State Subsidy is available to the capital cost and there is an income from Ground Rents but the receipts from these two sources still leave a considerable margin which has to be met from Rates. However, in later years the addition of new valuations for rating purposes should be productive of rate incomes which might be expected to offset the levies which at present may have to be met in assisting new development.

Whereas in former years it was possible to apply towards the reduction of the Rate some Credit Balances which might be available to the Council, at present the Council's Revenue Account is in Debit and from the calculations which have been made by the Town Clerk it now appears that there will be a Debit Balance of £1,026 at the end of the present financial year, i.e. 31st March, 1966. This amount has had to be provided for and is included in the sum of 5/9d. increase to which reference already has been made.

#### R O A D S

#### EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES GRANT

The amount included for Employment Schemes Grant is £1,485 and out



of this outlay £1,350 is expected to be met by State Grant leaving the Council's contribution £135. In the present year the amount received was £1,485 and it was used in constructing new concrete paths on St. Laurence's Road, Patrick's Avenue and Castle Street. In addition some new water channels were laid along Glenview Road.

#### ORDINARY ROAD WORKS.

The provision made under this heading shows no change at £1,103 and represents the cost of ordinary maintenance and repair works and it must be mentioned once again that this type of maintenance work is essential if the Council is expected to receive grants from the Road Fund.

#### SPECIAL WORKS - TAR SPRAYING.

Here again the provision is the same as in the present year and the amount (£100) would only permit a very limited work to be undertaken. In the present year this sum had to be expended on the repair of storm damage resulting from very heavy flooding at the beginning of August, 1965.

#### ROAD FUND GRANT.

The amount included (£1,089) corresponds to that which was received in the present year. The entire grant for 1965/66 has been applied towards the cost of a new length of concrete roadway at the Murrough. As a new industry wished to use as a service road part of the existing public roadway it was found necessary to construct a new roadway which would skirt industrial premises. The cost of this new roadway will be £4,233 and is being shared between the Urban Council, the owners of the industry and An Foras Tionscail.

#### NEW ROAD WORKS - DUNBUR ROAD ESTATE.

The loan raised in 1964 for new roads to serve the Dunbur Housing Estate will cost £37 more in the coming year because of an increase in the Rate of Interest - the cost will be £562 as compared with £525 in the present year. The loan raised in 1965 will in the coming year involve a loan charge of £640. as compared with £191 in the current year. It will be necessary to make provision for new road works to be carried out next year and a sum of £100 is being included as a preliminary loan charge. It will be seen consequently that the total increase in outlay on new roads in the Dunbur Estate will come to £586. However, a State Subsidy of £246 is expected as this is a housing development and this would leave the net cost to be met by Rates at £340 which would represent a Rate of 7d. in the £. For new roads at the Dunbur Estate the Council borrowed £6,600 in 1964 and £7,500 in 1965 making a total of £14,100. For the next stage of development it seems that the Council would have to contemplate a further loan of about £7,000 and it is in respect of this item that the preliminary loan charge of £100 is being included - in a full year, of course, the loan charge would be much greater.

#### SANITARY SERVICES

For the coming year the total cost of Sanitary Services is estimated at £10,530 and after deducting Receipts of £3,283 the net cost would be £7,247. In the present year the net requirement was £6,666 but was not adequate to meet the outlay which arose.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

For the maintenance of the Marlton Water Supply £552 has again been included and £400 is included for the contribution to meet the costs of maintaining the Regional Supply - the actual outlay on the part of the County Council in the present year will come to £1,400. So it will be seen that the Urban Council, which takes most of the water produced by the Regional Scheme, meets about 30 per cent of the running costs.