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against it if necessary.

Yours faithfully,

H. W. JORDAN.

The meeting was also informed that the Health Inspector and Medical Officer had submitted reports. The Health Inspector reported as follows:-

"I have inspected the yards at South Quay in respect of which an application has been received under the Town Planning Act from Mr. Herbst to convert them to a cattle lairage. These yards have been used as coal yards and builders' yards for some time now and to my knowledge have never been used as lairages. The yard adjoins several houses on The Mall and one objection has been received to date. I am in complete agreement with the objection under heading "c". In my opinion the conversion to lairages would cause a public nuisance and I feel that if lairages are required they should be confined to the eastern end of the South Quay where the yards have been used as slaughter yards and for housing animals for years past."

The County Medical Officer reported as follows:-

"I fully agree with Mr. Duffy's report and recommend that permission be refused."

The meeting was also informed that a letter had been received from Mr. Herbst stating that these yards had been taken over by his firm and that the firm was in contact with the British Ministry in order to establish a regular three-times weekly service to England and was also attempting to get larger vessels into the port for the newly established cattle trade with Italy. Mr. Herbst asked that his proposals be brought before the Council. The matter was discussed very fully and Councillor Conway proposed that Mr. Herbst's application be granted. However, on further consideration it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the Chief Medical Officer and the Health Inspector together with the Chairman, Town Surveyor, the Department of Agriculture's Inspector and Mr. Herbst to decide if it was possible to meet all requirements necessary to render the proposal unobjectionable.

J. F. Nichols - Planning Application.

The meeting was informed that an application had been received from Mr. George Nichols, Dunbur Road, for permission to provide an extension (kitchen and bathroom) to his dwelling at Dunbur Road. The Town Surveyor indicated that there was no objection to the proposal and the Council recommended that approval be granted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

It was mentioned that Mr. C. G. Cooney, who had expressed interest in building sites at "The Glen Field" wished to know the present position regarding these sites and it was agreed that he should be informed that at the moment Messrs J. B. Barry, Consultant Engineers, were engaged in examining the area from the point of view of providing services and that it was expected that Messrs Barry's report would be to hand before the next meeting of the Council.

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

It was agreed that the next Council meeting would be held as usual on the first Tuesday of the month, i.e. 1st August, 1967.

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Traffic Signs.

It was mentioned that due to the heavy traffic on Dunbur Road the possibility of children being injured by traffic existed and some members suggested that a pedestrian crossing should be provided and that the County Council should also be consulted. The meeting was informed that the Garda Authorities had been written to regarding the question of pedestrian crossings and that their reply was not yet to hand. The Chairman expressed the view that more 30 mile speed limit "repeater signs" were needed and that these should be provided. It was also suggested that a "children crossing" sign was needed on the Dunbur Road. The meeting was informed that the Town Surveyor had examined the position at High Street and New Street and that arrangements were being made to provide signs. It was also mentioned that cars being parked in the vicinity of "The Monument" at the Market Square were an obstruction to traffic. It was agreed that the Garda Authorities should be again written to and informed of the views of the Council with regard to the need to provide adequate protection for pedestrians, particularly children.

Cleaning of Toilets.

It was mentioned by Councillor McNamara that her attention had been drawn to the state of the toilets at Market Square and in this connection the meeting was informed that the usual arrangements for cleaning the toilets and sweeping the streets at weekends had not yet been resumed but that a letter had been received that day from the Union on the matter.

Weekend Working and Cleaning of Toilets.

The meeting was informed that a reply had now been received from the Union to the Council's offer in respect of weekend working and for the cleaning of the toilets. The Council had indicated to the Union that they would be prepared to allow payment in respect of two hours overtime on Sunday mornings and that in respect of the cleaning of the toilets an extra £1 per week would be offered in respect of the period from 1st June to 30th September. The Union's claim had been for 2½ hours overtime per period worked at weekends and £1 per week extra in respect of cleaning and attending the toilets. The meeting was informed that a letter of the 12th instant from the Branch Secretary of the Union stated that the Union would be agreeable to the arrangement suggested by the Council whereby two hours overtime would be payable for street cleaning on Sundays, provided that the remuneration for attending and cleaning toilets was increased by 10/-d. per week and provided that a five day week was operated throughout the year (previously a 5½ day week operated during the period from 1st October to 28th February). The Union's letter also stated that at present overtime was not shared evenly between the members of the Council's staff and that this caused dissatisfaction and stated that the Union wished for arrangements to be made whereby any overtime available would be divided as evenly as possible between the members of the staff. It was agreed to inform the Union that the Council would be prepared to agree to the introduction of the five day week during the whole year and that they were agreeable to allow of the overtime being shared provided that the responsibility for seeing that ships were watered remained with one member of the staff. It was also decided to indicate to the Union that it was considered that the driver of the scavenging vehicle should not be engaged on an overtime basis on work of a type which was not normally carried out by him as part of his duties as a driver and that consequently he should not be included in the arrangements mentioned concerning overtime.

It was mentioned that the driver of the scavenging vehicle had been unavoidably absent from duty due to the death of his brother and it was agreed that payment in respect of the day of his brother's funeral should not be withheld.

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Old Technical School.

Councillor Doyle drew attention to the condition of the building known as "The Old Technical School". It was pointed out to the meeting that the previous Town Surveyor, Mr. R. L. Farrell, reported that it would not be an economic proposition to carry out extensive repairs to this structure. It was agreed, however, that the doors might be painted and that this work could be done in conjunction with painting which would be necessary to Council houses.

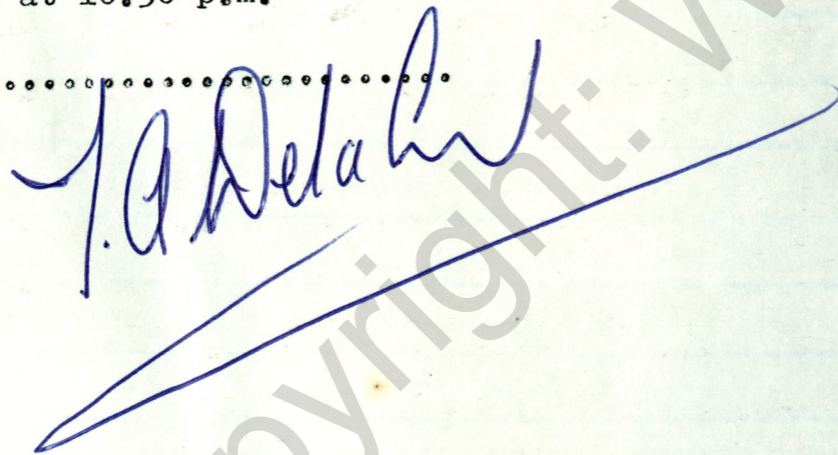
Park at Barrow Green.

Councillor Mrs. McNamara referred to the park at the Barrow Green and stated that a committee was interested in completing the work there but felt that they would need assistance by way of skilled supervision. It was pointed out that the Town Surveyor was only a part-time official and that it would be very difficult for him to take on extra work of this nature. It was also mentioned that there was another body of residents at present engaged in carrying out voluntary improvement works and that these residents would possibly give this park their attention when they had finished the work they were now engaged on at the Marlton Road. It was also mentioned that the lane known as "Hospital Lane" where a wall had collapsed some time ago was in need of attention.

Housing Repairs.

The Town Surveyor pointed out that to date approximately £200 had been spent on repairs and that he had carried out an inspection of some houses in the Castlefield area which required new windows. The Town Surveyor estimated that the cost of providing these windows would be between £250 and £300. He also pointed out that it might also be necessary to spend about £50 on the rewiring of houses and that if this work was carried out there would be approximately £200 to carry out repairs to the Council's other houses as the amount provided in the Estimates was £760. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should prepare a list of all houses requiring repairs and that this would be considered by the Council at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday the 1st August, 1967 at 7.30 p.m.

You are kindly requested to attend.

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T. BRODERICK,

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 12th July, 1967 (copy herewith).
- 2) Local Loans Fund - Change in Rate of Interest.
- 3) Consideration of Auditor's Report for year ended 31st March, 1966 (copy herewith).
- 4) Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland. Latest date for receipt of Motions - 19th August, 1967.
- 5) Draft Development Plan - Booklet on Planning and Publicity Measures
- 6) Application from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners for guarantee by Urban District Council of repayment of loan of £7,800 plus interest thereon.
- 7) Coast Protection Scheme - report on Deputation to Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Finance.
- 8) Factory site at Murrough - application from Messrs Jim Larkin (1966) Limited.
- 9) Planning Applications - (a) Michael Eamon Herbst (Cattle) Limited for cattle lairage at South Quay; (b) George Murray for shop at Main Street.
- 10) Proposal for Car Park at East Pier (submitted by Wicklow and District Tourist Association).
- 11) Services for further housing at Dunbur Estate.
- 12) Housing Repairs - Report of Town Surveyor. - (copy herewith).
- 13) Tenant Purchase Scheme - applications.

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- 14) Camping in Urban District - complaint from Chamber of Commerce.
- 15) Litter - complaint from Chamber of Commerce.
- 16) Town Surveyor's Report for July, 1967 (copy herewith).
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- 17) New refuse dump - investigations as to possible alternative site.
- 18) Sealing of Documents.
- 19) Any Other Business (at discretion of Chairman).

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Minutes of monthly meeting held on the 1st August, 1967.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding; Councillors - Mrs. M. McEnroy, Mrs. P. McNamara, Messrs E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, J. Everett, F. Conway, L. Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. T. Broderick, Town Clerk, Mr. N. Farrell, B.E., Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of special meeting held on the 12th July, 1967, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

LOCAL LOANS FUND - CHANGE IN RATE OF INTEREST:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the rate of borrowing from the Local Loans Fund had been reduced from 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 7% in respect of issues made on or after the 13th June, 1967. Advances to borrowers for the purpose of house construction will accordingly be reduced from 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. Replying to Deputy Everett the Town Clerk said that the $\frac{1}{2}$ % added by the Local Authority is in respect of administrative costs.

AUDITORS' REPORT:

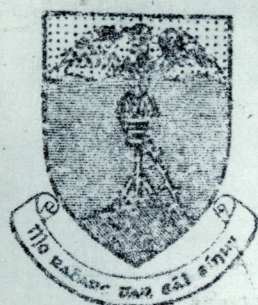
The Auditors' report for year ended 31st March, 1966, was considered. The County Manager pointed out that expenditure had exceeded receipts by £4,575. for the year as against a similar increase of £3,674. for 1964/65. The Manager also pointed out that the percentage of rates collected was as low as 95.16 per cent of the total warrant, which was considerably lower than the levels reached in the last five years.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - CONFERENCE MOTIONS:

It was decided to refer the following motions for consideration at the 1967 Annual Conferences to be held in Tralee on the 19th, 20th and 21st September.

1. COAST EROSION
"That a State grant of not less than 80% be made towards the cost of coast erosion works".
2. HOUSING
"That a grant of two thirds of the cost of land and the development of land be made available to Local Authorities for the purpose of providing sites for private housing".
3. HOUSING
"That the State subsidy for municipal housing be two thirds of the total capital works".

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PLANNING BOOKLET - 'YOUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN'

The Chairman suggested that the members study the booklet and any points arising might be considered at the September meeting of the Council. The Town Clerk was instructed to forward copies of the booklet to the following bodies:-

Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce,
Wicklow & District Tourist Association,
Wicklow Tenants' Association,
Wicklow Harbour Commissioners,
Beautification Committee,
Local Schools.

WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - GUARANTEE OF LOAN BY THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Town Clerk read to the meeting a letter received from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners requesting that the Wicklow Urban District Council pass a resolution under Section 7 of the Harbours Act 1947, for a guarantee for the repayment of a loan not exceeding in amount £7,800, plus interest thereon. The loan is for the purpose of reconstructing part of the South Quay wall.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Wicklow County Council be asked to guarantee the loan and in this regard that the Harbour Commissioners be asked to forward a similar letter to the County Council. It was agreed to defer the matter pending the County Council's decision.

COAST PROTECTION SCHEME:

The Report of the County Secretary regarding the meeting of the deputation from the County Council, accompanied by representatives of Wicklow Urban District Council (Councillor T. Delahunt, Chairman, and Councillor J. Kane) with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance on the 31st May, 1967, at Leinster House, in connection with the coast protection scheme at Wicklow was read to the meeting. It was noted from the report that the maximum grant which could be given by the Minister under the terms of the Act was 80% but that so far no grant of 80% had been allowed. It was also noted that the amount of the grant which would be made available would not be known until the Scheme was forwarded to the Council for approval. As the cost of the preliminary survey would be in the Order of £200. to £500. the question arose as to the amount of the contribution which the Urban District Council would make. In the ensuing discussion it was suggested that the industrialists on the Murrrough should be asked to contribute towards the cost of the Scheme, as they would benefit from the proposed development, but the County Manager pointed out that the owners of the factories could scarcely be asked to contribute as the Urban District Council was the ground landlord of the Murrrough and had made the sites available for the industries to encourage their establishment in Wicklow. The Chairman suggested that they might be asked to contribute at a later date.

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It was eventually decided that the Urban District Council's contribution should be one fifth of the costs, subject to a maximum of £50.

APPLICATION FROM Jim Larkin (1966) Ltd., FOR FACTORY SITE AT THE MURROUGH

(Taken in Committee)

This matter had been deferred from the Council's meeting of the 6th June, 1967, pending receipt of further information from Mr. Larkin. The Town Clerk read to the meeting a letter dated the 19th July, 1967, in which Mr. Larkin stated that his firm are the sole Irish importers of disc-harrow ploughs, etc. from Messrs Kvernelands Fabrik, A/S, Norway. He further stated that he hoped initially to employ five persons in his factory and when in full operation about twenty persons. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to the Industrial Development Authority seeking information concerning the firm and that he had been informed over the telephone that that Authority had no information to hand.

It was pointed out that the site in question is the same as that which the Council, at their meeting of the 4th October, 1966, agreed to lease to Messrs Altenburger (Ireland) Ltd., Brittas Bay. The Town Clerk pointed out that no further communication had been received from Messrs Altenburger, even though they had been written to on a number of occasions with a view to seeking confirmation of their interest in the site. Councillor Conway pointed out that Messrs Larkin were very anxious to be in production by October next. The Chairman stated that Messrs Altenburger were seeking an extension of their option on the site for another month and it was agreed to defer taking a definite decision to the September meeting of the Council.

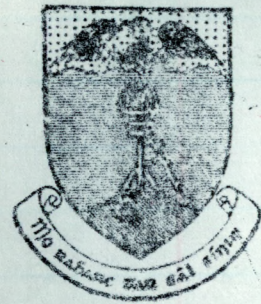
The question of an alternative site for Messrs Larkin was also discussed and the Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the Valuation Office the owner of the Site bordering the railway line.

PLANNING APPLICATION - Michael Eamon Herbst (Cattle) Ltd.

The application of Michael Eamon Herbst (Cattle) Ltd., for permission to provide a cattle lairage at the South Quay in the yard known as "Clark's yard", was discussed. This matter had also been discussed at the special meeting of the Council held on the 12th July last without any definite decision being taken. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in addition to the objection of Mr. H. W. Jordan, two further objections had been received, one from Mr. William Cleary, 7 The Mall, and the other from Mr. Edward Murphy, 3 The Mall. These were read to the meeting.

The Town Clerk referred to the meeting which took place on the 21st July, at the proposed lairage, present at which were Councillor Mrs. McEnroy, Councillor Mrs. McNamara, Mr. Noel Farrell, Town Surveyor, Mr. T. Broderick, Town Clerk, an Inspector for the Department of Agriculture and Mr. Herbst. The Inspector pointed out at this meeting that as no animal fodder would be stored on the premises there would be no danger of vermin infestation. He did state, however, that there

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would be a certain amount of noise as the plan envisaged a system of natural ventilation. Councillor Mrs. McEnroy expressed her concern at the disposal of the effluent from the lairage into the river and drew attention to the fact that the effluent from Mr. Herbst's existing inspection yard was being washed into the river at a point less than 100 yards from where children normally bathed.

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that another premises had become vacant which might suit Mr. Herbst and in view of this and in view of the fact that Mr. Herbst intimated that he would submit a new set of plans regarding his proposal for Clark's yard, the meeting decided to defer the matter until the September meeting of the Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION - George Murray.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application had been received from Mr. George Murray, at present residing in Nottingham, to erect a furniture shop at Main Street, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor pointed out that there was no provision for toilet facilities in the plan. The County Manager pointed out that the application did not comply with the planning Act as there was no evidence to hand that the proposed development had been advertised. He also made the point that the proposed structure did not comply with the existing street pattern.

The Town Clerk was instructed to reply to Mr. Murray pointed out the above omissions.

PROPOSAL FOR CAR PARK AT EAST PIER:

The Town Clerk read to the meeting a letter received from the Wicklow & District Tourist Association in which they suggested that the grass area near the East Pier and adjoining the Black Castle could be developed as a car park. The Association also submitted a plan showing the position and suggested lay-out of the proposed car park and also an estimate of the cost of the works. They suggested that the scheme be financed from an E.S.V. grant.

The Manager stated that it was essential that monies from the E.S.V. grant be devoted to roads and footpaths. He suggested that the area in question would be better used as a park for pedestrians and that the parking of cars would detract rather than add to the amenity of the area. The meeting agreed with this latter suggestion and the Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Wicklow & District Tourist Association and convey the Council's congratulations to the Association's enterprise in submitting the plan and that further consideration would be given by the Council to the development of the area from a touristic viewpoint.

SEATS AT SCENIC VIEW-CAR PARK:

Councillor Turner drew attention to the condition of the seats at the Scenic View-Car Park. He suggested that the seats be painted in order to eradicate the obscenities which had been written thereon. The

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Town Surveyor promised to look into the matter.

SERVICES FOR FURTHER HOUSING AT DUNBUR ESTATE:

The Town Surveyor reported that he had just received the preliminary report and estimate from the Consultant Engineer in connection with the Dunbur Housing Estate - Part 3 Development. The Surveyor outlined the existing sewerage system and stated that the report showed that the sewers are already overtaxed and are liable to surcharge. No further housing development should be allowed to drain into the existing sewers and even the five or six houses and short length of road still to be completed under Part 2 of the development will aggravate the flooding risk. The Surveyor also pointed out from the report that the sewer through the Golf Links to the outfall point is already seriously undersized in parts.

PROPOSALS:

The proposals outlined in the report are as follows:-

1. The retention of the existing sewerage system draining the older part of the development at the northern end, even though parts of this system are undersized. No new development is anticipated in this area and the sewer could, therefore, be retained.
2. A 9" diameter sewer is proposed to take the storm and foul sewage from the Part 3 Housing Development. Sewers of 12" and 15" diameter are proposed to cross the Golf Course and pick up the existing sewer.
3. In view of the volume of sewage involved (draining of up to 200 houses) the report does not consider it advisable to continue to discharge the untreated sewage into the sea as there is a risk of polluting nearby beaches. The report considers it essential that a septic tank be constructed near the outfall point.

ESTIMATE OF COST:

The estimated total cost involved is £13,600. which includes a sum of £3,500. for the septic tank and sea fall. Of this total the sum of £9,400. is the estimated cost of serving the 39 houses in the private development, the balance being the cost of the sewerage development for the speculative housing area.

The meeting gave full discussion to the method of financing the scheme. Dealing with the 39 house development, at an estimated cost of £9,400, the Manager stated that with the £100. per site fine and a state grant of 33 1/3%, approximately £3,000. would have to be met from the rates. The Town Surveyor pointed out that the total development costs per site, including roads, footpaths, water and sewerage, would amount to over £400. The total costs for the 39 house development would, therefore, be in the order of £16,000. over which £6,000. would have to be met from the rates. If the Council were to borrow this

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amount the loan charged would amount to approximately £540. per annum. The question was raised as to whether there was sufficient demand for sites to warrant the carrying out of the scheme and the Town Clerk replied that there were at the moment over 20 applications on hands. The question was also raised as to whether the Council are legally entitled to sell the ground rent under the Landlord and Tenant (Ground rents Act 1967). The Manager stated that he had received Counsel's opinion but as he was seeking opinion elsewhere the meeting decided to defer this matter until the September meeting of the Council.

On the Manager's suggestion it was agreed that the Consultant be asked to amend the report so that a portion of the proposed scheme could be classed as a sewer improvement to cope with the overloading of the existing sewerage system and so qualify for a Sanitary Services Subsidy of 60% of the cost. The remaining portion to be classed as sewerage to serve new housing development and this would qualify for a 33 1/3% subsidy. The Town Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with the Consultant with a view to discussing and implementing these amendments.

The Chairman extended the congratulations of the Council to the Consultant Engineer and to the Town Surveyor for the speed with which the report had been drawn up. He said that in the interests of the Urban District it was essential to proceed with the scheme and that the 39 house development should be given priority.

HOUSING REPAIRS -- REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR:

The list of housing repairs compiled by the Town Surveyor and copies of which had been circulated was discussed. The Surveyor pointed out that a sum of £760. had been provided for in the estimates for the maintenance of Council houses for the current year. Of the amount approximately £250. had already been spent and he drew attention to the fact that the houses in the Castle Field area required new windows and that the cost of supplying these would be in the region of £300. He also pointed out that it would be necessary to spend £60. on the rewiring of houses and would only leave a sum of £150. for essential repairs. Councillor Kavanagh stated that the windows in the Castle Field area were not in as poor a condition as they were made out to be and that they could be repaired at a relatively small cost. The Surveyor, however, pointed out that any stop-gap repairs would only give rise to more trouble in the long run and gave the example of the windows which had been repaired on The Murrough a short time ago and which he stated now need attention. The Chairman referring to the list, noted that many of the complaints were trivial and on his suggestion the meeting agreed to leave the carrying out of repairs to the Surveyor's discretion.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME APPLICATIONS:

The following applications to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme were approved:-

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Name:	Purchase Price:
(1) Mr. James Kelly, 5, St. Domnick's Road, Wicklow.	£176. 0. 0.
(2) Mrs. Mary Byrne, 6, Urban Villas, Wicklow.	293. 0. 0.
(3) Mrs. Kathleen Leahy, 14, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.	249. 0. 0.

Councillor Mrs. McEnroy asked if a Tenant Purchase Scheme could be prepared in respect of St. Patrick's Avenue. The Manager pointed out that the tenants in this scheme were on full economic rents, that it was never envisaged that a Tenant Purchase Scheme be prepared in respect of these houses and that it had always been Council's policy to reserve the houses for special types of persons.

The meeting agreed that the Town Clerk should examine the position and ascertain if there would now be a demand among the tenants for a Tenant Purchase Scheme.

CAMPING IN THE URBAN DISTRICT:

A letter was read to the meeting from the Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce drawing the Council's attention to the fact that unruly elements were camping within the Urban District and interfering with private property. The Chamber suggested that the Urban District Council should ban all types of camping in the town and district. In the discussion that followed Councillor Turner suggested that the Council should give thought to the provision of an official camping site but the Manager pointed out that such a scheme would prove costly as sanitary facilities would have to be provided. The Chairman suggested that a scheme for the control of camping within the Urban District might be given attention by the Council during the winter months.

LITTER:

A complaint was read from the Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce regarding the throwing of litter on the streets and paths of the Urban District. They drew attention to the fact that a bye-law exists which prohibits the throwing of such litter and suggested that this bye-law be enforced.

Councillor F. Conway suggested that the Garda Síochána be asked to enforce the bye-law but the County Manager pointed out that in order that this be done the Council would have to employ Litter Wardens.

Mrs. McEnroy stated that a novel scheme applying to each street within the Urban District for the control of litter would shortly be coming before the Council for their approval.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:

The meeting expressed satisfaction at the Town Surveyor's report for the month of July, 1967.

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NEW REFUSE DUMP:

This matter was taken in committee. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to Mr. James Merrigan, owner of a suggested site, known as the "Brick Works", Rathnew, requesting him to meet some members and officials of the Urban Council and the County Council with a view to acquiring the above mentioned site as a refuse dump. Up to the time of the meeting there had been no reply from Mr. Merrigan. Councillor Mrs. McEnroy said that she would approach Mr. Merrigan and explain that a good price would be paid for the site and that the site would be screened and fenced. It was also agreed that the Council should advertise for a suitable site.

TRAFFIC SIGNS:

Councillor Turner drew the meeting's attention to the fact that traffic from the direction of the Murrough through Fitzwilliam Square was not yielding right-of-way at the north end of the Halpin Memorial. He suggested that a "stop" sign be placed on the footpath opposite the Rialto Cinema and also a white stop line on the road at the same place. The Town Surveyor pointed out that this area contained quite an amount of street furniture at the moment but that he would look into the matter.

The question of zebra crossings was raised but as there had been no reply from the Garda Síochána it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

SHOP SITE AT DUNBUR:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application had been received from a Mr. Anderson, Glenealy, to build a bungalow on the shop site at Dunbur. The County Manager pointed out that this site was reserved specifically for a shop and if the Council were now to change its policy in regard to the site the other applicants for housing sites at Dunbur might have to be offered the said site.

The Town Clerk was instructed to report on the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of August, 1967, monthly meeting (copy herewith).
2. Tidy Towns Competition - Results (copy herewith).
3. Factory Site at Murrough - Application from M/S. Jim Larkin (1966) Limited.
4. Urban Employment Scheme Grant - Allocation of 1967/68 Grant.
5. Urban Road Improvement Grant - Allocation of 1967/68 Grant.
6. Planning Applications.
7. Tenant Purchase Scheme Applications.
8. Pedestrian Crossings - Letter from Garda Síochána.
9. Dunbur Estate - Disposal of Shop Site.
10. New Refuse Dump.
11. Public Lighting - Provision of new lights.
12. Soccer Pitch at Murrough.
13. Dunbur Estate - Services for further housing.
14. Acquisition of abandoned derelict hall at Bridge Street under Derelict Sites Act 1961.
15. Transfer of Tenancy - Mrs. Margaret Dunne (decd.) to Laurence Dunne.

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16. Outdoor Staff - Union Claim for increased wages, reduced working week and sick pay scheme.
17. Town Surveyor's Report for August, 1967. (copy herewith)
18. Overdraft Accommodation - Approval for quarter ending 31st December, 1967.
19. Application for water and sewerage connection for premises outside Urban area.
20. Sealing of Documents.
21. Any other business (at discretion of Chairman).

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Comairle Baileárainneair Cille Mannáin
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 5th September, 1967.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, presiding; Councillors Mrs. P. McNamara, Messrs E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, J. Everett, F. Conway, L. Turner, E. Kane.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Broderick, Town Clerk, Mr. N. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 1st August, 1967, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

Copies of the Adjudicators' report had been circulated in advance and a full discussion took place. The Town Clerk pointed out that marks under the different headings were down on the previous year with the exception of two where there was a gain of one point in each case. The reference in the report to the amount of litter on the streets of the Urban District was the subject of considerable comment from the members. Councillor Doyle suggested that the fault lay with the Council in that they were not providing sufficient money for the scavenging service. Councillor Kane on the other hand faulted the administrative staff. The Chairman suggested that the report should be used as a propaganda measure as a means of arousing community spirit.

FACTORY SITE AT MURROUGH:

The Chairman informed the meeting that Messrs Altenburger were not proceeding with their option on their site at the Murrough and on the proposal of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Kane, the meeting agreed to lease the same site to Messrs Jim Larkin (1966) Ltd.

URBAN EMPLOYMENT SCHEME GRANT:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a sum of £1,500 had been made available to the Council by the Department of Local Government and that the Council's contribution was £150, making a total for allocation of £1,650. The following were some of the suggestions made:-

1. The footpath at Sea View Road to be continued.
2. The Dunbur Park Road to be continued. x
3. Alleviation of flooding at St. Laurence's Road.
4. Renovation of the Barrow Green Park.
5. The St. Patrick's Avenue Road to be continued so as to open up the remaining building sites. x

The Town Surveyor was asked to consider the suggestions made and it was agreed that the members would put forward further suggestions at the October meeting.

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FOOTPATH AT DUNBUR ROAD:

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Council pointing out the definite need for a footpath on the right hand side going out Dunbur Road. x

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that a grant of £1,089 had been made available by the Department of Local Government for use on Urban road improvements. The Town Surveyor suggested that a portion of the grant should be used to surface the bad section of the road leading to the Scenic View-Car Park. He also suggested that some of the grant be used to surface part of Brickfield Lane, as complaints had been received from residents in this area regarding flooding. Councillor E. Kane put forward the suggestion that a car park be provided at Batchelor's Walk.

The meeting agreed that the Town Surveyor should look further into the matter and consider the suggestions put forward and report back to the Council at the October meeting.

THE MALL, WICKLOW:

On the Proposal of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Kane, it was agreed that the following resolution be forwarded to the County Council:-

"That the Wicklow Urban District Council is seriously perturbed at the serious traffic congestion at The Mall, Wicklow, and urgently request the Wicklow County Council to give the matter their immediate attention". x

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

1. Scheme of 10 houses at Wentworth Place for M/S C.G. Cooney Ltd. Copies of the layout plan, site map and drawings were distributed at the meeting for the members perusal. The report of the Town Surveyor was also read and it was agreed to grant approval subject to an assurance from Messrs Cooney regarding maintenance of the portion of the site adjoining the public road and the open space at the North East corner of the site. The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Messrs William A. Maguire, the Architects for the scheme, and request a meeting with the Town Surveyor on the matter. x
2. Erection of roof over yard at South Quay, Wicklow, for Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd. The meeting agreed to grant the necessary permission there being no objection to the development in the Town Surveyor's report.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME:

The following applications to avail of the tenant purchase scheme were approved:-

Name and address:	Purchase Price:
Mrs. Mgt. Malone, 15, Kilmantin Road.	£249. 0. 0.
Mrs. Ann Doyle, 7, Castle Park.	910. 0. 0.
Mrs. Mgt. Piley, 7, St. Laurence's Park.	910. 0. 0.

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Name and address: Cont.	Purchase Price:
Mrs. Bridget McGrainor, 15, St. Laurence's Road.	£249. 0. 0.
Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Grady, 6 Dunbur Terrace, Summerhill.	364. 0. 0.
Mr. Owen Melia, 19, St. Laurence's Park.	910. 0. 0.
Mr. Ben Higgins, 12, Glenview Road.	166. 0. 0.
Mrs. Mary Kelly, 30 Glenview Road.	166. 0. 0.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that applications were received from the following who are not tenants of Urban District Council houses to avail of the scheme:-

1. Agnas Byrne,
3, Kilmantin Road.
2. Edward O'Brien,
4, Kilmantin Road.

The meeting agreed to approve of the applications subject to their being made tenants. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to hold a special meeting, if necessary, before the end of the month to give formal approval to these and other applications.

On the suggestion of Councillor Kane it was agreed that a notice be inserted in the Wicklow People informing tenants that the latest date for the receipt of applications under the present Tenant Purchase Scheme is Friday the 29th September, 1967.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:

The Town Clerk read to the meeting a letter received from Superintendent E. Aylward regarding proposed pedestrian crossings in the Urban District. The Meeting agreed that a pedestrian crossing be provided at Main Street near Hopkins corner. It was also agreed that the County Council be notified of the necessity for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Summerhill, (Doyle's corner). x

DISPOSAL OF SHOP SITE AT DUNBUR PARK:

The meeting agreed that tenders be invited for the letting of the vacant shop site at Dunbur Park.

SITES AT DUNBUR PARK:

The Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether Mr. J. Flaherty who had been granted the lease of a site at 51 Dunbur Park was proceeding to erect a dwelling house on the site. It was pointed out that no work had been carried out on the site for some time.

The Town Clerk was also instructed to enquire into the nonpayment of loan instalments, ground rent, and interest, in the case of Mr. Henry Joynt, 52 Dunbur Park, and to report on the position to the next meeting of the Council. x

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NEW REFUSE DUMP:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had not yet received word from Councillor Mrs. McEnroy regarding her negotiations with Mr. Merrigan for the site known as the Brickworks, Rathnew. On the suggestion of Councillor Turner it was agreed that the Council should advertise for a site and that the matter be again included on the Agenda for the October meeting.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - PROVISION OF NEW LIGHTS:

The Town Clerk referred to three estimates received from the E.S.B. regarding the provision of extra lighting in the Urban District.

1. Entrance to Dr. Healy's premises. The new lamp would be erected free of charge but the cost of erecting switchwire would be £17. 15. 0.
2. New lamp on Church side of Mass Path. The lamp would be erected free of charge. The cost of erecting pole and switchwire would be £58. 15. 0.
3. New Lamp at Convent Road. This lamp would be erected free of charge.

The meeting was told that a sum of £40 had been included in the estimate for the provision of extra lights.

The Council agreed to proceed with the erection of lights at Dr. Healy's, Leitrim Place, Fitzwilliam Road and Convent Road.

SOCCER PITCH:

A deputation from the Wicklow Association Football Club was heard before the Council's discussion on the matter. Mr. J. Boyce, on behalf of the club, told the meeting that his club had received a communication from Messrs Celmac to the effect that they would have to vacate their existing soccer pitch at the Murrough. He asked whether the Council could offer his club an alternative pitch. In reply to Councillor F. Conway the Town Surveyor stated that he knew of no suitable field within the Urban District. The Chairman stated that the members of the Council were sympathetic with the club's difficulty and added that he would like to congratulate them on their successful season. He suggested that in company with the Town Clerk he would approach Messrs Celmac and endeavour to reach an agreement for a short period regarding the Murrough pitch so as to get the soccer club over its immediate difficulty.

DUNBUR ESTATE - SERVICES FOR NEW HOUSING:

The report of the County Manager in connection with the preliminary report of the Consultant Engineer, Mr. J. B. Barry, was discussed in full. Councillor E. Kane questioned the need for a septic tank. Councillor Kavanagh pointed out that he had raised this matter at the last meeting of the Council and stated that the tides at the proposed outfall point are of such a nature that any untreated sewage would be carried out to sea and, therefore, would not pollute nearby beaches. The meeting decided that the preliminary report be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and that the views of the Council on the proposed septic tank be made known to the Department.

The final paragraph of the Manager's report regarding housing density in the proposed development area was considered. The meeting agreed with the recommendation of the Manager that the layout for the area to be developed should be reviewed and that a higher density in building be provided through the erection of semi-detached houses and the erection of terrace houses.

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ACQUISITION OF ABANDONED DERELICT HALL AT BRIDGE STREET UNDER THE DERELICT SITES ACT 1961:

The meeting agreed to proceed for the acquisition of the premises known as Orange Hall, Bridge Street. It was also decided that a decision could be taken at a later stage as to the eventual use to which the hall could be put.

TRANSFER OF TENANCY: (This matter was taken in committee)

The application of Mr. Laurence Dunne, 11 Fairview Road, Wicklow, for the transfer of the tenancy from his mother (deceased) to his own name was approved subject to the condition that his brother and sister, at present residing in the house, would be provided for.

OUTDOOR STAFF - UNION CLAIM FOR INCREASED WAGES, REDUCED WORKING WEEK AND SICK PAY SCHEME:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of a claim received from the Irish Transport and General Workers Union on behalf of the outdoor staff of the Urban Council for an increase in wages of 15/- per week, to bring them in line with rates paid to the Arklow Urban District Council outdoor staff. In addition, the Union also sought the introduction of a 42½ hour week and a Sick Pay Scheme. He also informed the meeting that the new rates, if granted, would not conform to comparable employment within the Urban District and for this reason the County Manager could not consider the claim. The Town Clerk also stated that the Council had a sick pay scheme in operation for the past four years. He also pointed out that the annual cost of the proposed increase would be £380, the equivalent of 8d in the pound on the rates. The meeting agreed that the claim should be left in the hands of the County Manager. The question of the ban on week-end working was also discussed and the meeting was informed that as the driver of the tractor had been specifically excluded from sharing in the overtime, the ban was still in operation. Councillor Kane suggested that there should be two drivers for the tractor and that another man should now be instructed. The Town Surveyor stated that he would look into the matter.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT:Appointment of Clerk of Works: (Taken in committee)

The meeting was informed that Mr. William Redmond, 104 St. Peter's Place, Arklow, had been recommended for appointment to the position of Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of housing schemes at Wicklow and Arklow. The meeting was also informed that the costs involved would be shared equally between both Urban District Councils.

Scavenging:

The Town Surveyor pointed out that a sum in excess of £100 had been expended by the Council in repairs to the International tractor since April of this year. The question of whether a new tractor should be purchased was discussed and it was suggested that a scavenging truck be purchased as the present conveyance was inadequate. The meeting agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Kane, that a new tractor be purchased forthwith and that it could be traded in at a later stage for a refuse truck. The Town Surveyor was asked to submit a report on the scavenging service for the next meeting of the Council.

COMPLAINTS RE WATER SUPPLY:

Councillor Mrs. McNamara asked why the domestic water in the Urban District was discoloured. The Town Surveyor pointed out that the reservoir was fairly low and that this factor contributed to the discolouration of the water. The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had requested the Health Inspector to have samples of water from the old

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reservoir and clear water tank analysed.

ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:

Councillor Everett stated that there were some acres of developed land available in St. Patrick's Avenue for housing and that the Council should give consideration to this area for private housing development. The Town Surveyor was of the opinion that the sewerage system only catered for existing houses but he agreed on the Council's suggestion to look into the matter and report to the next meeting.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

On the proposal of Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Doyle, the following resolution was passed:-

"That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £7,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1967."

APPLICATION FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE CONNECTIONS:

The application of Mrs. Enda Williamson, Friars Hill, Wicklow, for water and sewerage connections to her house was approved, the Town Surveyor having no objection to the proposed connection.

HOUSE AT DOMNICK ROAD - TENANT MISS SARAH GAFFNEY:

The meeting was informed of the deplorable condition of this house and the Town Surveyor agreed to look into the matter.

CIVIC RECEPTION:

On the suggestion of Councillor Kane it was decided that if the County Board of the G.A.A. were in agreement, a civic reception should be given to the Wicklow Junior Hurling team on their return from Croke Park on the following Sunday, the 10th September. It was also agreed that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the County Board on the achievements of the four Wicklow County teams in reaching All Ireland Hurling Finals.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY CONFERENCE:

Councillor Turner informed the meeting that owing to personal commitments he could not attend the conference. Councillor Conway agreed to take his place.

IN COMMITTEE:

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman informed the members that he had that day discussed with representatives of a firm manufacturing fire extinguishers the possibility of setting up a factory in Wicklow. He stated that the firm were anxious to operate in Wicklow and that they would give immediate employment to 10 people. He went on to say that the firm in question were also involved in the construction of chassis for cars and if they proceeded with this venture their employment content could reach 150. He stated that the firm were interested in operating as soon as possible and that Messrs Gouldings were prepared to lease part of their building to the firm.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 p.m.

J. A. Delahunty



Comairle Baileáannair Cille Mannaín
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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22nd September, 1967.

The Chairman and each Member
of the Urban District Council:

A Chara,

A special meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will take place (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday the 26th September, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

T. Broderick.

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- (1) DEVELOPMENT PLAN - passing of necessary Resolution for the making of the DEVELOPMENT PLAN for the Urban District.
- (2) Tenant Purchase Applications.
- (3) Any other business (at discretion of Chairman).



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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Halla an Baité,
Town Hall,

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Wicklow

Oct. 27

Minutes of Special Meeting held on Tuesday the 26th September, 1967.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding; Councillors J. Everett, Mrs. McEnroy, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, Mrs. McNamara, F. Conway, J. Kane.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T. Broderick, Town Clerk, Mr. N. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to pass the necessary Resolution for the making of the Development Plan for the Urban District. Councillor Lverett objected to the passing of the Resolution on the grounds that the plan could only be varied once in the five years following the date of the making of the plan. The Town Clerk pointed out that under Section 20 of the Act a Planning Authority were statutorily required to review their Development Plan at least once in every five years but that they could review it from time to time as occasion required and that they could make in it any variations (whether by way of alteration, addition or deletion) which they considered proper. Councillor Kane drew attention to the Development Plan map and pointed out that one side of the Rathnew Road was scheduled for residential purposes and the opposite side for industrial purposes. He queried what would be the position if an industry decided on a site in the area scheduled for residential purposes. It was pointed out that each planning application would be treated on its merits, regard being had to the Development Plan. Deputy Everett enquired as to whether Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 could still be used if the plan were made. The Town Clerk pointed out that whilst the making of the Development Plan was a reserved function to the members, decisions on individual planning applications were executive functions and as such same under Section 4.

The members felt that they needed more time to study the Draft Development Plan and referred to the fact that other Planning Authorities were seeking extensions of time under the Act. The meeting decided that the matter should be adjourned to the next monthly meeting of the Council and that application be made to the Department of Local Government for an extension of two months after the 1st October for the making of the plan.

TENANT PURCHASE APPLICATIONS:

The following applications to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme were approved:-

Name and Address:	Purchase Price:
Miss Annie Cahill, 43, Glenview Road.	£166. 0. 0.
Mr. Joseph O'Rourke, 1, Castle Street.	910. 0. 0.

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Name and address:	Purchase Price:
Mrs. J. Howard, 35 Glenview Road.	£166. 0. 0.
Miss Agnes Byrne, 3, Kilmantin Road.	249. 0. 0.
Mr. Peter Murphy, 2, Urban Villas, The Murrough.	283. 0. 0.
Mr. James Flynn, 38 Glenview Road,	166. 0. 0.
Mr. Laurence Dunne, 11, Kilmantin Road.	249. 0. 0.
Mr. Edward O'Brien, 4, Kilmantin Road.	249. 0. 0.
Mr. John Healy, 16, Glenview Road,	166. 0. 0.
Mrs. Kathleen Byrne, 5, Castle Street.	249. 0. 0.

It was the opinion of some of the members that the scheme should include provision for the repayment by purchasers of the capital sum by way of special redemption. The Town Clerk pointed out that if this were to be introduced it would lead to quite an amount of administrative work.

Councillor Kavanagh asked why some leases had not been drawn up yet even though applications were approved by the Council as far back as two years. The Town Clerk stated that a considerable portion of delay was due to the fact that maps had not been prepared in respect of the majority of the leases. This was due to the fact that the £25 for legal fees payable to the Law Agent, Mr. McCarroll, did not include an amount for the preparation of the necessary maps and consequently the Town Surveyor was not being paid for his work in this matter. The Town Surveyor stated that the preparation of some of the maps involved a considerable amount of work and meant paying someone to assist him in the measuring of some of the sites. He further pointed out that he was not prepared to draw up the maps on a gross salary from the Urban District of £200 per annum.

The meeting agreed that an extra amount of two guineas be included in the Law Agents fee for the preparation of maps and that Mr. McCarroll be asked to collect these amounts.

REWIRING OF HOUSES:

Replying to Councillor Mrs. McNamara the Town Surveyor stated that he himself was not qualified to know whether a house needed rewiring. He stated that he had come to an agreement with the Area Engineer for the E.S.B. to test some of the houses.

HOUSE AT BALLYNERRIN:

The Town Clerk was instructed to look into the matter of a house at Ballynerrin being vacated and sub-let, the tenant Mr. Noel Murphy having emigrated.

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LEASE OF PROPERTY AT 11, STRAND STREET, WICKLOW:

Application from Mr. F. Hynes, Rathnew, for lease of 75 years on his property at 11, Strand Street. It was pointed out that there were 17 years still to run on the old lease and Mr. Hynes had agreed to surrender same if new lease was granted.

Proposed by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved that:-

"We hereby accept surrender of lease due to expire in March, 1984, on 11, Strand Street, Wicklow, and we hereby grant to Mr. F. Hynes, Rathnew, a lease on the property for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1967, at an annual rent of £5. 16. 3. being 1½ times the original rent".

The meeting concluded at 9.00 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Halla an Baité,
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Oct. 27

29th September, 1967.

TO/ THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will take place (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday the 3rd October, 1967, at 7.30 p.m.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

T. BRODERICK.

TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

- ✓ (1) Confirmation of minutes of September, 1967, monthly meeting (copy herewith).
- ✓ (2) Confirmation of minutes of special meeting held on the 26th September, 1967, (copy herewith).
- ✓ (3) Urban Employment Scheme Grant - Allocation of 1967/68 Grant.
- ✓ (4) Urban Road Improvement Grant - Allocation of 1967/68 Grant.
- ✗ (5) Planning Applications. ✗
- ✗ (6) Tenant Purchase Scheme Applications.
- ✓ (7) New refuse dump.
- ✗ (8) House Construction Loan - Application for increased loan.
- ✓ (9) Derelict Site - Report from Town Surveyor on *Orange Hallan Biggs St*
- ✓ (10) Dunbur Estate - Services for further housing.
- ✗ (11) Application for lease of site at 10 Bond Street.
- ✓ (12) Application for building lease on Gregory's Row.
- ✗ (13) Development Plan.
- ✓ (14) Town Surveyor's Report for September 1967.
- (15) Sealing of documents.
- (16) Any other business (at discretion of Chairman).



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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Halla an Baité,
Town Hall,

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Wicklow

Oct. 27

Minutes of monthly meeting of the 3rd October, 1967.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, presiding; Councillors Mrs. P. McNamara, Mrs. M. McEnroy, Messrs E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, J. Everett, F. Conway, L. Turner, J. Kane.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. T. Broderick, Town Clerk, Mr. N. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting the Chairman proposed a Vote of Sympathy with Councillor Liam Turner on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Mark Conway. He also conveyed sincere sympathy to the Widow and family of the late Mr. Conway. The motion was seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and was passed in silence, all present standing. Councillor Turner thanked the Chairman and members for their expression of sympathy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING:

The minutes of the September monthly meeting held on the 5th September, 1967, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING:

The minutes of the special meeting held on the 26th September, 1967, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

URBAN EMPLOYMENT SCHEME GRANT:

The Town Surveyor recommended and it was agreed that footpaths in the following streets be repaired out of the 1967/68 allocation.

- (1) Batchelor's Walk.
- (2) St. Dominick's Road.
- (3) Seaview Road.

Councillor Kane suggested that the park known as the Barrow Green be put in order and it was decided to approach the Committee regarding a sum of £250 which they had on hands and ascertain if an allocation from the grant could be augmented by the £250.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

On the recommendation of the Town Surveyor the meeting decided to use the 1967/68 grant of £1,089 on the improvement of the Ball Alley Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- (1) Erection of bungalow at site number 22 Durbur Park for Mr. Brendan Conway. The meeting agreed to grant the necessary permission there being no objection to the development in the Town Surveyor's report.

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(2) Addition of bathroom and kitchen at 8, Strand Street. The meeting agreed to grant the necessary permission there being no objection in the Town Surveyor's report.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME APPLICATIONS:

The following applications to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme were approved:-

<u>Name & Address:</u>	<u>Purchase Price:</u>
Miss Ellen Sinnott, 7, St. Dominick's Road.	£176
Mrs. Annie Roche, 17 Kilmantin Road.	249
Mrs. Catherine Sillery, 10, Kilmantin Road.	249
Mr. J. Jameson, 5, Marine View, The Murrrough.	283
Mr. James Jameson, 6, Kilmantin Road.	249

The Chairman cited the case of Mr. James Jameson of 6, Kilmantin Road, from whom the rent collector had refused to accept rent because of the fact that he had not completed a declaration of income form required under the Differential Rent Scheme. The Chairman queried the reasons why Mr. Jameson had to complete a declaration of income. The Town Clerk pointed out that Mr. Jameson had been created tenant in May, 1967, and came under the Differential Rent Scheme. He stated that it was not possible to assess Mr. Jameson's rent without knowing the household income. The meeting recommended that Jameson be asked to meet the Town Clerk and the position pointed out to him.

NEW REFUSE DUMP:

In reply to the Town Clerk Councillor Mrs. McEnroy stated that she had failed in her negotiations with Mr. Merrigan for his site at the "Brickworks", Rathnew.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had advertised for a site but that no replies had been received up to the day of the meeting.

Councillor Kavanagh described a site which he had inspected at Knockrobin and which he felt would make an ideal refuse dump. The site was approximately ½ mile from the town and was composed of some arable land and a high acreage of marsh land. He stated that the site was isolated, that there were no buildings in the immediate vicinity and that the Urban District Council's refuse disposal problems would be solved for a long number of years. The meeting agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the Town Surveyor should inspect the site and that the owner of the property be ascertained with a view to discussing purchase terms, if the site was considered suitable.

On the proposal of Councillor Turner the meeting complimented Councillor Kavanagh on his efforts. The Chairman also paid tribute to Mrs. McEnroy for her efforts in regard to the Rathnew site.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chairman outlined the reasons why the necessary Resolution to adopt the Development Plan had not been passed at the special meeting of the Council held on the 26th September, 1967. He asked whether the

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Plan could be reviewed from time to time. The County Manager pointed out that Section 20 of the Planning Act gave a Planning Authority power to review their Development Plan as occasion required. He stated further that no objections had been received in relation to the Plan and he recommended that the Plan be adopted within the period of two months extension of time sought from the Minister.

Councillor Mrs. McNamara drew attention to the Draft Development Plan map and stated that Leitrim Place was shown as an industrial area and that the residents were perturbed as their property would lose in value. The Manager stated that a Resolution to vary the plan could be submitted within a few months after the Plan being made.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED HOUSE CONSTRUCTION LOAN:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had received an application from Mr. Michael Earls for an increase of £300 on his House Construction Loan of £1,200 for the purpose of the erection of dwelling house at 50 Dunbur Park. The increase is required for the addition of a garage and kitchenette shown on the plans already submitted. The Town Clerk stated that he was satisfied that Mr. Earls would be in a position to meet the repayments on the increased loan of £1,500 and the meeting agreed to grant the increase.

ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITE AT BRIDGE STREET:

The Town Surveyor's report on the hall known as the Orange Hall at Bridge Street was read to the meeting. The report stated that the building fulfilled the conditions of a derelict site as laid down in the Derelict Sites Act 1961. The County Manager pointed out that if the building was not acquired the Council would be faced with the problem of making it safe. He also stated that when acquired the building could be renovated and that some of the rooms be let as offices and that the revenue derived could be used to meet portion of the loan charges. On the proposal of Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Conway, the following Resolution was passed:-

"That having regard to the report of the Town Surveyor and being satisfied that the site is a derelict site within the meaning of Section 1 of the Derelict Site Act 1961 we hereby resolve that the building and out offices at Bridge Street, commonly called the Orange Hall, be compulsorily acquired under Section 7 of the Derelict Sites Act 1961 and that the necessary arrangements be made accordingly".

DUNBUR ESTATE - SERVICES FOR FURTHER HOUSING:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Preliminary Report of the Consultant Engineer, Mr. J. B. Barry, had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government and that he had as yet received no communication from them. The meeting instructed the Town Clerk to put pressure on the Department in order to expedite the matter.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF SITE:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application had been received from Mrs. D. Martin of 10, Bond Street, for lease of a site bordering the premises at 10, Bond Street. The County Manager pointed out that the area was scheduled as an industrial area and that in the long term there could be objections to the granting of the lease. The Town Surveyor asked what Council's policy should be in this area as the Council had recently given some approvals to private development. The County Manager stated that if the Council continued to grant new leases in the area that further development might be hindered. On the suggestion of the Chairman the meeting agreed that further information be sought regarding the application.

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APPLICATION FOR BUILDING LEASE:

The Town Clerk informed the meeting of an application received from Augustus Cullen & Son, Solicitors, acting for Mr. Thomas Dover, 11, St. Dominick's Road, for a 75 year building lease on site known as Gregory's Row. He stated that the application was in conjunction with two planning applications for the erection of two bungalows on the site, the original lease assigned to Mr. Thomas Dover prohibiting the erection of dwellings on the site. The Town Surveyor pointed out that the area in question was scheduled in the Draft Development Plan as agricultural land or an open space. He also stated that the site was not large enough for the erection of two detached bungalows. In the present absence of a layout plan the Council agreed that consideration would be given to the lease application as soon as definite proposals regarding the erection of dwellings on the site were received from the applicants.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

Water Supply: Several members complained about the discolouration of the domestic water supply. The Town Surveyor stated that the remaining three filter beds at the reservoir had been cleaned and were now in use and that an improvement should be noted within ten to fourteen days. He referred to the report on the analysis of samples taken from the reservoir and the clear water tank and informed the meeting that the report stated that the water was not polluted.

Scavenging Service: The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that the tractor was on continuous hire at £15 per week. He also stated that repairs to the International tractor would cost in the region of £200. The Town Clerk pointed out that he was on the point of inviting tenders for the supply of a tractor.

The ban on week-end over-time was also referred to and the Town Clerk suggested that a way out of the trouble would be to receive an assurance from the tractor driver that he would engage in labouring work including street sweeping, when requested to do so. The meeting recommended that if such an assurance was received that the tractor driver be included in the week-end over-time. Referring to expressions of dissatisfaction from the members in connection with the scavenging service the Town Clerk stated that he had met the men concerned following the last meeting of the Council and they put forward various suggestions with regard to the cleaning of the streets, emptying of litter bins, industrial waste and collection times. He pointed out that in order to carry out some of the suggestions made an extra man would have to be employed.

Councillor Kane felt that it was necessary that a second driver be employed and the Town Surveyor was instructed to have one of the existing men trained in the driving of the tractor.

Clerk of Works: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Clerk of Works had taken up duty on the 18th September, 1967. The meeting requested that a monthly report be submitted to the Council on the progress of the Ballynerrin housing scheme.

Deputation from Chamber of Commerce: The Council agreed to receive a deputation from the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce before the commencement of business at the November meeting to discuss housing and the Draft Development Plan.

Green Hill Road: Councillor Doyle drew attention to the fact that the opening to the car park at the Green Hill Road was misleading to drivers at night time. He suggested that a sign be erected in the vicinity and the Town Surveyor stated he would look into the matter.

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TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

On the suggestion of the Chairman the meeting agreed that the Council should express its appreciation to the Rev. Pettigrew and his Beautification Committee for their work in providing a waterfall at Marlton Road. He said that the civic spirit shown by these people was an example to the entire community. Councillor Mrs. McNamara suggested that a Tidy Towns Committee be formed of representatives of local bodies interested and willing to make the town a worthwhile entrant for next years Tidy Towns Competition. The Meeting instructed the Town Clerk to invite representatives from interested bodies to an inaugural meeting.

HOUSING LIST: (In Committee)

The Chairman raised the problem of persons working within the Urban area but having unsuitable accommodation outside the Urban Area. He queried whether these could be included on the housing list. The Town Clerk stated that the Council's scheme of priorities with regard to the allocation of Urban District Council houses only provide for people living within the Urban District.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Doyle, resolved that the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to the following lease. Wicklow Urban District Council to Francis Hynes, 11, Strand Street, lease for 75 years from the 29th September, 1967.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m.

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