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park was fit for reseeding. The meeting agreed that the money be used for this purpose.

CONSULTANT ARCHITECT:

Councillor Kane felt that the position regarding the Consultant Architect was unsatisfactory. He pointed out that the Architect could not be contacted direct and this led to a certain amount of inconvenience. He suggested that Mr. O'Brien be asked to attend at the next meeting of the Council.

CLERK OF WORK'S REPORT:

The Clerk of Work's report for January, 1968, copies of which had been circulated was approved by the Council.

ST. MANTANN'S PARK:

Councillor Turner suggested that some waste ground in St. Mantann's Park would be cultivated by the residents of the area if the Council issued slips. The meeting agreed that this should be given attention.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES:

Councillor Conway drew the meeting's attention to the deplorable condition of some of the slaughter houses in the Urban District. It was decided that the matter be taken up with the Chief Medical Officer.

EXTERN CLINICS:

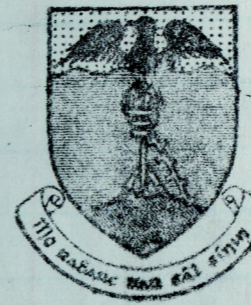
Councillor Mrs. McEnroy drew the meeting's attention to the inadequate facilities available for the holding of extern clinics at the Wicklow ~~Urban~~ District Hospital. She stated that there was no room available in the hospital for holding such clinics and that conditions at the Psychiatric Clinic were especially bad. On the suggestion of the Chairman the Town Clerk was instructed to bring Councillor Mrs. McEnroy complaint to the notice of the County Council.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Doyle that the seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to the following assignment: Frans Buitelaar (Ireland) Ltd. to Frans Buitelaar (England) Ltd.

The Meeting concluded at 11.50 p.m.

J. A. Delahanty



Comairle Bailleáannair Cille Mantáin
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HALLA AN DASTE,
TOWN HALL,

Cill Mantáin
Wicklow

Oct. 27

1st March, 1968.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th March, 1968, at 7.30 p.m. You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

U. McCABE.

ACTING TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of February, 1968, monthly meeting.
2. Swimming Pool - details of previous proposals.
3. Proposed new refuse dump at Ballybeg, Rathnew.
4. Applications under Planning and Development Act.
5. Filling of vacancy in membership of Urban Council.
6. Housing Scheme at Ballynerrin - 22 Houses - Clerk of Work's Report, etc.
7. Report of Town Surveyor for February, 1968.
8. Lairage at harbour (cattle export arrangements).
9. Resignation of Town Surveyor.
10. Application for extension of lease from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club, Wicklow.
11. Other Business (At discretion of Chairman).

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Comairle Baileádhannair Cille Mannáin
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Halla an Dáta,
Town Hall,

Cill Mannáin
Wicklow

Cel. 27

Minutes of monthly meeting held on the 5th March, 1968.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. U. McCabe, Acting Town Clerk, Mr. N. D. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING:

The minutes of the February monthly meeting held on the 6th February, 1968, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

SWIMMING POOL:

The Council discussed the proposal to erect a swimming pool in Wicklow and while they were unanimous that such a pool should be erected they felt that a realistic approach must be made to the matter by forming a body for the purpose of raising a minimum of £5,000 towards the cost of providing the pool. The County Manager outlined the high capital cost of building a pool, particularly on the Black Castle site, which was now the only one available and in particular he outlined the heavy annual maintenance charges which might have to be borne by the Council. The Council finally agreed to hold a private informal meeting of the members of the Council to discuss the project.

PROPOSED NEW REFUSE DUMP AT BALLYBEG, RATHNEW:

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that objections had been received to the Council's proposal to use lands at Ballybeg, Rathnew, the property of Mrs. M. Murray, for the proposed new refuse dump, the objections being from persons residing in the area. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor Kane and seconded by Councillor Conway that the Council open negotiations with Miss M. Carr for the purpose of using her land at Ashtown for a public dump. The members requested that an approach be made to the Department of Local Government with a view to obtaining an Amenity Grant for the development of the present refuse dump at the Glen as a park with facilities for the parking of tourist cars when dumping operations cease there.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

House at St. Laurence's Park - Edward O'Sullivan:

It was agreed that permission be granted to Mr. Edward O'Sullivan to extend his house at St. Laurence's Park there being no objection to the proposed development in the Town Surveyor's report.

Pavilion extension - Wicklow Golf Club:

It was agreed that permission be granted to the Wicklow Golf Club to extend their pavilion, there being no objection to the proposed development in the Town Surveyor's report.

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Bungalow at Gregory's Row - William Dover:

It was agreed that there would be no objection, in principle, to Mr. William Dover erecting a bungalow at Gregory's Row but it was noted that no proper site map had been submitted.

Bungalow at St. Patrick's Road - F. Anderson:

It was agreed that permission be given to Mr. Anderson to erect a bungalow at St. Patrick's Road subject to the private sewer connecting this and adjoining houses in the development to the Council's sewer at Marlton Road being completed.

Bungalow at St. Patrick's Road - William P. Wright:

It was agreed that permission be given to Mr. W. Wright to erect a bungalow at St. Patrick's Road subject to the private sewer connecting this and adjoining houses in the development to the Council's sewer at Marlton Road being completed.

Office for Commissioners of Public Works at Garda Barracks:

The Acting Town Clerk mentioned that it seemed that the Office of Public Works, being a Government Department, were only obliged to consult the Council in connection with the development at the Garda Barracks by the erection of prefabricated offices. The Council directed that a letter be addressed to the Office of Public Works conveying the Council's dissatisfaction with the proposed development in as much as the Office of Public Works was not setting a good example by the erection of buildings of a temporary nature on a very restricted site.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF URBAN COUNCIL:

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh and seconded by Councillor J. Kane that Mr. T. Byrne, Strand Street, fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council. It was resolved unanimously that Mr. T. Byrne be co-opted a member of the Council to fill the vacancy.

HOUSING SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN:

The Council noted from the Clerk of Works' report that work was well advanced on the scheme but the members expressed their disappointment at the non-attendance of the Architect who, on the day of the meeting, had given notice of his inability to be present. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the complained of defects by some tenants in the ten and fourteen house schemes at Ballynerrin and it was decided that the Architect should again be written to in this regard and asked to have the matters complained of remedied without delay.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

Arising out of the report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated, the following matters were discussed:

Site allocated to Mr. Flaherty at Dunbur Estate:

The meeting decided that if nothing definite had been done by Mr. Flaherty in regard to this site by the date of the next meeting that the site should be re-allocated and accordingly the Acting Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Flaherty in order to ascertain his intention in this regard.

Site for shop (dwelling) at Dunbur Estate:

The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that he would have particulars in this regard for the next meeting of the Council.

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Pedestrian Crossings:

The Town Surveyor informed the Council that the roads involved, Main Street and Dunbur Road, were County Council roads and that he was looking into the matter.

Tarring of Brickfield Lane:

The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that he had not been in a position to prepare a scheme for the Brickfield Lane as yet as it was a major job and would take some time.

SLAUGHTER YARDS:

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to the Health Inspector in regard to the condition of the slaughter houses in the Urban area and would have a report on the matter for the next meeting.

APPLICATION OF MR. VINCENT KING FOR PERMISSION TO CONNECT TO COUNCIL'S SEWER AT FRIAR'S HILL:

The Council considered an application from Mr. Vincent King for permission to connect his proposed development for the erection of 75 houses at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, into the Council's sewer at Friars Hill, the proposed development being outside the boundary of the Urban District. The Town Surveyor reported that the sewer concerned was capable of taking the sewage from the development but stressed that no surface water, storm water or drainage should be allowed into the sewer which should be used solely for foul sewage, bath and sink waste. The County Manager said that in view of the Town Surveyor's report to the effect that the Council sewer could take the discharge of sewage from the proposed 75 houses it was considered that a fixed capital charge should be made for the proposed development in addition to the usual sewer rent normally charged to persons outside the Urban District. He pointed out that in a planning application under consideration at the present meeting the charge for connection of a dwelling to a private sewer had been given as £100. The members were in agreement that ~~such~~ a fixed charge should be made. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor E. Conway and seconded by Councillor J. Kane that permission be granted subject to the conditions outlined in the Town Surveyor's report, and to the payment of a capital sum per dwelling in addition to a sewer rent.

LAIRAGE AT SOUTH QUAY (CATTLE EXPORT ARRANGEMENTS):

The meeting discussed the application of Mr. Michael Eamonn Herbst, Kilpoole Hill Farm, Wicklow, for the provision of a cattle lairage at Clarke's yard at South Quay. The members were of the opinion that as the matter had been discussed at a number of previous meetings that a firm decision should be taken.

It was proposed by Councillor Conway and seconded by Councillor Mrs. McEnroy that permission be given to Mr. Michael Herbst for use of Clarke's yard at South Quay as lairage in connection with cattle export trade from Wicklow harbour subject to compliance with Public Health requirements and the requirements of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The proposal was supported by the Chairman. Councillor Kane indicated that he would dissent from the proposal as also did Councillor Kavanagh, Councillor Mrs. McNamara, Councillor Turner and Councillor Doyle.

The County Manager advised, when requested by the Chairman for an opinion in the matter, that the members who had indicated their dissent from the proposal must be regarding as voting against the motion, and accordingly it transpired that there were three in favour of the motion and five not in favour so that it be regarded as lost, seeing that it was not supported by a majority of the members, and all the members present had indicated their views on the motion.

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE FROM ST. PATRICK'S G.A.A. CLUB:

St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club who are at present holders of a 31 year lease, at a rent of £40, of this field which measures 6.135 acres and which has been used as a playing field, asked if the Council would grant them a 75 year lease, as they wished to erect a pavilion.

The Council decided to grant a 75 year lease of the field at Dunbur, Wicklow, to St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club at a rent of £45 per annum, provided that a pavilion, to be approved by the Council, be erected within a period of seven years.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 p.m.

J. A. Delahanty



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Cel. 27

29th March, 1968.

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

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will take place in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday the 2nd April, 1968, at 7.30 p.m.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

U. McCABE.

ACTING TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes of March, 1968, monthly meeting. (copy herewith)
- 2) Proposed new refuse dump at Ashtown.
- 3) Request of Harbour Commissioners to take over roadway of South Quay.
- 4) Dunbur Estate - Proposed layout of building sites.
- 5) Proposed building programme for 3 years ending 31st March, 1971.
- 6) Applications under Planning & Development Act.
- 7) Applications for loans for construction of private houses.
- 8) Town Surveyor's report, March, 1968.
- 9) Ballynerrin Housing Scheme - Clerk of Works monthly report.
- 10) Application from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. for the Council's permission to sub-lease part of their property at North Quay.
- 11) Overdraft Accommodation.
- 12) Any other business (at discretion of Chairman).

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd APRIL, 1968.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding: Councillors J. Kane, L. Turner, P. Doyle, F. Conway, E. Kavanagh, Mrs. P. McNamara, Mrs. M. McEnroy and Mr. T. Byrne.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. U. McCabe, Acting Town Clerk, Mr. N. D. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING:

The minutes of the March monthly meeting held on the 5th March, 1968, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

PROPOSED NEW REFUSE DUMP AT ASHTOWN:

The Acting Town Clerk read to the meeting a letter from the Town Surveyor stating that Councillor L. Turner and himself had interviewed Miss M. Carr the owner of a suitable site at Ashtown, Wicklow, and that she had agreed to lease same to the Council for a period of five years at a yearly rent of £50 and on the condition that a chain link wire fence with a separate entrance fitted with a steel gate be provided by the Council and that the site be reinstated with top soil to a depth of 9 inches when the site ceases to be used by the Council. The Council agreed to these conditions and requested that the Agreement be drawn up immediately. The Acting Town Clerk pointed out it would be necessary to obtain planning permission from the Wicklow County Council in respect of the proposed development.

REQUEST OF HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE OVER ROADWAY AT SOUTH QUAY:

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from the Harbour Commissioners requesting the Council to take over repairs and maintenance of the public roadway of the South Quay and in addition outlined the County Manager's views on the request, in particular the fact that the Council found grave difficulty in maintaining their existing road mileage and that no Government grant would be available to assist in financing the proposal. The Town Surveyor drew the members attention to the fact that the harbour wall was also in a very bad state of repair and could affect the cost of maintenance of the road to a large extent. Having discussed the matter at length the Council decided to wait until the repairs to the quay wall had been carried out, tenders recently having been obtained by the Harbour Commissioners and in the meantime the Town Surveyor to prepare a report setting out all aspects of the matter and the Acting Town Clerk to make enquiries from the Department of Local Government as to whether a grant would be available for the work or if the Urban Road Grant could be used for this purpose.

DUNBUR ESTATE - PROPOSED LAYOUT OF BUILDING SITES:

The Council examined the proposed layout of 59 building sites at Dunbur Estate and were of the opinion that difficulties would arise in regard to only semi-detached houses being provided for. It was

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felt that this form of development would hamper persons who wished to erect their own houses as it would be necessary for two applicants to come to agreement. It was generally agreed that the proposed layout would provide the cheapest sites for the applicants and also be more economic in the use of land but nevertheless the difficulties mentioned could arise. It was, therefore, decided that the proposal be examined again at the next meeting but that in the meantime the Architect should be instructed to prepare plans for the first stage of the sewerage development with stepped cascade manhole instead of septic tank.

PROPOSED BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR THREE YEARS ENDING THE 31st MARCH, 1971:

The members considered the draft building programme submitted by the Acting Town Clerk which was based on the assessment of housing needs carried out in May, 1967. It was felt that the Acting Town Clerk's estimate of a building programme of 10 Local Authority dwellings for each year of the three year period ending on the 31st March, 1971, be increased from 10 to 20 houses and in addition the estimated number of private dwellings be increased in 1968/69 from 6 to 10, in 1969/70 from 7 to 20 and in 1970/71 from 7 to 25. Accordingly therefore it was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle and seconded by Councillor Edward Kavanagh that in accordance with Section 55 of the Housing Act, 1956, we hereby adopt the following building programme for the period ending 31st March, 1971.

	YEAR			
	1967/68	1968/69	1969/70	1970/71
<u>Local Authority Dwellings</u>				
Houses	22	20	20	20
<u>Private Dwellings</u>				
Loans for house purchase ...	4	10	20	25
Developed building sites ...	4	10	20	25

APPLICATION UNDER PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT - RECONSTRUCTION OF SHOP FRONT - MISS K. KANE:

It was agreed that permission be granted to Miss K. Kane to reconstruct shop front at Fitzwilliam Square there being no objection to the proposed development in the Town Surveyor's report.

MEWS CONVERSION AND ERECTION OF FOUR BUNGALOWS AT WENTWORTH PLACE - MESSRS C. G. COONEY:

The Acting Town Clerk indicated that the application which had only been received a few days previously had not been reported on by the Town Surveyor and consequently had not been examined by the County Manager. The Council decided that they would agree to permission being granted to Mr. Cooney for the mews extension provided the Town Surveyor and County Manager were satisfied with the development, the proposal to build four bungalows to be considered when the Town Surveyor and County Manager had examined the matter fully.

EXTENSION TO RESIDENTS - EDWARD BUNN:

The Acting Town Clerk pointed out that as the application had only been received that day neither the Town Surveyor or the County Manager

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had time to examine the proposal. The Council indicated that they would agree to permission being granted provided Mr. Bunn's proposal met with the requirements of the Town Surveyor and County Manager.

APPLICATION FOR LOANS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE HOUSES:

Bungalow at St. Patrick's Road - William P. Wright:

The Council agreed with the County Manager's decision to grant a loan of £2,500 to Mr. William P. Wright for the construction of a bungalow at St. Patrick's Road, the terms of the Council's scheme having been complied with.

Application of Mr. Peter Earls:

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that the County Manager was not prepared to approve of the issue of a loan in this case as firstly Mr. Earls was not resident in Wicklow and was not a housing liability of the Wicklow Urban District Council being a native of Arklow and being in employment there. Furthermore as the house was over 70 years old it was not the type of dwelling for which the issue of loans under the Housing Act was intended. The County Manager and indeed the Department of Local Government were of the opinion that loans should be reserved for new houses and that only in exceptional circumstances could old houses be considered, particularly in view of the number of applicants as compared with the Council's Capital Allocation. The members having discussed the matter requested the Acting Town Clerk to ask the County Manager to reconsider his decision.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

Arising out of the Town Surveyor's report the Council requested the Town Surveyor to look into the matter of providing oneway roads at the Ball Alley as traffic had increased considerably since the recent improvement works were carried out.

CLERK OF WORK'S REPORT:

Arising out of the Clerk of Work's report it was decided that the Acting Town Clerk should write to the Consultant Architect requesting him to attend the next meeting of the Council to be held on the 7th May, 1968, and that he be asked to submit a full report on the three new housing schemes at Ballynerrin before the end of April.

APPLICATION FROM SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PERMISSION TO SUB-LEASE PART OF THEIR PROPERTY AT SOUTH QUAY: (Taken in Committee)

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. requesting the Council's consent to a sub-lease of portion of the Company's property at Wicklow harbour held under lease from the Council to a Company headed by a Mr. Stephen O'Mara of Dublin. The portion of the property referred to comprises the office block, laboratory and bag store on the north side of the quay referred to as lot "B" on the Company's plan. The meeting discussed the application and while in agreement that permission should be given to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to a sub-lease it was suggested by the Chairman that the members should first met Mr. O'Mara at 7.00 p.m. on the 8th April, before the Annual Estimates Meeting, to discuss further the proposal.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

The Acting Town Clerk requested approval of the Council for overdraft accommodation for the quarter ending the 30th June, 1968, in the sum of £10,000. Accordingly it was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved :-

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"It is resolved that we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, for the provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £10,000 on General Revenue Account for quarter ending 30th June, 1968."

The meeting approved of the Council's Treasurer being requested for the necessary accommodation.

OVER EXPENDITURE:

The Acting Town Clerk stated that he estimated that there would be over expenditure under the heading of housing repairs in the sum of £100, scavenging £400, ordinary road works £60 and E.S.V. Scheme £90. The Council accordingly gave authorisation for the necessary over expenditure, it being noted that £310 of the over expenditure on scavenging was due to tractor hire and tractor repairs.

APPLICATION OF MR. MICHAEL BUTLER FOR RELEASE OF MORTGAGE UNDER THE HOUSING ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING HIS HOUSE:

The Acting Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. J. H. McCarroll & Co. requesting the Council to release the mortgage on Mr. Michael Butler's house for the purpose of completing a sale. The Council agreed subject to loan outstanding and interest due thereon being repaid in full.

APPLICATION OF MR. R. DAVIS THAT COUNCIL GRANT A LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND ADJOINING HIS RESIDENCE AT GLENSIDE ROAD:

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that an application had been received from Mr. R. Davis of Glenside Road for lease of a plot of ground adjoining his premises which the Council had previously agreed to lease to a Mr. Sinnott from whom Mr. Davis had purchased it. Mr. Davis had indicated that he required the plot for improvements and extensions to his residence as per plans submitted. The meeting agreed that a lease of 75 years be granted and that the existing lease of Mr. Davis's own residence be incorporated at a yearly rent of £6.

BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ESTATE - MR. J. FLAHERTY:

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Flaherty had now written to say that he definitely intends to build in the near future and accordingly the Council allowed him until the end of next November for the completion of the work.

SHOP SITE:

The meeting agreed that the site at the Dunbur Estate known as the shop site should be used as an ordinary site for residential purposes without any shop and that a list of applicants for sites be presented to the next meeting so that it can be allocated.

APPLICATION OF MR. F. HYNES FOR LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT REAR OF 10 BOND STREET, WICKLOW:

The Council agreed to lease the plot of ground at the rear of 10 Bond Street, Wicklow, to Mr. F. Hynes the owner and to incorporate his existing lease therein at an annual rent of £5.

ROAD AND FOOTPATH RESTORATION:

The meeting instructed the Acting Town Clerk to write to the Department of Post & Telegraphs, the Gas Company and the E.S.B.

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expressing their dissatisfaction with the manner in which roads and footpaths were reinstated after excavation of cable and pipe laying and repairs of leaks had been carried out.

APPLICATION OF MR. VINCENT KING FOR PERMISSION TO CONNECT TO COUNCIL'S SEWER AT FRIAR'S HILL:

The Council discussed the issue of a letter to Mr. Vincent King requesting payment of a capital sum of £3,750 in advance in respect of permission to connect his proposed development of 75 houses at Ballynerrin to the Council's sewer at Friar's Hill. The Acting Town Clerk explained that the sum represented a charge of £50 per house for 75 houses and was considered quite reasonable when compared to other charges being made for connections to sewers in the locality and with the cost of constructing a septic tank with its consequent reducing effect on the building density. However, the members were of the opinion that the Council should only make an initial capital charge of £50 per house for five houses in advance (a total of £250) with further capital charges per group of five houses to be added as the development proceeded. The Acting Town Clerk told the meeting that he would inform the County Manager.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 p.m.

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J. A. Doherty



Comairle Baileárainn Cille Mannaín
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Oct. 27

Halla an Baité,
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Wicklow

1st April, 1968.

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

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that the Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Monday the 8th April, 1968, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, the data for which has already been forwarded to you.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

U. McCABE.

ACTING TOWN CLERK.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

March, 1968.

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

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1969

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

In the attached tables details are given of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year 1968/69. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 8th April, 1968.

Provision is being made in the Estimates for a total expenditure of £83,894 and after deducting Receipts, which are expected to reach £43,946, the net requirements which will have to be met from the Rates would be £39,948. In addition, however, provision is again being made for the liquidation of a Debit Balance on the Council's Revenue Account. The amount included for this purpose is £800 so that the total sum to be found from Rates would be £40,748. This would require a Rate of 70/2d. in the £. In the present year the Rate struck by the Council was 62/9d. so it will be seen that an additional Rate of 7/5d. is being sought.

The Expenditure and Receipts under the four main headings which are used for accounting purposes, for the coming year 1968/69, together with the corresponding figures allowed for the current year are set out below - the figures for the current year being shown in parenthesis.

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>GROSS EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>NET EXPENDITURE</u>
<u>ROADS</u>	£5,947 (£5,627)	£2,934 (£2,833)	£3,013 (£2,794)
<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>	£11,375 (£10,901)	£3,392 (£3,357)	£7,983 (£7,544)
<u>HOUSING</u>	£34,992 (£31,342)	£33,315 (£29,595)	£1,677 (£1,747)
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>	£31,580 (£28,214)	£4,305 (£4,347)	£27,275 (£23,867)

When submitting the Estimates last year it was mentioned that in previous years any credit balances available to the Council which enabled them to carry on during part of the year when an income from Rates and other sources would not be available, had been completely applied towards the reduction of the Rate Levy. In addition credit had been taken for Receipts which subsequently were not realised. In particular it was decided to allow for a large increase in Housing Receipts ^{EXPECTED FROM} subsequent on an anticipated adjustment in rents - an adjustment which subsequently did not take place. The result has been that the deficit on Revenue Account has been rising each year. It was recommended last year that provision to the extent of £1,000 be made in the Estimates for the purpose of reducing this adverse balance. The amount eventually allowed by the Council, however, was £800 and a similar sum again has been included in the Estimates for the coming year.

The Rate adopted last year was 62/9d. and ~~that~~ ^{THE} requirement for the coming year on the basis of the figures now submitted would be 70/2d. This increase of 7/5d. can be accounted for briefly as follows:-

Refund of Rates due to Reduction in Valuations ...	2s. 0d.
Wages Increases (Result of Labour Court recommendations) ...	1s. 3d.
Salaries (application of 10th Round and Increments) ...	7½d.
Housing Repairs - additional provision having regard to outlay in 1967/68. ...	5d.
Scavenging - additional Loan Charges on Equipment ...	2d.
Joint Burial Board Demand ...	2d.
Town Hall - Painting ...	2d.
County Council Demand ...	3s. 6d.

The total of the foregoing items comes to 8/3½d. but these increases are offset to a certain extent by a reduction in Loan Charges (2d.); reduced provision for Planning (1d.); reduction in cost of Retiring Allowances (2d.); provision for Election Expenses not required (2d.); increase in Water Rents (2d.) and Corporate Estate Rents (1d.)

During the present year a demand was received for an increase in the wages of the outdoor staff. A similar demand was received by the other two Urban Authorities in County Wicklow. The Demand came before the Labour Court at a number of Special Hearings and eventually as a result of their recommendations it was agreed to allow an increase of 12/6d. per week from the 1st September, 1967. In addition it was also agreed that the wages be increased by a further 2/6d. per week (i.e. 15/-d. in all) with effect from 1st April, 1968. Furthermore, as a result of the Labour Court Hearings and having regard to changes which were occurring elsewhere it was agreed that the working hours be reduced to 42½ hours per week from 1st April, 1968. It was also agreed that overtime be allowed at weekends for the purpose of cleaning streets and maintenance of public sanitary conveniences.

During the present year Appeals were lodged against the valuations assessed on a number of industrial buildings in the Harbour Area and at The Murrough. As a result of the Appeals the Commissioner of Valuation made substantial reductions in the valuations of a number of properties. The total reductions in valuations amount in all to £567 5s. 0d. As Rates were assessed in the current year on the then existing valuations it will be necessary to make substantial refunds to the owners of the properties involved and these refunds will amount in all to £1,155 which is equivalent to about 2/-d. in the £ as a Rate.

R O A D S:

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES GRANT.

In the present year the Council received a grant of £1,500 subject to a local contribution of £150. The total amount shown by way of Expenditure under this heading consequently is £1,650 but as mentioned the contribution from Rates will be £150. It is a requirement of this Grant that the works to be carried out should have a high labour content with a view to providing employment in mid-Winter. In the present year the Grant and local contribution was used for footpaths at Batchelors Walk, Seaview Road, Laurence's Road and Fairview Road and amenities scheme at Barrow Green.

ORDINARY ROAD WORKS.

Under this heading the amount included is £1,440 which is £232 higher than allowed last year. The additional sum would be required to

meet increased outlay on wages. With the provision made the Council would again carry out ordinary maintenance and repair work and it should be stressed that unless this be done the Council would not be in a position to receive special Grants from the Road Fund.

SPECIAL WORKS - TAR SPRAYING, ETC.

Once again a sum of £100 is included for this purpose. The outlay is incurred usually for minor tar spraying items and the repair of damage which occurs each year as a result of heavy rainfall.

ROAD FUND GRANT.

In the present year the Council again received a Grant of £1,089 from the Road Fund and a similar sum is included in the present Estimates. With the money received in 1967/68 new road surfaces were laid at the Ball Alley.

NEW ROAD WORKS - DUNBUR ESTATE.

It is necessary to make special provision for new roads to serve the Council's housing estate at Dunbur where persons have been erecting their own houses with the aid of loans from the Council.

New development has been held up because of the necessity to make special provision for new sewers. It is expected, however, that it will be possible to proceed in the coming year with the laying of the necessary new sewers and concurrently it will be necessary to provide for roads which would serve the new part of the housing estate. It has been estimated that the loan required is £6,000 and the provision (£131) included in the Estimates is only part of the Annual Loan Charges which would arise when the work is completed.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The gross cost of Sanitary Services for the coming year is estimated at £11,375 and after deducting Receipts of £3,392 the net cost is £7,983. In the present year the net amount allowed for Sanitary Services was £7,544. The cost of these services in the coming year will be affected by the increase in wages already referred to and also by additional provision under Loan Charges which is to be made for mechanical scavenging equipment.

WATER SUPPLY.

The maintenance of the Marlton Water Supply is estimated to cost £652 - an increase of £50 over the present year.

For the maintenance of the Regional Supply £400 is again included, this being the contribution towards the cost which was agreed some years ago with the County Council. It has been found that in the last completed year, that is 1966/67, the Regional Scheme cost in maintenance £2,491. For some years past the Cronroe Regional Scheme has supplied the greater part of the water consumed in the town of Wicklow.

For the laying of a new watermain and the provision of a sewerage system and other improvements at the housing estate at Dunbur a Loan Charge of £170 is included. In connection with the design of this scheme it is felt that the position now has been reached to enable the Council to have the final documents prepared and tenders to be sought for the work.

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Due to the new weekend arrangements for maintenance it is found that the provision required for maintenance in the coming year would be £141 - £15 more than in the present year.

During the past year the Council had under consideration the proposal for the erection of a new sanitary convenience at the Harbour, the estimated capital cost of which would be £1,500 and the Annual Loan Charge involved would be about £200. The Harbour Authority had been asked to meet one half of the cost so that the net Loan Charge would be £100 and moreover it might be expected that an annual state subsidy of £50 would be receivable. Consequently £100 has again been included in the Estimates by way of Loan Charge and £50 state subsidy is shown in the Receipts.

BURIAL BOARD DEMAND.

For the coming year the Demand from the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board is £553 which is £83 more than in the current year.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

For public lighting £800 is included. This is made up of £750 in respect of existing lighting contract and a sum of £50 for the provision of new lights. The amount of £800 is £12 higher than that allowed for 1967/68.

NEW DUMPING GROUND.

During the present year continuous efforts have been made by the Council to find a suitable site for a new dumping ground. But on every occasion that a particular site had been thought of as suitable objections were immediately received from nearby property owners. This is not an unusual experience, however, and local authorities everywhere nowadays are finding it increasingly difficult to find dumping grounds for refuse. Another difficulty is that the amount of refuse to be disposed of is becoming greater each year due to the greater use made of all types of containers. The sum of £100 has been included in the Estimates and with this it would be hoped that it might be possible to meet the rent charge on a new dumping ground and provide some fencing and special access to it.

SCAVENGING SERVICE.

The provision included for the Scavenging Service is £1,760 which is £240 more than allowed in the present year. The additional cost is ascribable to the revision of wages. The running expenses of the tractor and trailer is again calculated at £200 and the Loan Charges in the coming year on the new tractor purchased a few months ago will be £246 (£170 was provided last year). Mention was made recently of the desirability of buying a new trailer and if a decision to this effect be taken additional cost could arise in the coming year.

WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES FOR DUNBUR HOUSING ESTATE.

A Loan Charge of £170 again has been included in the Estimates towards part of the annual cost that might arise in the coming year in the provision of new watermains and improvements in the sewerage system at Dunbur. These works will be necessary if further sites are to be provided for persons wishing to build their own houses. A state subsidy of £57 has been included in the Receipts against this Loan Charge of £170 so that the net cost involved is £113.

H O U S I N G.

The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £34,992 and after allowing for Receipts (mainly from rents and housing subsidies) of £33,315 the net amount to be met from Rates is £1,677.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES.

Last year it was suggested that £1,200 might be allowed towards the cost of housing repairs but eventually it was decided to reduce this to £760. In the current year the Expenditure will exceed the

provision made in the Estimate and is expected to reach £776. It has already been explained to the Council that this expenditure will be essential in order that urgent repairs (especially those in relation to plumbing) could be carried out.

Having regard however, to complaints received during the year about the inadequate provision for repairs it was decided to include in the present Estimates £1,000 for this purpose. It should be mentioned that in recent years ^{THE} that outlay on repairs has always tended to exceed by a substantial sum the provision made in the Estimates, for example in 1966/67 the expenditure on repairs was £1,370 and in 1965/66 it was £1,242 - however, in 1964/65 it was £783. The Council, however, may feel that having regard to the number of houses which have been purchased by the tenants in recent times there should be a falling off in the cost of repairs.

The total number of houses built by the Council comes to 302 (including 22 which at present are being completed) and of this so far 159 have been sold under the Special Purchase Scheme to the occupying tenants.

RENT RECEIPTS.

The receipts from rents show an increase in the coming year; they are estimated at £14,774 (inclusive of Rates) as compared with £12,560 in the current year. This rise in receipts, however, is due to the rental income from new houses completed by the Council - 24 in 1967 and 20 which are expected to be ready for occupation by about 1st May next. It must be borne in mind, however, that the rise in rent receipts is accompanied by additional Loan Charges to meet the capital cost of the new houses.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

Some time ago the Council had under consideration the erection of a further twenty houses on a site at Ballynerrin and a net Loan Charge of £100 to meet the cost which might arise has been included in the Estimates.

LOANS FOR ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.

The total number of loans made up to the present to persons erecting their own houses comes to 80 and if new development at Dunbur be proceeded with it can be expected that there will be further applications during the year. Additional provision has been included in the Estimates for the charges which might arise on additional money to be borrowed by the Council but this does not involve any cost whatever to the Rates as there will be a corresponding receipt by way of repayments by borrowers.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

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

The total Expenditure is estimated at £31,580; the Receipts are estimated to come to £4,305 leaving the net requirement £27,275. Of the total outlay under General Urban Purposes the County Council Demand accounts for £21,397.

CORPORATE ESTATE.

The cost is expected to be greater by £32 (£276 as compared with £244) in the present year. However, it is also expected that there will be an increase in the income from Corporate Estate Rents of £60. The rental income is estimated at £2,600; in the present year the

Estimate was £2,540.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS.

Last year £100 was included in the Estimates to meet part of a Loan Charge on the cost of carrying out Foreshore Protection Works for which a special grant had been sought. The Council, however, decided to reduce this to £50 and a similar sum has now been included in the Estimates for 1968/69. The present position is that the Commissioners of Public Works have been asked by the County Council to prepare a scheme. Whenever such a scheme is prepared and arrangements made to carry it out the Urban Council, in addition to the County Council, will be asked to make some contribution to the cost.

REFUNDS OF RATES DUE TO REDUCTION IN VALUATIONS.

As mentioned earlier a notice was recently received from the Commissioner of Valuation of reductions made in the valuation of industrial property at the Harbour and at the Murrough consequent on Appeals. The Rates which were assessed in excess of the valuation as revised will have to be refunded to the property owners and due provision must be made for this cost estimated at £1,155 in the Estimates now being submitted. It is unfortunate that the Council should have to meet an unexpected charge of this type but there is a statutory obligation to refund the Rates in excess of the revised valuation.

TOWN HALL.

The Estimate for Town Hall Expenses at £200 is £95 greater than in the present year and this is due to the fact that provision has had to be made for painting of the exterior of the building. It is about six or seven years since the exterior was last painted.

OVERDRAFT INTEREST.

To meet the cost of Overdraft Interest £90 is being included and having regard to the Debit Balance which exists on Revenue Account this could be regarded as a minimum requirement.

SALARIES.

The outlay under this heading shows a rise of £260 due to increments and the application of the Tenth Round Allowance and a proposal to increase the allowance of the Town Surveyor.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

Last year £100 was allowed for this purpose and the amount included for the coming year shows a reduction of £50.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

For the coming year the Demand of the County Council at £21,397 shows an increase of £2,038 (in the present year it was £19,359). As mentioned earlier in this Report the increase of £2,038 in the County Council Demand represents a Rate of 3/6d. The increases in the Demand were caused almost altogether under the headings of Health and Public Assistance. The additional cost of Health is in the main due to rising hospital costs. In the case of Public Assistance it was necessary to review all allowances consequent on the revision which had been made in Social Welfare Payments.

Whilst the Estimates now presented would require a substantial addition to the present Rate it must again be pointed out that 2/-d. of this is due to a reduction in Valuations. As a result of Labour Court Hearings in connection with wage claims an additional outlay of 1/3d. arises and 7½d. occurs on various salaries. The County Council, because of the rising cost of Health and Public Assistance, will require an additional 3/6d. For the housing repairs an amount equival-

ent to 5d. extra has been included.

It has become evident that if the standard which ^{is} expected in the public services is to be maintained increased costs are bound to arise, for example the collecting of household refuse and other services on which the public is dependant will be affected by the level of costs in industry and other activities.

The members of the Council staff, both indoor and outdoor, carried out their services satisfactorily during the present financial year and here it is felt that special mention must be made of the rapidity which Mr. U. McCabe, who has given much help in the preparation of these Estimates, has familiarised himself with the details of the Council's many activities. Mr. N. Farrell, who has filled the post of Town Surveyor in a competent way, unfortunately recently has indicated that he would not be prepared to continue in this position and it seems that the Council may have some difficulty in finding a successor. Mention must also be made of the competence of Mr. P. Henry, Town Sergeant and Miss Kilcoyne and Miss Wynne.

This opportunity is also taken of conveying to the Chairman of the Council sincere appreciation for the consideration and the skill which he has brought to public affairs. He has at all times made himself available when consultation and advice was required and has been untiring in his efforts to bring industry to the town and advance its prosperity. In addition I would like to convey thanks to the members of the Council for their deep interest in civic matters and for the help and guidance they have always so readily given.

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M. FLANNERY,

COUNTY MANAGER.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1968/69

EXPENDITURE

URBAN ROADS:

Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes
 Ordinary Road Works
 (Wages - £1,360, Materials - £80)
 Special Works - tar spraying, etc.
 Road Fund Grant - resurfacing
 Retiring Allowances
 Salaries

LOAN CHARGES.

1964 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate
 1965 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate
 1968 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes	1,650	1650
Ordinary Road Works (Wages - £1,360, Materials - £80)	1,440	1207
Special Works - tar spraying, etc.	100	100
Road Fund Grant - resurfacing	1,089	1089
Retiring Allowances	80	80
Salaries	255	255
<u>LOAN CHARGES.</u>		
1964 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate	562	nil
1965 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate	640	640
1968 - Roads & Footpaths - Dunbur Estate	131	131
	£5,947	5152 .

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Salaries	295	295
Salaries - Water Inspection	969	969
Retiring Allowances	153	153
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	652	652
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	400	400
Water and Sewer Connections	150	150
Sewerage (Wages - £150, Materials - £40)	190	190
Public Sanitary Conveniences	140	140
Scavenging (Wages £1,560, Running Expenses - £200)	1,760	1760
Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	553	553
Public Lighting (Lighting Contract £750 Provision for New Lights £50)	800	800
Water Safety Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	10
Provision of New Dumping Ground	100	100
<u>LOAN CHARGES.</u>		
1948 - Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road)	104	104
1950 - Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road)	120	120
1951 - New Watermain at North Quay	34	34
1958 - Regional Water Supply	2,078	2078
1960 - Regional Water Supply (suppl.)	71	71
1959 - Link Watermain at Dunbur Road	260	260
1962 - Water Supply Improvements	286	286
1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road	245	245
1964 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	553	553
1965 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	360	360
1965 - New Watermain - The Murrough	576	576
1967 - Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment	246	246
1968 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	170	170
1968 - Public Sanitary Convenience at Harbour	100	100
	£11,375	11375

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:HOUSING:

Maintenance and Repair
Salaries
Rent Collector's Poundage
Retiring Allowances
Printing, Stationery, Advertising
Insurances
Rates on Council Houses

LOAN CHARGES.

1932 - 10 Houses Scheme
1934 - 28 Houses Scheme
1937 - 28 and 10 Houses Schemes
1937 - 120 Houses Scheme
1938 - 120 Houses Scheme
1940 - 120 Houses Scheme
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme
1947 - 80 Houses Scheme
1948 - 80 Houses Scheme
1957 - 2 Houses - Castle Street
1964 - 4 Houses Scheme - Castle Park
1965 - 10 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin
1966 - 14 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin
1967 - 22 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin
1968 - 20 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin

LOANS FOR PRIVATE HOUSES - LOAN CHARGES.

1934 Loan
1948 Loan of £5,000
1949 Loan of £10,000
1950 Loan of £10,000
1956 Loan of £5,000
1962 Loan of £10,000
1963 Loan of £10,000
1964 Loan of £20,000
1965 Loan of £40,000
1965 Loan of £2,000
1966 Loan of £20,000
1967 Loan of £30,000

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
	1,000	760
	255	255
	590	590
	80	80
	60	60
	220	170
	5,191	5191
	184	184
	640	640
	29	29
	2,444	2444
	152	152
	103	103
	884	884
	84	84
	65	65
	2,620	2620
	174	174
	572	572
	1,736	1736
	2,618	2618
	3,686	3686
	100	50
	72	72
	240	240
	480	480
	563	563
	380	380
	700	700
	687	687
	1,379	1379
	2,955	2955
	204	204
	1,538	1538
	2,307	2307
	£34,992	34652

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>		
Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting, etc.)	200	200
Acquisition of Derelict Sites	200	100
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £250 Materials £26)	276	276
Local Government (Planning and Development Act)	50	10
Seafront Maintenance	100	100
Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges	5	5
Band Performances	45	45
Milk and Dairies	1	1
Tourist Development	35	50
School Meals - Cost of Food	280	280
School Meals - Cost of Administration	180	180
Allotments	-	-
Salaries	2,680	2680
Rate Collector's Poundage	887	887
Retiring Allowances	93	93
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp. Estate)	165	165
Audit Fee	70	70
Election Expenses	-	-
Legal Expenses	145	145
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	180	180
Rents on Council's Property	12	12
Rates on Council's Property	500	500
Insurance on Council's Property	30	30
Public and E.L. Insurances	260	260
Office Expenses	95	95
Discount on Rates	90	90
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	158	158
Refunded Rates as result of Appeals - Valuations	1,155	1155
Cheap Fuel Scheme	1,300	1300
Overdraft Interest	90	90
Rent of Pound	39	39
Miscellaneous	40	40
<u>LOAN CHARGES.</u>		
1946 - New Footbridge	54	54
1956 - Foreshore Protection Works	115	115
1961 - Foreshore Protection Works	185	185
1963 - Foreshore Protection Works	290	nil
1968 - Foreshore Protection Works	50	50
1962 - Town Hall Repairs	128	128
	£10,183	9768

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
	B/F £10,183	c/f 9768.
<u>COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.</u>		
Main Roads	3,018	3018
Public Assistance	1,040	1040
Health (County)	13,654	13654
General Purposes (County)	1,254	1254
Fire Brigade	730	730
Library	92	92
Seperate Charges	1,609	1609
	£21,397	1609
	-	£31,580
		31165.
<u>TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES</u>	£83,894	82,344

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R O A D S:

Employment Schemes Grant	
Road Fund Grant	
Estate Duty Grant	
State Subsidy - Roads and Paths - Dunbur Estate	
State Subsidy - Roads and Paths - Dunbur Estate	

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
1,500	1500
1,089	1089
90	90
213	213
42	42
£2,934	2934

S A N I T A R Y S E R V I C E S:

Water Rents	
State Subsidy to Loan Charges - Watermain, North Quay	
State Subsidy - Regional Water Supply	
State Subsidy - Regional Water Supply (Suppl.)	
State Subsidy - New Watermain Dunbur Rd.	
State Subsidy - Water Supply Improvements	
State Subsidy - Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road	
State Subsidy - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	
State Subsidy - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	
State Subsidy - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	
State Subsidy - New Watermain the Murrough	
State Subsidy - Public Sanitary Conven- iences at Harbour	
Receipts from Public Conveniences	
Water and Sewer Connections	

1,000	1000
15	15
860	860
42	42
155	155
126	126
148	148
323	323
120	120
57	57
336	336
50	50
10	10
150	200
£3,392	3442

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>H O U S I N G:</u>		
State Grant - Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre-1948 Scheme)	1,434	1434
State Grant - New Houses (60 Houses Scheme)	456	456
State Subsidy - 2 houses Castle Street	87	87
State Subsidy - 4 Houses Castle Park	278	278
State Subsidy - 10 Houses Ballynerrin	799	799
State Subsidy - 14 Houses Ballynerrin	1,172	1172
State Subsidy - 22 Houses Ballynerrin	1,750	1750
State Subsidy - 20 Houses Ballynerrin	400	400
Subsidy to Interest Rates - (1948-1950 Schemes)	140	140
Rents, inclusive of Rates	14,774	14,774
<u>HOUSING (LOANS FOR PRIVATE HOUSES).</u>		
Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)	64	64
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)	11,961	11,961
	£33,315	33,315
<u>G E N E R A L U R B A N P U R P O S E S</u>		
<u>STATE GRANTS.</u>		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	135	135
School Meals	140	140
Recoupment of Losses on Allotments	-	-
Cheap Fuel Scheme	750	750
Derelict Sites	100	50
<u>OTHER RECEIPTS.</u>		
Cheap Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contri- butions and recoupment by County Council)	538	538
Corporate Estate Rents	2,600	2600
Licences and Fees	3	3
Refund by County Council of Half Rent of Pound	19	19
Letting of Town Hall	10	10
Miscellaneous	10	10
	£4,305	4255
<u>TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES</u>	£43,946	43,946

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1968/69

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure		Receipts	Net Expenditure	
	£	<i>Adopted</i>		£	<i>Adopted</i>
<u>ROADS:</u>	5,947	5,152	2,934	2,934	3,013 2,218
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>	11,375	11,375	3,392	3,442	7,933
<u>HOUSING:</u>	34,992	34,652	33,315	33,315	1,337
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:</u>	31,580	31,165	4,305	4,255	26,910
	£83,894	82,344	£43,946	43,946	£39,948 38,398

Add Provision for Liquidation of Debit Balance ~~800~~ 732
 Total Requirements to be met by Rate Levy ~~40,748~~ 39,130
 Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces £48 7s. 4d.
 Rate of £ to meet total requirements of ~~£40,748~~ ^{39,130} would be ~~70/2d.~~ in £.
67/5d

ESTIMATES 1968/69

Total Valuation as Per Valuation List		£13,950 18 0
<u>BUILDINGS</u>	£12,939 19 0	
LESS: Remissions under Housing Acts	£1,897 10 4	£11,042 8 8
<u>LAND</u>	£771 4 00	
LESS: Occupied by Council for Allotments, Building Sites, Open Spaces, etc.	£46 12 0	
Two-fifth Reduction as Per Local Government Act, 1946 (two-fifth of £724 12 0)	£289 16 5	£434 15 7
<u>LAND USED AS RAILWAYS</u>	£52 5 0	
LESS: Two-fifth Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£20 18 0	£31 7 0
<u>RAILWAYS RATED IN FULL</u>	£175 10 0	
LESS: Half Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946	£87 15 0	£87 15 0
<u>YARDS</u>		£10 10 0
<u>TELEGRAPHS</u>		£1 5 0
<u>TELEPHONE</u>		5 0
<u>TOTAL VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES</u>		£11,608 6 3

RATE OF 1d. IN £ PRODUCES - £48 7s. 4d.



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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON THE 8th APRIL, 1968.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. U. McCabe, Town Clerk, and Mr. N. D. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

The County Manager gave details of the effect on the rates of a number of large properties in the town having been devalued as a result of appeals made to the Commissioners of Valuation. He explained that the reductions in valuations were caused by the fact that the premises in question had originally been valued as thriving concerns but as they were now no longer being used for their original purpose and were in fact vacant buildings they were now revalued as such. The County Manager further pointed out that the Council had no control over this matter and that there was an obligation to make refunds of rates to the owners of the properties devalued, the amount of which would come to £1,155.

Following the usual practice it was agreed that the estimates, as presented by the County Manager, be examined in detail. Following on this detailed examination the following amendments were made:-

R O A D S:

Expenditure - ordinary road works reduced by £233 (5d)

S A N I T A R Y _ S E R V I C E S:

Receipt for water and sewerage connections increased by £ 50 (1d)

Expenditure - loan charges - public sanitary convenience at harbour deleted £100 (2d)

H O U S I N G:

Expenditure - maintenance and repairs reduced by ... £240 (5d)

Expenditure - Insurance reduced by £ 50 (1d)

Expenditure - loan charges 1968 - 20 House Scheme Ballynerrin reduced by £ 50 (1d)

G E N E R A L _ P U R P O S E S:

Acquisition of derelict sites reduced by £ 50 (1d)
(Expenditure reduced £100 and corresponding receipt by £50 giving a net reduction of £50)

Carried forward/..... £773 (1/4d)

R O A D S:

Expenditure - ordinary road works reduced by £233

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Carried forward ...	£773	(1/4d)
Expenditure - Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, reduced by ...	£ 40	(1d)
Total gross reductions ...	£813	(1/5d)
GENERAL PURPOSES:		
Expenditure - tourist development increased by ...	£ 15	(1/2d)
Total net reductions ...	£798	(1/4 1/2d)

NOTE NO. 1 - HOUSING REPAIRS:

The members discussed at length the question of housing repairs and the County Manager indicated that if the sum which he estimated was reduced by £240 to £760 as proposed no painting would be able to be done in the coming year. The members felt that if painting was to be done it should be accompanied by some small increase in rents for tenants who are not on the Differential Rent Scheme and the Acting Town Clerk said he would re-examine the position and have any information required by the members in this regard when required.

NOTE NO. 2 - PROVISION OF £800 TO LIQUIDATE DEBIT BALANCE AND PROPOSED USE OF CAPITAL MONIES OBTAINED FROM SALE OF HOUSES UNDER THE TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Chairman, Mr. T. A. Delahunt, enquired as to the reason for providing the sum of £800 to reduce the Council's debit balance. The County Manager explained that the Council was very heavily in deficit at the present time and he estimated that the debit on the 31st March, 1968, was approximately £6000. On an enquiry from Councillor L. Turner the County Manager said that there was no reserve fund whatsoever available to the Council to assist in liquidating this balance. Councillor Turner then enquired if the money realised from the sale of Council houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme could be used in this regard. The County Manager indicated that it could be used only for financing capital works or the repaying of existing loans or the making of new loans available to persons desiring to build their own houses under the Housing Acts. He added that the latter uses was to be preferred as it gave the best return to the Council. It was further pointed out by the County Manager that there was no profit whatever on the sale of the houses as the sale price was directly related to the outstanding loan charges.

Councillor J. Kane then enquired if the Council could redeem some of the loans on which loan charges were being paid each year. The County Manager said that this could be done but in the majority of cases the Council would lose receipts by way of subsidy in doing so, state subsidy on repayments of the loans being stopped on redemption. He further indicated that a very careful examination of the Council's loans would have to be made before any redemption could be contemplated as fines under the Local Loans Regulations might be made on the Council in certain instances, thus rendering the redemption uneconomical.

The Chairman, Mr. T. A. Delahunt, suggested that some of the capital monies from the sale of houses be used to met the figure of £1,000 in respect of housing repairs. The County Manager in replying said that the Council was precluded by the Housing Act, 1966, from using capital monies for revenue purposes such as repair and upkeep

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of houses but that if the Council wished he would make a submission to the Minister for Local Government in this regard.

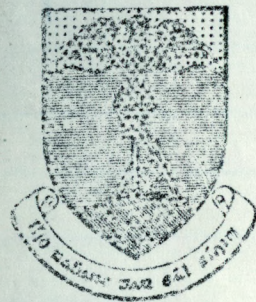
In replying to Councillor J. Kane the County Manager indicated that the money was not lying dormant in the Council's Capital Account and that in fact it had saved the Council a considerable amount in bank overdraft interest and furthermore in the coming year, if used as intended for house purchase loans, it would realise certain earnings for the Council in addition to saving further loan charges being incurred.

It was suggested also that portion of capital money be used for the erection of the public toilet at the South Quay and the County Manager indicated that this too was a proposal which would have to be carefully examined having regard to the subsidy payable by the Department of Local Government for this type of work.

The Chairman said that he understood that it was the feeling of the meeting that further consideration of the estimates be adjourned to allow the County Manager to write to the Minister for Local Government in connection with the proposals for the use of this capital money. It was accordingly decided that the meeting be adjourned until such time as the County Manager had received a reply to his letter.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 p.m.

T. A. Delahunt



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18th April, 1968.

To/ THE CHAIRMAN & EACH MEMBER OF THE
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

ADJOURNED MEETING TO CONSIDER ESTIMATES FOR YEAR
ENDING 31st MARCH, 1969

(Letter from Department of Local Government in relation
to use of Capital moneys from sale of houses)

A Chara,

The adjourned Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District
Council will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 23rd April.

You are kindly requested to attend.

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Acting Town Clerk.

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MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd APRIL, 1968.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. U. McCabe, Town Clerk, and Mr. N. D. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

Mr. T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, read a letter which the County Manager had received from the Minister for Local Government in connection with the Council's proposal for the use of the capital monies derived from the sale of Council houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. The letter indicated that on no account would the Minister be prepared to agree to the use of these monies for repair and maintenance of Council houses or any other revenue purpose. The letter further indicated that the Minister would be agreeable to allow the money to be used for the purpose of redeeming some of the Council's outstanding loans or for the purpose of erecting a public toilet on the South Quay. In this connection the County Manager informed the members that this matter had been re-examined and it was found that if the Council used portion of the capital monies for the erection of a public toilet, State Subsidy of 60% of the loan charges would be lost to the Council by reason of the fact that Subsidy is only payable when in fact the work is carried out by way of loan. The County Manager also indicated that a re-examination of the loans outstanding had revealed that a considerable reduction in the rate in the pound could be effected for the redemption of two of the Council's loans, namely the 1964 - Roads and Footpaths - Dunbur Estate and the 1963 - Foreshore Protection Works.

The Acting Town Clerk gave the following particulars in respect of each of the aforementioned loans to the meeting.

Amount Outstanding.	No. of years to run.	Rate of Interest	Annual Loan Charges
1964 - Dunbur Estate - Roads & Footpaths - Part 1. £6414.10.3.	21 yrs	6½% & 7%	£562
1963 - Foreshore Protection Works. £1733. 6.8.	10 yrs	Bank rate 7½%	£290

The County Manager recommended to the meeting that these two loans be redeemed in preference to any other for reasons in each case the rate of interest was _____ in years to run. He further informed the members that if it was agreed that these loans be redeemed the amount required for the financial year 1968/69 would be reduced by £852, the equivalent of 1/5 in the pound but that the amount by which the Council had reduced the requirements at the adjourned meeting, namely £798, would need to be reduced to £698 as the estimated loan charges for the erection of a sanitary convenience at the harbour in the sum of £100 was included in these reductions and would now

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