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giving this firm authority to use the site for building purposes pending the completion of each house, whereupon the Council would make arrangements forthwith to grant building leases to each house purchaser at ground rents of £15 per annum.

PROPOSED WILD LIFE SANCTUARY AT BROADLOUGH:

The proposal of the Department of Lands to make a Game Birds Protection Order in respect of Broadlough and adjacent areas was reviewed by the members. The members expressed general approval regarding the proposals but decided to defer a decision on the matter until Wicklow County Council has had an opportunity of examining same. A number of members of the Council indicated that some townspeople had recently been ordered off the Lough, and it was decided to request confirmation from the Department of Lands that there would be no objections to persons using the Lough for fishing and other amenity purposes. The Clerk pointed out that Broadlough, being tidal, was the property of the State.

22 HOUSE SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN:

The Council expressed satisfaction with the progress of the 22 house scheme at Ballynerrin as outlined in the reports of the Clerk of Works.

HOUSING LIST NO. 28:

The report and recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer in respect of Housing List No. 28 was reviewed by the members and unanimously approved.

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED:

The members noted that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners had asked their Consultant Engineer for a recommendation on the application of Shamrock Fertilizers Limited for the Council's permission to revise the boundaries of the properties held under sub-lease from them by Messrs. Neil Watson Limited and Wen-Plast Limited, and that the Board would be in touch with the Council as soon as the recommendations came to hand.

DRAFT RATE RELIEF SCHEME:

A draft rate relief scheme, for the waiver of rates in certain cases, was presented to the meeting. Following considerable discussion the members considered that the existing system for the writing off of rates in hardship cases by the County Manager at the end of each financial year was adequate.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER:

Arising out of a discussion on the Town Surveyor's report for October a number of matters were noted for attention by the Town Surveyor. These matters included repairs required in a number of Council houses and also complaints about the dump. The Town Surveyor indicated that he was examining the problems arising out of uncontrolled tipping at the dump, and that he would be reporting further on the matter to the Council.

It was agreed to contact the Electricity Supply Board for quotations for the supply of public lights at: Seaview Road, The Diamensary in High Street and in the vicinity of the premises of Mr. A. Kavanagh, St. Manntan's Park.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME:

A number of members indicated that some tenants were interested in purchasing their houses, and the Town Surveyor was requested to submit a report on the market value or replacement value of the houses in question so that a purchase scheme could be formulated.

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SCAVENGING SERVICE:

The Council decided to obtain details of the new scavenging vehicle purchased by Arklow Urban District Council and to examine the Council's future needs and requirements in the scavenging line at an early date in the light of the information received.

FURTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - WICKLOW TOWN:

The members agreed that a special meeting of the Council be arranged at an early date for the purpose of examining the possibility of attracting further industries to Wicklow. It was also agreed to invite two representatives of the Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce to attend the meeting.

CAMPING SITE FOR ITINERANTS:

A letter from Mrs. Doreen E. Quinn, The Rectory, Redcross requesting that the Council receive a deputation to discuss the possibility of providing a camping site for itinerants in the wicklow area was read by the Clerk. The members agreed to the request, and directed that Mrs. Quinn be advised accordingly.

PREMISES AT FITZWILLIAM SQUARE/CHURCH STREET. WICKLOW:

The dangerous condition of the premises of Mr. John Murphy at Fitzwilliam Square/Church Street, Wicklow was discussed by the members. It was noted that notice had been served on Mr. Murphy requiring him to prevent the structure from being a dangerous structure, and that the notice had not been complied with. In view of the number of the possibility of serious accidents arising if the matter is not attended to the Council agreed that the necessary arrangements be Mr. Murphy.

RESCUE - SOUTH QUAY:

The Chairman and members of the Council paid tribute to Councillor T. Byrne who had on the previous week jumped in fully clothed into the Harbour and rescued a young boy from drowning.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

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It was proposed by Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Delahunt and unanimously resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the following documents:-

Mortgage in respect of house purchase loan in the sum of £1,800 advanced to Mr. Nicholas Crennan, St. Patrick's Road.

Lease in respect of house and plot of ground at 15, Summerhill, Wicklow to Mr. Joseph Kavanagh for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1970, at an annual ground rent of £7. 10. Od.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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27th November, 1970.

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

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The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next 1st December, 1970, in the Town Hall, Wicklow, at 7.30 p.m.

You are kindly requested to attend.

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C.P. O'BRIEN.
TOWN CLERK.

AGENDA

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of November monthly meeting. (copy herewith)
- (2) Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.
- (3) The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited:-
 - (a) Nomination of member of Council to attend the Organisation's Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) Nomination of member of Council for election of Directors.
- (4) Fowl Market Fixing of date.
- (5) Housing Development at Dunbur Crosspan Developments Limited.
- (6) Report of Clerk of Works 22 House Scheme.
- (7) Proposals of National Building Agency for further Housing Development at Ballynerrin.
- (8) Town Surveyor's Report for November, 1970.
- (9) Urban Road Improvement Scheme Report on tenders.
- (10) Sealing of Documents.
- (11) Any other business (at the discretion of the Chairman).

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OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER. C.1970pm.Am

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. N.D. Farrell, Town Surveyor, and Mr. C.P. O'Brien, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3rd November, 1970, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

APPLICATIONS UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963:

Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta for the installation of a conveying belt system at North Quay, Wicklow.

THE EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED:

The meeting nominated Councillor Mrs. M. McEnroy to attend the Annual General Meeting of The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited, and also to go forward for election as Director if the occasion arose.

FOWL MARKET - FIXING OF DATE:

The meeting decided that the Christmas Fowl Market be held on Tuesday 15th December, 1970.

MESSRS. CROSSPAN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED:

The members reviewed the terms of the licensing agreement drawn up in connection with the housing development at Dunbur, being undertaken by Messrs. Crosspan Developments Limited, and agreed on the proposition of Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Kane that the seal of the Council be affixed to the licensing agreement. It was noted by the members that the site fines in respect of the twenty eight sites, viz., £2,800 would be paid by the Company on the signing and execution of the licensing agreement.

REPORT OF CLERK OF WORKS - 22 HOUSE SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN:

The report of the Clerk of Works on the 22 house scheme at Ballynerrin, copies of which had been circulated, was discussed and noted by the members.

NATIONAL BUILDING AGENCY:

The site layout plan and details forwarded in connection with the proposed erection of a scheme of twenty six houses at Ballynerrin for industrial workers was considered by the members. The documents in question were approved subject to the recommendations of the Council's Consultant Architect, and it was decided to advise the National Building Agency accordingly with a request that early arrangements be made to commence the scheme.

The Council also decided that in the event of the number of houses required for industrial workers being less than twenty six the Council would make an arrangement with the National Building Agency for the allocation of the balance of the houses to persons who would qualify in the normal way for local authority houses.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME:

On the proposition of Councillor Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Kane the Council approved of the recommendation of the Town Surveyor for the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Roadstone Limited in the sum of £925 for the carrying out of improvement works at St. Manntan's Road under the Urban Road Improvement Grant Scheme 1970/17.1.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

Councillor J. Kane advised the Council that a number of townspeople were organising a meals on wheels scheme for the aged in the town, and the Council decided that it would do all in its power to encourage and help in every way possible such a charitable project.

CAMPING SITE FOR ITINERANTS:

The Council agreed that a deputation be received from the Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee at the January monthly meeting to discuss the possibility of providing a camping site for itinerants in the Wicklow area. It had been originally intended to receive the deputation at the December monthly meeting, but the date of this meeting did not prove suitable to the Secretary of the Committee.

FURTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - WICKLOW TOWN:

Mr. F. Conway, Chairman, indicated that an advertisement had been inserted in the national press by a firm who were interested in obtaining an industrial site, and it was agreed that this particular matter be followed up with a view towards attracting the industry in question to Wicklow Town if at all possible.

The members also requested that the option agreement granted to Messrs. Celmac (Ireland) Limited, in respect of a site at the Murrough, some time ago be examined, and that a report be submitted to the Council at the January monthly meeting.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME:

The Clerk undertook to investigate the possibility of providing butter under the Council's school meals scheme, and the Council agreed to authorise excess expenditure in the sum of £30 if the sanction of the Minister for Social Welfare was forthcoming to this proposal.

COAST PROTECTION SCHEME - THE MURROUGH:

A letter from the Office of Public Works indicating that their representatives would be agreeable to meet representatives of the Council and Wicklow County Council to discuss the Coast Protection Scheme being undertaken at the Murrough, Wicklow, was read by the Clerk. The members suggested that this meeting be held on Tuesday 8th December, at 3.00 p.m.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD:

Councillor T.A. Delahunt indicated that complaints and representations had been made to him about the fluctuation of the volume of the electricity power from time to time in various areas of Wicklow Town. It had also been represented that damage was being caused by this fluctuation in power to electric appliences. The members expressed serious concern about the matter and requested that the Electricity Supply Board be requested immediately to take steps to remedy the situation. It was also agreed to ascertain whether there is sufficient power to keep the factories, which are the lifeblood of the town, in operation.

GAME BIRDS PROTECTION ORDER:

The members noted that a meeting had been arranged for Thursday 3rd December, 1970, at 8.00 p.m. between members of the Council and representatives of Wicklow County Council, the Department of Lands and other interested parties to discuss the proposed Game Birds Protection Order in respect of the area in the vicinity of Broadlough. The Council decided that as many members as possible should attend this meeting and report to the January monthly meeting.

DANGEROUS BUILDING AT FITZWILLIAM SQUARE/CHURCH STREET:

The Council noted that a tender had been received from Messrs. Edward Kane Limited for the purpose of carrying out works necessary to prevent any danger to the public by reason of the condition of the premises of Mr. John Murphy at Fitzwilliam Square/Church Street, and agreed to authorise excess expenditure in the sum of £158 to cover payment of the amount of the tender. It was noted by the members that in the event of Mr. Murphy not remitting the amount in question - £158 the Council would make every effort to recover same through the Courts.

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MASONIC LODGE:

Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara referred to the interest of the Masonic Lodge in obtaining a lease of a plot of ground at Strand Street, Wicklow. The Clerk indicated that the original lease of the plot in question was granted to Mr. James McCall for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1931, and that the Council's Law Agents had indicated that this lease would have of the site. Alternatively the Council could grant a further lease in respect of acquiring the site under the Derelict Sites Act. The members suggested position with a view to consulting the representatives of Mr. McCall and having the existing lease surrendered.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER:

Arising out of a discussion on the Town Surveyor's Report for November a number of matters were noted for attention by the Town Surveyor. These matters included repairs required in a number of Council houses and also complaints about the condition of the toilet at the Murrough in the vicinity of the playing pitch.

Dump at Ashtown: The Town Surveyor reported to the meeting that the maintenance of the dump at Ashtown had reached serious proportions. An accumulation of materials such as wire and glass best occurred during the month of November, and it was necessary to hire a machine from outside the area for six days at a cost of £71 for levelling purposes. It has now been found necessary to have a vehicle in attendance weekly, and this was costing £6 per week. The Council agreed to authorise excess expenditure in the sum of £200 in view of the circumstances. The Council also agreed on the advice of the Town Surveyor that consideration be given to a suggestion previously made that the Urban Council and Wicklow County Council should co-operate in the provision of a dump and a joint scavenging service, and that Wicklow County Council be contacted in connection with the matter.

WATER SUPPLY:

The Town Surveyor advised the meeting that the towns water supply system had been brought back into use having being shut off for several months during which time the town depended on the Regional Water Supply Scheme. The meeting was also advised that the details in connection with the extension of the filtration plant at Croneroe were now at an advanced stage and that the Consultant Engineer employed by Wicklow County Council was finalising the contract documents.

SCAVENGING SERVICE:

The members of the Council noted that one of the former operators of the Council's scavenging service was now engaged on other Council work and that it had been found necessary to employ an extra man. In the circumstances the Council agreed to authorise excess expenditure in the sum of to cover payment of the wages involved.

SEASONS GREETINGS:

Before the meeting concluded the Chairman wished the townspeople, members and officials the complements of the Holy Season and a happy and prosperous 1971. The members and officials joined in returning the

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m.

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PROPOSED GAME BIRDS PROTECTION ORDER IN RESPECT OF BROADLOUGH AND ADJOINING AREAS.

A Meeting in connection with the proposed Game Birds Protection Order in respect of Broadlough and adjoining areas was held at the Council Chamber, The Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, 3rd December, 1970, at 8 p.m.

The following Members of Wicklow County Council attended:Councillors J. Whelan (Chairman), J.J. Bourke, J. Gregory, F. Hynes,
R. Miley and B.S.C. Phelan.

The following Members of Wicklow Urban District Council attended: Councillors F. Conway (Chairman), T.A. Delahunt, E. Kavanagh and
Mrs. P. McNamara.

The County Secretary, County Accountant and Town Clerk, were present.

Messrs Ruttledge and Skehan of the Department of Lands, Mr. A. Morrissey, Regional Council of Gun Clubs and Mr. C.M. O'Rorke, Broadlough House, were also in attendance.

Councillor F. Hynes, Vice-Chairman Wicklow County Council, presided.

The Councy Secretary referred to the letter of 30th October, 1970, from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) which had been circulated to the Members of the County Council and submitted to the Urban District Council and which set out the area to which the proposed Order would apply, The Department of Lands asked in the letter if the County Council and Urban District Council would pass Resolutions welcoming the creation under the envisaged Order, of the Wildfowl Sanctuary which would help significantly in ensuring that the Protection Order would be observed by the Wicklow community and by visitors to the town and district. The County Secretary referred also the letter of 27th November, 1970, from the Department of Lands to the Wicklow Urban District Council in which it was indicated that apart from the restriction on shooting, the making of the Order would not interfere with access to or the use of Broadlough for fishing and amenity/ It was also indicated that five other Protection Orders had already been made by the Minister. It was pointed out that a census of Game Birds taken some time ago, showed that the numbers had fallen very considerably, and it was evident that further protection of Game Birds was necessary. The Department's Officers confirmed that the Order proposed to be made by the Minister would prohibit shooting on the areas indicated for a period of one year, but that there would be no interference with existing rights of access or use of Broadlough for fishing or amenity purposes. The lands covered by the Order were the property of the State, Coras Iompair Eireann and Gouldings Limited, and the Order did not apply to any lands in private ownership.

Councillor B.S.C. Phelan proposed and Councillor T.A. Delahunt seconded that the Meeting recommend to the respective Councils that they agree to the proposed Game Birds Protection Order, accepting that public access to Broadlough was not affected. Councillor F. Conway, Chairman Wicklow Urban District Council, and Councillor Gregory, urged that the Order be extended to include the private lands on the western side of the

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Lough and Councillor Gregory proposed that the motion be amended by including the condition that the Order be extended on the western side of Broadlough to the line of the footbridge. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Hynes. Mr. A. Morrissey, Regional Game Council, stated that there were three Gun Clubs in the Wicklow area which had rights over lands on the western side of the Lake and that these Clubs were agreeable to restrict shooting and to co-operate with the purposes of the Order. He urged that the Members recommend to the Councils agreement to the Order so that it could be put into operation quickly and stated that if it were found necessary, the Minister could be asked to extend the area covered by the Order on renewal after one year. He pointed out that Mr. C.M. O' Rorke had agreed that shooting would not be allowed on 50 acrea of his land and that this arrangement had operated for some while. A member of the public (Mr. Power) who had asked to be allowed to put forward views stated that 99% of the shooting was done on the western side of the Lake and that if restrictions were to be applied to the Broadlough that they should also apply to the private lands on the west.

Following further discussion on the matter in the course of which Councillor Gregory urged that all the lands coloured brown and green on the map submitted to the Council with the Department's letter of 2nd May, 1969, be included in the Order, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara and seconded by Councillor B.S.C. Phelan:-

"That we recommend to the Councils that they agree to the proposed Game Birds Protection Order for a period of one year with the recommendation that the area be extended in the following year to include the areas coloured green and brown on the map submitted with the circular from the Department of Lands dated 2nd May, 1969, and accepting that public access to Broadlough is not infringed".

The recommendation was approved by the Meeting, Councillor Gregory dissenting.

COAST PROTECTION SCHEME

REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1970, AT 3.00 P.M. ON THE FORESHORE AT THE MURROUGH

A meeting in connection with the Coast Protection Scheme at The Murrough was held at 3.00 p.m. on 15th December, 1970, at The Murrough, Wicklow. The following members of Wicklow Urban District Council attended:-

Councillor F. Conway (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara, Messrs T. A. Delahunt, E. Kavanagh and T. Byrne.

Wicklow County Council was represented by:-

Councillors F. Hynes and B. S. C. Phelan.

Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. K. J. Brangan, County Secretary, and Mr. C. P. O'Brien, Town Clerk, were in attendance.

Messrs Jackson and Summers of the Office of Public Works were also present.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from:-

Councillors Mrs. M. McErroy, Messrs J. Kane, L. Turner and P. Doyle.

At the outset Mr. F. Conway, Chairman, said that the purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of the scheme and to investigate the possibility of having same extended. Mr. Jackson then showed the members and officials over the site and said that the work being carried out under the scheme consisted of:-

- (1) Shaping and replenishing the beach by imported material over a length of 650 yards northwards from near the northern end of the existing protection works on the promenade to the Urban District Council boundary.
- (2) Construction of a low retaining wall at the beach head over a length of about 300 yards at the southern part of the re-shaped beach.
- (3) Pitching a length of about 90 yards to form a junction between the re-shaped beach and the rubble protection at the north end of the former concrete promenade.

Regarding the question of an extension to the scheme, Mr. Jackson indicated that as far as he was aware many coastal areas throughout the country are pressing for Coast Protection Schemes, and as the capital resources for such schemes are limited it might be some time before another allocation could be made to the Wicklow Murrough area.

The members noted Mr. Jackson's remarks, but indicated that the existing protection works on the promenade had been considerably weakened during recent storms, and felt that this particular area should be protected by an extension of the Scheme. The members decided to approach the Office of Public Works to this effect,

The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending the meeting and concluded the meeting at 4.00 p.m.

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1st January, 1971.

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 on Tuesday next 5th January, 1971, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wicklow.

You are kindly requested to attend.

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Town Clerk.

AGENDA

- 1) Confirmation of minutes of December monthly meeting (copy herewith).
- (2) Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.
- 3) Deputation Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee.
- Report of Meeting in connection with Game Birds Protection Order (copy herewith).
- (5) Report of Meeting in connection with Coast Protection Scheme (copy herewith).
- (6) Overdraft Accommodation approval for quarter ending 31st March, 1971.
- (7) Shamrock Fertilizers Limited Application for permission to revise boundaries of property at North Quay.
- (8) Wicklow Sailing Club Application to sink two lines of piles in harbour area.
- (9) Crosspan Developments Limited.
- (10) Celmac Limited.
- (11) Cronroe Waterworks Extension Details.
- (12) Murrough Right-of-Way.
- (13) Town Surveyor's Report for December.
- (14) Clerk of Works Report 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin.
- (15) Sealing of Documents.
- (16) Any other business (at the discretion of the Chairman).

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5TH JANUARY, 1971.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. N.D. Farrell, Town Surveyor, and Mr. C.P. O'Brien, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend was received from Councillor P. Doyle.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Council on the proposition of Mr. F. Conway, Chairman, unanimously passed a vote of sympathy to Councillor P. Doyle on the recent death of his brother. The vote was respectively passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st December, 1970, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

APPLICATIONS UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
ACT. 1963:

Peter Earls:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to Peter Earls for the erection of a bungalow at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.

Maurice Howard:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to Mr. Maurice Howard to erect a Roh-Fab type bungalow at Church Road, Wicklow.

WICKLOW ITINERANT SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Chairman of the Council, Mr. F. Conway, in welcoming Mr. Richard Bentley indicated that the Council members were glad to have the opportunity of hearing the views and aims of the Itinerant Settlement Committee. Mr. Bentley then addressed the meeting and said that there was a duty on every member of the community to do something for the Itinerants and suggested that the Wicklow Urban Council should make every effort to supplement the excellent work which was already been undertaken in the nearby towns. After some further discussions with the members Mr. Bentley left the meeting having thanked the Council for receiving him. A number of members indicated that the Council should take some positive action in the matter in the near future and it was agreed to hold a further discussion on the subject at the February monthly meeting.

GAME BIRDS PROTECTION ORDER:

The Council discussed the report of the meeting held on 3rd
December, 1970 in connection with the proposed Game Birds Protection
Order in respect of Broadlough and adjoining areas and accepted the
recommendation of the meeting that the Game Birds Protection Order be
applied for a period of one year with the recommendation that the area
be extended in the following year to include the areas coloured green
and brown on the map submitted with the circular from the Department of
Lands dated 2nd May, 1969, and accepting that public access to Broadlough is not infringed. It was noted by the members that apart from
the restriction on shooting the making of the Order would not interfere
with access to or the use of Broadlough for fishing and amenity purposes.

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COAST PROTECTION SCHEME - THE MURROUGH:

The Council considered the report of the meeting held on 15th December, 1970 in connection with the Coast Protection Scheme at the Murrough. The members were of the opinion that in view of past experiences in Wicklow where coastal erosion has taken place on a considerable scale the extension of the low retaining wall southwards to join up with the existing protection works is not only desirable but essential. Accordingly it was agreed to make application to the Office of Public Works for an extension of the present scheme to cover the area mentioned and it was also agreed to explore the possibility of using some of the Council's capital receipts for the purpose of financing the extension.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

The meeting was advised that the estimated Overdraft Accommodation required in the quarter ending 31st March, 1971 amounted to £16,000. It was then proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara and resolved:

"That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, of the provision of temporary overdraft accommodation not exceeding £16,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1971."

SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED:

A letter from the Harbour Master outlining the views of the Harbour Commissioners on the application of Messrs. Shamrock Fertilizers Limited for permission to revise the site boundaries of the premises held by Messrs. Neil Watson and Messrs. Wen-plast Limited under sub-lease at North Quay was read by the Clerk. It was noted that the Commissioners were of the opinion that the area adjoining the roadway is beneficial to those who use the sheds on the opposite side of the road and that any extension of the existing fence would make it difficult for lorries entering and leaving these sheds. It was decided, therefore, to inform Messrs. Shamrock Fertilizers Limited that the Council, at the moment, is not prepared to approve of any amendments to the existing site boundaries of Messrs. Neil Watson/Messrs. Wen-plast, but that the matter will be kept under review and examined further from time to time.

WICKLOW SAILING CLUB:

The Council considered the contents of a letter from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners indicating that no objection was seen to the proposal of the Wicklow Sailing Club to the placing of piles in the upper section of the Leitrim River at Wicklow Harbour subject to the approval of the Department of Transport & Power. The members were of the opinion that the Harbour Commissioners may again wish to reconsider the matter in view of the recent collapse of the wall bounding part of the area in question.

CROSSPAN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED - DEVELOPMENT AT DUNBUR:

The Council approved of the details submitted by McMullen Bros. Limited for the erection of a central fuel oil storage tank and distribution pipework in connection with the housing development being undertaken by Messrs. Crosspan Developments Limited at Dunbur.

CELMAC LIMITED:

The Chairman advised the meeting that he, together with the Clerk, had had discussions with Mr. E.P. Brennan, General Manager, Celmac Limited in connection with the option which his firm holdson an area of ground at the Murrough which is not at present being used for industrial purposes. Mr. Brennan noted the Council's concern and anxiety to have this site developed as soon as possible so that a further contribution might be made to the industrial growth of the town and indicated that the matter would be discussed by his Board within a month or so and the Council would be advised of the outcome.

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CRONROE WATERWORKS - AUGMENTATION SCHEME:

The Council approved of the details received from Wicklow County Council in connection with the proposed extension of the filtration plant at Cronroe and ancillary works. It was noted that the manner of financing the estimated cost of £80,000 would be the subject of further negotiations between both Councils.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE MURROUGH:

A letter from Wicklow County Council advising that the fiat of the Attorney General had been applied for to enable proceedings to be taken to establish the existence of the public right-of-way at the Murrough was read by the Clerk. The objectives in the County Development Plan regarding the Murrough area generally were also noted, and the members requested that they be informed of the progress of the proceedings regarding the right-of-way and the other matters mentioned.

22 HOUSE SCHEME - REPORT OF CLERK OF WORKS:

The members expressed satisfaction with the progress of the Twenty Two House Scheme at Ballynerrin as outlined in the report of the Clerk of Works (Mr. J. Leonard).

HOUSING LIST NO. 28:

The Clerk informed the meeting that Nos. 27 & 41 Glenview Road would be becomming vacant shortly and that No. 1 on the Council's Housing List, Mr. John Dunne, had indicated that he was willing to accept the tenancy of the former house. Regarding the allocation of No. 41, Glenview Road the Clerk advised the meeting that a report had been received from the Chief Medical Officer recommending that Mr. James Doran who was placed No. 26 on the Housing List be granted the tenancy of this house as a priority case in view of exceptional urgent and grave medical grounds. The Council agreed that a decision in this case was appropriate for determination by the Chief Medical Officer. A number of members expressed reservations about interfering with the Housing List and the County Manager assured them that he would take the opportunity of especially discussing the matter with the Chief Medical Officer before reaching any decision on the allocation of the tenancy.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - WICKLOW TOWN:

A letter from the Group Engineer, Electricity Supply Board, Bray in connection with complaints referred to at the recent Council meeting was read by the Clerk. It was noted that the Board requested more specific information relating to complaints in the various areas, and it was decided to advise that the Electricity Supply situation in the town has been the subject of concern for some time past and and been the subject of various complaints and representations to the E.S.B. offices from time to time. Accordingly, the Council expressed the view that the Electricity Supply Board should be quite familiar with the problem and the cause of it and requested the Clerk to point this out in a further letter.

MR. PETER KEARNS - PREMISES AT MARKET SQUARE:

The Council noted that a letter had been received from Mr. Peter Kearns in connection with the renewal of the lease on the premises at Market Square formerly occupied by the County Committee of Agriculture in which objections were made against the Council's proposal to review the ground rent of £10 in relation to changes in money value relationships every 15 years. The Clerk advised that this clause was being inserted in all of the leases coming up for renewal. It was agreed to forward a copy of Mr. Kearns letter to the Council's Law Agents with a request for observations on same.

CONGRAGULATIONS:

The Council unanimously decided to convey congragulations and best wishes to Fr. William Clarke on the occasion of his recent ordination.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER: Arising out of a discussion on the Town Surveyor's report for December a number of matters were noted for attention by the Town Surveyor. These matters included complaints about the condition of the river walk and also a request for a report on the rights of way and public walks in the Urban area.

A request was also made that the Electricity Supply Board be contacted with a view towards submitting a quotation for a public light in the vicinity of the Holy Rosary School.

The Clerk was requested to contact Garda Authorities for their views about the possibility of having Melancholy Lane used for oneway traffic only in view of its restricted width and also having regard to the fact that a number of accidents occurred in the vicinity in recent times.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

It was proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunt, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and unanimously resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the following:-

Lease in respect of plot of ground at St. Dominick's Road to Mr. John Goodman for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1970 at a yearly ground rent of £7.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Helen Synnott, 7, St. Dominick's

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Michael O'Neill, 8, St.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Ethel Kelly, 31, Glenview Road. Dominick's Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Laurence Doyle, 7, Kilmantin Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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Town Hall, Wicklow.

29th January, 1971.

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

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next, 2nd February, 1971, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wicklow.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

C.P. O'BRIEN.
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of January monthly meeting (copy herewith).
- (2) Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.
- (3) Application for consent to Assignment Redmond-to-O'Donohue.
- (4) Application of Mr. Roy Bradshaw for renewal of lease.
- (5) Application on behalf of Clerk/Typists for salary increase.
- (6) Camping Site for Itinerants.
- (7) Application of Mr. T. McAulay for use of plot of ground at the Murrough as an Amusements Centre.
- (8) Housing Development at Dunbur.
- (9) Clerk of Works report 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin.
- (10) Town Surveyor's report for January, 1971 (copy herewith).
- (11) Sealing of Documents.
- (12) Ano other business (at the discretion of the Chairman).

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,

WICKLOW.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY. 1971.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. N.D. Farrell, Town Surveyor, and Mr. C.P. O'Brien, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors Mrs. M. McEnroy and P. Doyle.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th January, 1971, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman, the words "and the matter reviewed" being inserted after "year" on page (1) 6th line from the bottom.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:-

Electricity Supply Board:

Arising out of the minutes several members indicated that the electricity supply situation in the town which had been referred to at the January monthly meeting was still the subject of concern. The members indicated that they would like to take the opportunity of discussing the matter with representatives of the Electricity Supply Board and requested the Clerk to contact the Electricity Supply Board accordingly.

Peter Kearns:

The Council considered the Law Agents observations on the letter received from Mr. Peter Kearns objecting to the rent review clause in the lease on the premises at Market Square formerly occupied by the County Committee of Agriculture. Having considered the matter the Council decided to adhere to the decision to review the ground rent in relation to changes in money value relationships every 15 years as is the Council's practice now in the case of every new lease.

APPLICATIONS UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
ACT. 1963:

C.F. Couldery:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to Mr. C.F. Couldery for the conversion of an apartment at Fitzwilliam Square into a lock-up shop subject to the requirements of the Chief Medical Officer regarding the provision of sanitary facilities.

James Malone:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to Mr. James Malone for the erection of a bungalow at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.

De La Salle Brothers:

Applications of the De La Salle Brothers for permission to convert and extend premises at "Ardaluinn", St. Manntan's Road as a community residence and erection of a secondary school at St. Patrick's Road were approved of by the Council.

The members wishes the De La Salle Brothers every success with both their projects.

Messrs. Edward Kane Limited:

A letter from four persons, who had purchased sites at St. Patrick's Road, drawing attention to the fact that neither the road or footpaths had been constructed was read by the Clerk. It was noted that the developer in question - Mr. Edward Kane - had indicated that the work in question would be put in hands and completed within a short period.

Vykinglow Enterprises:

The members were advised that an application had been made to Wicklow County Council for planning permission for the erection of a hotel and eighteen houses at Ballyguile Upper by Vykinglow Enterprises and that information had been sought from Wicklow County Council on various matters including water supply, drainage and road improvements. The members discussed these matters and requested that their views be brought to the notice of Wicklow County Council:-

- (1) WATER SUPPLY: The members noted that the development in question is outside the range of the Wicklow town supply and agreed that the question of obtaining a water supply should be negotiated with Wicklow County Council.
- DRAINAGE: The Council decided that the town sewer in the Convent Road could accept foul sewage from the development, but that surface water would have to be disposed of by a separate system. The sewer should be laid along the Greenhill Road to the Convent Road and the work carried out to the Council's satisfaction. It was also decided that a charge would be made for this facility depending on the valuation fixed on the project by reference to the Council's rate in the £ for Sanitary Service works.
- (3) ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: The Council indicated that no objection would be made to the carrying out of road improvement works by the developers to cater for the traffic which the development would generate, but that the Council would not be prepared to enter into an obligation to improve the Greenhill Road.

The members also had reservations about the desirability of granting approval for housing development in conjunction with the hotel project and considered that a "withering" clause should be attached to any planning permission which might be granted.

REDMOND TO O'DONOHUE:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. Shane Redmond for permission to assign his interest in 19, Dunbur Road held under lease from the Council to Mr. Anthony O'Donohue.

ROY BRADSHAW:

The Council agreed to grant a new 31 year lease from 29/9/69, of plots of ground at Dunbur Road, which were formerly held under two separate leases, and decided that a ground rent of £6 per annum would apply. It was noted that this ground rent would be reviewed in the usual manner after each 15 years.

SALARY INCREASE - CLERK/TYPISTS:

An application on behalf of the Clerk/Typists employed by the Council for the application of a national award for the Clerk/Typist grade was approved by the members and excess expenditure in the sum of £170 to cover payment of the increase was authorised.

CAMPING SITE FOR ITINERANTS:

The Council considered the possibility of providing an Itinerant Settlement Site in the Wicklow Area which had been deferred for further

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discussion from the January monthly meeting. Councillor J. Kane indicated that the area between the Veha factory and the railway siding might be suitable for the provision of a mobile home for one family. This view was supported by some of the members who indicated that the Council should concentrate on one family and thus make an effective contribution towards the solution of a very special social problem. However, some members of the Council were of the opinion that this particular area might not be suitable in view of the proximity of the railway track and the possibility of accidents arising with children. It was decided to place the matter on the Agenda for the March monthly meeting and to make every effort to take some positive decision at this meeting on the question of settling at least one family of itinerants.

THOMAS MCAULEY:

The Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor T.A. Delahunt seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, to grant Mr. Thomas McAuley the use of the ground at the Sea Front during the period June/August, 1971, on the same terms and conditions as in 1970. It was noted that these terms included a rent of £150 payable by Mr. McAuley.

Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara indicated that the area in question should be tarmacadamed, and it was agreed to explore this possibility.

CROSSPAN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED:

The leases in the case of the housing development at Dunbur and the schedule of suggested amendments by Crosspan Developments Limited was considered by the Council. It was agreed that items (C) and (F) outlined on the schedule referred to would not be acceptable to the Council.

Under item (C) it was proposed to oblige each purchaser to enter into an agreement with McMullen Bros. Limited for the sole supply of heating fuel oil to the demised premises, and the members felt that it would be quite irregular for the Council to include a covenant of this type in a lease to be made by them. As a Public Authority it would be improper that, in transactions in connection with public lands, they would restrict the freedom of a householder occupying a house as a lessee, on their lands, in the manner proposed.

Clause (F) prohibited the erection or installation of any tank for the storage of domestic fuel oil on the demised premises, and it was decided to delete this clause also. It was further considered that the question of the oil supply to each house should be negotiated between the purchaser, Crosspan and McMullen Bros. Limited.

The Council agreed to grant McMullen Bros. Limited a lease of a plot of ground for the central oil storage compound for a period of 21 years with an option to renew for a further period of 21 years at a ground rent of £1 per annum. It was noted that the periods referred to are in lieu of the original proposal to grant a lease for 75 years.

CLERK OF WORKS REPORT - 22 HOUSE SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN:

The report of the Clerk of Works on the 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin for January, 1971 was discussed by the members and the details noted.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1971:

Arising out of a discussion on the Town Surveyor's report for January a number of matters were noted for attention by the Town Surveyor. These matters included complaints about a number of repairs required in Council houses and requests for the drawing up of purchase schemes for a number of interested tenants.

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FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS:

The Council considered that an application should be made to the Office of Public Works for an extension of the present Coast Protection Scheme to cover the area south of the existing protection works, and decided to request that the Office of Public Works receive a deputation from representatives of both Wicklow Urban Council and Wicklow County Council about the matter. It was also suggested that the Dail Deputies for the Wicklow Area be contacted for the Wicklow Area be contacted.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

It was proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunt, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and unanimously resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the following: -

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Edward Kavanagh, 6, Castle Field, Wicklow.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - John Corkish, 14, St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Samuel Corkish, 4, St. Bride's Road, Wicklow.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Thomas Byrne, 2, Castle Street, Wicklow.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Mrs. Mary Kelly, 30, Glenview Road, Wicklow.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall, WICKLOW.

26th Feb. 1971.

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

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The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next, 2nd March, 1971, at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Wicklow.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

C.P. O'BRIEN. Town Clerk.

AGENDA

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of February monthly meeting (copy herewith)
- (2) Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act,
- (3) Coast Protection Scheme.
- (4) Fixing of date of Estimates Meeting.
- (5) Itinerant Camping Site.
- (6) Housing Development at Dunbur,
- (7) Consideration of White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation.
- (8) Clerk of Works Report 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin.
- (9) Town Surveyor's Report for February, 1971.
- (10) Sealing of Documents.
- (11) Any other business (at the discretion of the Chairman).

Town Hall, WICKLOW.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH. 1971.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. N.D. Farrell, Town Surveyor, and Mr. C.P. O'Brien, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Council, on the proposition of Councillor T.A. Delahunt, seconded by Councillor J. Kane, unanimously passed a vote of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Augustus Cullen, Solicitor, Wicklow. The vote was respectfully passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2nd February, 1971, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

APPLICATIONS UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT)
ACT. 1963:

Electricity Supply Board:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to the Electricity Supply Board for the erection of a 10 KV Unit Type Substation at Monkton Row, Wicklow.

Seamus Byrne:

The Council agreed that permission be granted to Mr. Seamus Byrne for the erection of an extension at 3, High Street, Wicklow, subject to the Town Surveyor's requirements.

SETTLEMENT OF ITINERANT FAMILY:

The Council again discussed the possibility of settling an itinerant family in the Wicklow Urban Area which had been adjourned from a number of previous meetings. It had been suggested at the February monthly meeting that the area between the Veha factory and the railway siding might be suitable for the provision of a mobile home for one itinerant family, and it was indicated that there had been objections to this suggestion from townspeople and industrialists.

Following further discussion. Councillor E. Kavanagh proposed that the Council take no action in settling an itinerant family, and this proposition was seconded by Councillor P. Doyle. A number of other proposals were accepted by the Chairman, but these were withdrawn in favour of a proposition by Councillor Mrs. McEnroy that the Council obtain details from the Wicklow Itinerant Settlement Committee of a suitable family which wanted to settle in the Urban Area. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Kane. The proposition was regarded as a direct negative to that of Councillor Kavanagh, and accordingly, the Chairman allowed the latter proposition to be put to the meeting. A vote was taken by a show of hands resulting as follows:-

for Councillor Kavanagh's proposition - Councillors T. Byrne, P. Doyle, L. Turner and E. Kavanagh (four).

against Councillor Kavanagh's proposition

- Councillors Mrs. M. McEnroy, Mrs. P. McNamara, Messrs F. Conway, (Chairman), T.A.Delahunt, and J. Kane (five).

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The proposal was then declared lost by the Chairman and the meeting decided to request the Wicklow Itinerant Committee to submit details of a suitable family.

COAST PROTECTION SCHEME - THE MURROUGH, WICKLOW:

The members noted correspondence from the Office of Public Works indicating that if the Council wished to have further protection works carried out south of the present scheme that a separate proposal in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963, should be submitted. The Council resolved that it would be desirable to make such a separate application immediately in view of the history of coastal erosion along the Murrough area, and also having regard to the fact that it took a long number of years to arrange to have the present scheme brought into operation. Accordingly, it was decided to request Wicklow County Council, as Promoting Authority, to make the necessary application for a further protection scheme both northwards and southwards of the works presently under construction.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING:

The Council decided to hold the Annual Estimates Meeting on Monday 5th April, 1971, at 7.30 p.m.

CROSSPAN DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED:

The Council agreed to exclude the covenant giving the Council authority to review the ground rent in relation to changes in money value relationships every fifteen years from the leases in the case of the houses being constructed by Crosspan Developments Limited at Dunbur. The members indicated that this decision was by way of a further additional subsidy to this private housing scheme.

It was agreed in principle to grant 75 year leases at £15 per annum ground rent to the undermentioned persons who had been nominated by Crosspan Developments Limited:

- Plot (1) Mr. Ml. Shannon, C/o. Mrs. Melia, Ballymacharra, Ashford.
- Plot (2) Mr. J.C. Colohan, 21, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow.
- Plot (3) Miss Patricia McCoy, Ballinteskin House, Wicklow.
- Plot (1) Department of Lands, (Forestry Division), 22, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.
- Plot (5) Mr. Anthony Cahill, 177, Ballinclea Heights, Killiney.
- Plot (6) Mr. Wm. Byrne, Mont Alto House, Ashford,
- Plot (7) Mr. Thomas Nolan, 15, Michael Street, Wexford.
- Plot (8) Mr. Sean McGhee, Wicklow Head.
- Plot (9) Mr. J. Doyle, 14, Urban Villas, The Murrough.
- Plot (10) Mr. P.C. Egan, Cypress Villa, Brittas Bay.
- Plot (11) Mr. J. Howard, Main Street, Wicklow.
- Plot (12) Mr. Doyle, 7, Summer Hill, Wicklow.
- Plot (13) Mr. R. Byrne, The Elms, Fairview Road, Wicklow.
- Plot (14) Mr. Anthony Doyle, 14, St. Manntan's Road, Wicklow.
- Plot (15) Mr. J. Holohan, 1, New Street, Wicklow.
- Plot (16) Mr. J. Cronin, C/o. 22, The Mall, Wicklow.
- Plot (17) Mr. C. O'Brien, Town Hall, Wicklow.
- Plot (18) Mr. J.A. Duggan, 6, The Mall, Wicklow.
- Plot (19) Mr. M. Lawlor, C/o. A.I. Station, Main Street, Wicklow.
- Plot (20) Mr. J. Byrne, Ballygannon, Glenealy.
- Plot (21) Mr. P. Fahy, "Osborne Villa", La Touch Place, Greystones.
- Plot (22) Mr. S. Duffy, Mulberry House, Newtownmountkennedy.

Plot (61) Mr. J.C. Mooney, 3, High Street, Wicklow.

Plot (62) Mr. D.K. Desmond, 32, Castle Street, Wicklow.

Plot (63) Mr. A. Davis, C/o. Mrs. O'Neill, "Santa Maria", St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.

Plot (64) Mr. P. Heraty, C/c. 5, Leitrim Place, Wicklow.

Plot (65) Mr. A. Hughes, "Padua", Castle Avenue, Wicklow.

Plot (66) Mr. J. O. Gavin, 3, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

WHITE PAPER - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

The members considered the White Paper on Local Government Reorganisation which was published on 11th February, 1971 setting out the Government's proposals for the reorganisation of the existing structure of Local Government and for modifications in the operation of the Local Government system. It was indicated in the circular letter accompanying the White Paper that any comments received would be fully considered and taken into account before any final decisions are made. It was also requested that any observations and comments be forwarded if possible before the end of April, 1971. The Council strongly objected to the proposals relating to the reorganisation of the Local Government system, especially those regarding the abolition of Urban Councils and the setting up of Regional Councils. It was agreed to advise the Minister for Local Government of the Council's feelings on the matter, and to prepare a case opposing the proposals for Local Government Reorganisation.

CLERK OF WORKS REPORT - 22 HOUSE SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN:

The report of the Clerk of Works on the 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin for the month of February, 1971 was discussed by the members and the details noted.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1971:

Arising out of a discussion on the Town Surveyor's report for February a number of matters were noted for attention by the Town Surveyor. These matters included a request that the zebra crossing at the Holy Rosary School be repainted and also complaints about housing repairs.

RESOLUTION FROM KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL:

The following motion from Kerry County Council was unanimously adopted on the proposition of Councillor F. Conway (Chairman), seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. McEnroy,

"That, we the elected Members of Kerry County Council call on the Twenty-Six County Government not to bring into force the Offences Against the State Act which provides for Internment, without Trial and that this Motion be sent to all Public Bodies".

INDUSTRIAL SITE AT THE MURROUGH:

Councillor F. Conway, Chairman, advised the meeting that Modern Labelling Methods Limited were interested in the site between the Celmac premises and the premises of Wicklow Press at the Murrough, Wicklow. The members indicated that they would be agreeable in principle to lease the site in question for a period of 75 years at an annual ground rent of £50. The members also requested that the negotiations in connection with the matter be pursued in an effort to attract this firm to the town.

WICKLOW GOLF CLUB:

The Council approved of the application of Wicklow Golf Club for permission to take in a small area of ground at Seaview Road, and also for consent to the resiting of the right-of-way across the course provided/necessary arrangements are made to surrender a plot of ground at Castle Field/Seaview Road to cater for road improvements and also provided that a stile for the right-of-way similar to the one presently in use is erected.

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WICKLOW JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

The Council approved in principle of the details submitted by the Wicklow Junior Chamber of Commerce for a series of improvements in the vicinity of the Black Castle Area.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:

It was proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunt, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh, and unanimously resolved that the seal of the Council be affixed to the following:-

Lease of plot of ground /dwellinghouse thereon at Summer Hill, Wicklow to Miss Frances Leonard for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1970 at a yearly ground rent of £7. 10. Od.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - James O'Brien, 1, Glenview Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Jane Hanlon, 3, Glenview Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - James Noctor, 10, Glenview Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Patrick Dunne, 32, Glenview Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Henry Smith, 5, Saint Laurence's Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Bridie Colohan, 21, St. Laurence's Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - John O'Connor, 24, St. Laurence's Road.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Edward O'Sullivan, 15, Saint Laurence's Park.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Peter Byrne, 16, Saint Laurence's Park.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Patrick Clarke, 17, Saint Laurence's Park.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - William Phillips, 25, Saint Laurence's Park.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Patrick Byrne, 27, Saint Laurence's Park.

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - Timothy Kelly, 29, Saint Laurence's Park,

Lease under Tenant Purchase Scheme - James Duffy, 30, Saint Laurence's Park.

The meeting concluded at 10.00 p.m.

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Town Hall, WICKLOW.

26th March, 1971.

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

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T wish to inform you that the Estimates Meeting will be held on Monday 5th April, 1971 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

You are kindly requested to attend.

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C.P. O'BRIEN. Town Clerk.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall, WICKLOW.

25th March, 1971.

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

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1972

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In the attached tables details are given of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year 1971/72. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 5th April, 1971.

In the estimates the total expenditure for which provision is being made reaches £109,587. After deducting receipts, which are calculated at £50,369, the net requirement which will have to be met from the rates in £59,218. In addition to this net requirement provision is once again being made for the purpose of liquidating the Debit Balance on the Council's Revenue Account, which now reaches £5,000. The amount included for this latter purpose is £1,000 so that the total sum which has to be found from rates is £60,218. The rate requirement to meet this total outlay would be 94/3d. in the £. The rate struck by the Council for the current year, 1970/71, was 79/6d. so that the additional rate requirement for the coming year would be 14/9d. (£0.74p)

The Expenditure and Receipts for the coming year 1971/72 under the four main headings which are used for accounting purposes, together with the corresponding figures allowed for the current year are set out below - the figures for the current year being shown in parenthesis.

SERVICE	GROSS EXPENDITURE		RECEIPTS		NET EXPENDITURE	
ROADS	£ 5,302	(£5,964)	£ 1,539	(£2,839)	£ 3,763	(£ 3,125)
SANITARY SERVICES	£17,642	(£14,372)	£ 4,396	(£3,938)	£13,246	(£10,434)
HOUSING	£42,723	(£37,300)	£37,858	(£33,930)	£ 4,865	(£ 3,370)
GENERAL URBAN PUR POSES	£43,920	(£36,373)	£ 6,576	(£5,039)	£37,344	(£31,334)

During the course of the present financial year the Council had made provision for expenditure on a scale which could not possibly have been foreseen when the estimates were being considered and the rates being determined last year. Some time after the rate had been struck there was a national agreement regarding rates of pay in the public services and the effect of this was to acquire heavy additional outlay. In addition it was decided, as a result of strong representations to employ lifeguards for the beach in the interest of public safety, and this resulted in further substantial expenditure. Taking all round it is found that additional expenditure of up to £2,800 has had to be met in the present year. This has affected the existing debit balance on Revenue Account and consequently it is very essential to make reasonable provision for it's liquidation. As already mentioned this is being done to the extent of £1,000 for the coming year: a similar provision in subsequent estimates would clear off the existing debit balance in five years.

The expenditure for the coming year will, of course, be affected by the changes in remuneration which follows the national agreement relating to pay in the public services. In the coming year the increases in remuneration to be provided for between wages and salaries, come to £4,627, which is equivalent to a rate increase of 7s. 8d. in the £ (£0.38).

In addition there has been an increase in the County Council demand of £5,594 which is equivalent to a rate of 9s. 4d. in the £ (£0.47). It should be made clear, however, that last year because of reduction in the valuation of the Urban

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district, as compared with the rest of the County, there was also a reduction in the County Council demand equivalent to a rate of 2s. 8d. in the £. But the loss in valuations which occurred a few years ago has been more than offset by all the valuations on the many new houses erected in recent times - even though these valuations are only partially productive for rating purposes.

The items just mentioned would represent an increase in the rate of about 17s. Od. (£0.85), as compared with the present year. These items represent the main changes in costs but the estimates also include the number of new items, such as provision for amenity schemes and a number of new or increased loan charges for capital works. The additional cost, however, to an extent is being offset by an increased productivity in the rate due to new valuations: corporate estate rents and water rents are also up and there is also an increase in the receipts from the rents of new houses. In all these would come to over 2s. 9d. Consequently the increase in the rate would be 14s. 3d. in the £ (£ 0.71).

It has been decided to omit provision for an employment schemes grant for the coming year, as no such grant has been received for a number of years past. Instead, however, urban authorities in recent times have been given grants from the Road Fund (motor taxation) of an amount somewhat similar to those received by way of employment schemes grant.

Ordinary Road Works:

Thr provision is being made of £1,790 which is £350 more than last year: this amount follows on revision in wages. The provision covers the cost of minor repairs, such as pothole filling, etc.

Special Works - Improvements:

The Town Surveyor has recommended that improvements to be carried out at Seaview Road, and Ballynerrin and £725 has been included for this purpose. Last year the Council allowed £500 for road imprevements.

Road Fund Grant:

As already mentioned the Council, for some years past, has been receiving a Road Fund Grant and an amount of £1,039 is again included. In the past year the grant was used for the purpose of resurfacing St. Manntan's Park.

RETIRING ALLOWANCES AND SAIARIES:

A sum of £618 will be required in the coming year for retiring allowances and salaries.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The gross cost of Sanitary Services is estimated at £17,642: the receipts are expected to come to £4,396 and the net requirement will be £13,246. In the present year the net amount allowed for Sanitary Services was £10,434.

Water Supply:

The maintenance of the town supply at £1,060 is expected to cost £318 more than in the past year. likewise the cost of salaries and retiring allowances will in all require additional expenditure of £519 in the coming year.

There was much difficulty in maintaining the supply in the present year as the Marlton Reservoir for a long period was almost dry. The Urban area was completely dependent on the Cronroe supply for a number of months and in order to conserve the supply it was necessary to cut off the water at night time during the period of unusual drought.

Plans for an extension to the Cronroe supply have been prepared. There is no doubt, however, that the Marlton supply can not be relied on if a lengthly period of dry weather is experienced,

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