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Mr. Norman John McAuley:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. Norman John McAuley for permission to erect a dwellinghouse at Strand Street, Wicklow as recommended by the Town Surveyor.

Veha Limited:

The Council approved of the application of Veha Limited for permission to construct a gate lodge at The Murrrough, Wicklow as recommended by the Town Surveyor.

Mr. George Murray:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. George Murray for permission to construct living accommodation over shop at Main Street, Wicklow subject to the conditions outlined in the reports of the Chief Fire Officer, County Medical Officer and Town Surveyor.

Sir Patrick J. McKenna:

The Council approved of the application of Sir Patrick J. McKenna, "Bawnoge House", Timmore, Newcastle for permission to change use of existing dwellinghouse at Wentworth Place to:- (1) offices on ground floor, (2) two flats on first floor and (3) one flat in stables subject to the conditions outlined in the reports of the Chief Fire Officer, County Medical Officer and Town Surveyor.

Mr. Patrick McGowan:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. Patrick McGowan, 17, Seafield, Wicklow for permission to construct two bungalows at Marlton Road, Wicklow subject to the conditions outlined in the reports of the Chief Fire Officer and Town Surveyor.

Warren Studdler Breeding Farm Limited:

The Council deferred consideration until the April monthly meeting of an application from Warren Studdler Breeding Farm Limited for permission to change use of former candle factory to chicken hatchery at Bridge Street, Wicklow.

Mr. Joseph T. O'Byrne:

The Clerk read to the meeting a report from the Town Surveyor in relation to the application of Mr. Joseph T. O'Byrne, B.E., "Carrig-bawn", Wicklow for outline permission for the erection of 23 dwelling houses at Newpark Road, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor recommended that permission be granted subject to the condition that no development shall be commenced on the site until the Croneroe Water Supply Improvement Scheme has been put into operation. Councillor J. Kane stated that Wicklow should not be stymied from development by this kind of nonsense and proposed that outline permission be granted without any condition. This proposal was seconded by Councillor F. Conway and passed unanimously.

Councillor J. Kane also referred to the long delay in putting the Croneroe Improvement Scheme into operation. The County Manager indicated that he would have to have regard to the technical advice available. The Town Surveyor indicated that the contract documents for the improvement scheme were with the Department for approval and that possibly work might commence in six months time.

Nurse Mary R. Kieran:

The Council approved of the proposal of Nurse Mary R. Kieran to erect a terrapin unit at the rear of Council house occupied by her at 2, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow provided that the proposed structure is used as a store but not for living or sleeping accommodation.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

The Council agreed in principle to the use by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of portion of a small park at Castle Street for the purpose of

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erecting thereon a rest room and possibly a house for an elderly couple. Councillor J. Kane stated that detailed drawings and planning application would be submitted at a later date.

TENDERS FOR DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION:

The Clerk read to the meeting a letter from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union in regard to the proposal of the Council to carry out the Domestic Refuse Collection Service by contract. It was agreed that this letter could not yet be considered as at this stage it had only been decided to seek tenders and a decision had not yet been made to carry out the work by contract.

The three tenders which had been received were then opened and were as follows:-

- (1) Mr. John O'Brien, Fitzwilliam Road, Wicklow - For a period of three years from the date of contract for a twice weekly collection the sum of £5,824.
- (2) Mr. Joseph Dickenson, 6, Castle Street, Wicklow - For a period of one year from the date of contract (a) in the case of a once weekly collection £85 and (b) in the case of a twice weekly collection £100.
- (3) Mr. George Kelly, 5, St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow - For a period of three years from the date of contract (a) in the case of a once weekly collection £6,864 and (b) in the case of a twice weekly collection £9,204.

The Council agreed that the tenders would be considered at the Estimates Meeting and that in the meantime the tender of Mr. Dickenson should be clarified as the figures mentioned therein appear to refer to a weekly rate instead of a yearly rate for the carrying out of the contract.

LANDLORD & TENANT (GROUND RENTS) ACT, 1967:

The Council was informed that the following applications had been received for the purchase of fee simple interest in lands:-

- (1) Application of Mr. John Kane to purchase fee simple in land containing dwellinghouse at Hillside, Wicklow held under lease for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1922 at an annual rent of £4.
- (2) Application of Mr. John Mitchell to purchase fee simple in land containing dwellinghouse at Dunbur Park, Wicklow held under lease for period of 75 years from 25th March, 1964 at annual rent of £10.
- (3) Application of Mr. Thomas Murphy to purchase fee simple in land containing two dwellinghouses at Dunbur Road, Wicklow held under lease for period of 75 years from 9th August, 1940 at annual rent of £5.25
- (4) Application of Mr. John A. Toner to purchase fee simple in land containing dwellinghouse at "Glenbeigh", Dunbur Road, Wicklow held under lease for period of 75 years from 25th March, 1947 at an annual rent of £7.50.

The Council was informed that the Council's Solicitors have advised that it would be in order to approve of these applications.

It was proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunt, seconded by Councillor F. Conway and resolved that "we hereby approve of applications for purchase of fee simple from:- (1) Mr. John Kane, Hillside, Wicklow, (2) Mr. John Mitchell, Dunbur Park, Wicklow, (3) Mr. Thomas Murphy, Dunbur Road, Wicklow and (4) Mr. John A. Toner, Dunbur Road, Wicklow

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subject to the payment by the purchaser in each case of a sum which is invested in Government Securities would produce annually in gross interest an amount equal to the amount of rent payable under the respective lease and subject also to the payment by the purchasers of the Council's costs."

PENSION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR:

The Council agreed to increase the pension of Mr. J.T. O'Byrne, former Town Surveyor, with effect from 1st August, 1970 by the addition of 9% to the salary element of his pensionable remuneration and with effect from 1st October, 1971 by the addition of 3% to the salary element of his pensionable remuneration in accordance with letter dated 21st February, 1972, Ref:- E.L.27/46 from the Department of Local Government. The Council was informed that the cost of applying the increase in a full year would be £6.

MR. WILLIAM P. FORDE:

The Clerk indicated to the meeting that following a discussion with the Town Surveyor Mr. W. Forde had agreed to increase area of land to be donated to the Council to extend along the whole frontage of the Main Road. It was pointed out that the estimated cost of fencing the site would be £150. On the suggestion of Councillor J. Kane it was agreed to enquire from Mr. Forde whether he would be prepared to fence off the site.

TENANCIES OF COUNCIL HOUSES:

The Council approved of applications from Mrs. Kathleen Dunne, 50, Castle Street, Wicklow and Mrs. Mary Kilcoyne, 3, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow to be made tenants of Council houses occupied by them following the recent deaths of their husbands.

MEETINGS IN TOWN HALL:

The Council was informed that it was considered in the interests of the proper security of the Town Hall arrangements should be made whereby a member of the staff would be present to open the Town Hall before meetings and ensure that doors etc., have been properly secured after meetings. It was suggested that a payment of £1.50 per meeting would seem reasonable for this duty and that this amount could be recovered by increasing the present charge to persons holding meetings from 25pence to £1.75. The Council approved of this arrangement.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The contents of the report of the Local Government Auditor on the Council's accounts for the two years ending 31st March, 1971 were noted by the Council.

HEATING OF TOWN HALL:

The Council was informed that the question of providing adequate heating in the Town Hall had been examined and that the Town Surveyor had recommended the purchase of six convector heaters at a cost of £43. It was proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara and resolved that we hereby approve of over expenditure in the current year in the sum of £43 to cover the cost of purchasing six convector heaters.

MR. JOHN SWEENEY:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. John Sweeney for a

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new lease in respect of premises at 3, The Mall, Wicklow. It was proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunty, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and resolved "that we hereby approve of the grant of a new lease to Mr. John Sweeney in respect of premises at 3, The Mall, Wicklow subject to the following conditions:- (1) ground rent to be increased from £3 to £15 per annum, (2) lessee to pay fine of £45 and (3) usual condition to be inserted in lease authorising the Council to review the ground rent every fifteen years having regard to changes in money value relationships as determined by the Central Statistics Office".

WICKLOW FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

The Council considered application from Wicklow Festival Committee for closing of public roads at Wentworth Place and Church Hill on Monday 5th June, 1972 from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in order to facilitate the holding of a cycling event. The Council agreed that there would be no objection to this proposal provided the Festival Committee consulted and caused as little inconvenience as possible to the residents of the area in question.

MR. THOMAS MCAULEY:

The Council agreed to allow Mr. Thomas McAuley, Strand Street, Wicklow use of the area at the Seafront as an amusement centre from Whit to 31st August, 1972 subject to the same conditions as in the previous year which included the payment of a sum of £150 to the Council.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

The meeting was advised that the estimated overdraft accommodation required in the quarter ending 30th June, 1972 amounted to £14,000. It was then proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunty, seconded by Councillor F. Conway 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 £14,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ending 30th June, 1972".

CLERK OF WORKS REPORT:

The contents of the report of the Clerk of Works on the 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin for the month of February, 1972 were noted by the Council.

The County Manager pointed out that it had now come to light that the watermain to which it was intended to connect the housing scheme was a private watermain. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor would contact the owners of the private watermain in regard to the proposed water connection.

INDUSTRIAL HOUSING:

The Council agreed to the use by the National Building Agency and the Industrial Development Authority of site at the rear of houses at St. Patrick's Avenue for the purpose of erecting thereon houses for key industrial workers.

ASSIGNMENT:

The Council consented to the assignment of premises known as "Cupertino", Dunbar Road, Wicklow from Mr. M.J. Cusack to Mr. N.D. Farrell and from Mr. N.D. Farrell to Mr. Joseph N. Molloy.

The Council also consented to the mortgage which Mr. Farrell has made with Heritable Securities and to the mortgage to Mr. Molloy from the Educational Building Society.

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It was then proposed by Councillor T.A. Delahunt, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh and resolved "that the seal of the Council be affixed to deeds of assignment from Michael J. Cusack to Noel Farrell and from Noel Farrell to Joseph N. Molloy and that the seal of the Council be also affixed to certificate on original lease that the covenants and conditions therein have been complied with."

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT:

The contents of the Town Surveyor's report for the month of February, 1972 were noted by the Council.

Arising from the Town Surveyor's report a number of matters were noted for attention:- Councillor Mrs. P. McNamara referred to small open space which had been created as a result of road realignment near the Abbey Service Garage and to the manner in which employees of the garage were driving across the grass. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Abbey Service Garage in regard to the matter and to point out that the Beautification Committee intended to reseed this area in the near future.

Councillor T. Byrne referred to the derelict condition of the old Gas Works and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Company and to request that something be done about the matter.

Reference was also made to the spillage of oil by oil tankers at the bottom of Quarantine Hill and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Company concerned.

Councillor T.A. Delahunt referred to the decision of the Council at the Estimates meeting to increase the fee for collecting domestic refuse from outside the Urban Area from £2.75 to £6. As provision had been made in the Estimates for receipts from the increased charges the decision could not now be altered.

The Council referred to the serious traffic hazard which was being caused by parking of delivery vans outside shop at No. 1, Summerhill, Wicklow. It was considered that there was adequate parking space for such vehicles in Castle Street and that "no parking" signs should be erected at the shop in question. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up with the County Council.

The Council referred to the case of a Mr. John Goodman who had constructed a bungalow and now found himself in the position that he could not connect the house to the sewer. It was agreed that this matter will be examined.

DERELICT SITES AT FRIARS HILL:

The Town Surveyor informed the meeting that the derelict cottage sites at Friars Hill were ruining the appearance of the new housing estate. He stated that the Contractor had failed to reach agreement with the owners for the purchase of these sites and that the Contractor had enquired whether the Council would acquire the sites under the Derelict Sites Act. The Contractor would then be prepared to bulldoze them and to put in footpaths. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners of the derelict sites in question informing them that it would be necessary for the Council to consider the question of acquiring these sites under the Derelict Sites Act.

20 HOUSE SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN:

The Council was informed that, as a result of public advertisement, the following tenders had been received:-

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NAME	Total	Alternative for 9" hollow block external walls.
McIlvenna Bros.	£83,610	£81,610
P.J. McGowan.	£81,175	£80,675
Brady & Nixon.	£91,100	£89,700

The Clerk read to the meeting a report from the Council's Architect in which it was stated that in the case of the tender of Mr. P.J. McGowan an error had been made in adding up the sub-totals which could mean that the tender sum would be increased from £81,175 to £81,975 and that the amount specified for the contingency sum had been omitted from the total tender sum.

The Architect also pointed out that in the case of the tender of Messrs McIlvenna Bros. Limited an error also occurred in the total tender sum but here the error was only £12 giving the figure of £83,610 instead of £83,622. The Architect considered the tender of Messrs. Brady & Nixon to be considerably above the first two and not to be in contention.

The Architect recommended the acceptance of the tender of McIlvenna Bros. Limited and that the alternative external wall construction should be submitted to the Department of Local Government for acceptance. The Council, in accordance with recommendation of the Architect, agreed that the tender of Messrs. McIlvenna Bros. Limited in the sum of £81,610 should be accepted and submitted to the Department for approval.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11.45 P.M.

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Patricia McNamara

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

30th March, 1972.

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 4th April, 1972 in the Town Hall, Wicklow at 7.30 p.m.

You are kindly requested to attend.

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P. DOWNES

ACTING TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes of March Monthly Meeting (copies herewith).
- (2) Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963.
- (3) Applications under Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 196 .
- (4) Mary Byrne Deceased - Application to redeem annuity on house at 2, Urban Villas, The Murrough, Wicklow.
- (5) Derelict Sites at Marlton Road.
- (6) Coast Protection Scheme at The Murrough, Wicklow.
- (7) Tidy Towns Competition 1972.
- (8) Application for renewal of lease - Mrs. Nancy Doyle, High Street.
- (9) Clerk of Works Report on 22 House Scheme at Ballynerrin (copy herewith).
- (10) Town Surveyor's Report for March, 1972 (copy herewith).
- (11) Sealing of Documents.
- (12) Any other business (at the discretion of the Chairman).

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

14th April, 1972.

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

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that the Estimates Meeting will be held on Monday 17th April, 1972 at 7.30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

You are kindly requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

P. DOWNES,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

5th April, 1972.

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

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1973.

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In the attached tables details are given of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year 1972/73. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday, 17th April, 1972.

The total expenditure for which provision is being made in the attached Estimates comes to £122,520. The net outlay after deducting receipts, which are estimated at £53,101, and which requirements would have to be met from rates is £69,419. The amount to be levied from rates exceeds that which was allowed by the Council last year by £10,201.

It will be recollected that the Local Government Auditor in his report referred again to the debit balance on the Council's Revenue Account and drew attention to the manner in which it had risen in recent years. He expressed the view that a realistic reappraisal of the Council's financial policy should be made and a rate adequate to meet the working needs of the Council should be levied. The debit balance at the 31st March, 1971, - the latest date for which the exact figures were available - was £7,663. Last year a special provision for the purpose of liquidating the Debit Balance on the Council's Revenue Account, over a number of years, was included, the sum being £1,000. A similar provision of £1,000 is again included in the Estimates for the coming year so that the total net outlay to be met from rates would be £70,419.

The rate required for the coming year to meet the net expenditure, shown in the enclosed Estimates, would be £5.30 (£5. 6. 0.). The rate struck for the year 1971/72 was £4.57 (£4. 11. 5.). The increased rate sought consequently, it will be seen, would be 73p. (14s. 7d.)

The Expenditure and Receipts for the coming year 1972/73 under the four main headings which are used for accounting purposes, together with the corresponding figures allowed for the year 1971/72 are set out below - the figures for the year 1971/72 being shown in parenthesis.

SERVICE	GROSS EXPENDITURE	RECEIPTS	NET EXPENDITURE
ROADS	£5,889 (£5,302)	£1,615 (£1,539)	£4,274 (£3,763)
SANITARY SERVICES	£20,040 (£17,642)	£5,487 (£4,396)	£14,553 (£13,246)
HOUSING	£44,959 (£42,723)	£38,217 (£37,858)	£6,742 (£4,865)
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	£51,632 (£43,920)	£7,782 (£6,576)	£43,850 (£37,344)

Once again the cost of the public services to be provided by the Council will be affected by the inflationary trends which have become such a feature of recent times. It in consequence has been necessary to make due allowances for the result of increases in

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL, 1972.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, and Mr. P. Downes, Acting Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor L. Turner and Mr. D. Lane, Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MARCH MONTHLY MEETING:

The minutes of the March Monthly Meeting, copies of which had been circulated, were amended under the heading of:- Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, in connection with the application of Mr. J.T. O'Byrne for outline permission for the erection of 23 dwellinghouses at New Park Road, Wicklow, by the addition of "this proposal was seconded by Councillor F. Conway and passed unanimously" after Councillor J. Kane stated that Wicklow should not be stymied from development by this kind of nonsense and proposed that outline permission be granted without any condition". The Minutes were then signed by the Vice Chairman.

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

Mrs. Kathleen Leahy:

The Council approved of the application of Mrs. Kathleen Leahy for permission to extend her dwellinghouse at 14, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, subject to the requirements of the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

Mrs. Bridget McGrainor:

The Council approved of the application of Mrs. Bridget McGrainor, 15, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow for permission to extend her dwellinghouse subject to the requirements of the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

Mrs. Mary E. Manweiler:

The Council approved of the application of Mrs. Mary E. Manweiler for permission to carry out alterations to dwellinghouse at Church Street, Wicklow subject to the Town Surveyor's requirements being satisfied.

Mr. Edward Thornton:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. Edward Thornton for permission to construct an extension to his dwellinghouse at 2, Glenview Road, Wicklow subject to the conditions outlined in the Town Surveyor's report.

Warren Studdler Breeding Farm Limited:

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Warren Studdler Breeding Farm Limited for permission to change use of former candle factory to chicken hatchery at Bridge Street, Wicklow in order to ascertain whether the applicants wished to proceed with the application as it was understood that the candle factory had recommenced operations in the premises in question.

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remuneration which became operative, on the basis of National Awards, as from the 1st January, 1972, and for further adjustments which will occur during the course of the current financial year.

The demand from the County Council again shows a rather steep rise, the amount involved being £5,747. The greater part of this is attributable to the Health Services (£4,835) and would be more but for the fact that State Grants towards the cost of Health are being made available so as to limit the additional rate for Health to 30p.

In the Council's own Municipal services provision is being made for both an extension of existing commitments and the cost resulting from adjustments in remuneration. Some of the main items accountable for the increased costs are:-

Roads Maintenance	£ 424
Roads - Special Works	300
Public Lighting	268
Refuse Collection	503
Water Safety - Provision for Lifeguards	450
New sewer at Dunbur (net loan charge after allowing for State Subsidy)	451
New sewer at St. Patrick's Road (net loan charge after allowing for State Subsidy)	182
Watermain at St. Patrick's Avenue (net loan charge after allowing for State Subsidy)	116
Cronroe Water Supply improvements (net loan charge after allowing for State Subsidy)	260
Housing - additional provision for repairs	370
Housing - additional loan charges for new schemes	3,356
Corporate Estate Maintenance	182
Amenity Schemes (net additional charge after allowing for State Grant)	75
Additional provision for refunds of rates on vacant premises	522
Additional provision for refunds of rates resulting from valuation appeals	172

It will be found that the total of the foregoing items of additional costs in the Municipal services comes to £7,631 and together with the increase in the County Council Demand of £5,747 additional expenditure of £13,378 is involved. Whilst there are other variations in costs and some changes in receipts the items set out above account in greater part for the increased costs which are to be met in the coming year and which would result in a rate levy of £5.30.

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ORDINARY ROAD WORKS:

Last year the amount allowed for ordinary repairs and maintenance was £1,790, but due provision must be made for increases in wages and cost of materials which have occurred in the meantime. Consequently, the estimate under this heading for the coming year is £2,214 - an increase of £424.

SPECIAL WORKS - IMPROVEMENTS:

The Town Surveyor has drawn attention to the condition of many of the Urban roads and has pointed out that if the improved surfaces,

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which are sought from time to time, were to be provided immediately the outlay required would be from £5,000 to £10,000. It has been the practice of the Council, however, to include a sum each year which would permit of a section of roadway being improved. The sum allowed last year was £500. For the coming year £800 is included - an increase of £300.

ROAD FUND GRANT:

Notification has been received from the Department of Local Government to the effect that the Road Fund Grant for the coming year will be £1,200. The Council, however, presumably will decide, after consultation with the Town Surveyor, as to how this sum may be applied. In the present financial year the grant was used for improving sections of road at Mount Carmel, Greenhill Road, Castle Street and Morton's Lane.

SANITARY SERVICES

The gross cost of Sanitary Services is estimated at £20,040, the receipts are expected to come to £5,487 and the net requirement will be £14,553. In the year 1971/72 the net amount allowed for Sanitary Services was £13,246.

WATER SUPPLY:

Whilst the cost of maintenance of the town supply from the reservoir at Marlton shows little change from last year and the contribution towards maintenance of the Regional Cronroe supply is unaltered at £400, it will be necessary, however, to make provision for loan charges arising from new Capital works.

The amount included for meeting part of the loan charge for improvements to the Cronroe supply is £650 and after allowing for a State Grant of 60% the net cost would be £260. It will be necessary also to provide a new watermain to serve housing development at St. Patrick's Avenue and here the gross loan charge is £174 and when the State Grant of 33½% is deducted the net provision required is £116. (It should be mentioned that for housingsite development the subsidy rate is 33½% and not 60%).

In 1971 because of the rather long spell of dry weather there was much difficulty in maintaining the water supply and in fact consumption had to be curtailed for some time. The Urban District during that period was relying altogether on the supply from Cronroe. The plans for improving the Cronroe supply have been approved and it is hoped that it will be possible to seek tenders for the work at an early date. In addition it might be mentioned that proposals put forward over twenty years ago for a major scheme to provide an improved water supply in East Wicklow are at present being re-examined by the Engineering staff of Wicklow County Council and Dublin Corporation. If an adequate supply of water, to meet the demands for the rather rapid housing and industrial expansion which has been occurring in Wicklow in recent times is to become available, then it can be expected that in the coming years rather heavy additional charges will have to be met by the Urban Council towards this end.

SEWERAGE:

Additional loan charges have to be met under this heading in the coming year. The new outfall and main sewer to serve Dunbur area will entail expenditure of £1,111 and £448 on loans raised in 1970 and 1972. The total Capital cost of the new sewer and outfall at Dunbur is expected to reach about £13,800. To meet the needs of new housing developments at St. Patrick's Road it was necessary to lay a new sewer, the final cost of which will be £4,100. The loan charge to be met in the coming year will be £455 and after allowing for State Subsidy (60%) the net charge will be £182.

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REFUSE COLLECTION:

The cost of the Refuse Collection in the coming year is estimated at £5,179, an increase of £503 over the outlay in the past year. For the maintenance of the dumping ground at Ashtown £576 is included - £53 more than in 1971/72.

The Council has under consideration revised arrangements for the Refuse Collection Service. Here it should be pointed out that a twice weekly collection service is provided for most parts of the town but in most other Urban areas there is only a collection once in the week. Quite obviously the cost of the service would be affected by the number of collections made. A proposal to purchase a modern type of refuse collection vehicle was examined by the Council and it was found that it would cost at least £6,000. As an alternative there was a proposal that refuse collection be arranged by way of a contract system, instead of through a unit operated directly by the Council. In fact, tenders for a contract service were received recently and at present are being examined by the Town Surveyor. It was decided by the Council that the entire matter be specially reviewed when the Annual Estimates for 1972/73 were being considered.

A further matter presenting difficulty to the Council was that of a refuse dump site. It is clear that the site at Ashtown will not serve public needs much longer and consequently an alternative tiphead must be found. The Town Surveyor had recommended that a dump be sited on the Council's own lands at the Upper Glen beyond Dunbur Lane but residents who live in Dunbur, quite some distance from the tiphead, have objected to the site. There was a suggestion that a special arrangement should be made between the County Council and the Urban District Council for a tiphead which would serve the town of Wicklow and adjoining villages, but it is quite clear that some time would have to elapse before a suitable site, if any, could be agreed and joint arrangements for the collection and disposal of refuse made between the two authorities.

PUBLIC LIGHTING:

For the past financial year £1,032 was allowed for public lighting but this was found to be inadequate with the result that the Council had to authorise excess expenditure during the course of the financial year. For 1972/73 £1,300 is included, an addition of £268. This provision includes £132 for new lights to be provided at a number of places throughout the town.

WATER SAFETY:

Last year after lengthy deliberation it was decided not to include provision for Lifeguards to be employed in the Murrough area during the Summer. Later, however, this decision was altered, and two Lifeguards were employed for a limited period, the cost coming to £190. If, however, Lifeguards are to be employed in the coming year for a period for which they are usually sought, the cost would be £450 and this sum has been shown in the Estimates.

BURIAL BOARD:

The demand from the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board for 1972/73 is £986, which is £73 more than that for the past year.

HOUSING

For housing the total outlay is estimated at £44,959 and after allowing for receipts (mainly from rents and Housing Subsidies) of £38,217, the net sum to be met from rates is £6,742.

HOUSING REPAIRS:

For 1971/72 the amount allowed for housing repairs was £750 but

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It has been suggested on a number of occasions that the repairs service would be assisted if a wholetime Carpenter were to be employed and it has also been suggested that such a person could also concurrently discharge the duties of Overseer and Town Sergeant. A final decision on this proposal has yet to be made by the Council.

NEW HOUSING SCHEMES:

The scheme of 22 houses at Ballynerrin is now approaching completion and in the coming year will involve a loan charge of £6,220. After allowing for the State Subsidy, which may be expected, the increase in charges is £1,534. A new loan charge of £1,822 is included in respect of the 20 house scheme at Ballynerrin, which it is hoped to start in the near future.

A number of loans in respect of houses erected in the nineteen-thirties have now been liquidated. Two loans which involved charges of £2,444 and £640, in former years are fully repaid but the reduction in costs thus arising are offset by (a) the loss of Housing State Subsidy on these loans and (b) the necessity to make due provision for the loan charges on the new housing schemes at Ballynerrin.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Under this heading comes the Expenditure for many services, including Foreshore Maintenance, Cheap Fuel Scheme, 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 £51,632, the Receipts are estimated to come to £7,782 leaving the net requirement of £43,850. Of the total outlay under General Urban Purposes the County Council Demand accounts for £36,087.

CORPORATE ESTATE MAINTENANCE:

The provision included under this heading is £598, £182 more than last year, and is considered essential in view of recent rises in costs of maintenance.

TOWN HALL EXPENSES:

For heating, lighting and other charges £329 is included, being £109 more than in the year 1971/72. The increase is due to the heating and caretaking costs.

AMENITY SCHEMES:

Some time ago the Council approved of an amenity scheme, which would result in improvements at the Glen Strand. The cost is estimated at £300 and a State Grant of £150 has been sought. The net cost to rates would be £150.

SCHOOL MEALS:

The total cost of providing school meals comes to £470, which is £94 more than was allowed last year. Part of the additional cost will be met by State Grant; the additional charge falling on rates will be £59.

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PRINTING, STATIONERY AND ADVERTISING:

The cost is estimated at £360, which is £100 more than allowed for 1971/72.

REFUND OF RATES:

There are two items involved here, these being (1) the refunds of rates on vacant premises and (2) refunds arising from reductions following Appeals against Valuations. Last year the sums under these two headings were £150 and £60 respectively, but in the coming year it is expected that £672 and £232 will be required. It has been found that a number of premises with substantial valuations are vacant and as a result the rates will have to be refunded. Again there has been a number of Appeals against Valuations and the reductions determined will also result in rate refunds.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME:

The amount required for this purpose in 1972/73 is estimated at £2,970 (£371 of an increase) but as the cost is met by State Grant, the County Council and some payments by recipients, no charge will fall on the rates.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND:

The County Council Demand, including the cost of Vocational Education and Malicious Injury Decrees, totals £36,087, and this compares with a demand of £30,340 for 1971/72. The rise in the demand would represent a rate of 43.25p in the £.

The increase in the demand, as already mentioned, is for the greater part due to the Health services. The actual amount of the increase under this heading being £4,835.

As mentioned at the outset the Estimates now presented for your consideration would require a rate of £5.30, which would be 73p more than was determined by the Council for 1971/72. There are a number of influences affecting the proposed rate. Not only must provision be made for additional costs resulting from increases in remuneration and a rise in the cost of all materials but it will be found that additional funds are being sought for the maintenance and improvements of public roads, public lighting, water safety and the loan charges arising from new Capital works, - sewerage, water supply and housing.

For the past eight months Mr. Patrick Downes has been seconded from the service of the County Council to act as Town Clerk and it is only fitting that tribute should be paid to the manner in which he has discharged the many duties devolving on him. Mr. P.D. Lane, who also has been fulfilling the duties of Town Surveyor in an acting capacity has likewise given service of a high order. The services of the Council generally have been maintained to quite a reasonable standard by all the members of the staff, both indoor and outdoor. These include, in particular, Mr. J. DeCourcy, who has been acting as Overseer and Town Sergeant, Mr. L. O'Toole, Rent Collector and Mr. J. Howard, Rate Collector, together with Miss Wynne and Miss McCall. During the past year Mr. P. Henry, who had been a most diligent officer of the Council, retired from the post of Overseer and Town Sergeant.

In submitting these estimates for your consideration I would like to offer to the Chairman and members of the Council my sincere thanks for the assistance and guidance they have given in the administration of the Council's services in the past year.

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	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
URBAN ROADS:		
Ordinary Road Works (Wages - £1,914. Materials - £300)	2,214	
Special Works - Improvements.	800	
Road Fund Grant - resurfacing	1,200	
Retiring Allowances	196	
Salaries	502	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1965 - Roads and Footpaths - Dunbur Estate	733	
1970 - Roads and footpaths - Dunbur Estate (Supplementary Loan)	244	
	5,889	

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<u>SANITARY SERVICES</u>		
Salaries	545	
Salaries - Water Inspector	1,613	
Retiring Allowances	196	
Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply	1,110	
Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply	400	
Water and Sewer Connections	150	
Sewerage (Wages £420 Materials £40)	460	
Public Sanitary Conveniences - Town Hall and Murrrough	273	
Refuse Collection (Wages £4,579, Running Expenses £600)	5,179	
Maintenance of Dumping Ground at Ashtown	576	
Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board)	986	
Public Lighting (Lighting Contract £990 Provision of new lights £310)	1,300	
Water Safety - Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	10	
Water Safety - Employment of Lifeguards	450	
<u>LOAN CHARGES:</u>		
1948 - Extension of sewer (Dunbur Road)	60	
1950 - Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road)	108	
1951 - New Watermain at North Quay	31	
1958 - Regional Water Supply	1,830	
1960 - Regional Water Supply (suppl.)	63	
1959 - Link Watermain at Dunbur Road	228	
1962 - Water Supply Improvements	110	
1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road	210	
1964 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	497	
1965 - Watermain and Sewer Extension at Dunbur	313	
1965 - New Watermain - The Murrrough	504	
1970 - New Outfall and Main sewer at Dunbur	1,111	
1972 - New outfall and main sewer at Dunbur (Supplementary)	448	
1971 - New Sewer at St. Patrick's Road	455	
1972 - New Watermain at St. Patrick's Ave.	174	
1972 - Water Supply Improvement Scheme at Crouroe	650	
	20,040	

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HOUSING:		
Maintenance and Repair	1,120	
Salaries	501	
Rent Collector's Poundage	990	
Retiring Allowances	197	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	75	
Insurances	254	
Rates on Council houses	9,701	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1937 - 28 and 10 houses schemes	14	
1938 - 120 houses scheme	152	
1940 - 34 houses scheme	884	
1940 - 34 Houses Scheme	84	
1947 - 80 Houses Scheme	65	
1948 - 80 Houses Scheme	2,620	
1957 - 2 Houses - Castle Street	174	
1964 - 4 Houses Scheme - Castle Park	572	
1965 - 10 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin	1,905	
1966 - 14 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin	2,690	
1967 - 22 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin	3,286	
1971 - 22 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin	6,220	
1972 - 20 Houses Scheme - Ballynerrin	1,822	
LOANS FOR PRIVATE HOUSES - LOAN CHARGES:		
1934 Loan	72	
1948 Loan of £5,000	240	
1949 Loan of £10,000	480	
1950 Loan of £10,000	563	
1956 Loan of £5,000	380	
1962 Loan of £10,000	700	
1963 Loan of £10,000	687	
1964 Loan of £20,000	1,379	
1965 Loan of £40,000	2,955	
1965 Loan of £2,000	204	
1966 Loan of £20,000	1,571	
1967 Loan of £30,000	1,702	
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Town Hall Expenses (Heating, lighting, etc.)	329	
Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages £408 Materials £190)	598	
Amenity Scheme at Glen Strand	300	
Local Government (Planning & Development) Act.	10	
Seafront Maintenance	276	
Fairs, markets, weighbridges	5	
Band Performances	45	
Milk and Dairies	1	
Tourist Development	50	
School Meals - cost of food	273	
School Meals - Cost of administration	197	
Salaries	4,878	
Rate Collector's Poundage	1,372	
Retiring allowances	377	
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp.Est.)	45	
Audit Fee	70	
Election expenses	-	
Legal Expenses	145	
Printing, Stationery, Advertising	360	
Rents on Council's Property	12	
Rates on Council's Property	926	
Insurance on Council's Property	30	
Public and E. L. Insurances	260	
Office expenses	192	
Discount on rates	189	
Refunded and irrecoverable rates	672	
Refunded rates as result of Valuation appeals	232	
Fuel Scheme	2,970	
Overdraft Interest	185	
Rent of Pound	39	
Miscellaneous	107	
LOAN CHARGES:		
1970 - Foreshore Protection Works	303	
1962 - Town Hall Repairs	97	
	15,545	

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,
WICKLOW.MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL, 1972.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, and Mr. P. Downes, Acting Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor L. Turner and Mr. D. Lane, Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MARCH MONTHLY MEETING:

The minutes of the March Monthly Meeting, copies of which had been circulated, were amended under the heading of:- Applications under Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, in connection with the application of Mr. J.T. O'Byrne for outline permission for the erection of 23 dwellinghouses at New Park Road, Wicklow, by the addition of "this proposal was seconded by Councillor F. Conway and passed unanimously" after "Councillor J. Kane stated that Wicklow should not be stymied from development by this kind of nonsense and proposed that outline permission be granted without any condition". The Minutes were then signed by the Vice Chairman.

APPLICATIONS UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963:Mrs. Kathleen Leahy:

The Council approved of the application of Mrs. Kathleen Leahy for permission to extend her dwellinghouse at 14, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, subject to the requirements of the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

Mrs. Bridget McGrainor:

The Council approved of the application of Mrs. Bridget McGrainor, 15, St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow for permission to extend her dwellinghouse subject to the requirements of the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

Mrs. Mary E. Manweiler:

The Council approved of the application of Mrs. Mary E. Manweiler for permission to carry out alterations to dwellinghouse at Church Street, Wicklow subject to the Town Surveyor's requirements being satisfied.

Mr. Edward Thornton:

The Council approved of the application of Mr. Edward Thornton for permission to construct an extension to his dwellinghouse at 2, Glenview Road, Wicklow subject to the conditions outlined in the Town Surveyor's report.

Warren Studdler Breeding Farm Limited:

The Council deferred consideration of the application of Warren Studdler Breeding Farm Limited for permission to change use of former candle factory to chicken hatchery at Bridge Street, Wicklow in order to ascertain whether the applicants wished to proceed with the application as it was understood that the candle factory had recommenced operations in the premises in question.

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