

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S REPORT

5th January, 1926

During the month our Supply for all Services has been maintained as usual. The demand during the Christmas time has been heavy and in consequence your plant has been running an average of 8 hours daily during the month. Our total output of Current for the quarter ending December 31st was 12,423 Units, an increase of 2,000 Units over the corresponding quarter of 1924. This I have no doubt will be reflected in our receipts. I have run 3 New Services and 3 New Consumers have been connected during the month and I have received applications for 3 additional new Services

Owing to the Council's Stone Crushing Plant being set to work during the Christmas week I found it necessary to lay in a supply of fuel Oil on the 23rd for which I now submit requisition.

During the year I collected and lodged £928 : 7 : 9 to credit of Council.

CORPORATE AGENT'S REPORT

5th January, 1926

I am obliged to report that some of your weekly Tenants in Bond Street are badly in arrear and I intend to issue notices to quit forthwith. In order to facilitate the Tenants in your houses in Strand Street to carry out their agreement to purchase I propose to accept weekly payments of such ^{minimum} sum as may be

arranged by you. I have already received £1 : 10 : 0 on account of one house. If this meets with your approval I think the difficulty may be overcome - of course it is understood that the one Tenant who is under weekly rent will pay up to such time as he will arrange to pay on account of purchase. All arrears to be paid. I would recommend that a small Committee be appointed to consider and dispose of the matters connected with other property on the Estate.

ORDER:- The Corporate Agent to accept 3/- per week from the Tenants of Strand Street Houses until they have paid the whole of the purchase money.

Report referred to Finance Committee.

Letter from the Medical Officer of Health stating that at the request of the Sanitary Sub Officer he visited the premises occupied by a Mrs Brien, Morton's Lane, Wicklow, and found that:-

1. Floors upstairs are decayed and in want of repair.
2. The Ceilings are in bad condition.
3. Wall at rear of house is letting in water and would require plastering.

ORDER:- Read.

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There was only one tender received for the Cementing of the New Cottages on the Murrrough.

ORDER:- That the Tender be not opened until the Engineer is present and that the Tender be referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

Circular letter from Minister for Local Government re the Rating of New Buildings Order 1925.

Read circular letter Minister for Local Government enclosing copy of Public Bodies Order 1925.

Letter from Minister for Local Government enclosing copy of extract from Medical Officer of Health's Report.

Read circular letter Minister for Local Government re Local Elections Postponement Bill 1925.

Read letter Trade Dep Local Government stating they have no contract for Iron Water Mains or Pipes.

Read circular letter Minister for Local Government re Fees for Petrol Pumps Regulations 1925.

Letter from Revenue Commissioners requesting to be informed how the Loan of £800 for repairs to Foreshore Works was raised.

Letter from Commissioners of Valuation re Bounty in Lieu of Rates

Letter from Commissioner of Valuation recoupment of Harbour Charges

Application from Minister for Posts & Telephone for payment of telephone account.

Letter from Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, enclosing agreement Bond & other documents in connection with Contract for Foreshore Works

Letter from Manager of Hibernian Bank, stating that interest on advances made in connection with General or Poor Rate Accounts will be charged at $\frac{1}{2}$ under Irish Banking Discount Rates.

Reports from The Inspector of the Ocean Accident Insurance Co, on the Electrical Machinery, which was considered satisfactory.

Letter Grt Southern Railways Co, stating they were forwarding £200 towards Foreshore Works.

Notice from Gas Co, opening of Streets to carry out repairs to gas service.

Letter from Mr A. M. Jones, asking if the Council would purchase an old coloured Print of Black Castle.

Letter from Ocean Accident Insurance Co, stating Policy on Men in connection with Road Grant would expire on 10th January, 1926.

Application from the Secretary, Co Council for payment of Co Council Demand (2 Instalments)

The Town Clerk stated that one of the Instalments due had been paid.

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Letter from Hibernian Insurance Co, stating authority for payment of 35/- per week to Denis Hanlon for injury to his hand had been given by the Company.

Letter Great Southern Railways Co re repairs to Railway Road.

Letter from Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, enclosing Bill of Costs in connection with Contract for Foreshore Works.

ORDER:- That Solicitor's Bill of Costs be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and his sanction obtained to the payment of same

Letter from General Council of Co Council re Public Bodies Insurance

Letter from Mr V. J. Stevens, stating he is only prepared to pay half the Fee for Petrol Pump as same is on his own private property.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Francis Murphy
 Seconded by Councillor L. W. Dalby
 Resolved:- That Mr V. J. Stevens, be exempted from Payment of Petrol Pump Tax as this is ~~erected~~ on his own private property"

Read Local Government Order re Main Roads.

Letter from Mrs Hughes, requesting a reply to her letter re injury received by her ^{through} Crutch going down through a hole in the path.

Letter from Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, stating that he would advise the Council to give Mrs Hughes Five or Ten Pounds as compensation for the injury which she received.

Order:- That Solicitor's Letter be referred to Committee of the whole Council.

Read an application from Mr James Moody, for permission to make a Water connection to his premises South Quay, Wicklow.

Order:- "Granted"

Read an application from Mr Mark Conway, for a renewal of lease of his House & Premises at Castle Street, Wicklow, Lease to date from 26th March, 1929, being the date of the expiration of the present lease.

ORDER:- Granted. and referred to Committee.

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RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor James Everett, T. D.

Seconded by Councillor John McCall

Resolved:—^{That} the Wicklow Urban District Council request the

Minister for Local Government to immediately hold an

Inquiry into the action of certain Members of the Council

supplying Goods, materials and work to the Council and

other Public Boards"

AMENDMENT

Proposed by Councillor James Carroll.

Seconded by Councillor Matthew Turner

Resolved:—That the Inquiry be granted if the Proposer and Seconder

pay for same.

A vote was taken as follows:—

For Amendment:— Messrs Lalor, Dalby, Carroll, Turner, Darcy, Murphy,

W. J. Haskins, (7)

For Resolution:— Messrs Everett, J. J. Kennedy and McCall (3)

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried.

Councillor L. W. Dalby, stated that he had been asked to hand

in the following Report of Finance Committee.

Order:— That each Member be supplied with a copy of the Report and

that a Special Meeting be convened for the purpose of considering

same.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STATEMENT OF LOANS RAISED AND OUTSTANDING SEPTEMBER, 1925.

GENERAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY FINANCE COMMITTEE.

		£	s	d
Water and Sewers	Period to run 5 years	78	6	8
Harbour	" " 23 "	1673	12	3
Main Drainage	" " 15 "	691	5	0
Housing, Murrrough	" " 13 "	836	13	0
Electric Lighting	Period 20 years	£4800	0	0
Do.	" 10 "	1600	0	0
Do.	" 10 "	1082	0	0
Roads Improvement	Period to run 7 years	7432	0	0
Foreshore Repairs	" " 10 "	800	0	0
Total Loans		12511	16	11
Total Amount Corporation Stocks 35 years		14750	0	0

Total Liabilities for Loans and Stocks £27261 16 11

The Council's Authorised Borrowing Powers are only £23,000, so that at present these have been exceeded by £4,261 16s. 11d.

The amount due for the Annual Sinking Fund to redeem Corporation Stocks (£252 16s.) was not invested from Revenue during the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1925, and no provision was made for the present Financial Year to 31st March, 1926, leaving two years in all in arrear.

The present amount of Investments under this head is £395 18s. 5d. in 5 p.c. War Loan Stock.

The average Annual Income (Nett) from the Corporate Estate is £970. On 31st March, 1925, the amount due to the Council for Rentals on the Estate was £1,666 8s. 8d., of which the arrears amounted to £785 15s. 11d. A large amount of these arrears were due for periods up to four years.

We are very much disturbed to note the great amount of latitude allowed to certain Tenants, and this presents a serious problem as regards the Council's Finances. From time to time it has been necessary to ask the Bankers for heavy overdrafts in order to carry on the work of the Town, while at the same time very large sums were due to the Council for both Rent and Rates.

The Rateable Value of the Township is as follows:
For Poor Rate purposes ... £7218 6 0
For Town Rate purposes ... 6623 13 0

Land is charged at one-fourth. 1d. in the £ produces £26 12s. We understand that a very large sum is due to the Income Tax Commissioners to meet which we appear to have no funds.

Also, our Law Agents Bill of Costs has not been presented for a long period, and we anticipate the amount will be considerable when the statement is before us.

ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING.—ESTABLISHED OCTOBER, 1923.
Total Loans raised to date for this purpose ... £7432 0 0

To be repaid as follows:
£4,800 Loan to be liquidated by 40 Half-yearly Installments of £120 per annum ... £240 0 0
£1,600 Loan by 20 half-yearly amounts of £80 per annum ... 160 0 0
£1,082 Loan by 20 half-yearly amounts of £51 12s. per annum ... 103 0 0

Total Annual Payments on Principal Account £503 0 0

The Interest to be paid will average about £300 per annum for the first few years, decreasing as the Principal is being paid off, thus Principal and Interest will average £800 per annum as a first claim on the Receipts of the Undertaking.

The Accounts as presented to us for consideration dated from the inception of the Scheme (October, 1923) to the 31st March, 1925, and the gross totals were the following:

Working Expenses, including Interest on Capital and one half-year's Principal on £6,400 only	£1,207 15 3
Receipts	£1049 16 4
Outstanding 31/3/25	286 7 5
	1,336 4 9
Credit Balance	£128 8 6

Of the amount entered as Working expenses, the Interest paid and one half-year's Instalment on £6,400 Loan (the £1,082 Loan was raised after the 31st March, 1925) accounted for £680 4s. 1d.

There are at present (Sept.) 125 Consumers connected to the Council's supply mains.

The Urban Council have 63 Public Lights in use, for which £200 per annum is paid from the Rates to the Electricity Department.

The Harbour Board have 10 Quay Lights in use, for the lighting of which £50 per annum is paid to the U.D.C. Electricity Dept.

Our views on the conduct of this Department are set out in our General Recommendations under the heading of Electricity.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The business of the Council is carried on by the following Officials, and the Salaries paid to them at present are noted with each:

Town Clerk—£275 per annum as such, with £25 per annum for the office of Executive Sanitary Officer, £12 10s. of which is refunded by the Government.

Corporate Estate Agent—5 p.c. Commission is paid to this Official on gross amount of Rental, averaging £60 per annum.

Town Rate Collector—Held by the Corporate Estate Agent. Commission, 9d. in £ of Rates collected.

Poor Rate Collector—Commission at 5 p.c. (1s. in £) of Rate collected.

Waterworks Overseer—Salary and Bonus, £189 16s. per annum, with allowance of 5 tons of Coal and free Cottage.

Electrical Engineer—£4 per week.

Electrical Engineer's Apprentice—12s. per week, rising to 25s. per week in three years.

Town Sergeant and Sanitary Sub-Officer—Held by one official. Salaries and Bonus, £153 8s. per annum, with allowance for uniform.

In addition to the above Officials, five men are employed for purpose of scavenging and road maintenance at 42s. per week each, and 24s. per week is paid for the use of a Horse and Cart.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

In order that the business of the Township may be more efficiently carried out, we make the following general recommendations:

1. That the Government be asked to define the exact position of the Council with regard to the Borrowing Powers with a view to preventing these Powers being increased, and we suggest that when the redemption funds have wiped out the already overdrawn sum of £4,261 the total borrowing powers as originally authorised shall be the maximum to be allowed in the future, namely, £23,000.

2. We recommend that the Office of Town Sergeant and S.S.O. as at present held shall be abolished and that the new appointment necessary for an S.S.O. shall be at Statutory Salary only.

3. We recommend the Council to grant no further Increases of Salary to any Official of the Board, but that Salaries be fixed as follows:
Town Clerk and Executive Sanitary Officer, £300 per annum in all.
Waterworks Overseer, £180 per annum with existing allowances for Cottage and Coal.
S.S.O. and Town Sergeant, £135 per annum until termination of appointment as per recommendation No. 2.

4. We recommend a practical Engineer be appointed at a salary of £50 per annum to supervise all necessary Road Work, Waterworks and Electricity Department. Exact duties to be defined later.

5. We recommend that the Offices as at present held for the purpose of Corporate Estate Agency, Town Rate Collecting and Poor Rate Collecting be abolished and that these three duties be combined in the appointment of a permanent whole-time Official to be styled Assistant Town Clerk and that all Corporate Rentals be paid in by Tenants at the Town Hall Office in addition to both Poor Rates and Town Rates and that no house to house collecting be carried on in future. Particulars of this change to be printed on all Demand Notes and Rent Accounts issued after the date of this change.

Also, that all accounts payable for Electricity supplied shall be issued from and be only payable at the Town Hall. Further, that these Electricity Accounts shall be strictly collected within the three months of date of issue and no Arrears shall be allowed on any condition whatever.

The Salary we recommend for this Assistant Town Clerk shall be £180 per annum, rising by £5 per annum to a maximum of £200, subject to proof of efficiency.

6. We recommend that our Waterworks Overseer and Electrical Engineer, being whole-time Officials, shall not be allowed to engage in any private work. That all work required by Consumers of Water and Electricity shall be done by our Officers on behalf of the Council, who will furnish Estimates on application and receive payment for work done through the Town Hall Office only.

7. We recommend that duplicate keys of the Electric Power House be lodged in the Town Hall.

8. We recommend that the Public Lighting Costs be re-estimated and submitted to the Finance Committee, to consider £200 per annum excessive for the Lighting of the Township Roads.

9. We recommend that the system of accounts kept for the Electricity Department shall include a Materials Stock Book in duplicate, one copy shall be kept in the Town Clerk's Office and Stock shall be taken Quarterly.

Also, that a separate Banking Account be kept for dealing with all monies of the Electricity Undertaking.

10. As laid down in recommendation No. 5, the furnishing of all Electricity Accounts and receipts of payments shall be through the Town Hall Office.

11. We recommend that the Corporation Lands be sold to occupying tenants through the Land Commission provided always that the prices realised shall be sufficient to ensure that the Council shall receive a Nett Income equal to the present amount received. Should investigation prove that any reduction on Income would result from this proposal, the matter shall be deferred.

12. We recommend that the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board be asked to effect an immediate economy in Expenditure. The Demands made by this body on the Council are increasing year by year, whereas we consider it should now be self-supporting.

13. We recommend that the Harbour Board be likewise requested to reduce its present extravagant expenditure. This Harbour should be a source of Revenue to the town in place of the expense it is at present.

14. We recommend that all appointments made in future shall be publicly advertised.

We find that the appointment of Electrical Engineer's Assistant was made on the recommendation of the Consulting Engineer only, and while we recognise the Assistant is necessary we strongly criticise the manner of his appointment.

15. We recommend that in future all payments made from the monies of the Council shall be by means of Paying Orders only. No Cash transactions shall be permitted with the exception of a fixed sum to be allowed to the Town Clerk for Petty Cash Disbursements of under £1 in amount. This fixed sum shall be decided by the Finance Committee before this recommendation be put into force.

16. The Workmen of the Council shall in future be paid in full for all recognised Bank Holidays and be granted one hour's leave of absence on all Church Holydays, as is the custom in all business establishments and works in the town.

Also, during the six months of each year from the 1st April to 30th September the weekly half-holiday allowed to the men shall be taken on Thursday afternoon in order that they may be available for Road cleaning on Saturday afternoons during these months.

17. We ask that these recommendations shall be put into force at once with the exception of No. 5 (Appointment of Assistant Town Clerk) which shall take effect as from 1st April, 1926, and this provision to cover any other alterations which may be recommended but cannot be effective until that date. We make this exception, as the present Rate Collectors and Corporate Agent must complete the collections for this financial year ending on 31st March, 1926.

18. We recommend that any Tenants of Houses let under Weekly Tenancies may have the option of purchasing. This will be extending the facilities granted in other cases to similar Tenants during recent years.

We shall have further recommendations to make at a later date concerning the raising of increased Revenue from the Waterworks Department, but these shall be brought forward when estimating for the next Financial Year's Rate Demands.

Also, it will be necessary to revise the scale of charges made for the use of the Corporation Murrrough for all purposes, and these will be laid before the Council later, as will a Hiring Agreement for the use of the Town Hall Boardroom for Meetings, Dances, etc.

We desire that this Report and the recommendations it contains shall be given the utmost publicity in order that the Ratepayers of the Urban District may be made aware of the serious financial position of the Council and the need for economy it entails.

Town Hall, Wicklow,

30th January, 1926

The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held this day in pursuance to notice to transact the following business:-

1. To elect a Chairman for ensuing year.
2. To elect a Vice Chairman for ensuing year.
3. To elect Finance, Managing, Roads, Waterworks, Public Health, and Electric Light Committees.
4. To elect 8 Members to represent the Council on Wicklow Harbour Board.
5. To elect 7 Members on the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board
6. To elect 5 Members on the Co Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr Edward Lalor, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs D. H. Haskins, W. J. Haskins, Joseph Darcy, James Carroll, John Barlow, Francis Murphy, Matthew Turner, L. W. Dalby, Charles Hudson.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor L. W. Dalby.

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy

Resolved:-"That Mr Edward Lalor, be re-elected Chairman for ensuing year"

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Darcy

Seconded by Councillor Charles Hudson.

Resolved:-That Mr Matthew Turner, be re-elected Vice Chairman for ensuing year"

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins

Seconded by Councillor Matthew Turner

Resolved:-That the same Members be elected to the various Committees as on 30th June, 1925.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins

Seconded by Councillor John Barlow

Resolved:-"That the following Members be elected to represent the Council on the Wicklow Harbour Board Messrs Joseph Darcy, John Conroy, Francis Murphy, Matthew Turner, James Carroll, Edward Lalor, L. W. Dalby, W. J. Haskins.

R E S O L U T I O N

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins

Seconded by Councillor L. W. Dalby

Resolved:- That the following Members be elected to represent the

Council on the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board

Messrs Francis Murphy, Matthey Turner, James Carroll,

Edward Lalor, John Barlow, John Conroy, W. J. Haskins

R E S O L U T I O N.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins

Seconded by Councillor Joseph Darcy.

Resolved:- That the following Members compose the Council's

representatives on the Co Wicklow Joint Technical

Instruction Committee Very Rev M Hoey, P.R., Very Rev

Canon Johnson, M. A., Messrs Edward Lalor, Francis

Murphy, John Barlow.

Town Hall, Wicklow,
2nd February, 1926

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council
was held this evening in pursuance to notice:-

1. To consider Finance Committee's Reports
2. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports.
3. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report
4. To consider Corporate Agent's Report.
5. To consider Electrical Engineer's Report.
6. To consider official correspondence.

COUNCILLOR'S PRESENT

Mr Edward Lalor, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs Francis Murphy,
G. W. Hudson, D. H. Haskins, James Carroll; Andrew Dunne; L. W. Dalby;
James Everett, T. D., ^{J.} John Kennedy; John Conroy; John Clarke; Jas
Smullen; John Barlow; Matthey Turner; John McCall; W. J. Haskins;
Patrick Murphy; Joseph O'Connor

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read over and
confirmed.

M. G.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

2nd February, 1926

Your Finance Committee met this evening and checked over accounts, books and vouchers and found same correct. The following sums were lodged to your credit during the month:-

Wm M. Byrne.	Township Rates	£107 : 9 : 2
Same	Rents	99 : 0 : 4
John Plunkett	Electric Light	138 : 16 : 6

		£345 : 6 : 0

We recommend the following Payments:-

H. J. MacPhail.	One month's Salary	£25 : 0 : 0
Same	Workmens Wages	76 : 8 : 0
B. O'Keefe	One Month's Salary & Bonus	12 : 15 : 0
John DeCourcy	do do	15 : 16 : 4
Thomas DeCourcy	One Week's Wages Acting Overseer	3 : 19 : 1
John Plunkett	4 Weeks Wages to 1/2/26	18 : 0 : 0
Oliver Plunkett	4 do 3/2/26 Lees 4/4 Ins	2 : 3 : 8
Secretary Co Council.	Petrol Pump Fees	3 : 3 : 0
Ocean Accident Insurance Co.	Premiums on Policies Nos. 735936 & 742577	23 : 5 : 0
The Protector Co Ltd.	Electric Meters	18 : 0 : 0
Brooks, Thomas.	3 Bundles Mild Steel Bars	2 : 2 : 0
Hibernian Bank Ltd.	Princ & Interest on Housing Loan	44 : 4 : 6
Same	Interest on Electric Light Loan	156 : 10 : 9
Same	Transfer to Redemption Fund	101 : 0 : 0
Minister Posts & Telegraphs	Trunk & Telephone Charges	7 : 3 : 0

	Foreshore Works	£507 : 12 : 6
Messrs Lees Bros.	Balance due less Retention 10%	£288 : 17 : 2
G. E. Moore.	Engineer's Fees	28 : 0 : 0
J. H. McCarroll.	Law Costs	10 : 17 : 6
H. J. MacPhail	Insurance Stamps & Postage	2 : 5 : 1
Same	Extra Clerical Work in connection with Foreshore Scheme	8 : 8 : 0

		£ 338 : 7 : 9

D. H. Haskins
L. W. Dalby
Edward Lalor
James Carroll

M J

Read Finance Committee's Report showing lodgements amounting to the sum of £345 : 6/-, and recommending payments amounting to the sum of £507 : 12 : 6 General Account., and £338 : 7 : 9 Foreshore Works Account.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins

Seconded by Councillor Edward Lalor

Resolved:- That the Report of the Finance Committee be hereby confirmed

and adopted and that Treasurer's Advice Notes for payment

to the several parties named therein be now signed by

direction and on behalf of the Council amounting in the

aggregate to the sum of £846 : 0 : 3.

A vote was taken on the above resolution with the following

result:-

For Resolution:- Councillors Lalor, F. Murphy, Hudson, D. H. Haskins; Carroll; Dalby; Barlow, Turner, W. J. Haskins. (9)

Against:- Councillors Everett, T D., John J. Kennedy, Conroy, Clarke,

McCall; P. Murphy, Smullen, Dunne (8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried by 9 for and 8

against.

M J

Sub Sanitary Officer's Report

2nd February, 1926

Inspected 30 premises and served 3 notices which were complied with. By Medical Officer of Health's instructions destroyed bedding from the late Mr Murtagh's premises at Bath Street.

The usual flushing of main drainage and disinfecting of the Urinals were carried out weekly during the month. Had 36 C Yds Stones broken and spread on the Roads. Owing to the bad weather all the Roads in the district require stones to fill up the pot holes, and require at least 100 Yds Stones to carry over the season.

The Council's Men were engaged on Ballynerrin Road, Brickfield Lane, Rathnew Road, Rockey Road, Collet Street cleaning Water tables and had 50 Loads Fines spread on Footpaths.

The Roof of Office at Bond Street is in a dangerous state and would require to be taken down, have received complaints about same. Also in Ball Alley an old Gable of a premises is dangerous and should be taken down.

Orders:- 50 C Yds Stones to be provided. Notices to be served on the Owners of dangerous buildings.

M J

Waterworks Overseer's Report

2nd February, 1926

During the month Water Mains were flushed, Meters oiled and the following Fountains repaired:- Castle St, Friars Hill, Kilmartin Hill. Had Catch Pits at Waterworks cleaned out. The crack in Wall of Filtering Bed nearest Fresh Water Chamber, seems to me to have got somewhat larger. I would like to have some one to examine same.

For sometime past the Concrete pit containing Water Meter in Brickfield Lane has been flooded by water coming through walls, caused by a spring outside the walls. This will need to be stopped as the Water prevents oiling of Meter properly.

Reservoir is overflowing.

ORDER:- Messrs Turner, McCall & Lalor to inspect Filter Bed and report.

Corporate Agent's Report

2nd February, 1926

I am pleased to say that six Tenants in your Houses at Strand Street have accepted my proposal made in my last report and are paying weekly towards the Purchase of their holdings. One is still under weekly Rent. The remaining one has not indicated if he will adopt the purchase scheme and if he does not soon do so I shall be obliged to replace him under rent and to proceed for amount due from 31st March last.

M J

The eleven month's Tenancies of both Mr Rooney & Mr Edward Doyle, cease at end of this month and it will be necessary for them to renew their application if they wish to continue.

The annual application for Allotment Plots should be ~~renewed~~ renewed at once. As very few, comparatively, were taken up last year, it will be advisable for the Council to consider the question of dividing the Field as nearly half is now going to waste.

Electrical Engineer's Report

2nd February, 1926

I beg to submit report for month ending January 31st, during which period our public and private services have been maintained as usual. During the month one new service has been run and one new Consumer connected to our mains. Our total revenue for December quarter amounted to £477 : 5 : 0, while our working expenses for the same period amounted to £124 : 4 : 6, which shows a balance to credit on the quarter's working of £353 : 0 : 6

During the month I have collected and lodged to credit of Council £209 : 11 : 9.

Letter Minister Local Government re Public Bodies Order 1925

Demand Note for Poor Rate (Form 52)

Letter Minister Local Government re Maintenance of Main Roads in Urban Districts

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Letter Minister Local Government re date of Annual Meeting Election Chairman and Vice Chairman

Letter Minister Local Government (Roads) forwarding cheque for £300 balance Road Grant

Letter Minister Local Government re Rating of New Buildings @ Order 1925

Letter Minister Local Government re supply and Storage of Explosives

Letter Minister Local Government re Petrol Pumps (Fees) Regulations 1925

Letter Minister Local Government re Fees due by Messrs Colborne & Hopkins for Petrol Pump and requesting to be informed if same had yet been paid, and also to be supplied with particulars as to where Mr Stevens had his Pump erected.

ORDER:- Information to be supplied.

Letter Minister Local Government giving sanction to payment of Mr J. E. McGarroll's Bill of Costs in connection with Contract for Repairs to Foreshore provided same is in order.

Letter Minister for Local Government requesting to be informed if the amount recorded on Form 66 in Collector's hands had been lodged.

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Letter from Revenue Commissioners requesting Payment of
Income Tax due by the Council.

Town Clerk stated that he had written to the Commissioners
drawing their attention to the fact that they had not given
credit in the account for the payments which the Council had made.

Resolution Athy Urban Council protesting against the maintenance
of Main Roads being carried out by Co Councils in Urban Districts
instead of by Urban Councils.

ORDER:- Town Clerk to interview County Surveyor and ascertain
what sum he has included in his estimate for the maintenance
County
of the Road proposed to be maintained by the ~~U~~ Council in the
Urban District of Wicklow during this coming year.

Application from Harbour Commissioners requesting the Council
to change the position of one of the Electric Lamps on the Quay.

ORDER:- Town Clerk to consult with Secretary of Harbour
Commissioners as to changing of Lamp.

Letter from Messrs Fullerton & Doyle, Solicitors, re
Laurence Byrne a Bankrupt.

The Town Clerk stated that he had forwarded the account of
the Rates and Rent due to the Council by the Bankrupt.

Read notices from Gas Co, notifying the opening of the
Streets to repair services. *W C*

Letter from the Great Southern Railways Co, requesting
statement showing the total expenditure in connection with
Foreshore repairs.

Order:- Information to be supplied.

Read letter from Irish Lights re repairs to Light-house
Road.

Letter Mr J. H. McGarroll, Solicitor, stating that the
Malicious Injury Claim by Mr R Conway, has been adjourned to
next Sessions.

Letter from Dr O'Connor, for payment of 14/- for
notification of persons Vaccinated.

Contract from Irish American Oil Co for 6 months Supply
Diesel Fuel Oil.

ORDER:- Accepted.

Letter from the Irish Electrical Construction Co and
Messrs Crossley Bros, requesting payment of the balance of their
accounts.

ORDER:- Referred to Finance Committee.

Application from Mr Patrick Doyle, Summer Hill, Wicklow,
for a new Lease, and stating that he proposes to expend the sum of
£300 on new Buildings. *W C*

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Francis Murphy

Seconded by Councillor James Smullen.

Resolved :-That Mr Patrick Doyle, be granted a new Lease of
House and premises situate at Summer Hill, Wicklow,
for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1926.

Letter Commissioners of Valuation re Valuation Lists.

Letter from Mrs Hughes, requesting to be informed what
the Council proposed to do in connection with the accident she
met in with.

with
Order:- Committee to consult Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor,
in the matter.

One tender was received and considered being that of Mr
James McCall at £205 : 10/- for the Cementing etc of the New
Houses on the Murrrough.

The Engineer's estimate being £114 : 10/- for the work,
it was decided for the Engineer to consult with Mr McCall,
and ascertain the very great difference between tender
and estimate.

Read letter from the Secretary Board of Works enclosing
Draft Lease for Coastguard Houses for approval.

ORDER: * That draft lease be hereby approved of by the Council.

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RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy

Resolved:-That we hereby approve of Draft Lease submitted by
Board of Works for Coastguard Houses.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor John J. Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy.

Resolved:-That we the Urban District Council of Wicklow strongly
protest against the proposed removal of the County
Council Offices from Wicklow to Bre, and we hereby call
on all Ratepayers to give the suggestion their
strongest protest"

The Council had under consideration the Finance Committee's
proposals in connection with the Officials of the Council etc,
and after considerable discussion it was decided to leave the
report over until next monthly meeting.

Matthew J. J. J.
2/3/1926

Town Hall, Wicklow.

2nd March, 1926.

The Usual Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council, was held this evening in pursuance to notice to transact the following business:-

1. To consider Finance Committee's Report.
2. To consider Sanitary Officer's Report.
3. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report.
4. To consider Corporate Agent's Report.
5. To consider Electrical Engineer's Report.
6. To consider Finance Committee's Report adjourned from last Meeting.
7. To consider Official Correspondence.

C O U N C I L L O R S P R E S E N T .

Mr Matthew Turner, Vice Chairman in the Chair, Messrs L.W. Dalby, D.H. Haskins, C.W. Hudson, John McCall, James Everett, Patrick Murphy, John Clarke, Andrew Dunne, Joseph Darcy, James Carroll, John Barlow, John J. Kennedy and Joseph O'Connor.

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Finance Committee's Report.

2nd March, 1926.

Your Finance Committee met this evening and checked over accounts, books and vouchers and found same correct.

The following sums were lodged to your credit during the month:-

H.J. MacPhail.	Domestic Scavenging	£5 : 0 : 0
Wm.M. Byrne	Township Rates	73 : 3 : 4
Same	Rents	99 : 3 : 6
John Plunkett	Electric Light	91 : 1 : 9
Total:-		£268 : 8 : 7

Foreshore Works Account

The D. & W. Manure Co.,	Balance Contribution	£100 : 0 : 0
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Poor Rate Account.

Edward Kennedy	Poor Rate	£179 : 7 : 3
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We recommend the following payments:-

H.J. MacPhail	One Month's Salary	£25 : 0 : 0
Same	Workmens Wages	84 : 7 : 0
B. O'Toole	One Month's Salary & Bonus	12 : 15 : 8
John DeCourcy	do do do	15 : 16 : 4
John Plunkett	4 Week Wages to 1/3/'26	16 : 0 : 0
Oliver Plunkett	4 do to 3/3/'26 less 4/4 Insurance	2 : 3 : 8

Forward= 156 : 2 : 8

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	Forward=	156 : 2 : 8
R. & W. Jt. Burial Board	4th Instalment of Demand	£24 : 7 : 1
Sheane Bros.	Repairing pins and making guard stone crasher and altering brackets etc.	4 : 10 : 6
John Kane	Timber	14 : 6
Hibernian Bank Ltd.	Transfer to Dividend Fund Acct.	11 : 5 : 0
Michael Ledwidge	1 dozen Brushes	18 : 6
Messrs Baxendale & Co	Paints etc.	3 : 16 : 0
Dublin Dynamo & Magneto Service	Lamps	8 : 3 : 3
M. McDonald	Stationery	10 : 0
Messrs Brooks & Thomas & Co.,	6 Bundles Mild Steel Bars	4 : 8 : 3
Hibernian Bank Ltd.,	Princ. & Interest Roads Improvement Loan	96 : 5 : 1
Hibernian Insurance Co.,	Premium on Policy No. 59059	4 : 6
H.J. MacPhail,	Allowance for Preparing and writing Township Rate Books, etc.	12 : 10 : 0
	Total=	£323 : 15 : 4
	Peer Rate Account.	
Treasurers Co. Council	4th Instalment of Demand	£433 : 11 : 6
H.J. MacPhail,	Allowance for Preparing and writing Peer Rate Books etc.	12 : 10 : 0
		£446 : 1 : 6

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(Signed)
D.H. Haskins
M. Turner
L.W. Dalby.

The Minutes of the previous Meetings were read over and confirmed after which the business was proceeded with.

Read Finance Committee's Report showing lodgements amounting to the sum of £547 : 15 : 10 viz:- General Account £268 : 8 : 7, Fereshore Works Account £100 : 0 : 0 and Poor Rate Account £179 : 7/3 and recommending the following payments:- General Account £323 : 15/4 and Poor Rate Account £446 : 1 : 6, Total= £769 : 16 : 10.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins.

Seconded By Councillor L.W. Dalby.

Resolved:- "That the Finance Committee's Report be hereby confirmed and adopted and the Treasurers Advice Notes for payment to the several parties named therein be now signed by direction and on behalf of the Council, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of £769 : 16 : 10."

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Sub Sanitary Officer's Report.

2nd March, 1926.

Inspected 35 premises and served one notice for sanitary purposes which is under completion.

The usual flushing of the maindrainage and disinfecting of Urinals on the North and South Quays has been carried out weekly during the month.

Owing to complaints about the boiling of off-fall of cattle in slaughter yard on the South Quay, I intend to serve notice on the owner to have same stopped as the smell from the boiler is dangerous to public health.

On inspecting a stable in Upper Strand Street, on the 22nd ult. I found same flooded with water off the public street, I had same temporary remedied and recommend a gully-trap to be laid and piped to main-sewerage which is seven yards from trap.

During the month I had 63 yards of stones carted to Mill Yard for crushing and had crusher working one day, I had about 40 yards of stones broken and spread on the different roads requiring same.

I had the Council's men constantly scraping all mud and cleaning up catch-pits to carry water off the roads, on wet days I had the men engaged making reinforced concrete standards for Bachelors

Walk railing.

I beg to apply for my Uniform.

ORDER:- Gully-trap to be provided for Strand Street to carry away surface water, Councillors Dalby, Turner and John J. Kennedy, inspect the premises which has been flooded with surface water and report as to what should be done to remedy cause of complaint.

Tenders for Town Sergeant's Uniform be invited.

WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT.

2nd March, 1926.

During the month I repaired fountains at Upper and Lower Strand Street, South Quay and Monkton Row.

The usual flushing and night tests were carried out, I served three notices for leakage.

Two Filtering Beds require a general cleaning, can I have same carried out immediately?

On tapping main for service to Mr Moody's premises on South Quay, I found it was connected up with gun barrel piping, in my opinion this should not be allowed, as it is prone to corrode in a short time, there been deposits of iron in water.

The Reservoir is at over flow.

ORDER:- Filter Beds to be cleaned. No more gun barrel piping to be allowed, in making water connections.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S REPORT.

2nd March, 1926.

During the month ended 28th February, the lighting of the Streets and the Harbour has been carried out as usual, and the supply to consumers maintained.

As soon as the Street lamps can be dispensed with, it will be necessary to remove the lamp brackets for examination and rewiring where required, as some of these have been giving trouble lately, the cost of the material for this will not exceed £2 : 0 : 0.

All tappings and joints on our over head system will also need to be examined, and remade where showing signs of corrosion.

I will put this in hand as soon as lead falls off sufficiently.

I would also suggest having poles painted before the coming of next winter, as the butts of many of them are getting bare.

During the month I have collected and lodged to credit of Council £91 : 1 : 9.

ORDER:- Tenders to be invited for the painting of Electric Poles.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, requesting to be furnished with the cost of holding Local Elections.

ORDER:- Information to be supplied.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, enclosing Copy of an Order amending Article 17, Dispensary (Co. Board of Health)

Rules and regulations, 1923, as regards the issue of certificates of Vaccination and fees.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, stating that the Public Bodies Order, 1925, makes no change in the manner in which the Town Rate is to be collected.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, requesting to be supplied with a return of salaries and bonuses paid to officials for year ended 31st March, 1925.

ORDER:- Information to be supplied.

Read Circular letter from the Commissioner of Valuation, enclosing Valuation Lists.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, re cost of Living Bonus.

Read letter from the Inspector of Taxes, re the Council's Income Tax Account.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, stating that no arrangements has been made for the printing of the various Forms under the Public Bodies Order, 1925.

Read letter from the Great Southern Railways Co., requesting statement of the cost of Foreshore Works.