

Town Hall, Wicklow,
4th January, 1927

The 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 Make provision for payment of Stock-Holders Dividends.
3. To consider Committee's Report.
4. To consider Sanitary Officers Reports.
5. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report.
6. To consider Corporate Agent's Report.
7. Electrical Engineer's Report
8. To consider Official Correspondence.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr Edward Lalor, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs James Carroll, L. W. Dalby; Wm Brennan; Francis Murphy; J. J. Kennedy; James Everett T.D.; Joseph O'Connor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read over and confirmed.

Read Finance Committee's Report showing lodgements amounting to the sum of £318 : 0 : 1 viz:- General Acct £302 : 5 : 9 & Poor Rate £15 : 14 : 4; and recommending Payments amounting to the sum of £414 : 2 : 4 viz:- General Acct £398 : 19 : 11 and Housing Acct £15 : 2 : 5

Finance Committee's Report

4th January, 1927

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:-

W. M. Byrne	Township Rates	£178 : 12 : 6
Same	Rents	81 : 14 : 0
J. Plunkett	Electric Light	40 : 19 : 3
H. J. MacPhail	Domestic Scavenging	1 : 0 : 0
		£302 : 5 : 9

	Poor Rate Acct	
Edward Kennedy	Poor Rate	£15 : 14 : 4

We recommend the following Payments:-

H. J. MacPhail	One month's Salary	£29 : 3 : 4
Same	Workmens Wages	60 : 0 : 0
B. O'Toole	One month's Salary	11 : 5 : 0
J. DeCourcy	do	15 : 0 : 0
J. Plunkett	4 Weeks Wages to 3/1/27	16 : 0 : 0
Oliver Plunkett	4 do 5/1/27 Less 4/4	3 : 7 : 8
Hibernian Bank	Transfer Funds to Dividend Fund	239 : 11 : 0
H. J. MacPhail	Preparation Jurors Lists	12 : 6 : 6
Edward Kennedy	Assisting at same	4 : 18 : 6
Richmond National Institution	Brushes	1 : 15 : 8
Mather & Platt	Bearings, Springs etc	3 : 1 : 3
Standard File Co.	Files, Stapling Machine Etc	2 : 11 : 0
		£398 : 19 : 11

Housing Account

Wm Mooney & Son	Balance due to late Mr F. Bergin	£15 : 2 : 5
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(Signed) Edward Lalor Chairman

James Carroll

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor L. W. Dalby.

Seconded by Councillor E. Lalor.

Resolved:-"That the report of the Finance Committee be hereby confirmed and adopted and that Treasurer's Advice Note for making payments 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 £414 : 2 : 4.

RESOLUTION

Proposed By Councillor L. W. Dalby

Seconded by Councillor E. Lalor.

Resolved:-"That the Wicklow (Town) Redeemable Debenture Stock Register of Stock-Holders as now submitted for the half year to 1st January, 1927, be signed and that nett amount of Dividends setforth therein £239 : 11 : 0 be transferred from General Account to the Wicklow (Town) Dividend Fund Account and our Registrar is hereby authorised to issue the necessary Warrants in connection therewith"

Committee Meeting of the Whole Council

31st December, 1926

PRESENT

Mr Matthew Turner, Vice Chairman in the Chair, Messrs Jas Carroll; G. Hudson; F. Murphy, J. O'Connor; J. Kennedy; J. Everett, W. Brennan, J Barlow

Your Committee have had before them a letter from Rev Bro Dominic Offering to surrender the "Marine" to the Council. The following resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy

Resolved:-"That this Committee strongly recommend the Urban District Council to accept the surrender of the lease of the premises on the Inner Murrough known as the "Marine" from the Rev Brother Dominic (Acting on behalf of the de La Salle Community) and we further recommend the Council to undertake in the event of those premises being sold at any later date or otherwise disposed of by the Council to refund out of such proceeds as may be received by the Council provided that they amount to £800 or over to the said De La Salle Community the sum of £248 to recoup them in some measure for the £800 which they expended on the buildings during their term of lease"

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kennedy

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy

Resolved:- "That Committee's Report dated 31st December, 1926, be hereby confirmed and adopted"

Sanitary Sub Officer's Report

4th January, 1927

Inspected 20 premises and served three notices for sanitary purposes which were complied with. The flushing of the main drainage and the disinfecting of the Urinals on the North and South Quays has been carried out weekly during the month.

By the Council's directions I had a large number of men employed for Christmas and had them working at Mill Yard, North & South Quays, Corporation Lands and throughout the township and got the work completed as far as I could in the four days.

During the month the Council's men were engaged at repairing the railing on the Sea Murrough and cleaning up water tables etc at Brickfield Lane, Convent Road, Coopers Lane, and upper and Lower Monkton Row and had 17 yds stones spread on road on sea Murrough and stone shore at Morton's Lane repaired.

I wish the Council's permission to open road at the Corner of Marlton Road in order to see the depth the sewer is laid there for a premises to be connected with sewer.

I wish the Council to grant me my Uniform and Overcoat.

Order:- Permission granted to open Road. Tenders to be invited for Uniform and Overcoat.

WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT

4th January, 1927

During the month I tapped main in New Street and repaired Fountain in High Street and Fitzwilliam Road.

During Christmas week there were 8 men employed for 4 days cutting down hedges, cleaning up water ways and other off jobs.

There is a considerable falling off in amount of water coming into the Reservoir in fact all the smaller springs have stopped altogether there is not one fourth of the amount coming in through the large ones as was coming in last month.

There is eight feet of water in the Reservoir. About thirty tons of Sand is required for adding to existing fine sand in filtering beds.

Order:- That thirty tons of sand be provided for Filter Beds.

E.L.

Corporate Agent's Report

4th January, 1927

Since last Meeting I have obtained decree for possession of House in Strand Street against Edward Canavan, for non payment of Rent. The cement floor is in a very bad way and the Council will require to put the place in order before I relet it. I beg to remind Allotment Plot Holders through the Council and others who may require Plots for coming Season that applications are to be made at once. The forms of application can be obtained from me.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Edward Lalor

Seconded by L. W. Dalby

Resolved: "That William Canavan be accepted as tenant of the house at Bond Street lately in possession of Edward Canavan, provided he pays arrears of Rent due on the house at the rate of One Shilling per week"

Electrical Engineer's Report

4th January, 1927

I beg to report for month ending December 31st over which period our public lighting and private Consumers Services have been maintained. During the holidays the plant has been running for long periods to meet the increased lighting load and to supply Council's Stone Crusher.

The extra light on Harbour is in hand and will be completed as soon as wire and other materials come to hand. I have run one new service and connected one new Consumer to Council's Supply.

During the month I collected and lodged £40 : 19 : 3

~~ORDER:-~~ That a Meeting of the Electric Light Committee be called as soon as possible in order to go into the question of erecting extra Lights and extending supply to Monkton Row Upper and Lower, Upper Strand St, Rathnew Road and the changing of position of Lamps on North Quay.

Read the following letter from Mr Edward Kennedy, Poor Rate Collector:-

Your Town Clerk has been pressing me to collect in the balance of Poor Rates Outstanding and I wish to inform the Council that since the 15th November, I have been engaged preparing the Voters and Jurors lists and consequently have not had time to give the attention to the collection of rates that I should have. No doubt in consequence of depression in trade and labour I have found it very difficult to collect this year's Rates, however I now intend to issue summonses on everyone who refuses to pay the rates when I call on them again as I consider that they have now no excuse for not paying, moreover I wish to point out that the Auditor insists that the rates must all be collected and lodged on or before the end of the financial year which ends on the 31st March as otherwise I will be held responsible for the outstanding Rates.

therefore I must take the most drastic steps that lies in my power to have the rates collected and lodged without further delay.

Letter from Minister for Local Government giving his sanction to continuance of Overdraft of \$600 to 28th February, 1927.

Letters from Mr A. Cullen, Solicitor, requesting copy of resolution granting renewal of leases to Messrs Walsh, Wynne & Mrs Doyle.

Read report from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation on Machinery, which was considered satisfactory.

Letter from Secretary Co Council enclosing copy of resolution re Carnegie Library Scheme and requesting to be informed if the Council will strike a rate of One half Penny towards the scheme.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Francis Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Edward Lalor

Resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agree to strike One Half Penny in the £ in support of Carnegie Library Scheme"

Letter from Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, re renewal of lease granted to the late Walter Coleborn of Yard at Quarantine Hill and stating that those premises had now been sold and the purchaser wished the lease to be made out in his name.

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Read an application from Mr J. Mulvihill, for permission to erect a Petrol Pum opposite his premises at Fitzwilliam Square.

Order:- Application deferred.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Kennedy.

Seconded by Councillor Edward Lalor.

Resolved:- "That Miss Halpin, be asked to hand over the Plot known as the Smoothing Iron to the Council.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor James Everett.T.D.

Seconded by Councillor Francis Murphy

Resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council beg to convey our best thanks to Rev Bro Dominic, for offering to surrender the Marine Premises to the Council.

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor James Everett. T.D.

Seconded by Councillor J. J. Kennedy

Resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council, beg to convey our deepest sympathy and condolence with Mr John Kane, in the great loss which he has sustained by the death of his beloved Wife"

E. Lalor
7/2/27

Town Hall, Wicklow,
31st January, 1927

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 Five Members to represent the Council on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr Edward Lalor, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs F. Murphy; A. Fitzpatrick, W. Brennan, J. Darcy, J. Carroll, M. Turner, L. Dalby, C. W. Hudson, Jos O'Connor, W. J. Haskins.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Councillor James Carroll

Seconded by Councillor A. Fitzpatrick

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

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor James Carroll

Seconded by Councillor A Fitzpatrick

Resolved:-That Mr Matthew Turner, be hereby re-elected ViceChairman
For ensuing year"

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor James Carroll

Seconded by Councillor A Fitzpatrick

Resolved:-That the following form the Finance Committee Messrs J. Darcy, W. Brennan, M. Turner, L. Dalby, J. Carroll, D. Haskins, J. Kennedy, E. Lalor"

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Jas Carroll

Seconded by Councillor A Fitzpatrick

Resolved:-"That the Members of the Whole Council form the Managing,
Roads, Waterworks & Public Health Committees.

E Lalor

RESOLUTION

Proposed by Councillor Jas Carroll

Seconded by Councillor A Fitzpatrick

Resolved:- "That the following form the Electric Light Committee

Messrs W. Brennan, M. Turner, L. Dalby, D. Haskins, Jas

Carroll, Jas Everett, J. J. Kennedy"

RESOLUTION

Proposed By Councillor Jas Carroll

Seconded by Councillor A Fitzpatrick

Resolved:- "That the Very Rev M Hoey, P.P., Rev A Orr, Messrs E. Lalor

F. Murphy & J. Barlow, be hereby appointed to represent

the Council on the Co Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction

Committee"

E. Lalor
1/2/27

Town Hall, Wicklow.

1st February, 1927.

The 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 Committees Reports.
3. To consider Auditor's Report.
4. To consider Officers Reports
5. To consider official Correspondence.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT.

Mr Edward Lalor, Chairman in the Chair, Messrs James Carroll, Wm. Brennan, Matthew Turner, L.W. Dalby, C.W. Hudson, Frances Murphy and John J. Kennedy.

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

Read Finance Committee's Report showing lodgements amounting to the sum of £ 820 : 14 : 10, viz:- General Account £583 : 7/7 and Poor Rate £237 : 7 : 3, and recommending payments amounting to the sum of £306 : 13 : 7 General Account.

E.L.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

1st February, 1927.

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:-

Mr. M. Byrne	Rates	£304 : 9 : 1
Same	Rents	74 : 17 : 7
John Plunkett	Electric Light	204 : 0 : 11

		£583 : 7 : 7

We recommend the following payments:-

H.J. MacPhail	One Month's Salary	£29 : 3 : 4
Same	Workmens Wages	61 : 7 : 3
B. O'Toole	One Month's Salary	11 : 5 : 0
John DeCourcy	do do	15 : 0 : 0
John Plunkett	4 Weeks Wages to 31/1/27	16 : 0 : 0
Oliver Plunkett	4 do to 2/2/27 less 4/4	3 : 7 : 8
Min. Post & Telegraphs	Insulated Wires	1 : 17 : 6
Michael Burke	Ladder	1 : 10 : 0
J.W. Elvery & Co.	Rubber Mats	3 : 3 : 8
Minister L.Gov.	Audit Fees	10 : 10 : 0
M.J. Butler	Disinfectants	2 : 16 : 2
Gas Co.	Tar, Etc.	2 : 8 : 6
Crossley & Co.	Oils, Bolts & Screws	11 : 12 : 0
Ocean Accident Insurance Co.	Insurance of Machinery	23 : 5 : 0
Great S. Railways Co.	Carriage	6 : 3
John Plunkett	Electric Light Public Lamps, Etc.	113 : 1 : 3

		£306 : 13 : 7

POOR RATE ACCOUNT.

Edward Kennedy	Poor Rate	£237 : 7 : 3
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(Signed) E. Lalor.
L.W. Dalby.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Lalor

Seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson;

Resolved:- "That the Finance Committee's Report be hereby

"confirmed and adopted and that 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 £306 : 13 : 7".

ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING.

1st February, 1927.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT.

Mr Matthew Turner, Vice Chairman, ~~Chairman~~ in the Chair, Messrs James Carroll, John J. Kennedy and L.W. Dalby.

We recommend that provision be made in next year's Estimate for extension of Electric Light to Monkton Row, Upper and Lower, Colley Street, Summer Hill and Upper Strand Street.

We have instructed the Electrical Engineer to report as to the advisability of altering the position of the North Quay Lights.

EL

Sub Sanitary Officer's Report.
1st February, 1927.

Inspected 45 premises and served two notices for sanitary purposes which were complied with.

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

I wish the Council's permission to take a sample of the water in the yard of Mrs Byrne's premises, Fitzwilliam Square, where a pump has been erected over a well and the public are getting a supply of water from same, which is now stopped pending analysis.

During the month I had 70 tons of stones broken to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch ^{gauge} ~~size~~ with the crusher in the Mill Yard, and had them spread at Bridge St., Summer Hill, Castle Street, and High Street, and had all mud swept of Main Street and removed to depot, and had water ways cleared up on all roads after the rain storm.

Owing to the bad state of the road with mud along the South Quay and footpath from Fern Hill to Bollarney, ^{with} loughs of water lying along same, I have received several complaints and wish the Council's instruction to have same attended to.

During the month I had the fire hose engaged at a fire which broke out at Messrs Millers' yard on the North Quay, about 9 p.m. on the 4th January.

We have only six lengths of sewer rods in stock and I require a new set of rods.

ORDER:- That sample of water be taken from ^{pump on} Mrs Byrne's premises, Fitzwilliam Square, and sent for analysis. That Mr Gallagher's attention be drawn to the state of the footpath on the Rathnew Road.

Waterworks Overseer's Report.

1st February, 1927.

During the month I repaired Fountains at High St. and New Street, the new Fountain at New Street was pulled from its socket in granite block, considerable force was necessary to do this, the Fountain that occupied this position was also broken to pieces, it would be impossible for children to do this damage. There was also internal parts of Fountain in Lower Strand Street smashed, this was done by forcing back the handle and shoving a rod up the outlet, some new parts are required for a lot of the Fountains.

Owing to the depth of the water over the sand in the Filtering Beds not being sufficient on the 17th inst., I had special Meeting called to put the matter before the Council, ~~only~~ only one Member, the Chairman was present. It was decided to let the water through to the Town direct from the Reservoir in order to give a full 24 hours supply and notify the people of same. Since that we had rain and as a result the Reservoir came up 18 inches, water is again passing through the Filters.

There is now 6ft. 5ins. of water in the Reservoir and a fairly good supply is coming in but nothing like the amount that comes in at this time of year.

Attached is an account of rainfall for end of year 1926 and beginning of 1927.

ORDER:* Guards attention to be drawn re the breaking of pumps.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S REPORT.

1st February, 1927.

During the month ended 31st January, plant has been running daily and services maintained as usual. The weather during the latter portion of the month has been very ~~severe~~ ^{Severe} and was responsible for a large number of minor faults and breakages, but no serious breakdown occurred.

I have inspected the positions indicated for proposed extra public lamps in Colley St. Monkton Row, Upper & Lower, Summer Hill and Upper Strand Street, and have submitted for your consideration estimates for carrying out this work on wooden poles and alternatively on steel poles.

In the event of the work being carried out I would recommend steel poles be used. In company with Messrs Turner and Dalby I visited the proposed new positions for lights on North Quay and I am of opinion that the removal of existing lights to the points indicated would be a distinct advantage supplying badly needed lights in Bond Street and on River Front, I submit estimate for this work also.

During the month I collected and lodged £204 : 0 : 11.

ORDER:- That Electrical Engineer's Report be referred to Committee of the whole Council.

E.L.

TOWNSHIP RATE COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

By your direction I attended the District Court in order to inquire what power I had under the Courts, 1926 Act, to ~~recover~~ Township Rates.

The Justice informed me this Act does not apply to Township Rate the collection of which is governed by the Town Improvements Act, 1854.

I therefore find that Warrants for recovery will be directed to me for ~~execution~~, (the Guards refusing to accept) and not the Police as was the practice until about two years ago. I wish to say this decision will make the collection in many cases very difficult if not impossible.

I would request you to put the matter before the Local Government Board, as I consider the rule applying to the collection of Poor Rate should also apply to Township Rate.

E.L.

Local Government Auditor's Report.

I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wicklow Urban District Council for year ended 31st March, 1926, Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

An examination of the Council's Estate Rental shows that about twenty Tenants are in arrears to the extent of about three years on an average. I have informed the Collector that I propose to hold him personally responsible at the next audit should the arrears in these cases be then uncollected. I have given him a similar warning in respect of certain Tenants of the Council's Bond St. houses.

An arrangement made by the Council with a number of tenants of ~~Thiers~~ in Strand St., has so far proved unsatisfactory by reason of the dilatoriness of the latter in making the payments stipulated ^{but} the Council have now fixed 1st March, next as the latest date for the fulfilment of their contracts by the tenants.

In connection with the Electricity Undertaking it is desirable that, as early as possible, arrangements should be made for the performance by separate persons of the work of meter-reading, account-keeping, and collection of rentals; and as a first step the keeping of Accounts should, I think, be transferred at once to the Clerk's office.

The normal contribution was not made during the year to the sinking Fund, but instead, and in partial fulfilment, a sum of £101 was transferred

thereto to redeem a parcel of the Council's stock which came on the Market. the normal contribution should be made each year henceforward

It appears that in the year 1914 the Council's Solicitor furnished the Council with his Bill of Costs which at Council's instance was then submitted for taxation, but at the Solicitor's request taxation was adjourned. The Solicitor has, I understand, acted for the Council from time to time since then, but excepting fees for his services in connection with the promotion of the Electricity Undertaking which he claimed and received he has not, in spite of repeated applications, presented his bill for services rendered by him in the interval so that at any moment the Council may be forced to answer an accumulated claim by their Solicitor covering the period of twelve years since presentation of his last bill, and that bill itself which embraced the year 1914 and some previous years. The Council would be guilty of gross negligence if they permitted this condition of things to continue, and when it is stated that it would require a rate of 1d (one penny) in the £ on the valuation of the Urban Area to produce approximately £30 (Thirty Pounds) the gravity of the omission is apparent.

I directed attention to this matter in my report of last year.

All Insurance renewal premiums have been paid to date.

The Accounts were well kept and presented for audit in a satisfactory manner.

ORDER:- That Auditor's Report be referred to Committee of the whole Council for consideration.

Read Reports on the Audit of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board and County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, regarding the surrender of the lease of the "Marine Hotel" by the De La Salle Brothers

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, requesting to be supplied with the lease of the "Marine Hotel" for inspection.

Read letter from the Minister for Local Government, re Vaccination Acts.

Order:- Read.

Read circular letter from the Minister for Local Government, re Day of Annual and Quarterly Meetings.

Read circular letter from the Minister for Local Government, re the necessity of vaccination as a prevention of Small Pox.

Read circular letter from the Minister for Local Government, re School Attendance Officers (Compensation) Order, 1927.

Read circular letter from the Minister for Local Government, re Fisheries Act, 1925.

Read letter from the Secretary, Board of Public Works, stating that they paid the De La Salle Brothers compensation in respect of the occupation by National Troops, from the 10th October, 1922 to 23rd November, 1923.

Read letter from the Secretary of the Board of Public Works, stating the compensation paid to the De La Salle Brothers by the Board of Works, for structural damages was the sum of £210 : 3 : 6.

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

Read notice from the Minister of Industry & Commerce, of his intention to carry Transmission lines over the lands situate in the Townland of Ashtown.

Read letter from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Read report from the Inspector of the Ocean Accident Insurance Co., on machinery.

Read Hotel & Restaurant Agreement, from Hotel, Restaurant & Catering Association.

Read letter from the Irish Transport & General Workers Union, re Irish Tourist Traffic.

Read notice from Gas Co., re opening of road to lay service.

Read application from James J. Finlayson, for renewal of site on Murrough for Arcade, for the Summer months.

Order:- Granted.

Read letter from Mr John Kane, acknowledging receipt of Council's resolution of sympathy in his recent sad bereavement.

The following Report from Mr P.H. McCarthy, B.E., re Waterworks was read:-

I have today made a further inspection of the Wicklow Reservoir and have gauged the flow in streams supplying same and also the leakage.

The flow of the streams supplying the Reservoir amounts at the present time to ~~48~~ 148,000 gallons per day. The leakage through the embankment is 15,000 gallons per day, so the net supply is ~~1~~

~~understand~~ 133,00 gallons per day. The population supplied is

I understand 3,200 and taking 30 gallons per head per day as the requirements of the Town the total consumption would be 96,000 gallons per day, this would leave a surplus of only 37,000 gallons daily to go towards the filling of the Reservoir which at this time of the year is very little.

I may say that a consumption of 30 gallons per head per day is rather on the low side and is only secured in towns where there are up to date fittings, good water, light mains and careful inspection to prevent leakage, and if at all possible it is very desirable that an additional stream at a high level should be intercepted and conveyed to the Reservoir.

At the present time there is only 6½ feet of water in the Reservoir and even with this depth the leakage is 15,000 gallons daily and of course it will be much greater when the Reservoir fills to top level.

The dam or embankment except the two ends is constructed of concrete the back of the wall being subdivided into chambers which were used as fillers and clean water tanks. These are not now utilised as such. The chambers were all empty and I was able to make an inspection of them. Even with this present low level of

water at the Reservoir the water is coming through the concrete in many places, in fact I believe the whole of the leakage is due to this cause.

The concrete is very rough and coarse in places and obviously the gravel, sand and cement were not properly proportioned. I don't think the filling of the chambers with concrete or puddle clay would make the embankment water tight. Between the chambers there are concrete walls and even the filling of the chambers would not prevent the water from escaping through the porous concrete of the cross walls and out at the back. I believe a much better result can be obtained by injecting cement grout under a very high pressure into the concrete so as to try fill up the pores through which the water is at present escaping.

This will not cost anything near what the filling of the chambers would cost. I am also of opinion that even if there was a

probability of stopping the leak by filling the chambers there is a great risk of throwing additional weight on the foundations and developing cracks which do not at present exist.

Plastering or patching especially in the interior of the chambers would be useless. The interior of the mass of concrete must be got at.

This is work that cannot be very well done by contract and I think if you could secure the services as foreman or overseer of a man experienced in this class of work it would be most satisfactory.

Mr McCarthy was present at the Meeting and explained to the Council the condition of the Waterworks, and after careful consideration the following resolution was adopted, It was also decided for Mr McCarthy to again inspect the Waterworks accompanied by the Members of the Council on Friday next 11th instant.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Councillor L.W. Dalby.

Seconded by Councillor Frances Murphy.

Resolved:- "That Mr McCarthy's Scheme re grouting be immediately
"carried out and that Mr McCarthy be requested to prepare
"a full Scheme for the necessary repairs, etc., to the
"Waterworks.

EL

Read report from the Chloride Electrical Storage Co., re Storage Battery.

Read list from Medical Officer of Health, of persons vaccinated in the Urban District, and claiming £5 : 6/-, Vaccination Fees.

ORDER:- That the Account be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to payment.

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Kennedy.

Seconded by Councillor James Carroll.

Resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council, strongly
"protest against a portion of the County Wicklow being
"included in the Bray area under the Technical Instruction
"Scheme."

RESOLUTION.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Kennedy.

Seconded by Councillor Edward Lalor.

Resolved:- "That the Marine Hotel be advertised on a lease of 75 years
"or longer, at the rent of £14 : 13 : 6; premises to be
"put in proper repair by leasee."

E. Lalor
1/3/27

Town Hall, Wicklow,

1st March, 1927

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1. To consider Finance Committee's Report
2. To consider Committee's Report
3. To consider Sanitary Sub Officer's Report
4. To consider Corporate Agent's Report
5. To consider Waterworks Overseer's Report
6. To consider Electrical Engineer's Report.
7. To declare vacancies in the room of Messrs John Clarke & John Conroy, disqualified through non attendance.
8. To consider the following notice of motion:- "That I or some other Member for me shall move at next Meeting that all who use the Public Water Supply for other than domestic purposes shall be charged for same

(Signed) Edward Lalor

That I or some one for me shall move at next monthly meeting that the Wicklow Urban District be revalued.

(Signed) James Everett

6. To consider Mr P. H. McCarthy's Report and estimate for proposed expenditure on Waterworks.
7. To consider official correspondence.

Finance Committee's Report

1st March, 1927

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

H. J. MacPhail.	Road Maintenance	£60 : 10 : 0.
W. M. Byrne	Town Rates	120 : 16 : 10
Same	Rents	106 : 16 : 11
John Plunkett	Electric Light	70 : 10 : 3
		£358 : 14 : 0

We recommend the following Payments:-

H. J. MacPhail	One month's Salary	£29 : 3 : 4
Same	Workmens Wages	53 : 15 : 9
B. O'Toole	One month's Salary	11 : 5 : 0
John DeGourcy	do	15 : 0 : 0
John Plunkett	4 weeks Wages to 28/2/27	16 : 0 : 0
Oliver Plunkett	4 do 2/3/27 less 4/4	3 : 7 : 8
R & W Jt Burial Board.	4th Instalment of Demand	20 : 17 : 4
Baxendale & Co	Solder & Leather Cups	19 : 5
Board of Works	Rent Coast Guard Station	83 : 15 : 6
Same	Do	1 : 11
Same	Stamp Duty etc	5 : 12 : 0
		£239 : 17 : 11

Poor Rate Account
Lodgements

E. Kennedy	Poor Rate	£376 : 4 : 1
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Payments

Treasurers Co Council.	4th Instalment of Demand	£530 : 11 : 9
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(Signed) Edward Lalor

James Carroll

M. Turner.

E. Lalor