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all being General Charges AND Poor Rates for Separate Charges as follows :-

4.1 pence for Wicklow Harbour leviable over all the Wicklow Urban Area
 .3 pence for Rathdrum Union Loans leviable over all the Wicklow Urban area. That the said Poor Rates shall be leviable in two moieties viz the 1st Moiety and arrears of previous Poor Rates payable on the publication of the required Notice and the second Moiety payable on the 1st of October 1938 and that Notice of the said Rate having been made shall be published as required by law and that the Common Seal of the

Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statement at the foot of the Poor Rate Book for 1938/39 for Wicklow Urban District Council

(c) That the Warrants be Sealed accordingly and that Mr E. Kennedy be given the Warrant for Town Rate as last year --Councillor Joseph O'Connor handing in Notice of Motion to make E.Kennedy permanent as Town Rate Collector.

MISCELLANEOUS URGENT MATTERS

Letter(S.2540/10/38)of 29/6/38 from the Department of Local Government and P.Health approving of the Loan of £2000 for Foreshore Works.
 Read

The Hibernian Bank submitted draft Mortgage and engrossment of same for the said £2000 for execution by the Council

Proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson, Seconded by Councillor A. Dunne and passed unanimously
 That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Charge in favour of the Hibernian Bank for raising £2000 for the Foreshore Works and that the Bank be requested to advance the money in instalments as required and to charge interest from time to time only on the amounts so advanced

Letter of application from the Regatta Committee for use of the Murrrough from the 27/7/38 to 6/8/38. for £2

Granted.

James Hurtt

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Minutes of Monthly Meeting (August) of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 2nd of August 1938 pursuant to the following Notice Sent to each member on the 30th July 1938.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd prox at 7.30 p.m. to transact the usual monthly business and in addition :-

- (1) To execute the Compulsory Purchase Order or Orders in respect of houses at Castle Street the property of Miss Wall Thomas Carroll & ors.
- (2) To execute the Leases to A.Finlayson and Martha Heatley
- (3) To rule finally on Irrecoverable and Recoverable Arrears of Rates for 1937/38

Your attendance at the said Meeting is requested

Yours faithfully

John McGrath T. Clerk

To:- Each Member Wicklow U.D.C.

Note :- In the event of no quorum attending I propose adjourning said Meeting to 7.30 p.m. on the 9th prox without further notice to you.

No member of the Council attended in the Council Chamber, (though it was learned that Councillors C.W.Hudson, W.O'Grady and J. Olohan attended a Meeting of the Harbour Board in another apartment of the Town Hall), and in pursuance of Sec. 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 (Sec 28) I adjourned the meeting to Tuesday the 9th of August 1938 at 7.30 p.m.

John McGrath
 Town Clerk

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
 OF WICKLOW.

Recd.....

Ansd.....

Minutes of the adjourned Monthly (August) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 9th August 1938 pursuant to adjournment and to the following notice sent to each Member on the 30th of July 1938.

Dear Sir,
The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd prox @ 7.30 p.m. to transact the usual monthly business and in addition

- (1) To execute the Compulsory Purchase Order or Orders in respect of houses at Castle Street the property of Miss Wall, Thomas Carroll and others
 - (2) To execute Leases to A.Finlayson and Martha Heatley
 - (3) To rule finally on Irrecoverable and Recoverable arrears of 1938/38 ~~xxxxxx~~Rates
- Your attendance at the said Meeting is requested.

Yours faithfully
John McGrath, Town Clerk

To:-Each Member Wicklow U.D.C.

Note :- In the event of no quorum attending I propose adjourning the said meeting to 7.30 p.m. on the 9th prox without further Notice to you. J.McG.

Present :- Councillors J.Everett T.D.(Presiding) , W.O'Grady, J.Clarke,
A. Dunne, A.M. McMahon and C.W.Hudson.

Also present :- J.T.O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor

Proposals for payment were examined as well as the several Bank Pass Books

and payments were authorised as follows :-
On General Account..... £819 : 5 : 6
On Poor Rate Account ; ; 329 : 18 : 9
On Housing 3 Account

The payment on the Poor Rate account included a payment of £255 : 3 :- to the Wicklow County Council being the balance of the Annual Demand for 1937/38 and which was the subject of correspondence from the County Secretary dated 13/7/38 & 6/8/38 and from the Department of Local Govt. (G.20311/38) of 25th July 1938 and Town Clerk's replies to latter of 28/7/38 and 5/8/38.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 5/7/38 and of the Annual Meeting of the 1/7/38 were read and confirmed.

The following communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were read and orders made as shown :-
Memo. of 6/7/38 with copy of the Auditor's Report and attested abstracts of the Accounts of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for two half years to the 31/3/8 .

Read.

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Letter (G.20429/38) of the 23rd July 1938 stating that before sanctioning payment of Poundage to the Collector the Minister will await a statement showing how the Warrants for 1937/38 were finally disposed of .

Statements furnished

Letter (G) of the 26th July 1938 asking for copy of the Rate Estimate -s for the service of the current year showing alterations made therein by the Council,

To be furnished

Letter G.5963/6/38 of 6/8/38 sanctioning Temporary Borrowing to the 31/8/38 up to a limit of £1600 and setting forth the requirements in future in the case of an application for Overdraft-accomodation

Read

Letter (H.6942/4/38) of the 16th July 1938 sanctioning 65 persons as unemployed and eligible to receive allotments at reduced rents for 1938.

Read.

The Valuation office notified on the 5/8/38 the attendance of the Valuer in Wicklow for annual Revision about the 8th inst.

Read.

Letter of the 4th August 1938 from the Kilkenny Corporation notifying resolution passed by that body on the 26/7/38 with regard to the removal of the remains of the late Sir Roger Casement .

Resolution adopted.

Circular letter of July 1938 from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. asking for support in the matter of Council's Insces.

Read

Letter from I.T.& G.W.U. (Wicklow Branch) calling attention to the fact that men were employed on the Foreshore works who were non-union men contrary to the Rule on the Council's Books,

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor to see that the Council's Resolution is observed as far as possible.

Application from A.Finlayson to put a hoarding round Leitrim Cottages while engaged in taking down same and erecting houses instead.

Granted

Letter of 9/8/38 from Town Surveyor stating that the construction of a new Concrete Road through the Murrough would cost £2457 .
Ask Manager of Chemical works for contribution and then apply for grant in aid of the works.

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dated 25/7/38
Application of R. Colbert of 36 Glenview Road for a Lease of a plot or angle of land at Kilmantin Road for the purpose of erecting a shop there. The Town Surveyor stated that he thought any erection at the spot would obstruct his plans re new roads and Housing Scheme of 20 houses.

Adjourn until new Housing Scheme is formulated,
Circular letter of 18th July 1938 from Irish Tourist Association asking the Council's co-operation to prevent unsightly advertising.

Read.

Letter from the Great Southern Railways stating (19/7/38) that when the 700 feet of defence works are certified by their Engineer as completed at the Foreshore Wicklow they will send a cheque for £195 and refusing to consider a remission of the Demand for a refund of rates.

Read

The Town Clerk reported that as arranged on the 5/7/38 Councillors Everett, Olohan and O'Grady and he inspected the plot that Mr Vize had applied for a lease for and that he ascertained from the Town Surveyor that it contained 28 perches

Lease to be granted for longest possible term at the yearly rent of £1 -- the rent of the field to be reduced on an acreage basis.

On the proposition of the Chairman Seconded by Councillor A. Dunne it was resolved "That a letter be sent to Luke Carroll congratulating him on his athletic success and wishing him further successes in his future career. "

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Hudson it was resolved " That the Council extend to Matthew Turner, a late member of the Council an expression of their deep sympathy on the lamented death of his daughter, May Turner.

~~Letter~~H O U S I N G.

A letter dated the 6/8/38 was received from Francis Murphy stating that he was prepared to undertake the repairs and improvements specified by the Town Surveyor (Mr Byrne's letter dated first 11/4/38 and redated and sent him on 6/7/38) and adding that as it would be necessary for him to get clear possession to do them that the Council should provide Mrs Leahy with alternative accommodation.

Undertaking accepted : owner to notify the Town Surveyor when

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house is repaired and improved as specified : work to be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the C.M.O.H. and Town Surveyor and within 8 months from receipt of notification .

Mrs Leahy to be now allotted a new house in the circumstances.
Letter of the 4th of August 1938 from Timothy F. Duggan Agent for Mrs O.L. Pim undertaking to carry out the repairs and improvements to the 4 houses at High Street tenanted by J. Byrne 7 ors and to the house at New Street occupied by Mary Brien and family --but adding that they (the Estate) would require clear possession before carrying out the repairs and improvements

Read : Mrs Brien and J. Byrne to be allotted a new houses in the circumstances .

Mr P. Henry Kilmantin Hill renewed his application for a new house on the ground of overcrowding in the house where he lived --there being 13 persons and 3 families in 5 rooms .

P. Henry to be allotted a new house for himself and wife and family: it to be made clear that no other person go into the new house without the Council's permission.

On the matter of overcrowding instructions were given to the Town Clerk to take steps to prevent the recurrence of the abuse in the new houses.

On the question of repairs and undertakings for repairs , the Town Surveyor was given instructions to re-inspect after the specified time to ascertain if the houses were properly repaired.

The Town Clerk made a statement warning persons to have nothing to do with the letting or taking tenancies of houses that were condemned -- otherwise they were open to the penalty provided for such.

Mrs Mary Kavanagh of High Street applied by letter of 9/8/38 for a new house having regard to the condition and lack of accommodation of the house in which she lived and owned by Mrs Murray

Serve Notice on Mrs Murray

Mr Patrick Sullivan of Ball Alley attended pursuant to Notice under Sec 23 of the 1931 Act served on him on the 14th July 1938. The Town Clerk explained that this man had so far failed to surrender his old condemned house for the £6 offered to him by the Council --that he was alone in the Ball Alley and held up demolition of other houses there. Sullivan explained that he would take a new house but was unable to pay rent

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It was finally agreed that Sullivan would surrender the house for the £6 --he to pay back £3 on account of rent in advance of his new house and that a representation be made to the Board of Health for help for him to enable him to rear his family and pay his rent--he being an invalid. He was then allotted the house vacated by Reuben Dover at St Bride's Road at 3/4 per week.

Item 1 (above).

The Town Surveyor produced the map showing 4 Clearance areas in Castle Street embracing the houses and appurtenances thereto covered by Resolutions of the 25/2/38 and 26/7/38 but pointed out that in the case of Clearance Area No 3 he believed it would be necessary to acquire the house mentioned in Dr Beckett's report of 18/7/38 as "unoccupied and Owner ? Conway " though he did not report adversely on the house -- it to be regarded as land adjoining or surrounded by Clearance Area No 3 the acquisition of which is reasonably necessary for the satisfactory development or user of the said area or for the purpose of securing a cleared area of convenient shape and dimensions. The Town Clerk explained that in such a case the Council would have to pay House Value as distinct from Site value in the other cases.

On the proposition of Councillor C. W. Hudson seconded by the Chairman (Councillor J. Everett) it was resolved and passed unanimously that the said house and garden and yard be so acquired--it being left to the Town Surveyor to adopt the most suitable wording in the form of the order to meet the requirements of this particular case. The Town Surveyor accordingly coloured this house and premises grey on the map and it was unanimously agreed and ordered that the Order and map as so amended be ~~signed~~ sealed with the Common Seal of the Council --the order to be known as The Wicklow Urban Castle Street) Purchase Order 1938

Item 2 (above)

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson, Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed unanimously :-That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Leases and Counterparts thereof to A. Finlayson and Martha Heatley of plots at Dubur Road and Leitrim Cottages

at £8 and £2 : 10 : - yearly respectively.

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Item 3 (above)

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed unanimously :-

(1) That having examined the Lists of Uncollected Town Rates in respect of the year 1937/38 we hereby declare the sum of ~~£92~~ £92 : 2 : 1 as Irrecoverable and order same to be struck out as such, and we hereby direct that the balance viz £315 : 10 : 10 be carried forward as arrears into the Warrant for 1938/39 for Collection therewith.

(2) That having examined the Lists of Uncollected Poor Rates for 1937/38, we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby declare the sum of £66 : 13 :- thereof as irrecoverable and direct that the balance viz £ 201 : 12 :- be carried forward to the Collector's Warrant for 1938/39 to be collected by him with the Rates made for that year.

The Reports of the Town Sergeant & S.S.O. and of the Waterworks Overseer for the month of July were read.

The question of the best solution for the complaints reported about the Woodenbridge be referred to the Town Surveyor to suggest a Scheme

The matter of the cleaning of the filter beds as reported on by the Waterworks overseer and estimated to cost £40:- to be adjourned for further consideration.

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James Everett

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 6th day of September 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 2nd of September 1938.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday 6th inst., at 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst., at 7.30 p.m., to transact the following business :-

- (1) To confirm Minutes of Meetings of the Council held on the 26th July 1938 and 9th August 1938.
- (2) To consider Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from Meeting held on 27/8/38 and report of Deputation appointed to interview Local Government Department on Housing Scheme of 20 Houses.
- (3). Housing--
 - (a) To consider position with regard to houses reported as unfit and any proposals thereon including houses of Mr H. Hamilton at Monkton Row and 3 houses the property of Mrs McCarroll at Woodenbridge.
 - (b) To pass resolution asking the Minister to confirm Compulsory Purchase Order made on the 9th of August 1938 in respect of houses at Castle Street, the property of Miss Wall, T. Carroll, R. Edwards and Annie May, Conway etc.
 - (c) To consider position of occupiers of condemned houses on whom Notices to Quit have been served and who have failed to vacate.
 - (d) To consider letting of any available new houses and applications for same.
4. To consider Tenders for supply of Sundry articles required from time to time to 31/12/38.
5. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Joseph O'Connor :-
" That Edward Kennedy be appointed permanently as Town Rate Collector at poundage now enjoyed by him."
6. Correspondence.
7. To execute Mortgage for raising £2,500 as a Supplementary Housing Loan from the Office of Public Works.
8. Reports of Officers and Rate Collection.
9. To Rule on Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully
John McGrath, T. Clerk

To:-Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.

Present :- Councillors J. Everett (T.D. Presiding) W.O'Grady, C. W. Hudson, A. Dunne, R. Haskins, E. Lalor, J.O'Connor, J. Clarke, J. Olohan.
Also present J.T.O'Byrne Esq., B.E., Town Surveyor

Minutes Confirmed.

Item 1.

Payments

Item 2.

as recommended by the Finance Committee were authorised as follows:-

On General Account	£377 : 6 : 8
On Housing Account	36 : 1 : 6
On Waterworks Improvement Scheme Account	..	97 : 17 : -
On Poor Rate Account;..	3 : 10 : 6

The following report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee which

met on the 27th of August 1938 was read and on the proposition of Councillor

Olohan, Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke the report was unanimously

adopted :-

*J. Clarke
J. Olohan*

Proceedings
Report of Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from Meeting held on the 27th August 1938 pursuant to the following notice sent to each Member on the 26/8/38.

Dear Sir,

There will be a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council on to-morrow at 12 noon for the purpose of :-

- (1) Authorising payments for Foreshore & Road Works.
- (2) Considering position of occupiers of condemned houses in Friar's Hill etc. on whom Notices to Quit have been served and Notices have expired but tenants have not taken the new houses allotted to them
- (3) To consider a letter received from the Department of Local Government in which they refuse to sanction the Scheme formulated for 20 houses for normal housing.

To Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), M. McMahon, J. Olohan and J. Clarke

Also present :- J.T.O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor.

(1)

Payments were recommended as per Pay Sheets : a question being raised about the employment of carters from Rathnew and the Town Surveyor having given his reasons for same.

(2)

It was recommended that Joseph Doyle of Rathnew C.B.O. be engaged to demand possession pursuant to Notices to quit served and it was also recommended that the Town Clerk write to the non-resident owners and explain the position and that if the Council had to proceed to recover possession they would seek to recover the expenses from owners. The Town Clerk was also to write to resident owners and remind them of the Council's duty to obtain possession.

(3)

Letter H.9367 of the 25th of August 1938 from the Department of Local Government was read in which they declined to approve of the Scheme of 20 Houses (Normal Housing) because of (1) of the cost of the houses and (2) because of the number of houses still required to relieve the Slum Problem in Wicklow.

After discussion it was arranged that the Chairman, Councillor McMahon, Town Surveyor and Town Clerk should await on the proper officer of the Department to endeavour to show cause why the Scheme should be allowed to proceed--the Town Clerk to arrange for the interview.

It was recommended that before a tenant of house could be allotted a New house on the ground that it was necessary to vacate to have repairs done to the old the Town Surveyor should certify that.

(3)

The Town Clerk reported the result of the Deputation appointed on the 27/8/37 as follows :-

The Deputation appointed on the 27/8/38 and consisting of the Chairman, Councillor McMahon, the Town Surveyor and Town Clerk met Mr Moylan the head of the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government at the Custom House Dublin on Friday the 3rd inst @ 3.30 p.m.

The Deputation were informed that the Department considered the cost of the houses was too high and that the Slum Problem had not been sufficiently solved to permit of even their provisional approval of the Scheme and that it would be useless to recommend it to the Department of Finance.

A suggestion was made by the Deputation that the Council might build with the 20 houses 10 or so more houses for the occupiers of unfit houses etc and that by doing so the all-in cost per house might be thus reduced. This suggestion appeared to appeal to Mr Moylan and he said if the Scheme were modified in any way so as to reduce the cost per house substantially they would be prepared to consider it.

Proposed by Councillor J. Clarke
Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan and passed unanimously

" That in addition to the 20 houses the Council proceed to construct 16 houses -- 10 of the 16 to be built on the upper side of St Lawrence's Road and six on Castle Street at reduced figure of cost -- the Department to be asked to notify in advance what subsidy will be given on the 20 houses. Town Clerk to endeavour to negotiate purchase of vacant plots at Castle Street."

Item 3.

(a). Ordered that : (i) Notice under Sec. 23 of the Housing Act of 1931 be served on Mr H. Hamilton , (ii) That without prejudice to the present position , the Town Clerk & Town Surveyor to interview Mrs McCarroll to ascertain if sites can be purchased for the erection of say 2 houses at Woodenbridge .

(b) Letters were read from Mr Augustus Cullen Solicitor and Mr W.S. Barrett Solicitor on behalf of Miss Wall and Robert Edwards respectively and dated 5/9/38 and 1/9/38 respectively stating that they were objecting on behalf of their clients to the Order etc.

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson
Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed

That the Wicklow Urban (Castle Street) Purchase Order 1938 made by the

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Council on the 9th of August 1938 and dealing with houses the property of Miss ~~Wall~~ Elizabeth Wall, Thomas Carroll, Robert Edwards (described as Patrick Edwards) in the Order) Annie May (any May) and Mr Conway and other property the owner of which is unknown be now forwarded to the Minister for Local Government & P. Health for confirmation."

(c) Proceedings to be taken to have houses vacated. (It being reported by the Town Clerk that 8 had refused possession to the C.B. Officer.

(d) The Town Clerk reported that of the 120 houses 16 were vacant and 6 of those were not yet allotted. He also called attention to the fact that there were a number of applications pending and in particular called attention to the following recent ones

Albert White of Convent Road, Mary Hodgkinson, Mary Kavanagh of High Street, Willie Kavanagh of Quarantine Hill, Stephen Devlin, John McLoughlin

~~Orders~~ ORDERS :-

The Town Surveyor & Dr to inspect A. White's house to ascertain if overcrowding exists under the Bye-laws.

In regard to Mrs Mary Kavanagh of High St , Mrs Murray to be served with Notice and Town Surveyor to ascertain if repairs can be carried out with tenant in possession.

Dr. and Engineer to inspect and report on house occupied by Stephen Devlin at Kilmantin Hill. and Town Surveyor to report as to whether requirements can be complied with while occupied.

Messrs McCarroll & Co Solicitors wrote on behalf of Mrs Delahunt of Furzeditch and by their letter of 6/9/38 stated that their client was prepared to carry out the requirements of the Engineer and C.M.O.H. It was reported that one of those tenants was seeking a new house and it was left to the Town Surveyor to ascertain whether one or more of the tenants would have to vacate before requirements could be carried out.

Item 4.

Two tenders were received and it was left to the Town Clerk to ascertain which would be the lowest in the aggregate for the several articles.

Item 5.

Proposed by Councillor J.O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :-

" That Edward Kennedy be appointed permanently as Town Rate Collector at Poundage now enjoyed by him "

Item 6. (Correspondence)

The following letters were received from the Department of Local Government and ruled on as shown :-

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Letter H. 9367/5/38 of 25th August 1938 declining to approve of the Housing Scheme of 20 houses to meet normal demand.

(Dealt with in report of Committee of 27/8/38 incorporated with these Minutes)

Letter H. 6942/5/38 of 13/8/38 stating that Thomas Kelly of Strand Street might be regarded as unemployed and eligible to receive an allotment at the reduced rent.

Read.

Letter G. 20242/3/38 of the 9th of August 1938 sanctioning 1/- in the £ to the Poor Rate Collector and 6d in the £ for the Town Rate Collector in respect of lodgments on foot of 1937/38 Warrants. and sanctioning Collr. E.Kennedy to collect Town Rate for 1938/39.

Read

Notices of application for Dance Licences to be made at the Annual Licensing Court on the 21/9/38 from John J. Clarke, A. Dunne and Esther O'Toole.

Council to be represented to have usual Dancing time fixed at not later than 11.30 p.m. and to have represented that the Council desire on behalf of the Ratepayers to have parties go home more quietly.

Letter from E.J.H. Hopkins Solicitor on behalf of John Power dealing with latter's grievance re an alleged Sewer.

Council ~~desire~~ decline to depart from original offer and desire finality of acceptance before next meeting.

Applications from Jas Kehoe, Mary O'Brien and G. Giff for permission to erect Tool Sheds on the plots adjoining their new houses at Ballynerrin. Permission to be granted--the structures to be erected to the satisfaction of the Engineer,

Mr W. Rooney complains of the Channel at the entrance to his yard at Bridge St. by letter of 4/9/38.

Refer to the Town Surveyor

Letter from Jas. Jameson of 18 St Dominick's Road asking for permission to erect a gate leading into the yard at his house.

Granted, the work to be done at his expense and to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

Letter from the Res. Secretary of Co-operative Holidays Association re Right of Way along the cliff between Wicklow Town and Wicklow Head (Dated 9/8/38)

As far as the Council are aware the Public have a right of way to the Urban Boundary which is the stream.

Letter (U.D.66) of 5/9/38 from the Accountant of G.S.Rys. claiming a refund of Rates amounting to £35 : 8 : 8;

Town Clerk to examine particulars and report to next meeting

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Letter dated 5th September 1938 from Mrs Nellie Kavanagh of 6 Strand Street Wicklow thanking the Chairman and a few Councillors in the matter of her housing problem and pointing out that there was a shed on the premises formerly occupied by her and which were supposed to be demolished and which had not yet been demolished and stating that she was writing to L. G. D.

Engineer to inspect and report.

Circular letter from the Irish Republican Prisoners' Defence Association asking the Council's support in getting the release of all political prisoners in Northern Ireland.

Council consider that all political prisoners should be released

Circular letter from the National Agricultural & Industrial Development Association asking any local Development Association to be affiliated with them.

Read.

Letter from W. Dickenson dated the 22nd of August 1938 asking to be allowed the use of the old ruins of a house next his in St Dominick's Road as a store.

Granted at 2d per month terminable on a month's notice and in any event not to last longer than six months.

The Town Clerk Reported that as a result of blasting operations at the Foreshore the Ballroom Marquee had been damaged that he had received a claim for £35 for damages and that he had forwarded it with fireman's report to their Insurers.

Letter from Fr O'Healy of Liverpool explaining that the Murrough Rent was too high: that they had secured a free site and hence the boys from his parish did not go to the Murrough this year.

Item 7.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan and passed that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Mortgage to the Commissioners of Public Works to secure a Supplementary Loan of £2500 for the Scheme of 120 houses, that the resolutions subsidiary "A" & "B" be passed and also the Undertaking to repay be sealed

Item 8.

Reports of S.S.O. and Waterworks Overseer were read.

Item 9.

Ruled on.

James Swell
3/10/38

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 4th October, 1938, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member.

Dear Sir:

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday 4th inst., at 7 p.m.,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 4th inst., to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held on 6th September, 1938.
2. Housing.
 - (a) To consider Reports on any houses recently inspected by County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor.
 - (b) To hear Mr Henry Hamilton in response to the Notice served on him under Section 23 of the Housing Act 1931 in respect of his seven houses at Monkton Row and to take suitable action accordingly.
 - (c) To hear Mrs Margaret Murray in response to Notice served on her under Section 23 of the Housing Act 1931 in respect of two houses in High Street occupied by Mary T. Kavanagh and Michael White.
 - (d) To consider applications for balance of 120 houses unallotted and steps being taken against allottees who have not vacated old houses.
 - (e) To consider applications for a house vacated at Dunbur Road.
 - (f) Proposed Housing Scheme of 20 houses for normal needs.
3. Correspondence.
4. Reports of Officers and Rate Collection.
5. Rule on Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present: Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, J. Clarke, D. H. Haskins, J. O'Connor, A. Dunne, R. B. Haskins and J. Olohan.

Item 1. Minutes read and confirmed.

Item 2. (a) The report of the County Medical Officer of Health on his recent inspection of the house at Kilmantin Hill owned by Repts. William Morgan and occupied by S. Devlin was read and it was ordered that Mrs Morgan be served with Notice under Sec. 23 of the Housing Act 1931.

(b) Dr. P. Hamilton, M.O.H., Arklow, and Mr H. Hamilton attended in response to the Notice served on them and Dr Hamilton spoke at length as to the condition of the houses, that from his experience the houses would not be condemned in Arklow, the hardship Demolition Orders would entail that the cost of joining the houses into one would be excessive and the new rents could not recoup cost, the value put on the houses by the Estate Duty Authorities, and finally stated that the joint owners were agreeable to comply with all the requirements of the Doctor and Engineer except to couple every two houses into one and pleaded to have a lenient view taken. There was also read a letter from Hamiltons' Solicitor dated 3/10/38 on the matter.

Order: Adjourn consideration.

(c) Mrs Margaret Murray did not attend in response to the Notice and consideration of the case was adjourned.

(d) Applications were read from W. Kavanagh, Mrs Leo Cullen, Mrs Quinn, Pat. Rice, A. Dunne, John Connor, Stephen Devlin and Albert White for a house. With the possible exception of Mrs Leo Cullen none appeared to be clearly qualified and it was agreed to adjourn all to an adjourned Meeting to be held this month - the cases to be further sifted meantime.

(e) The applications of Michael McInerney, Mrs Mary Kelly and Leo Cullen were read and it was reported that Michael McInerney had withdrawn application.

It was unanimously agreed to give to Leo Cullen.

(f) The Town Clerk reported that Officers of the Department had intimated to the Town Surveyor that Morgan's plot at Castle Street would not be agreed to as a building ground.

He also reported that as arranged at last Meeting, the Chairman, Town Surveyor and he had interviewed Mr J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor on Monday 3rd inst., (the interview being arranged without prejudice to proceedings pending) with a view to seeing if a settlement could be reached by negotiation, the objective being to purchase a piece of ground from Mrs McCarroll to erect two or three houses thereon - that Mrs McCarroll indicated a plot of ground (shown now by Town Surveyor on Map) which Mrs McCarroll would be agreeable to sell on the basis of £35 per house site. The plot included the seven houses already the subject of a Clearance Order. That the deputation left Mr McCarroll stating that they would recommend to the Council to put up the site to the Department and ascertain if the Council would be allowed to build on it and the number of houses that would be allowed to be built - the question of negotiating a price to be allowed to stand over until the Department ruled on the matter and for further negotiation.

The Council agreed to adopt the course recommended by the Deputation but it was agreed that in the meantime and at the earliest opportunity the Council's Scheme of 20 houses for normal needs coupled with 24 other houses for Slum Clearance (i.e. 10 at St. Laurence's Rd. 10 at Black Castle Plot and 4 on Castle Street East) should be forwarded and pressed vigorously for approval by the Department - estimated cost £460 per house.

Item 3. Correspondence.

Letter of 29/9/38 from Mr E. J. H. Hoplins, Solicitor, enclosing Engrossment and Memorial of Conveyance of Friar's Hill Plot to Trustees of Grimshal for £40.

Proposed by Councillor D. H. Haskins,
Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan and passed

That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed

to the said Deed of Conveyance.

Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying recoupment up to £55. 11. 0 for Allotment for 1938 Season.

Approved.

Letter from Mr E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor on behalf of John Power and the latter's grievance re an alleged sewer at Marked Street, stating his client would settle for £90.

Council decline to alter their figure of £75.

Letter from Miss Wall applying for 11 months or monthly letting of field at Dunbur recently surrendered by the Dominican Convent and of which she had the convenience pending notice of surrender and that she offered £6 for the 11 months of 10s/- per month. The Town Clerk explained that he believed this field would be required for an allotment field this season as the old one was worn out.

It was agreed to give the field on a monthly tenancy at 10s/- per month.

Letter of 20/9/38 from Messrs E. & W. Dempsey asking the Council to receive and hear them on the subject of their loss on the Housing Scheme.

Order : The Council even allowing the loss suggested cannot see any useful purpose to be served by their attendance as they definitely cannot add to the rents or rates either by repayment of additional loan or otherwise - if you are prepared to come in these circumstances the Council have no objection to hearing you.

Letter from Great Southern Railways Co., of 29/9/38 stating that the gap in the Railway Wall was caused by the Urban Council workmen and that it was expected they would make it good. Also stating they would give their cheque for £195 when their Engineer certified that their 700 feet was completed.

Read.

Notice by Esther O'Toole, of Appeal to Circuit Court against restriction put on by the District Justice in the matter of the price chargeable for admission.

Read.

Notice of 9/10/38 for Inspector of Factories that at Passant's Main Street a factory for manufacturing Mattresses had been inaugurated.

Order : To be inspected by S.S.O.,

Acknowledgment with gratitude dated 13/9/38 by Louis Carroll of the Council's congratulations on his athletic successes.

Letter from Mr Augustus Cullen, Solicitor on behalf of the Wicklow Corn Company claiming that since September 1932, yards on North Quay have been vacant and claiming a refund of £86. 12. 2 paid in error.

Left in Town Clerk's hands to explain the position.

Letter of 26/9/38 from W. B. McCarthy of Glencarrig, Glenealy, congratulating Council on Foreshore Works and making suggestions re Swimming Pools.

Read.

Letters from W. Hayden and Mrs O'Reilly each asking to be allowed

to transfer to No. 16, Kilmantin Road, stated by them to be about to be vacated by J. Jameson.

As Council has no information, adjourn applications.

Complaint of Mrs M. Kavanagh, tenant of No. 8, Fairview Road, re door to her house.

Refer to Engineer.

Letter from Hon. Secs. of the Dublin Wicklowmen's Association & '98 Branch thanking the Council for their courtesy in receiving them on the occasion of the celebrations in Wicklow Town on 18/9/38.

Letter of 3/10/38 from Irish Technical Education Association asking the Council to support their resolution calling on Government Departments etc., to alter regulations and syllabuses for examinations for clerical posts so as to give an opportunity to Students of Technical Schools.

Account of John Murphy of Kilpoole, for balance of £13 for erection of Partition.

To be paid.

Item 4. Reports of Waterworks Overseer and Town Sergeant read. ~~THE~~

The requirements re gully in Upper Strand Street to be carried out as specified by Engineer at cost not to exceed his Estimate of £10. 15. 0

It was agreed to adjourn the Meeting to 18/10/38 when any remaining business would be dealt with.

James Everett
6/12/38

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday 25th October, 1938, pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 22nd October, 1938 :-

Dear Sir: A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday 25th inst. at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to a duly signed Requisition, to deal with the following business:-

1. Letting of available houses at Ballynerrin to qualified applicants.
2. Letting of a vacant house at Dunbur Road.
3. Consideration of Rent Collector's Report on Rent Collection as at the 30th September, 1938.
4. Consideration of Tenders for School Meals Supplies and for Coal.
5. Urgent Correspondence and any other urgent matters.
6. Further consideration of houses at Monkton Row, the property of Reps. Hamilton and any other houses already under consideration including houses of Mrs Murray at High Street and of Mrs Morgan at Kilmantin Hill.
7. To hear representations of Messrs E. & W. Dempsey as to their losses on the Contract for the erection of the 120 houses.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully, John McGrath.

Present : Councillors J. Everett, T.D., (Presiding), W. O'Grady, J. Olohan, E. Lalor, J. Clarke and A. Dunne.

Item 7. Messrs Edward and Philip Dempsey being present, this item was first taken, Mr Philip Dempsey proceeded to explain that the Contractors through no fault of theirs had suffered a loss of £6,000 on the Contract due to rise in price of materials and wages - that while they knew during the progress of the contract that they were losing they still completed the houses. They had appealed to the Local Government Department but that Department had no means at their disposal of assisting them but they learned other Public Bodies had, with Departmental sanction raised long term Loans to permit them to pay to Contractors 12½% and 15% on Contract price. He appealed to the Council to reduce their loss in some measure - say by £3000 or £2000.

Councillors in reply expressed their sympathy with the Contractors and pointed out the difficulties they had in the matter.

Order : Adjourn to November Monthly Meeting.

Items 1 and 6. It was agreed to take those items together.

A Report dated 24th October, 1938 from the Town Surveyor on his inspections on the 18th idem of houses occupied by Albert White, Convent Road, Mrs T. Kavanagh, High Street, Mrs Rice and Family, High Street, Stephen Devlin, Kilmantin Hill, W. Kavanagh, Quarantine Hill, Thomas Kelly, Castle Street, which (summarised) was as follows:-

Albert White:- Lived in one room with wife and children of the cubical contents of 680 c. feet. There were four rooms in house but Town Surveyor gave it as his view that even if allowed to occupy two rooms the overcrowding Bye Laws would be infringed and Albert White should be entitled to a new house.

Mrs Kavanagh:- The proposal to convert this and house adjoining (White's) is feasible. Considerable other repairs were needed to Mrs Kavanagh's house and they could not be done unless house vacated.

Mrs Rice's house High St:- Mrs Rice's married son Patrick and his wife are not residing in this house and the question of overcrowding does not then arise.

S. Devlin:- House in need of considerable repairs which cannot be carried out while tenant in occupation - Only two apartments. Believes that there is overcrowding

W. Kavanagh:- House needs repairs, an addition and sanitary conveniences and they cannot be carried out while present tenant in occupation : the house is overcrowded.

Thos. Kelly, Castle St:- It is feasible to convert this and adjoining house (Whelan's) into one. House in need of considerable repairs and the requirements could not reasonably be carried out while tenant in occupation.

The following communications were received from owners of houses.

From Reps. H. Hamilton:- (Served with Notice under Sec. 23 of 1931 Act). In addition to the undertakings already given Dr. P. J. Hamilton undertook in writing by a letter of 25/10/38 to make six houses out of 7 in Monkton Row.

It was not clear whether the Council were in a position to accept that undertaking without rescinding an Order already made, but it was decided to allot a house to Mrs Vickers one of the tenants.

From Mrs Murray (Served with Notice under Sec. 23 of the 1931 Act), stating that with respect to the two houses in High Street occupied by Michael White and Mrs Kavanagh, she was not prepared at present to convert them into one, but she undertook to do ~~xx~~ all the repairs required by the Town Surveyor and put water and sewerage into the houses and that she would not let the houses in future to any family containing more than two adults and two children under 12 years.

Accept Mrs Murray's undertaking - Mrs Kavanagh to be given a new house.

From Mrs Morgan (Served with Notice under Sec. 23 of the 1931 Act). defective Notice) - stating she would not let house again until repairs executed.

Accept undertaking - S. Devlin to qualify for new house.

Mrs Delahunt (Served with Notice under Sec. 23 of the 1931 Act) undertook to comply with requirements of County Medical Officer of

Health and Town Surveyor.

In this case the Town Surveyor had a separate report of 4/10/38 in which he stated that if the house occupied by A. Dunne was to be joined with next house one of the tenants would have to leave. He also stated that if the necessary repairs were to be done to A. Dunne's house the house would have to be vacated.

Accept Mrs Delahunt's undertaking - Andrew Dunne Jnr. to qualify for a new house.

Re: Thos. Kelly's House and P. Whelan's house Castle Street - (Owner Wm Murphy).

The Town Clerk stated he had not been able to get in touch with owner and that his wife was not able to say whether repairs would be done or not. Mr Duggan the Agent stated verbally to him that he believes the repairs would be done.

Serve Notice on William Murphy. Thos. Kelly to qualify for new house if owner undertakes to comply with requirements of County Medical Officer of Health and Town Surveyor.

Re: W. Kavanagh's House, Quarantine Hill. Undertaking in ~~wikit~~ writing from owner Thomas Redmond that he would comply with requirements of Town Surveyor including making an addition and putting in water and sewerage.

Accept Undertaking - W. Kavanagh to qualify for new house.

Town Clerk reported that certain cases covered by Clearance Orders or Demolition Orders etc., were left in an unsettled position viz. Garrett Doyle, Upper Strand Street, D. McAllister, Colley Street, Mary Cannon, Colley Street, A. Reilly, Ballyguile and Mrs Hogan, Lr. Strand Street.

It was decided than an arrangement be come to with all those (except Mrs Cannon and A. Reilly) that they have use of the houses during their lives. A Reilly was likely to get a house in the Rural Area under the Labourer's Acts. The Town Surveyor to inspect Mrs Cannon's house to see if safe.

The Town Clerk reported that there were 15 new houses still vacant - that 9 of them had been allotted but that in view of the decision re Garrett Doyle and of the fact that Ellen Donnelly of Woodenbridge had vacated condemned house and had not taken a new one there were in fact eight vacant houses unallotted.

He then made a list of 19 applicants for houses and it was

Proposed by Councillor O'Grady,
Seconded by Councillor Olohan and passed
That the eight vacant houses be allotted to Stephen Devlin, William Kavanagh, Mrs Vickers, Albert White, Annie Cullen, Edward Porter and A. Dunne, and that the next available house be allotted to Thomas Kelly of Castle Street when the owner undertakes to do the repairs etc., required by Town Surveyor. (The Town Clerk commented that it was not altogether clear that A. White qualified for a new house).

The Town ^{Clerk} called attention to the provision of the overcrowding Bye-Laws and stated he believed they were being infringed deliberately to qualify persons for new houses.

Item 3. A Report from the Rent Collector showing parties owing 10s/- or over arrears as at 30/9/38 was read. There were 44 such cases one of them as much as £10. 10. 0 and a number owing from £2 to £3.

Refer back to Rent Collector to take strenuous steps to collect all arrears before end of present quarter.

Item 2. It was agreed to let to Mrs Mary Kelly Castle Street, No. 6, Dunbur Road - she being the only applicant.

Item 4. The Town Clerk submitted Report of School Meals Committee as follows:-

A Meeting of the School Meals Committee was held on Friday 21/10/38 at 4 p.m.,

The following attended in response to 17 invitations:- Misses Fitzsimons, Kavanagh, Mrs Everett, Mrs Duggan, Matthew Olohan, Brother Gregory (Representing De La Bros. National School) and Mrs McCall (representing Dominican Convent Schools) and John Olohan, P.C.,

Lists of children submitted by the Schools (74 from the Convent) and 61 from the Brothers) were examined and 72 girls and 53 boys were recommended for the benefit of the Scheme - a total of 125 as against 114 last year.

It was recommended that a better quality of Cocoa be provided this year and a complaint was made that the mixed jam contained an undue amount of stones.

The Committee considered it ~~desirable~~ advisable if there were periodic inspections from some competent officer to examine the quality of the food.

Adopted : No loose cocoa to be obtained. Medical Officer of Health to be asked to pay occasional visit.

Mrs Kate Doyle agreed to the same terms as last year for her premises and services.

Tenders for School Meals supplies were received from Nicholas Haskins, Fitzpatrick Bros., L. Sutton, J. Kennedy, R. Brennan, A. Dunne and Wicklow District Gas Co., and the following were accepted :-

Cocoa -	N. Haskins @ 1s/4d per lb. for flavoured in tins.
Sugar -	Fitzpatrick Bros., @ 3d per lb.
Jam -	Fitzpatrick Bros., @ rate of 5½d per lb.
Bread -	Fitzpatrick Bros., @ 9½d per lb. loaf.
Best Beef -	Ellen Dunne @ 6d per lb.
Potatoes -	R. Brennan @ 7d per stone.
Carrots -	R. Brennan @ 11d per stone.
Turnips -	R. Brennan @ 4d per stone.
Onions -	J. Kennedy @ 2s/9d per stone.
Best House Coal -	Wicklow Gas Co., @ 2s/6d per 10 st. bag.

No tender was received for Milk and the Town Clerk was directed to obtain quotations for Finance Meeting on 29/10/38.

The only tender received for supply of Coal to the Town Hall and Waterworks Cottage was from Wicklow District Gas Co., at 42s/- per ton and 45s/- per ton respectively and same was accepted up to 15/10/39.

Item 5. Letter of 14/10/38 from E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, signifying acceptance by John Power of the offer of £75 made in respect of damages to his house by an alleged sewer and asking ~~for~~ for draft Agreement.

Noted.

Circ. Letter No 92/1938 dated 1/9/38 from Department of Local Government and Public Health asking for a Housing Survey of the Town to be furnished on prescribed forms on or before the 31st inst.,

Dr Beckett to be asked to complete his survey of the Town.

The Tender of John Murphy, Kilpoole for setting 14 sets of Tiles at 28 New Houses (Monkton Row) was accepted

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF WICKLOW.

Recd.

Ans.

James Everett
6/12/38

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 1st of November 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 29th October 1938.

Town Hall, Wicklow 29/X/38.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 1st prox at 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 1st prox at 7.30 p.m. to transact the following business :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting of the Council held on 4/10/38.
2. HOUSING
 - (a) To deal with any pending matter concerning houses reported as unfit or requiring repairs.
 - (b) To consider the position with regard to houses in Clearance areas and occupiers (if any) of such houses.
 - (c) Any other Housing matters that may arise.
3. Correspondence.
4. Reports of officers and on Rate Collection.
5. To rule on Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings .

Yours faithfully
John McGrath, Town Clerk

To:- Each Member Wicklow U.D.C.

Present :- Councillors J.Everett T.D.(Presiding) , W.O'Grady, J.Olohan, J. Clarke, D.H.Haskins, .E. Lalor and A. Dunne.

Also present :- J.T.O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor

Bank Pass Books of the several accounts were examined as well as proposals for payment and payments were authorised as follows :-

GENERAL	Ordinary £246	
Repayment of Loans	<u>1750</u>	£1996
POOR RATE ACCOUNT		690 :2 :11

Councillor C.W. Hudson wrote under date the 1/11/38 apologising for his non-attendance owing to illness and referred to the litigation in progress reThe Friars Hill Clearance Order and suggested that an effort at settlement ought to be made . After a lengthy discussion it was ordered that the Councils Solicitor see Mr Hopkins Solicitor for occupiers and explain to him (without prejudice) that an individual suggestion was made to the Council to have this matter settled on the ground of compensation and that while the Council cannot definitely commit themselves to anything like that , they were even now , if approached by the parties , prepared to discuss a settlement on these lines and are agreeable to an adjournment for a fortnight to give them a chance (final) of approach.

(3)

Circular H.102/38 of 22/x/38 from Department of Local Government with copy of Housing and Labourers Act 1937 and Regulations made thereunder and dealing with the conditions and procedure for Government Grants not exceeding £40 or 1/4 of cost (whichever is the least) of improving and reconstructing houses in respect of which Local Authorities serve Notices under Sec 19 of Housing Act of 1931.

Order:- Town Clerk to invite the owners following and ascertain whether they are agreeable to proceed to apply for grants :-Mrs De Courcey, Mrs O'Hanrahan, Reps Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Sealy, Reps F. W. McPhail, (all houses in Castle Street) and to ascertain from Dr G.P.G. Beckett his views as to Mrs Murray's 2 Houses in High St (Ronan & P. Murray) and Mr Delahunt's three houses on St Patrick's Road.

Letter from M. Turner thanking the Council for sympathy.
Read

The Acceptance by the Town Clerk of the tender of Joseph Carr for Milk for the School Meals at 1/8 per gallon was confirmed and ratified.

Letter from M. Turner as to water Main Extension for Lr. Monkton Row was referred to the Town Surveyor.

Letter from Reuben Dover of 1/xl/38 as to the condition of road etc outside his premises at St Dominick's Road.

Referred to the Town Surveyor

Letter from the Treasurer of the Council as to payment of interest on accounts
Interest to be paid as soon as possible.

Application from Kevin O'Grady for a new house.

Adjourn

Application from T. Doyle for new house allotted to him.

Adjourn.

Mr P. Quinn of St Laurence's Rd. was given permission to erect a shed on his plot subject to the Engineer's approval.

Letter of 18/x/38 from Dr Beckett enclosing a letter from Mrs Nellie Kavanagh re the failure to demolish ^{shed} ~~houses~~ at Upper Strand St
It was ascertained that the demolition Order did not extend to the shed or any out-offices and it was decided that Engineer's report be awaited.

Application of Maurice O'Brien of 25/x/38 for one of new houses to be built

Read

Reports from Town Surveyor on the work proceeding at Territ Lane & Foreshore.

Read.

" (2)

Item 1.

As, by an oversight, the Minutes were not read nor circulated they were not confirmed.

Item 2.

(a). Re Hamilton's Houses (Lower Monkton Row) : the Town Clerk detailed the history of the consideration of those houses by the Council and expressed the opinion that the undertaking given by the Reps. Mrs Hamilton could be entertained without rescission of any prior resolution or order of the Council.

-1; Proposed by Councillor A. Dunne, Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :-
That the Undertaking in writing dated the 31/x/38 and signed by H.

Hamilton be accepted
Re: Houses of Mrs Murray at High Street (occupiers --White & Kavanagh): It was agreed to accept Mrs Murray's written undertaking of 31/x/38, the

repairs and improvements to be completed within six months from this date
Re : Mrs Morgan's House at Kilmantin Hill (Dev^{lin} 66/66) :- Accept Mrs Morgan's undertaking in writing of 35/x/38 to carry out repairs etc. required by the Town Surveyor: repairs etc to be carried out and completed within 6 months.

Re : Mrs Delahunt's houses at High St. (Occupier A. Dunne): Accept Mrs Delahunt's written undertaking to carry out the repairs etc required by C.M.O.H. and Engineer.

Re : Mrs McCarroll's houses at Woodenbridge Row: No reply having yet been received from L.G. Department further consideration of these houses were adjourned

(b). The Town Clerk reported steps taken in connection with occupiers in Friars Hill who had refused to vacate premises.

Item 3.

Circ. Letter from Drainage Commission of 19/x/38 ~~re submission of evidence from Department of Local Government~~ re submission of evidence

~~re submission of evidence~~ Council not interested

Circ. Letter H.101/38 of 13/x/38 from Department of Local Government re the Allotments Scheme for 1939 Season

Committee to look at Dunbur Road Field and possible exchange.
Letter F.62/4/38 of 20/x/38 from Dept. of Finance enclosing a payment of £ 105 : 10 : 7 on foot of a claim of £259 : 11:9 for Harbour Charges and enclosing copy certificate from Valuation office showing £259 : 4 : 4 as payable.

Noted.

(4)

The representations of Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd re their loss on the contract for 120 houses were again considered .

Council deny liability for any loss by the Contractors :it was agreed to renew the application to the Local Government Department for a Grant in aid the Development Costs of this Scheme.

Item 4.

Reports of Town Sergeant & SS.O and also of Waterworks Overseer were read.

The Town Clerk was directed to draw the Town Sergeant's attention to the necessity of more general and regular supervision of the Town by the Town Sergeant and S.S.O.

~~Ex&ert~~

James Swerett
6/12/38

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 15th November 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 12th November 1938.

Dear Sir, 12th November 1938
Pursuant to duly signed Requisition, A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 15th inst at 7.30 p.m. to transact the following business :-

- (1) To consider steps taken and offers made for settlement of proceedings pending against occupiers of houses in Friars' Hill comprised in Friar's Hill Clearance Order
- (2) Any other urgent Housing business.

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), W.O'Grady, J. Clarke, A. Dunne, and J.O'Connor.

Also present :- J.T.O'Byrne Esq., Town Surveyor.

Item 1.

The Town Clerk reported proceedings of the Committee which met on the 12th November 1938 as follows :-

REPORT of proceedings of the Finance & General Purposes Committee from meeting held on Saturday the 12th November 1938 the following notice having been sent to each member of the Council on 11/11/38 :-
11/11/38.

Dear Sir,
The Finance & General Purposes Committee will meet on to-morrow at 12 noon to authorise payments for men on the Foreshore and Road Works and also to consider a suggestion for settlement made by the occupiers of Friars' Hill houses against whom proceedings are pending

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath T. Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D., W.O'Grady, M. McMahon, and J. Olohan. Also present J.T.O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor.

Payments amounting to £183 :18 :8 for Foreshore Works and £34 :4 :3 for Road Works were authorised as well as a Transfer from General Account of £70 to meet deficiencies in Relief A/C pending receipt of the balance of the Grant. It was announced that work on the Relief Scheme had come to an end.

A letter from Mr E.J.H. Hopkins Solicitor for Mrs Cleary & James Connor of Friars Hill and dated the 10/11/38 was read in which it was stated that the parties suggested £40 each in settlement.

Recommended that the parties be offered (without prejudice)
£6 each for disturbance under Sec.36 of Housing Act 1931

(2)

The Town Clerk also read copy of his letter of 11/11/38 written (without prejudice) to Mr Hopkins offering £6 to each of the parties and pointing out that the offer was open for acceptance up to 11 a.m. on Wednesday 16/11/38 (Court Day). He also read Mr Hopkins' letter of 14/11/38 in reply, to the effect that he had passed on the offer to his clients and that as he would be engaged at Circuit Court on 16/11/38 he would be obliged if an adjournment of District Court proceedings were agreed to. The Town Clerk also read a letter dated 15/11/38 from Councillor Hudson apologising for non-attendance and expressing the hope that there would be settlement of the matter.

Proposed by Councillor W.O'Grady and Seconded by Councillor A.

Dunne :- That the report from the Committee which met on 12/11/38 be adopted

Councillor J. Clarke proposed an amendment :- That Mrs Cleary and James Connor be offered £20 each but as there was no seconder the amendment was declared lost.

The Resolution was then put and passed--Councillor J. Clarke dissenting

Item 2.

An order was made that Mr O'Grady's house in Main Street be inspected by the Town Surveyor to ascertain if there was any overcrowding as defined by the Bye-laws in that respect.

On a discussion re condemned houses and houses concerning which an undertaking to repair had been given it was proposed by Councillor O'Connor that the owners of condemned houses be notified that they are to demolish same but there was no seconder for the proposition.

The Town Surveyor having reported that he had difficulty in getting Messrs Dempsey to carry out repairs etc to the 120 houses, it was ordered that Messrs Dempsey be notified to carry out the necessary repairs within ten days --otherwise the Council would do so at his expense.

The Town Clerk read draft agreement with Mr J. Power as to repairs to his house at Main Street which he proposed to send to Mr Power's Solicitor for approval and same was approved by the Council (It provided for payment to Mr Power of £75 subject to conditions etc).

The Town Clerk read Tender from O. Plunket to replace three existing lights at Town Hall by three new better -type lights at £4:2:6 allowing

£1:5 :- for old ones and same was agreed to.

James Sweet
6/12/38

Minutes of Monthly (December) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 6th of December 1938 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 2nd of December 1938.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst at 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held on 4/x/38, 25/x/38, 1/xl/38 and 15/xl/38
2. To consider report of Finance & General Purposes Committee from Meeting held on 26/xl/38 & any subsequent Meetings to date
3. H O U S I N G including any matters having reference to the existing contract for the erection of 120 Houses, the inspection and ~~consideration~~ condemnation of houses and the Scheme for the erection of 44 further new houses (20 for normal needs and 24 for Slum Clearance purposes).
4. To fix date for the Xmas Fowl Market.
5. To execute Lease to Joseph Vize of small plot adjoining his house at Dunbur Road.
6. Correspondence .
7. Reports of Officers and on Rate Collection.
8. To rule on Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings
Yours faithfully

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C. John McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), W.O'Grady, A. Dunne, J. Olohan, E. Lalor, J. Clarke, D.H. Haskins, and M. McMahon.

Also present :- J.T.O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor.

The Meeting in Committee dealt with the following :-

Bank Pass Books and Proposals for payment were examined and payments (subsequently authorised) were recommended as follows :-

General Account	£629 : 5 : 11
Housing No.3 Account	1,028 : 2 : 6

The Committee had before them the probable all-in Cost of the Housing Scheme viz £46,434 : 6 : 10 --the figure on which the rents were based being £46,028 : - : 10. The new figure would indicate that the Loans would be deficient by £ 1,292 : 6 : 10 but the all-in Cost figure covered the cost of the surplus land not required for the Scheme viz £1259:48:2.

The Committee had also before them the net figure for extras Viz £206.

The Committee were also asked if they would agree to have the 1936/37 year as the first subsidy year in respect of the Scheme and thereby qualify to get subsidy in respect of the net interest paid to the Bank on overdraft in respect of that year (viz £101 :6:3) *and agreed.*

The Committee had also before them an application dated 5/12/38 from A. Dunne for a transfer of the site of his present Dancing Marquee on the Murrough to a site further up on the Murrough and stating that he wanted to put up some temporary conveniences and it was agreed to permit the transfer of site -- plan to be submitted to the Engineer and an enlargement of a further 10 feet to be given.

During the course of the meeting in Committee the Chairman handed the Town Clerk a long letter addressed to him and the members from Mr Bernhard Kavanagh and dated the 12th November 1938 dealing with a dispute between Mr Kavanagh as Clerk's assistant and the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk read the letter in full and explained the position. The Council considered that it was a matter that rested between the Town Clerk and Mr Kavanagh and expressed the hope that it would be amicably settled between them.

Item 1.

Minutes referred to confirmed.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk had already given the figures of cost of the 120 houses and had indicated that the Contractors had been found to be entitled to be paid in addition to their Contract ^{Price} the sum of £1137 :4 :- under the Conditions of Employment Act and net extras of £206 :5 :7. The Town Surveyor reported that Mr Dempsey Sr. had been with him on Monday 5/12/38 and had inspected all the repairs etc. which were required and promised to send a man on the 12/12/38 to do them.

The Town Clerk referred to the following houses which had been reported on by the County M.O. Health as unfit and should be condemned :-

6 Houses in Castle Street the property of W. Murphy, 5 Houses in Castle Street the property of the Misses Kinsella, 3 Houses in Chapel Road the property of Mr S.V. Delahunt, 1 house in Fitzwilliam Road the property of Mrs Healy

and that the Council had taken no action on them so far.

No. order

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asking for reports from the County M.O. Health and Engineer as to the suitability of the sites on which the proposed 44 houses were to be built. This letter had been adjourned from Meeting held on the 15/xl/38 as there was then a question raised about proceeding with the Scheme. A further discussion now ensued as to the advisability of proceeding with the Scheme and it was eventually agreed that the reports of the officers be forwarded to the Department.

Item 2.

The following reports of the Committee were submitted :-

REPORT OF COMMITTEE from MEETING held on 26/xl/38 at 12 noon after Notice to each member sent on the 25/xl/38:-

Present : Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding), J. Clarke, W. O'Grady and J. Olohan.
Payments amounting in all to £122:6:5 were authorised in connection with Foreshore Works

The Committee had under consideration the allotting of a house to Thomas Kelly Castle St. and had through Mr Duggan (Agent) the undertaking of W. Murphy to put the house in repair if and when vacated and it was agreed to allot Thomas Kelly No. 31 Glenview Road.

The Town Clerk also mentioned the following applicants for new House and reported that there was only one other house that could clearly be allotted viz 35 Glenview Road :- J. Culbert Strand St., Kevin O'Grady, Main Street and Mrs Hayes High St) and it was recommended that the house be allotted to Kevin O'Grady if and when the Engineer had inspected his present residence and found that there was overcrowding. It was recommended that the field surrendered by the Convent at Dunbur Road be taken up for allotments and existing Dunbur Road Allotment field be let out for an oat crop and put back into grass.

The Town Clerk reported that the Department had agreed to scheme of Road Works for Convent Road, Castle St., and the Territ Lane.
Consent to the proposed new Telegraph line at Abbey St was given.

Proposed by J. Olohan and Seconded by J. Clarke and passed :-
That the Report be adopted and confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE from MEETING held on the 3rd December 1938 at 12 noon after notice to each member on the 2/12/38.

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D., W. O'Grady, J. Clarke, M. McMahon and J. Olohan

Also present :- J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor.
Payments in respect of Foreshore Works amounting to £140 :19:8 were authorised making a total to date of £2,793 :11:10.

The Scheme of Road Works embracing improvement works on Convent Road, Castle Street and Territ Lane (including widening of the latter) was examined and preliminary arrangements made therefor including Insurance. The Town Clerk was given maximum figures within which he was to negotiate with owners for additional land required for widening Territ Lane.

A letter, dealing with a suggestion for settlement of proceedings in respect of Friars' Hill occupiers, was read and no action was taken on same.

Proposed by Councillor D.R. Haskins and seconded by Councillor A. Dunne and passed :- That the report be adopted and confirmed.

Item 4.

It was agreed to fix Monday the 19th December for the Xmas Fowl Market and Friday the 23rd December for the December Fair.