

Minutes of Monthly (October) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 3rd of October 1939 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 29th of September 1939.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on the 3rd prox at 7 a.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 3rd prox at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meeting held on the 5th of September 1939.
2. To consider terms of letter from the Department of Local Government dated 8/8/39 (twice adjourned) with reference to the Council's duty in seeing that the terms of the various Clearance Orders, Undertakings etc in respect of condemned houses are carried out.
3. To consider a letter from the Department of Local Government offering Subsidy at rate of 10% on 10 of the proposed new houses for normal needs and to come to a decision as to whether the Scheme including them and 24 Slum Clearance houses should be proceeded with.
4. To make arrangements for the School Meals for 1939/40 and to consider any tenders for supplies of same.
5. To let one vacant house at No.24 Kilmantin Road and a vacant house at Dunbur Road to qualified applicants.
6. To consider a Scheme of Road Works for a Relief Grant.
7. To execute Mortgage Deed in respect of the Advance of £450 to Alphonsus O'Connor.
8. Correspondence.
9. Reports of officers (10) Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said IMPORTANT Meetings.

Yours faithfully, J. McGrath
T. Clerk

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

Present :- Councillors W.O'Grady (Presiding), J.Olohan, C.W.Hudson, Michael McMahon and E. Lalor.

The Finance Committee examined proposals for payment and the following payments were recommended and subsequently authorised

On General Account	£ 386 : 1 : 9
"Foreshore "	15 : - : -
"Housing 3 "	10 : 10 : -
"Poor Rate A/C (Co.Council)	694 : 6 : -

The Accounts of the E.S.Board and Gas Company for Public Lighting for September were deferred in view of the curtailment of Lighting Services in September (A.R.P.ACT) and pending further inquiries. An account from H.J. McPhail for fees amounting to £28 : 1 : - with in an accompanying letter he stated were due to him as Town Clerk to the Council since 1932 and 1933 was left over for inquiries to be made.

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Item 1.

Minutes confirmed by the signature of the Chairman.

Item 2.

Adjourned to an adjourned Meeting to be held on the 10/10/39

Item 3.

Letter 3046/12/39 of the 25th of September 1939 from the Department of Local Government & Public Health offering 10% Subsidy for 10 houses for normal Housing purposes and inquiring if, in the circumstances, the Council intend to proceed. The Town Clerk mentioned probable rents and called attention to the increased rate of interest on money borrowed from Local Loan Funds since the 12/9/39.

Propose by Councillor M. McMahon, Seconded by Councillor J.Olohan and passed unanimously :-

That advertisements be issued for Tenders for the 10 Houses for Normal needs and 34 Houses for Slum Clearance purposes (Short advts. only in Daily papers) -- details of Scheme to be settled at adjourned meeting -- the Department to be so informed -- Tenders to be in for the November Meeting.

Item 3.

A letter was read from Mrs K. Doyle in which she stated that, because of an accident, she was unable to undertake the cooking and distribution of Meals this year. The Town Clerk suggested two alternative centres viz the old School at the Chapel Road or a pavilion to the rear of Ryan's Hotel in the Mall and also stated that he had made inquiries and had no reply about the old School but Mrs Ryan agreed.

Order : Town Clerk to see Mrs Ryan and premises and report to the next meeting.

Tenders for the various commodities required as invited by Posters on the 21/9/39 were then opened and the following is a summary of the Tenders and Orders made thereon.

COCOA :- Findlater & Co., Dublin @ 1/6 per lb tin (Jacob's Cocoa)
(This was the only tender received and Messrs Fitzpatrick Bros. of Wicklow were to be asked if they would supply at that figure: if not, the Cocoa was to be procured from Findlater & Co).
SUGAR :- Fitzpatrick Bros, Wicklow at 3 1/4 per lb (with the proviso that "as ~~xxxxxx~~ the price of sugar and bread are now controlled by the Government -- it is to be agreed that in the event of the Government making a change in the above prices either rise or fall. If rise, we get the benefit, if fall, you get the benefit") This was the only tender received and was ACCEPTED.

JAM :- Findlater & Co ---- 7 1/2 lbs Mixed Fruit @ 4/- per Cwt
Fitzpatrick Bros :- 3/6 per 7 lb jar (Scott's Garden preserves).
The Town Clerk pointed out that Findlater & Co.'s price was the lowest and warned the Council of the loss to the Rates and the possibility of Surcharge. Order :- Accept Fitzpatrick's Price.

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NEW MILK :- N.Burns , Merrymeeting, Wicklow @ 5d per quart

Mrs A. Clarke Convent Road, Wicklow @ 1/7 per gallon.

Order :- Accept Mrs Clarke's Tender.

BEST BREAD :- The only tender from Fitzpatrick Bros. @ 10d per 4 lb loaf
with the like proviso as in sugar was ACCEPTED.

STEWING BEEF (Bones Gratis) :- S.J. Delahunt @ 11½ per lb.
Mrs Ellen Dunne @ 10d per lb.

Order :- Accept Ellen Dunne's Tender.

POTATOES :- ONLY tender was from R. Brennan at 11d per stone
ONIONS :- Do. 4/- " "
CARROTTES :- Do. 2/- " "
TURNIPS :- Do. 6d " "

ORDER :- Accept for potatoes : Mr Brennan to be offered an increase of 25% on last year's prices for Onions, Carrots and Turnips.

COAL :- No proper tender received: Mr Hamilton tendered in this way by writing on the Tender "I would find it impossible to tender for School Meals supply of per bag per week: but would undertake to deliver 2½ tons (Prompt Delivery) at 53/6 per ton "

ORDER :- ~~Accept~~ Town Clerk to ask the Gas Company to deliver 2½ tons at Town Hall at their contract price for same viz £2 :2 : ---to be used for School Meals.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk read applications for transfers to the vacant house at No. 24 Kilmantin Road as follows :-

- (1) Thomas Kelly St Lawrence's Road
- (2) William Canavan, Glenview Road

and also read applications from the following :-

- (1) Thomas Redmond ,High Street, on the ground that his house was over-crowded
- (2) James Sillery, Castle Street, on the ground that his house was unfit that he had previously applied and that his house was condemned by the Council.
- (3) Mrs Florence Windross Monkton Row Wicklow on the grounds that her house was condemned for repairs and that she had previously applied and was about to be dispossessed.
- (4) The Town Clerk also mentioned case of Joseph Kavanagh Monkton Row who was about to be dispossessed by operations of the Housing Acts and who had called on him in reference to the matter.
- (5) Mrs Bridie Doyle, The Mall.

The Town Clerk also read a letter received from C. Dunne of New Street complaining of the bad condition of his house. and stated that he was of the opinion that Nos 2,3 & 4 above were qualified and that probably No.1 was qualified also.

Order :- House occupied by Thomas Redmond and his wife to be examined to ascertain if the Bye-laws in respect of overcrowding were infringed and if so T. Redmond to get the house at 24 Kilmantin Road.

The letter from C. Dunne was left over to the adjourned meeting. As there appeared to be no applicants for vacant house at Dunbur Rd., the Town Clerk was instructed to insert a short advertisement for applicants.

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Item 6.

It was agreed to request Town Surveyor to prepare a Scheme for improvement of Kilmantin Road, Glenview Road, Greenhil Road, Church Road and footpath at Fitzwilliam Road. to meet the grant and local contribution.

Item 7.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olchan , SECONDED by Councillor E. Lalor and passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Deed of Charge in respect of the advance of £450 to Mr Alphonsus O'Connor and that the Chairman sign the Undertaking re residence on behalf of the Council.

Item 8.

Joint letter of the 3/x/39 from Messrs Jas. McDonald and L. Sutton of Main Street Wicklow applying for new Leases instead of the one Lease ~~they~~ under which held ~~under~~ their premises at Main St at Rent of £15 p.a. (paying it in equal shares) due to expire in 1949.

Adjourn to adjourned Meeting

Letter from Mrs White of Quarantine Hill admitting that some years ago she opened a back door into the Council's yard without the Council's permission and asking for permission now.

Mrs White to sign an agreement to be prepared by the ~~Town~~ Council's Solicitor protecting the Council's property.

At this stage the Meeting adjourned the remaining business to a meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 10th October 1939 when, it was hoped, that the Town Surveyor would be in attendance.

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

CHAIRMAN.

James Sillery
7/11/39

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (Oct.) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 10th of October 1939 pursuant to Order at Meeting on the 3/10/39 and to the following notice sent to each Member on the 6th of October 1939.

Dear Sir,

The adjourned meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 10th inst at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following matters :-

1. The items on the Agenda for Meeting of 3/10/39 and adjourned.
2. To consider details of the Housing Scheme as advertised and to select sites for the extra 10 houses.
3. To consider application for Renewal of Leases by Messrs James McDonald and L. Sutton of Main St who already hold on one Lease due to expire in 1949 at Rent of £15 p.a. and to fix rents to be reserved on new Leases.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, T. Clerk

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

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

Adjourned Item No. 8 (Correspondence)

Before the item was entered on the Town Clerk stated that it would appear from some remarks that he had heard that there was a doubt about what transpired in connection with the letting of the house No. 24 Kilmantin Road and he accordingly read the draft Minutes of the meeting of the 3/10/39 and it was agreed that it was a true and accurate record of what had taken place.

He also mentioned that in connection with the Tenders for the School meals he had communicated with M. Brennan re Carrots, Onions and School Meals and that he had now a Tender from R. Brennan to supply Carrots at 1/6 per stone, Onions at 3/6 per stone and Turnips at 4d per stone subject to the proviso that if these commodities went up in price he was to get the benefit and that if they went down the Council were to get the benefit.

Order: Accept Tender (with the proviso) for Carrots, Onions and Turnips.

The Town Clerk stated that he had interviewed Mrs Ryan and had her premises inspected by Dr. O'Connor and he believed the premises were suitable and that Dr O'Connor had told him that the premises were suitable and the best that were available.

Order: Mrs Ryan to be paid £1 per week for premises & services.

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Finally the Town Clerk reported that in the matter of Coal he had ordered the necessary supply from the Gas Co. and they had supplied same at 47/- per ton.

In reply to the advertisement for tenant for vacant house at Dunbur Road, a man named Patrick Clinch from Arklow, a Police pensioner and a former resident of the Town was the only applicant to date.

Order: Accept Patrick Clinch as tenant.

The following letters from the Department of Local Government were read and orders made thereon as shown :-

Circ. Letter No. S.27153/39 of the 27th of September 1939 informing Local Authorities that interest on every issue made out of the Local Funds Loans Fund in respect of any Loan of which the Mortgage Deed was executed on or after the 12/9/39 would be increased from 4 1/4% to 5 1/4%.

Order: Chairman to be asked to interview the proper authority in the Department in connection with the interest chargeable on the supplemental Loan of £1555 for Housing Scheme No. 3 sanctioned on the 17th of August 1939.

Letter P.M. 4935/12/39 of the 6/x/39 dealing with the entry in Minutes of the Report of the Veterinary Inspector and requesting that future entries may be supplemented by summaries of the work done by this officer during the period covered by his reports.

Order :- To be complied with.

Letter C.P.710/5/39 of 29/9/39 dealing with the delay by the Official Contractors in supplying the fire Hose and transmitting copy of their letter.
Read.

Letters C.P.10/39 and C.P.11/39 of the 23/9/39 and 2/x/39 dealing with the purchasing from Official Contractors and requesting purchasing only the actual requirements and that no increased prices be paid until sanction was obtained by the Department.
Read.

Letter G.2583/10/39 of the 7th October 1939 sanctioning borrowing by temporary overdraft up to £1500 to the 31st October 1939.

Noted.

Letter H. 27454/1939 of the 4th October 1939 in reply to the Town Clerk's letter of the 27th October 1939 dealing with the Council's Order to accept subject to sanction the surrender from R. White of three ^{condemned} houses in Strand St and referring to Sec. 8 of the Housing Act 1931 and calling attention to the last paragraph of the Department's letter of 4/x/39 8/7/39
Read.

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Correspondence with the G.S. Railways re the cost of repairs to their wall at the new Foreshore works whereby it appeared that the Town Clerk had informed the Co. that the work had been carried out at a cost of £12:4:10 and that the Company had agreed to pay £6 and that the Town Clerk had accepted same without prejudice to future liability for repair of like kind.

Approved

Letter of the 27/9/39 from the Secretary County Council asking for prompt payment of the County Council's Demand and arrears or otherwise he would be compelled to take action. The Town Clerk stated that since the letter was received the arrears of 1938/39 and one quarter of the 1939/40 ^{demanded} had been paid.

Noted.

The adjourned letter from C. Dunne of High Street complaining about the condition of his house and a further letter of the 8th of October from him enclosing Notice to Quit received from his Landlord and asking for a new house were considered.

Order : House to be inspected.

Letters from Mrs Florence Windross and Mrs Waldron asking for new houses were read.

The Town Clerk reported that proceedings for possession had been instituted against Patrick Courtenay for possession of House at Dunbur Road and after adjournments would be dealt with finally on the 1st of November 1939. He also read a copy letter of the 20/9/39 which he had addressed to P. Courtenay.

Noted.

Adjourned Item No. 2.

This item was further adjourned to a meeting to be held on the 17/10/39.

Adjourned Item No. 9

Reports from the S.S. Officer, Waterworks Overseer and Veterinary Inspector were read.

The V. Inspector's report showed the number of animals slaughtered by 5 of the Victuallers in the Town in September 1939 and also described the condition of the Dairying premises of 5 registered Dairymen as "very good state generally".

The Town Clerk read copy of a letter he had sent to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners on the 13/9/39 pointing out that the Commissioners owed the Council the sum of £3892 :6:3 and interest thereon apart from their liabilities under the Harbour Advances Act 1897.

After discussion the position was noted.

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Item No. 2 on the Agenda.

Owing to the absence of the Town Surveyor on Leave this item could not be proceeded with. The Town Clerk pointed out that he had issued advertisement for Tenders. After a discussion on sites in which The Murrough, Friars Hill, Dickenson's house at St Dominick's Road were mentioned it was agreed to have a meeting of the Council on Tuesday the 17th inst to discuss the question of sites and the Housing Scheme-- the meeting to be held at 7.30 p.m. and no further notice to be given to Councillors.

Item 3 on the Agenda.

PROPOSED by Councillor C. W. Hudson and SECONDED by Councillor E. Lalor and passed :-

That new Leases be granted at an increase of 25% on old Rent to be paid in equal Shares (£9 :7:6 each) to James McDonald and Loughlin Sutton Main Street of their premises at Main Street Wicklow.

The Town Clerk mentioned that, though the Council had closed officially the correspondence with Mr Power re his grievance about his house at Market Square, he had a discussion with Mr Hopkins, Power's Solicitor, from which it would appear that if Power were permitted to put a sewer pipe down at the bottom of the gable by his house the matter could be proceeded with on the understanding that if at any time later Mr Power was able to prove that the drain was a Public Sewer the Council would maintain it and also that Mr Power connect his own sewerage to the sewer in front of his house to the Main Street.

The matter was left in the Town Clerk's hands.

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
CHAIRMAN. 7/11/39

Minutes of further Adjourned (Monthly (October) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 17th of October 1939 pursuant to Order at Meeting held on the 10th of October 1939.

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

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

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

(10 Houses for Normal Needs and 34 Houses for Slum Clearance)

It was unanimously agreed that subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government & Public Health the ten additional (Slum Clearance) Houses be built on The Murrough i.e. in blocks of 4 and 6 --the 4 to be between the Woodenbridge and the Urban Villas already in existence and the 6 to be immediately North of the Urban Villas. The houses to be two-storied houses containing four rooms each and similar to the 4 roomed two storied houses in the Scheme of 120 Houses. The ranges of the 120 houses not to be used in the new Scheme . The plans and specification to be submitted immediately to the Department .

Miscellaneous Matters.

The Town Clerk reported that James Thompson had notified him on the 12th September 1939 that he was surrendering the ~~Tenancy~~ tenancy in the Black Castle Field as and from the 18th idem as he considered 5/- per week too much for the Winter months --that he had offered 2/- per week for the field and that he (Town Clerk) agreed to take him on at 2/6 per week pending decision of the Council.

Order :- James Thompson to have the field from the 18th Sept to the 31/3/40 at 2/6 per week.

The Town Clerk ~~xxx~~ reported that James Dickenson had surrendered his weekly tenancy in the field at Dunbur Road from the 16/9/39.

Order : Gap to be fenced

The Town Agent reported that the Tenants of Urban Villas had inquired of him re fencing of their gardens and repairs and painting to their houses

Order :- Iron fences similar to that on Territ Lane to be erected. round the plots --not in the divisions.

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Letter from Messrs McCarroll & Co Solicitors of the 10th October 1939 intimating that Henry Jones had served on the Wicklow County Council a Preliminary Notice of his intention to apply to the Circuit Court at Wicklow for £500 compensation for the loss of 40 tons of Hay, a Hayshed etc on the night of 16/17 th September 1939.

Order :- Council's Solicitor to attend Court and resist putting the Claim on the Urban area.

Notice of Appeal from Esther O'Toole against a restriction put on her Dancing Licence by the District Justice.

Read.

The Town Surveyor reported that he had interviewed the Superintendent re his complaint of the 5th September 1939 re "The Excelsior Cinema" Wicklow and that the Superintendent had confirmed his remarks in his letter.

Order : Town Surveyor to inspect and report. on the Cinema.

Letter of 16/10/39 from Mrs Devlin of St Laurence's Road complaining of flooding by surface water of her house and recommendations of the S.S. Office -r thereon.

Order :- Refer to Engineer to find if the recommendations are suitable and if so to have them carried out.

RATE COLLECTION

The Town Clerk read the report of the Rate Collection as on the 30th of September and pointed out that it was even worse than last year's.

Order :- Collector to be instructed to be more energetic in the matter of the Collection.

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Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
Chairman 7/11/39

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 7th of November 1939 pursuant to the following notice sent to each member on the 4th of November 1939.

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Town Hall, Wicklow . 4/11/39.

Dear Sir,

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

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 7th inst at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings of 3/x/39, 10/x/39 and 17/x/39.
2. To consider arrangements made re School Meals for 1939/40.
3. To consider application of the Holidays (Employees) Act 1939 to the Council's Employees and any suggestion re status and duties of Council's Employees that may arise.
4. To consider any tenders received for the erection of 34 Houses for Slum Clearance purposes and 10 for Normal needs as advertised
5. H O U S I N G including any matters arising re tenancies of the 120 Houses , reports on houses inspected and Department's letter of 8/7/39 re enforcing compliance with Orders & Undertakings.
6. Restoration of Public Lights and correspondence re same.
7. Correspondence.
8. Reports of officers and on Rate Collection.
9. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully

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

J. McGrath, T. Clerk

PRESENT :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding) , C.W. Hudson, A. Dunne, R. B. Haskins, Thos J. Doran, M. McMahon, E. Lalor, J. Olohan and J. Clarke .

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

Payments on the Proposal Sheets were examined and subsequently authorised as follows :-

General Account :- £2456 :6 :- (of which £ 2131 :15 :2 was for repayment of Loans)

Poor Rate Account:- £694 :6 :- (2nd Instal. Co.Council Demand)

Item 1.

Minutes of the said three Meetings were confirmed.

Item 2.

The Town Clerk reported that the School Meals Committee had met on the 25/x/39 and that the following attended :- Rev Fr. Doyle C.C., Miss Fitzsimmons, Miss Shaw, Mrs Painting, Miss Dowling, Mrs Duggan, Rev Bro. Gregory, Mrs McCall, and Messrs Matthew Olohan and John Olohan.

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The Committee had examined a list of 102 children from the Convent School and 59 from the Brothers School as compared with 74 and 61 last year and the Committee recommended the admission of 159 as compared with 114 last year. The C.M.O. H. had recommended the provision of utensils.

The Council approved of recommendations of the Committee and intimated

that if by reason of the increased prices for commodities and the increase in the number of children, the money provided for the Scheme was being exhausted, the Scheme would be terminated before usual date.

Mrs Mary Ryan wrote making application for increased weekly allowance for the use of her premises and for her services in connection with the Scheme by reason of the number of children.

Order :- To be adjourned for a month.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk submitted the following memorandum in connection with the

Act.
Scheme :-

" The following are Workers within the meaning of the Act :-

- (a) Town Clerk (b) Town Sergeant, S.S.O., Road Overseer & Shops Inspector
i.e. B.O'Toole (c) Waterworks Overseer (d) Town Agent & Rent Collector
(e) Roadmen & Scavengers

There may be some question about the original appointment of the Town Clerk whose employment was described in 1932 as part-time but having regard to the amount of work since accrued and the time devoted by him to it and his subsequent employment as Solicitor there appears little doubt but the present holder of positions of Town Clerk & Solicitor come within the meaning of this Act.

In this connection I would ask the Council for this and all other purposes to declare that by reason of the joint positions and the amount of work now involved, that I am engaged for at least the normal working hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on the Council's business and therefore whole-time ----subject to Departmental sanction. This may be a matter of importance in the near future by reason of the possibility of War Bonuses.

ORDER :- Required declaration approved of unanimously and hereby made .

The Memorandum proceeds :- "There is an element of doubt re the M.O. Health and Town Surveyor and Veterinary Inspector and Rate Collector by reason of the difficulty of ascertaining the amount of their time engaged on the business of the Council and their rate of remuneration accordingly.

The Act prescribes the minimum holidays that must be given and does not debar the Council from giving more nor does it interfere with the holidays an officer or Employee may be entitled to by reason of the terms of his appointment.

The Act may present some difficulty as to the employment of such officers as (1) Town Sergeant etc (B.O'Toole) and (2) Waterworks Overseer -r on Public Holidays i.e. Xmas Day, St. Stephen's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Whit Monday and 1st Monday in August . Emergencies may necessitate their working on those days or some other person in their places. If such emergencies arise on those holidays the requisite notice (14 days) cannot be given and therefore it would be necessary in such emergencies to employ substitutes for them on such days."

Order :- Abide the emergencies arising.

Item 4.

For the 34 Houses Tenders were received from (1) Messrs Hodgins & Waters (2) Joseph Rooney (3) Messrs W. O'Brien & Sons and for the 10 Houses Tenders were received from (1) Messrs Hodgins & Waters (2) Ennis Brothers (3) John Murphy (4) Joseph Rooney and (5) Messrs Wm. O'Brien & Sons .

(3)

The Town Surveyor was asked to examine the Tenders and report thereon to the Council. The Town Clerk stated that if they desired a rent of 4/2 and Rates (an inclusive Rent of 5/11) and have no loss to the rates in respect of the 34 houses they would require a tender for them in or about the figure of £1190. : that in respect of the 10 houses the Tender should be in or about £3910 to enable them to be let at 12/- and rates and to be clear of any burden to the latter .

The Town Surveyor took the tenders to an adjoining office and subsequently reported on the Tenders . As there appeared to be difficulties about the way some of the Tenders were submitted and also as there appeared to be a doubt as to whether the Council could safely accept any Tender or not , it was agreed to adjourn the consideration of the Tenders to an adjourned meeting to be held on Wednesday the 9th inst .

Item 5.

The Town Clerk & Solicitor reported that on the 1st November 1939 he had obtained at the Wicklow District Court a Decree against Patrick Courtenay for possession of No.1 Dunbur Road Cottages with a stay for a fortnight.

Order :-Noted: advertisement to issue for a tenant.

Letter from William Dunne of No. 6 Glenview Road asking for a transfer from his house to 2⁴ Kilmantin Road in view of the annoyance he was receiving from Mary Hollingsworth now in gaol.

Order :-As the house had been given away, the matter was adjourned.

Read letter from S. D. Conroy that he had made representations to the Dept. of Local Government re his right to remain on as tenant of the house .

Order :- Town Clerk & Law agent to proceed to secure rent from Ward (the tenant--still holding the key--or get clear possession.

Read letter from J. Kavanagh complaining of want of repairs to his house at St Laurence's Road.

Order : The necessary repairs to be done by the Engineer.

It was agreed to have a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on Tuesday the 14th inst to deal with the matter of the Department's letter of the 8/7/39 re undertakings & Orders concerning condemned houses.

Item 7 (Correspondence).

Letter H. 3046/16/39 of the 2nd November 1939 from the Department of L.G.& P.H. disapproving of the sites for the 10 Houses on the Murrough.

Order :- Chairman, Town Surveyor & Town Clerk to interview Department

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Letter (G.27741/2/39) of the 4th November 1939 from the Dept. of L.G. & P.H. dealing with increase on contract price of Coal supplied by the Gas Co. under contract.

Order :- Agree to pay the increase in respect of last 3 tons.
Letter S. of the 21st Oct. 1939 from the Dept. of L.G. & P.H. dealing with the proposed new sewer at Dunbur Road asking for particulars as to whether the proposal was an economic one from the point of view of the Council and stating that no grant would be available for it in respect of this financial year.

Order: adjourn to next financial year.

Circ. Letter (H.116/39) from the Department of Local Government & P.H. dated the 21st October 1939 dealing with allotments for the coming season.
Circ. Letter G. 836/35 of 28/10/39 dealing with allotments from the Department of Agriculture.

Order :- Advertise for applicants for next meeting.

Circ. Letter H. 118 /39 dealing with the repayment of money borrowed under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Read.

Letters of the 27th Oct. 1939 (Cp.14, 15 & 16) dealing with increase in the price of commodities on the Combined Purchasing List.

Read.

Circ. Letter (F.115/39) of the 23rd October 1939 dealing with the preparation of the 18th Register.

Read.

Letter of the 24th October 1939 from the National Agricultural & Industrial Development Association asking for support for the following :-
That in view of the already grave social conditions in this country now to be aggravated by war i.e. unemployment, disastrous emigration, harassed conditions, of agriculture, housing shortage, etc., this Association calls on the Government to reconsider their present financial policy anew.

We recommend also that this Resolution be sent to the Churches, public bodies, organisations of Labour and Capital, co-operative Societies and the governing bodies of learned and scientific institutions".

Order : Accept.

Letters from the Secretary of the Golf Club and from Francis Murphy asking that the Golf Club and a house at Strand Street be sent forward for Revision of Valuation.

Agreed.

Item . 6.

A long correspondence between the E.S. Board and Town Clerk as to the restoration of all the lights from the 18th November, the cowlings of same

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and the reduction to be allowed for lights not in operation was submitted and offered
The E.S.B. required £50 for the cowling / an ex gratia allowance of roughly 75% for the non-lighting hours .

It was agreed to have all lamps cowled , the Council later to decide if any of the cowled lamps might for the purpose of economy be dispensed with.

Item 8.

Reports from the Town Sergeant & S.S.O, the Veterinary Inspector and Waterworks Overseer were read. Also a Report on the Rent and Rate Collection. The Town Clerk stated that four of the tenants in arrear had been summoned for possession and had agreed with him to pay a certain rate per week until the arrears were cleared off and some of them were defaulting.

Order :- Town Clerk to proceed if agreements made by him with the Tenants were not carried out.

Item 9.

Ruled on .

The Council then adjourned the meeting until 8 p.m. on Wednesday the 9th inst to further consider the Housing Tenders,

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HOUSING 1939

TENDERS FOR FORTY-FOUR HOUSES

I have examined the Tenders received for the erection of 44 Houses and which were submitted to the Council on the 7th. November, 1939. I have endeavoured to ascertain the lowest Tender for the various types of buildings in each case and report as follows:

	10 Houses (Better-type)	34 Slum Clearance.	TOTAL	Cost of Bonds
1. Messrs Hodges & Waters Dublin.	£4797:19:6	£16,278:12:0	£21,076:11:6	£236:19:0

Conditions attached to this tender stated that an increase or reduction in the cost of material amounting to 5%, would entail a corresponding increase or reduction in the amount of the Contract. Also that the Council must pay any agreed increase in wages over 5% current in the District. Personal Sureties were offered as well as an Insurance Company for the Bond.

2. Wm. O'Brien & Sons, BRAY.	£4870: 0:0	£14557: 0:0	£19427:0:0	£198:0:0
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Conditions attached to this Tender stated that it was submitted at current prices of MATERIALS and that any increase would be an extra. No mention is made regarding wages. Personal Sureties not named but an Insurance Co., is offered for the Bond.

3. Joseph Rooney, Dublin.	£5040:14:0	£16047:2:11	£21087:16:11	£292:10:0
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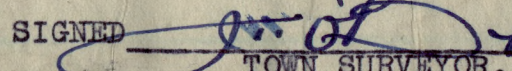
This tender is incorrectly submitted on Tender Forms: the figures I have shown here, however, appear to represent the totals. Conditions are also attached relative to Materials and Wages similar to Contractor No. 1. above. Personal Sureties are offered, and an Insurance Co., for the Bond.

4. Ennis Bros., Mullingar.	£4807:10:0	No tender	-	£50: 0:0
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The cross totals of this Tender are incorrect. No conditions as to materials or labour are attached. No personal sureties are given, but an Insurance Company's is offered. If the items are correctly added the amount is £24787:10:0, but on a separate sheet attached to Tender it is indicated that rock excavation is 20/- per cub.yard. It is not possible to say definitely what this Tender is in fact. I suggest that the figure of £4807:10:0 must be taken.

5. John Murphy, Wicklow.	£4855	No Tender	-	Nil
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The tender is submitted irregularly: it sets out a figure "for each house"; and multiplying by 10 the sum of £4855 is reached: The paragraph No.6 is not completed Personal Sureties are offered but no mention is made of a Bond.

11th. Nov. 1939. SIGNED  TOWN SURVEYOR.

Minutes of adjourned Monthly (November) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Wednesday the 8th of November 1939 at 8 p.m.

Present :- Councillors C.W. Hudson (Presiding), E. Lalor, J. Olohan, T.J. Doran and J. Clarke.

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

After a lengthy examination of the Tenders ^{for 44 Houses} and the financial consequences of accepting the same it was PROPOSED by Councillor E. Lalor, SECONDED by Councillor J. Olohan and passed :-

"That in view of the small attendance of Councillors the meeting be further adjourned until 7.30 p.m. on Friday the 10th November 1939 and that this Meeting resolve itself into Committee"

After further discussion in Committee the following recommendations were unanimously made for the Council Meeting to be held on the 10th November 1939 :-

"That we recommend that the 34 houses as advertised be built at the lowest tender provided that the rents of all the houses built by the Council since 1933 be increased so as to ~~provide~~ relieve the Rates of any further burden those houses would entail and so as to provide fair and equitable rents for all.

That we also recommend that the Scheme of 10 houses for Normal Needs be proceeded with on the basis of the lowest tender."

The Committee continued their discussions until 10.45 p.m.

Certified a True Copy.

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Sverett
CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of further adjourned Monthly (November) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held at 7.30 p.m. on Friday the 10th of November 1939 the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 9th of November 1939.

Dear Sir,

The November 1939 adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held at 8 p.m. on the 8th inst., the following Councillors attending :- C.W. Hudson (Presiding), E. Lalor, J. Olohan, T. J. Doran and J. Clarke. Every aspect of the proposed Housing Schemes and the Tenders for same were considered and by reason of the small attendance for such important business it was agreed to further adjourn the Meeting until 7.30 p.m. on Friday the 10th inst the Councillors attending making the following recommendations :-

"That we recommend that the 34 houses as advertised be built at the lowest tender provided that the rents of all the houses built by the Council since 1933 be increased so as to relieve the rates of the further burden those houses would entail and so as to provide fair and equitable ~~rents~~ rents for all.

That we also recommend that the Scheme of 10 houses for Normal -1 needs be proceeded with on the basis of the lowest tender".

You are requested to attend this IMPORTANT adjourned Meeting

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath, T. Clerk

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

Present :- Councillors W. O'Grady (Presiding), D. H. Haskins, J. Clarke,

E. Lalor, J. Olohan, A. Dunne, R. B. Haskins, M. McMahon, C. W. Hudson
Also present J.T.O'Byrne Esq. B.E. T. Surveyor.
and T. J. Doran. ^{34 Houses}
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The Town Clerk pointed out that on the basis of the lowest Tender (£14459 net) the rent only would be 6/10 per week. and that if even Poor Rates were to be added at the present figure the addition because of Poor Rates would be 9d per week or a total of 7/7. He also indicated the loss to the rates on the Schemes since 1933 viz (1) on 10 House Scheme 1d in the £. (2) 120 House Scheme --1/2 in the £ and (3) the 28 House Scheme 7d in the £. --that is taking that they should pay Poor Rates only and taking the Rents as fixed. Finally he pointed out that if the Rates were to bear 6d in the £ because of the proposed scheme they could be let at a Rent and Poor Rate of 5/9 per week.--the produce of 1d in the £ on the rates being taken to be £27.

After lengthy discussion it was

PROPOSED by Councillor E. Lalor and Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke :-

That the Council accept the Tender of William O'Brien of Bray at the figure of £14557 subject to his withdrawal of his appended clause re extras because of increase in prices of materials, the Scheme to be proceeded with on the basis of an inclusive rent of 5/10 and that the loss to the rates (if any) on the scheme be apportioned on the rents of the 148 Houses --the acceptance to be subject to sanction.

1st Amendment.

PROPOSED as an amendment by Councillor D. H. Haskins and SECONDED (for the sake of putting the amendment before the meeting) by Councillor E. Lalor :-

That no building be proceeded with until after the war .

2nd Amendment.

PROPOSED as a further amendment by Councillor M. McMahon and SECONDED by Councillor A. Dunne :-

That the Contract be proceeded with at the lowest Tender subject to the withdrawal of the Clause re extras the prospective rents to be 5/6 per week and that no addition be added to existing rents and that extra costs (if any) be put on the rates .

There voted for the 1st amendment only Councillor D. H. Haskins and the Chairman declared same to be lost.

There following voted for the second amendment :- Councillors M. McMahon, A. Dunne and D. H. Haskins (3) and against Councillors E. Lalor, J. Clarke, T. J. Doran, C. W. Hudson, R.B.Haskins, A.Dunne, ~~W.O'Grady~~ (6) whereupon the Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The Resolution was then put and there voted for it Councillors E. Lalor, J. Clarke, T.J. Doran, C.W.Hudson, A. Dunne, R. B. Haskins, W. O'Grady and the resolution was declared by the Chairman to be passed Councillors D. H. Haskins and M. McMahon dissenting.

~~Text~~ 10 HOUSES for Normal Needs .
Tenders were then examined from Messrs Hodgins & Waters, J. Murphy, Ennis Brothers, J. Rooney, and William O'Brien.

The Town Clerk intimated on the basis of the lowest possible tender before the Meeting, that of Ennis Brothers, (viz £4720) the lowest Rent the houses could be let at without loss to the rates would be 13/9 and Rates.

The Tender of Ennis Brothers was ruled out of order as from the way it was presented it was not possible to ascertain the price at which he tendered for the houses. A doubt was also expressed about the propriety of the tender of J. Murphy.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor T.J. Doran and Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan

That the Tender of Wm. O'Brien at £4870 be accepted subject to his withdrawal of his clause re extras and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government & P. Health.

As an AMENDMENT it was PROPOSED by Councillor E. Lalor, Seconded by Councillor C.W.Hudson :- "That the tender of Messrs Hodgins & Waters at £4797 :19:6 be accepted subject to sanction and subject to their waving clauses in their letter attached to their Tender "

There voted for the amendment Councillors Lalor, Hudson and McMahon and against Councillors Clarke, Dunne, Olohan and Doran (3 to 4 against) --other Councillors having left at this stage.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The Resolution was then put and there voted for it Councillors, J. Clarke, T. J. Doran, A. Dunne and J. Olohan and against the Councillors voting for the amendment, whereupon the Chairman declared the Resolution passed.

The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with Wm .O'Brien and inform him of the Council's provisional acceptance of both his tenders and also to forward all tenders to the Department of Local Government & P. Health.

The Council requested the Chairman (J. Everett T.D.) the Town Surveyor and the Town Clerk to wait on the Head of the Housing Section of the Department of Local Government & Public Health to endeavour to obtain their approval of the sites of the 10 Houses on the "urrough, notwithstanding their letter ~~the~~ of the 2nd November 1939 (H.3046/16/1939. X

It was 11 p.m. when the Council concluded the above business.

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
Chairman

Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held (pursuant) to Requisition) on Tuesday the 21st November 1939 at 7.30 p.m. to consider letter received from Messrs Wm. O'Brien & Sons Contractors Bray in connection with the Council's provisional acceptance of their Tenders for 44 Houses.

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

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

The Chairman reported that on that morning the Town Clerk reported to him that he had received a telegram that his brother was dangerously ill and that he had to travel to Tipperary in the circumstances, and might not return to duty for some days.

Mr B. Kavanagh attended and stated that he had been asked by the Town Clerk to put certain figures before the Meeting.

The Council adjourned the Meeting until 28/11/39 when it was hoped that the Town Clerk would have returned.

Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed.

James Swirett
Chairman.

Minutes of adjourned Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 28th November 1939 at 7.30 p.m. (adjourned from the 21/11/39).

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

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

Owing to the small attendance of Councillors, it was agreed to adjourn the business in connection with the Housing Contract to the monthly Meeting to be held on the 5th December 1939.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received surrender of the tenancy of 49 Glenview Road and that Mrs Hanlon and William Dunne had applied for transfers to it because of the annoyance they suffered from Mary Hollingsworth a neighbouring tenant.

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a claim from Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd Contractors for the 120 Houses for £3,075:7:2 which he claimed as extras on the Contract. and that he had consulted the Engineer thereon who stated that he could not certify for any of the items. The Town Clerk also reported that the claim of the Contractors re additional allowance under the Conditions of Employment Act for Joinery work at Ashtown was not yet settled and he proposed asking the Contractors for a Statutory Declaration on same.

Order : Contractors to be informed that the Council deny all liability for the extras and to be asked to furnish a Statutory Declaration and a withdrawal of all further claims before final amount paid them as per Engineer's Certificate.

Certified a True Copy

T. Clerk

Confirmed

James Swirett
CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 5th of December 1939 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each member on the 1st of December 1939

1st December 1939

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th inst at 7 o'clock p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th inst at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings of 7/11/39, 8/11/39, 10/11/39, 21/11/39 and 28/11/39.
2. HOUSING including
 - (a) Further consideration of Tenders for new Housing Scheme and letter from the Contractor provisionally accepted.
 - (b) Reports of inspection of Houses.
 - (c) Tenancy of vacant house at 49 Glenview Road
3. To make provision for Allotment Scheme for 1940 and to consider the number of applications received.
4. Restoration of Public Lighting and any reduction to be made in the existing lighting system.
5. Relief of Unemployment Scheme (Grant £1465 & Local Contribution £200).
6. Correspondence
7. Reports of officers (8) Free Milk applications

To fix a date for the Xmas Fowl Market

You are requested to attend said Meetings and also a Meeting of the Finance & G. Purposes Committee at 12 noon on the 1st December 1939 to make preliminary arrangements for Relief Scheme.

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C. Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors W. O'Grady (Presiding), D.H. Haskins, C.W. Hudson, A. Dunne, J. Clarke, J. Olohan and R.B. Haskins.

Payments proposed on the General Account were examined and authorised up to the sum of £434 :13:- including payment to Dividend Fund Account to pay Dividends on 1st of January amounting to £217 :8: 2

The fixing of dates for Xmas Fowl Market and monthly Fair being a matter of urgency, it was unanimously agreed that the Fowl Market Monthly Fair and Horse Fair be held on Monday the 18th December 1939 and that same be advertised in the Daily Papers on the 7th and 14th inst and Wicklow People on the 9th and 16th inst and that 100 Posters be obtained and circulated immediately.

Proposed by Councillor D.H. Haskins Seconded by Councillor J. Olohan That a vote of sympathy from the Council be conveyed to Mr McGrath, Town Clerk on the death of his brother, E. McGrath.
Passed in Silence.

The Meeting was then adjourned until Friday the 8th of December 1939 at 7.30 p.m.

Certified a True Copy

James Everett

Confirmed

Minutes of Adjourned (Monthly --December) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday the 8th of December 1939 at 7.30 p.m. pursuant to adjournment on the 5th December 1939.

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

Adjourned item No. 1.

Minutes Confirmed.

Adjourned Item No. 2.

(a) After prolonged discussion and after interviewing Mr Wm. O'Brien and discussing with him the terms of his letter of the 15/11/39 it was PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan, SECONDED by Councillor W. O'Grady and passed unanimously

That the Council adhere to their acceptance of the tenders of Messrs Wm. O'Brien & Sons Contractors Bray for the erection of 34 Slum Clearance Houses and 10 Normal Houses at the figures of £14557 and £4870 respectively with appropriate figures for F.G. Bond in each case subject to, from two months from the signing of the contract (and for no longer), his being allowed any increase in the price of materials over 5% and subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government & P. Health.

(b). A report dated the 8th December from the Town Surveyor on his inspection of a house at High Street owned by A. Dunne and occupied by C. Dunne in which inter alia he reported on the necessity of certain immediate repairs and stated that said repairs could not be carried out while the tenant was in possession was read - A. Dunne consenting verbally to do the repairs.

Order :- The House No. 49 Glenview Road to be allotted to Christopher Dunne on receipt of an undertaking from A. Dunne to carry out the repairs specified by the Engineer and to his satisfaction.

Adj. Item. 3.
The Town Clerk reported that 112 applications for allotments

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had been received as compared with 69 last year. and that as a result additional land would be required this year.

Committee to meet and inspect any available land and if possible to provide plots for the employed labourers at 5/- each.: other plots to be let at 1/- as heretofore.

Adjnd. Item No. 4.

Correspondence on this was read and adjourned --Councillors to consider in the meantime, what if any lamps might be dispensed with.

Adjnd. Item. 5.

The Town Clerk reported that this scheme was in progress and that pursuant to recommendation of the Committee (Councillors J.Everett, C.W.Hudson and J. Olohan) which met on the ~~2/8~~ 2/12/39 the Insurance had been placed with the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation --it being their turn and all quotations being the same.

Adjnd. Item 6.

The following letters from the Department of Local Government & P.Health were read and orders made as shown :-

H.27454/3/39 of 16/11/39 dealing with the lettings of the 120 houses and asking to have certificates amended to date showing the lettings to tenants of houses occupied by Messrs Ward, Bell and McCormack.--also Town Clerk's letter in reply of the 1/12/39 .

Read.

Letter G. 2583/11/39 of 10/11/39 sanctioning overdraft of £1400 up to the 15/12/39 and asking for a report showing the adequacy of the rate made for the financial year.

Report to be furnished

Letters H.30,321/39 and H.30321/2/39 of the 15/11/39 and 24/11/39 refusing to sanction any increase over 6d in the £ to B. Kavanagh as Town Agent and Rent Collector.

Order :- The Department to be asked to re-consider in all the circumstances and to sanction the increases.

H. 5,263/8/39 of 6/11/39 asking for a refund of 11/6 overpaid on allotment

Order :-To be refunded

H. 3046/10/39 of the 27th November 1939 inquiring if the Sewerage Works on Territ land were being proceeded with and if not why the delay.

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Order :- Town Clerk's reply of the 1/12/39 approved of : scheme will now proceed when Housing settled.

Letter M.C. 17798/39 of 16/11/39 inquiring for the number of vaccination Defaulters and of the steps being taken in connection with same .

Order : Information to be supplied.

Letter P.H. 26546/39 of 16/11/39 stating that the Council should be guided by the advice of their Solicitor on the question of the effect of the enforcement of the Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order '39 as to the Contract for Public Lighting.

Read.

Letter T1/371/39 from the Department of Agriculture dated the 30th of November 1939 stating that from the particulars furnished by the Town Clerk the Cultivation of Land Order would not affect the Council's land.

Noted.

Letter F. 62/5/39 of 7/12/39 from the Department of Finance forwarding Valuation Office's Certificate re allowance in respect of Harbour Charges for the year ending 1939 (£256 : 8: 1) and also a draft for £153 : 16: 10 in account.

Read.

Letter of the 21st of November 1939 from Mr A. Cullen Solicitor on behalf of Miss Bradford of Friars' Hill undertaking that she would not let the premises (being subject with others to the provisions of The Wicklow Urban (Friars Hill) Clearance Order 1937 during her life and that on her death the premises would be liable to the provisions of the Order and that he agreed to have the summonses "Nilled" each party to bear their own costs.

Agreed.

Letters were read from C. Dunne, Thos. Kelly, Kate Hanlon, Sarah Brien for the vacant house at 49 Glenview Road.
See order under item No. 2 above).

Adjnd item No. 7.

Reports read from S.S.O., Rent Collector, Veterinary Inspector and Waterworks Overseer.

Order :- Notices to be published asking all Milk Vendors to be registered.

Adjnd.item No. 8.

Ruled on .

It was ordered that the C.M.O.H. & Town Surveyor be asked to inspect and report on House occupied by Wm. Sutton at Summer Hill.
Certified a True Copy *James W. Smith* Confirmed

Minutes of Monthly (January) Meeting ~~held~~ of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 2nd of January 1940 pursuant to the following Notice sent to each Member on the 29th of December 1939.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of January 1940 at 7 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of January 1940 at 7.30 p.m. to deal with the following :-

1. To confirm Minutes of Meetings held on 5/12/39 & 8/12/39.
2. To consider report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee which met on the 14/12/39 including their recommendation to offer Mr S.V. Delahunt £30 for his interest in the field at Dunbur Road required for Allotments.
3. HOUSING including (a) Consideration of Reports of Inspections of unhealthy houses (b) letting of any vacant houses and (c) letter from the Department of Local Government in connection with the new Schemes of Houses and reply (if any) from the Contractor.
4. To consider tenders for Ploughing additional land required for allotments, tenders (if any) for farmyard manure and any other matters that may arise in connection with the Allotments Scheme.
5. Correspondence.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meetings.

Yours faithfully

To :- Each Member, Wicklow U.D. Council. J. McGrath, Town Clerk.

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

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

Proposals for payment on the General Account were examined and were subsequently authorised up to the amount of £183 :3 :4

Item .1.

Minutes confirmed.

Item 2.

Report as on following page was read and confirmed. The Town Clerk was authorised to negotiate further with Mr Delahunt up to a limit of £40 for his interest in the field at Dunbur Road.

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson SECONDED by Councillor A. Dunne and passed unanimously :-

That we empower the Town Clerk to take up the field from Mr S.V. Delahunt at not greater than £40 subject to Departmental sanction and to recoupment from the Department and that Mr Robert Conway be required to pay £10 for his building site on the frontage of the said field together with ground rent and that the other plot on the front be charged for at the same rate and that subject to same the Report (following) be adopted.

(2)

Report of Committee Meeting held on the 14th December 1939 pursuant to Notice sent to each member.

Present :- Councillors W. O'Grady (Presiding), J. O'Connor, J. Clarke, J. Olohan, A. Dunne, C. W. Hudson.

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

On consideration of the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.27454/3/39 of 16th ~~November~~ December November 1939) dealing with the proposal to let the house at 23 Kilmartin Road to Seumas D. Conroy and permitting only 33% subsidy in case of such a letting, it was recommended to offer the house to S. D. Conroy @ 8/- per week provided he paid off the arrears of £4 :6 :8 at a rate of not less than 2/- per week in addition.

It was recommended to take up for additional land for allotments the ground held by M. Manning on the 11 months letting at Ballynerrin and the field at Dunbur Road held from Mr S. V. Delahunt on a yearly tenancy from the Council at £7 :10 :- per annum and to offer Mr Delahunt £30 for his interest in the field and to take it up from the 1st January 1940 and to use it for allotments subject to the plot leased to Mr Conway --the latter to pay £10 for his plot in addition to the head Rent reserved.

The fields were inspected by the Committee and were approved.

J. Everett
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Item 3.

(a) The Town Clerk referred to the reports which he had and which were already before the Council in connection with the house occupied by the McCarthy family at Bath Street and pointed out that some steps should be taken in the matter with a view to transferring the Tenant or otherwise.

The Council were of opinion that the Tenant was in a position to make provision for his own living accommodation

(b) Applications were received for tenancy of No.10 St Laurence's Road which it was stated ~~xx~~ was about to be vacated by Andrew Dunne as follows :-

(1) From John Carolan of No.7 Monkton Row (2) Patrick O'Connor for a transfer to it from 26 Glenview Road and (3) Mrs Mary Dunne of 6 Bond St Wicklow. The Town Clerk also called the Council's attention to the several applications for a house from Mrs Windross.

Proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor E.Lalor and passed unanimously :-

That John Carolan be given the house when vacant and that the Owner (Henry Hamilton) of Carolan's present house be informed that he was not to re-let the house until it was repaired to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor and in pursuance of the Owner's written undertaking.

(c) Letter (H.3046/22/1939) dated the 22nd December 1939 from the Department of Local Government & P.H. dealing with the Housing Schemes being promoted making certain inquiries and inquiring if the Council are now of opinion that a Rent of, say, 16/10 per week would be obtainable for each of the 10 houses proposed for normal needs

Order :- Town Clerk to reply and to state that the Council are satisfied that they will let the 10 houses at 16/10 per week and more particularly so if a Purchase Scheme were made applicable to the houses.

A letter dated the 2nd of January 1940 was handed in by Mr Wm.O'Brien of Bray the Contractor provisionally accepted for the 34 & 10 houses proposed to be built in which he pointed out that he had ascertained that he could get now the ~~xxxxxx~~ substantial items of the materials required for the houses and indicated the increase in the price of such since the date of his tenders. The matter was discussed fully by the Council and Mr O'Brien was then called in and questioned and heard and he was again asked to retire.

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Finally after a long discussion and after Councillors R.E.Haskins and C. W. Hudson had left (because of the late hour), it was PROPOSED by Councillor E. Lalor SECONDED by Councillor J. Olohan and passed unanimously :-

That we accept Messrs O'Brien & Sons Tenders for 34 Houses and 10 Houses at £14,557 and £4870 respectively with appropriate amounts for cost of Bonds subject to the 5% War Clause from date of Tenders on increase in prices of materials up to but not beyond 2 months from the signing of the Contract provided always that the maximum increases to be allowed for in the matter of flooring, timber and Reinforcing bars be only ~~PROVIDED ALWAYS~~ ~~that xxxxx~~ as stated in Messrs O'Brien's Letter of the 2nd of January 1940. +

Mr O'Brien was informed then of the terms of the resolution and stated he would not be able to give a reply until the following morning and undertook to telephone the Town Clerk at 11 a.m. on the following morning as to his decision.

Item 4.

Tenders were received for ploughing the fields as follows :-

From John Vickers of Ballyguile for Ploughing the field and part of a field at Ballynerrin for £5 :10:-

From Wm Kavanagh of Dunbur for ploughing the field at Dunbur Road ~~xxx2x~~ for £4:10 :-

Both Tenders were accepted. No tenders were received for Manure.

Item 5.

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

Letter G.2583/12/39 of the 22nd December 1939 sanctioning overdraft up to 15th January 1940 to an amount not exceeding £1680.

Read

H. 30321/3/39 of the 20th December 1939 stating in reply to Town Clerk's letter of the 14th idem that the matter of increase in the poundage to the Rent Collector will be reconsidered in three months in the light of any improvement in the state of the Rent Collection.

~~Circ.Letter No.105/39~~ Read.

Circ.Letter No.105/39 of the 22/12/39 dealing with pay of local officers and -d employees called out on permanent service with the Forces.

Noted.

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Letter S. 295/19/39 of the 8th December 1939 dealing with the proposals for reconstructing the promenade opposite the old Boathouse, calling attention to the necessity for making provision for after-maintenance and inquiring if any contributions had been sought from ~~local~~ property owners in the vicinity.

Adjourn

P.H.Circ.131/39 of the 20th December 1939 notifying the appointment of Bacteriological Examiners under the Milk & Dairies Act 1935 to the 31/12/40.

Noted.

Letter from the Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch) enclosing tracing of parcel of land on the Foreshore between the two Piers which they would propose to lease to the Council and inquiring the purpose the Council would put the land to.

Adjourn

Letter from the Municipal Authorities Association of the 31/12/40 forwarding for consideration of the Council copies of the following Resolution :-

That we

Request the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Finance to abolish the sums payable to Commissioners of Public Works on account of all old loans, as the Minister for Finance stated that the sum of £600,000 paid to the British Government under this head has been written off and it is no longer payable, and therefore, each Local Authority should be relieved of payment "

Resolution adopted.

Letter from Messrs E. & W. Dempsey Ltd dated the 30/12/39 transmitting completed Statutory Declaration re their claim under the Conditions of Employment Act 1936 and stating that they would not withdraw their claim for extra -s.

Adjourn.

Letter dated the 1/1/40 from John Leonard of Summer Hill Wicklow asking that a light be provided near his house at Cooper's Lane.

Adjourn

Letter dated the 2nd of January 1940 from Patrick Quinn of No 8 St Laurence's Road complaining of a leaking boiler in his house held from the Council. Refer to Engineer to have attended to at an early date

The Town Clerk reported that during Christmas week total payments for works in progress amounted to £613:1:4 of which £204:11:6 was for wages and that there were 138 additional men employed by the Council and paid that week.

The Council's Law Agent reported result of proceedings against Thomas Kelly, W. Canavan Sr., W. Canavan Jr., and Daniel Hall
Daniel

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at the Wicklow District Court on the 26th December 1939 when he obtained orders for possession against all with stays of execution.

No Order.

The Town Clerk & Law Agent explained the efforts made to settle the summons -es for possession against Wm. Doyle, Kate Bradford and Patrick Byrne arising out of the Wicklow Urban (Friars Hill) Clearance Order 1937 and stated that the only person that had settled on the lines laid down by the Council was Miss Bradford. he also stated that the cases would be dealt with by the District Justice on the 3rd January 1940.

No Order

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Item 6.

Reports were read from the Town Sergeant and Waterworks Overseer and Rent Collector.

Item 7.

Ruled on.

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Councillor A. Dunne the Council thanked the ladies Committee for Christmas treat they had given to the Poor children of the town on that evening and on the suggestion of Councillor J. Olohan the Ladies Committee in charge of the Council's Scheme of School Meals were also thanked for their attendance at daily School Meals and their interest in the Scheme.

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Certified a True Copy

Town Clerk

Confirmed

James Everett
Chairman.