

Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (AUGUST) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 10th of August 1943 pursuant to Order and to Notice sent to each member on the 31st of July 1943.

PRESENT :- Councillors J. O'Lochan (Presiding), M. McMahon, J. Clarke & J. O'Connor
Also Present :- J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor
Adjourned Item (1) - Minutes.

The Minutes of Meetings held on the 6th and 20th of July 1943 were confirmed.

Adjourned Item (2) -- Manager's Orders .

The Manager's Order Book was produced for inspection by the members

Adjourned Item (3) -- Fuel Schemes.

Reference was made to the decision of the Council at the meeting on the 20th of July 1943 to continue the Scheme and to the direction given to the Town Clerk to make inquiries as to any suitable accommodation that Miss Darcy might have on the South Quay for storage of Turf .

The Town Clerk read a letter dated the 27th July 1943 in which he conveyed to the Manager his views on the premises available by Miss Darcy following an inspection made by him and the Town Sergeant on the 26th of July 1943 from which it appeared that none of the premises were suitable .

PROPOSED by Councillor M. McMahon , SECONDED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor and passed :-

"That a Loan ~~max~~ of £400 be applied for to repair and reconstruct the Quarantine Hill premises so as to make them available for Fuel storage -- meantime 100 tons of Turf be stored in existing Fuel Yard at North Quay and monthly tenancy of same to be arranged " .

It was recommended that the Council get as a first instalment 50 tons of Turf from South Wicklow and that the County Surveyor be asked to have stacked in convenient depots on the bog at Sally Gap Turf which the Council will require up to an amount of approximately 400 tons.

It appeared from figures quoted by Mr O'Byrne Town Surveyor that the South Wicklow Turf would cost 56/- per ton delivered in Wicklow and that the Sally Gap Turf , when dry and available , would cost 49/6 per ton delivered in Wicklow . The Town Clerk pointed out that when the Council had previously bought Turf from the County Council at 48/6 per ton delivered in Wicklow , the Wicklow U.D.C. lost money on retailing same at the control price.

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Adjourned Item 4 : Arrears of Rates
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The Town Clerk now reported that the figures of last year's Warrants had now been reconciled as follows :-

	POOR RATE	Warrant for 1942/43
Lodged	£3405 : 18 : 4	£4256 : 3 : 6
Discounts	15 : 9 : 9	
Collectable Arrears	711 : 13 : -	
Irrecoverable Arrears	123 : 2 : 5	
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		4256 : 3 : 6
	TOWN RATE	Warrant for 1942/43
Lodged	£3486 £3846 : 8 : 1	£5025 : 11 : 3
Discounts	20 : 5 : 1	
Collectable Arrears	1002 : 12 : 4	
Irrecoverable Arrears	156 : 5 : 9	
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		5025 : 11 : 3

The Council recommended that the arrears Lists be ruled accordingly and referred again to the resolution passed by them at the meeting held on the 20th of July 1943.

An application from the Collector for payment of the balance of Poundage and payment or recoupment to him for stamps on receipts was referred to ~~xxxx~~ The Manager.

Adjourned Item 5. (Housing)

An application from William Hunter that he be declared tenant of the house of which his grandmother (Mary Mullins , now deceased) was tenant of and which is numbered 26 St Laurence's Road . It appeared that William Hunter always resided with Mary Mullins and went with her into the Council's house from the condemned house in Pond Street

It was unanimously recommended that William Hunter be declared the Tenant of the house.

A complaint from Mrs O'Reilly of No. 5 ~~St Laurence's~~ ^{Kilmantin} Road about the annoyance caused her by Mrs Kelly and her children of No. 6 of same Road was read . Councillors referred to verbal complaints that they had in confirmation of same and to the condition in which Mrs Kelly kept the house.

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It was unanimously recommended that Mrs Kelly be given Notice to Quit and that she be given the option of the vacant house at Glenview Road provided that she cleared all rent against her in respect of existing house.

Adjourned Item -6 (Correspondence)

Letter G.131/11/43 of the 4th of August 1943 from the Department of Local Government in reply to the Town Clerk's letter of the 8th of July 1943 sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £3,500 up to the 3rd of August 1943

The Town Clerk explained that the present overdraft accommodation was £2968 :17:4 and that there was an amount payable at the moment that would make the requirements up to the 15th of August 1943 (when income from the present rate might be counted on) to be £3500.

PROPOSED by Councillor Ml. McMahon, SECONDED by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :-

That application be made for renewal of authority for overdraft on General Revenue Account up to a limit of £3500 up to the 15th of August and that thereafter the Town Clerk to arrange until the September monthly meeting such reduced overdraft as may be required.

Letter (P.H.Circ 100/43) of the 4th of August 1943 from the Department of Local Government stating that the amount of Grant for Free Milk would be the same as in 1942/43 and that advertisements might now be inserted for supplies from the 1st of October 1943

To be complied with

Circ. G.25747/42 of the 5th of August 1943 dealing with return in connection with the Free Fuel Scheme

Refer to The Manager and Town Clerk

Town Clerk's report dated the 10th of June 1943 on the operation of the School Meals Scheme for the 1942/43 Season

Report considered satisfactory and the thanks of the Council to be conveyed to the Ladies Committee supervising the distribution of the Meals

Adjourned Item 7 --Reports of Officers

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

~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ In connection with that part of the Town Sergeant's Report dealing with the outbreak of fire at Mrs Magee's premises Main Street on the night of the 31st of July 1943 it was recommended that the Town Surveyor be asked to examine the possibility of improving the method of giving alarm for fire outbreaks.

The Overseer's (Waterworks) report was referred to The Manager.

It was recommended that the Furze be cleared off the Murrough and that same be ploughed.

Confirmed
.....CHAIRMAN

Minutes of Monthly (September) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 7th of September 1943 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 3rd of September 1943:-

Dear Sir, The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 7th inst at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 10th of August 1943
2. Business transacted since the 10th of August 1943 as per Manager's Order Book
3. FUEL SCHEMES and steps taken to meet requirements.
4. HOUSING including any matters arising in connection with letting of houses, inspection of Houses and condemnation of Houses
5. Schemes of work designed to meet large scale unemployment.
6. Reports of Officers and on Rate Collection.
7. Correspondence
8. Free Milk applications

You are requested to attend said Meeting
Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U. D. C.
& County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), J. Everett T.D., C.W.
Hudson, J. O'Connor and J. D. Haughton.

Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Manager

The Town Surveyor wrote that by reason of having a bad leg he was unable to attend the meeting.

Item. 1.

Minutes of Meeting held on the 10/8/43 were read and confirmed.

Item. 2.

The Orders of the County Manager were produced for inspection.

Item. 3.

The Town Clerk gave particulars of Receipts and Expenditure on Turf for Fuel Scheme for those paying the controlled price which showed that since July 1941 to 30th June 1943 there was a loss of £56 ; 12 : 2 on sales without making any provision for remuneration to officers. He intimated that there would be, he expected, still a bigger loss on Timber ~~xxxxxx~~ but that he was unable to reach final figures because he was waiting for Account from the Forestry Department. He stated that he had ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ requested the Co. Surveyor to make provision for Wicklow's needs by stacking Turf in some convenient centres either on the bog or elsewhere.: that he had arranged to keep the yard on North Quay on a monthly tenancy at £2 : 10:- per month and had taken in there about 60 tons of Turf for the Free Fuel Scheme. He read the Town Surveyor's Estimate for putting yard at Quarantine Hill in a suitable condition for storing Turf --a total of £455.

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It was recommended :-

- (a) That in accordance with the suggestions of the Town Clerk the County Council be asked to arrange to supply Turf this year at a price that would permit the Urban Council to sell without loss to rates and to recoup past losses.
- (b) That ~~By~~ Councillor Everett T.D. and Town Clerk interview the Department of Forestry concerning the account for Timber.
- (c) That the arrangement for storing turf be approved of pending further arrangements
- (d) that the estimate of the Town Surveyor be referred back to him with a request that it be re-examined with a view to reduction of same.

Item 4.

Questions were asked concerning the vacant house at Glenview Road which had been provisionally allotted to Mary Brien of Strand St and the Town Clerk read letters which he had written to the Department of L.G. & P. H. on the matter and which were still unanswered. He also read applications of Mrs Hodgkinson and William Corcoran looking for the house.

Inquiries were made concerning the improvement Scheme that the Council had ordered for the six brick houses on The Murrrough and the Town Clerk read letter from the Department of the 17th of August last returning and approving of the specification.

~~Further~~ Inquiries were also made about the increase of rents to the tenants ~~because~~ because of the addition of rates.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, Seconded by Councillor Haughton

That the Council obtain a Loan of £700 to meet the costs of the Scheme of improvement of the Six Houses and that the work be advertised for contract.

Councillor J. Everett T. D. handed in the following Notice with regard to the Rents (The Manager and Town Clerk pointing out that the proposed course would have to be subject to sanction of the Department of Local Government & P. Health):-

I beg to give notice at next monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council I or some member on my behalf will move that owing to the increase of rates in the Cottages or Housing of the Working Classes that the Rents of these cottages be reduced to meet the increase costs in Rates.

James Everett

J. Olohan 7/9/43.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk ~~read~~ read letter dated the 13th of August 1943 from the Wicklow Co. Manager enclosing schedules of works arranged over the County including those arranged by the Wicklow U. D. C. to provide for conditions that might arise because of widespread unemployment and in which he

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invited the Council to add thereto such further works as might be deemed useful and desirable.

It was decided to include the removal of the surface watercourse from Kilmantin Hill either by diverting same into a sewer or otherwise. Inquiries being made concerning the Scheme of works prepared for this year's unemployment Scheme and the Town Clerk stated that the Scheme was forwarded to the Department in June 1943 and that ~~£22~~ £100 had been provided as a local contribution (the scheme embracing the concreting of Wentworth Place and renewing the Watermain there and the finishing of the road to meet Coopers Lane and Summer Hill from the Black Castle) and that so far he had no acknowledgment or sanction.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to the Department to ascertain if the works were approved of so that the Council might make some preliminary arrangements

Arising out of the necessity of works of improvement on roads an order was made that the Town Surveyor be asked to furnish a report ~~and~~ and estimate of the cost of (1) removing the flow of ~~the~~ sewerwater from along the channel at Kilmantin Hill and (2) concreting the paths at New Street --those works to be then sent up as supplementary to the Scheme of works forwarded in June last to be included if possible under this year's Relief Scheme.

Item 6.

Reports were received from the Waterworks overseer, Town Sergeant, Rent Collector and Veterinary Inspector.

Arising out of the report of the Waterworks overseer ~~the~~ Town Clerk was directed to make inquiries as to when the water was turned off from the houses at Ballynerrin and the Town Surveyor was directed to make inquiries and report re the water flowing across South Quay from Darcy's yard. --making a ~~large~~ channel on South Quay dangerous to traffic.

It was reported that the Rate Collector had collected £ 268 : 18:5 of the Town Rate Warrant and £244:5: 1 of the Poor Rate Warrant since the 16th of August 1943.

Item 7. (Correspondence).

The following letters from the Department of L.G. & P.H. were read and ruled on as follows :-

Letter dated the 17th of August 1943 sanctioning the improvement Scheme for the Six houses on The Murrrough
(See Order under Item 4)

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Letter H. 12953/43 of the 12th of August 1943 dealing with the Town Clerk's inquiry concerning houses of Richard White at Strand Street and Bond St and the Council's proposal to accept surrender of Lease and referring to relevant sections of the 1931 Act :the Town Clerk's reply of 12/14/8/43 thereto was approved of.

Letter . 6470 of the 14/8/43 to Deputy Everett and handed in by him concerning the Foreshore Works of improvement and repair .

After a discussion on contents of same Councillor Everett undertook to take up the points raised again with the Department .

Letter of the 20th of August 1943 (G.131/13/43) pointing out that with regard to the authority for overdraft accomodation the Department would not in future authorise overdraft in excess of the amount prevailing at same time last year and pointed out that the collection of rates should be proceed with energetically.

To be complied with : copy to be sent to Rate Collector

Letter (G.131/13/43) of the 18th of August 1943 sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £3500 up to the 7th of September 1943

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson , Seconded by Councillor J.Everett and passed :-

That the Town Clerk make arrangements for overdraft accomodation to a mximum of £3000 up to next meeting

Letter from Valuation office notifying the Council of attendance of Valuer on the 9th September 1943. Read.

Letter of the 1st September 1943 from the Town Surveyor dealing with the condition of the wall by the river opposite the Assembly Hall on Bachelor's Walk

Refer to Estimates Meeting of 1944

Letter of the 1st of September 1943 referring to an E.S.B. tie Pole on the Town Hall.

Refer to Town Surveor to deal with the matter.

Letter of the 1st of September 1943 from the Town Surveyor dealing with with the condition of Woodenbridge

Inquire from Town Surveyor if recent repairs remedied the position and if he would consider it necessary to close the bridge for Repairs

Notice of application for Dance Hall Licence by Esther O'Toole

Read .

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Item 8.

Applications were produced for Chairman's Ruling.

Arising out of discussions on the subjects it was ordered that the attention of the Gas Works Manager be called to the failure of the Company to repair the streets satisfactorily after excavating for Gas purposes and that he be asked if he would arrange to allow the Council to repair such at the Company's expense.

That his attention be also called to the reduction, without notice of the quality or pressure of Gas in the Town without any corresponding reduction in price .

Arising out of the Report of the S.S.O. & Town Sergeant it was recommended that the public lavatory on the South Quay receive more frequent attention in the matter of flushing and that the damaged concrete floor of same be repaired.

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Confirmed

This 8 day of Oct 1943

Wm. Hudson Chairman.

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 28th September 1943 pursuant to Notice sent to each member on the ~~29th~~ 22nd September 1943 and to the following requisition received on the same date :-

To: The Town Clerk
Wicklow

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You are hereby required to call a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council at the earliest possible date to discuss the present position of the Annual Scheme for the relief of Unemployment dealing with works on Wentworth Place, New Link Road to Cooper's Lane etc. and the Grant and Local Contribution provided for same, and to ascertain how far the Scheme has been interfered with or altered in view of Press reports of the meeting of the Wicklow County Council of the 13th inst and you are requested to inform The County Manager of the time and purpose of the Meeting.

Signed :- Councillor C. W. Hudson
" Robert B. Haskins
" James D. Haughton
" John Olohan
" M. McMahon

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, J. Everett, R. B. Haskins and J. D. Haughton.

Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., County Manager.

The Town Clerk having read the Requisition, the Circular letter from the Department of the 7th of June 1943 (L.83/43), the Town Surveyor's proposals as contained in his report of the 11th of June 1943, copy of his (Town Clerk's) letters of the 11th of June 1943 to the Department of Local Government and The Manager (with copy proposals) and reply of the Manager of the 19th of June 1943, a discussion ensued. The Town Clerk reported that he had written, as directed, to the Department of Local Government on the 7th and ~~23~~ 22nd inst inquiring as to the proposals forwarded and that to date he had not received any reply or inquiry concerning same. The Manager stated that he had nothing official before him which would indicate definitely that the Council's grant or expected grant was being applied to a Scheme of works in a rural area. After comments being made by some Councillors as to the manner in which information was being withheld from them the following

Resolution was put to the Meeting and passed unanimously :-
PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor R. B. Haskins and passed :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council at this Special Meeting assembled hereby request the Department of Local Government & P. H. to inform us why no communication was issued as in previous years in connection with the proposals submitted by this Council for the Relief of Unemployment and if the Council can even now expect to receive a Grant in aid of the works as submitted.

That we also call attention to the proposals submitted by the Council for taking over and reconstructing South Quay conditional on a Grant in aid being forthcoming.

That we urgently press for the usual annual Grant towards

which the Council have made the required provision in the Rates and that we ask the Department to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss these matters. The Town Clerk was asked to endeavour to obtain a reply from the Department of Local Government by the 5th prox. Other business not on the Agenda for this special meeting having been referred to the Meeting adjourned.

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Dated this *5th* day of *Oct* 1943

.....Chairman

Minutes of Monthly (October) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on 5th of October 1943 the following notice being sent to each member on the 1st of October 1943 :-

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 5th inst at the Town Hall Wicklow at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration:-

1. Minutes of Meetings of the 6th and 28th of September 1943.
2. Business transacted since the 6th Sept 1943 as per Manager's Order Book.
3. School Meals Scheme for the 1943/44 Season
4. Allotments Scheme for 1944 Season.
5. Housing --including the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Everett T.D. on the 6th of September 1943:-
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ I beg to give notice at next monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council I or some member on my behalf will move that owing to the increase of Rates in the Cottages or Housing of the working Classes that the Rents of these cottages be reduced to meet the increase costs in Rates
6. Fuel Schemes
7. To consider all matters dealing with the Redemption by William Sutton of the Advance made to him by the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and to execute Release of Charge registered on his lands and house.
8. To execute Assignments & Releases from Mrs May, Miss Wall and other -s of their property in Castle Street under The Castle Street C.P.O.
9. Reports of Officers.
10. Correspondence
11. Free Milk applications
You are requested to attend said Meeting

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.
& The County Manager

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, T. Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C.W. Hudson, J. Everett T.D.

J. O'Connor and (after adjournment) J.D. Haughton.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Olohan, SECONDED by Councillor C.W. Hudson and passed :- (all members standing in silence).

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council wish to convey to Mrs Haskins, Mr R.B. Haskins and other members of the family our deepest sympathy on the death of Mr David H. Haskins an esteemed member of the Council for the past 40 years and that we adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to the 8th of August 1943 at 7.30 p.m.

The Town Clerk stated that on behalf of the staff and of himself he wished to be associated with the Council's Resolution.

J. Olohan
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Minutes of Adjourned Monthly (October) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 8th day of October 1943 pursuant to Order and to the Notice Sent to each member on the 1st October 1943 (See Minutes of the 5th October 1943).

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), J. Everett T.D., W. Clarke, J. O'Connor and J.D. Haughton.

Item (Adjourned) 1.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Item 2. (Adjourned)

The Manager's Order Book was produced for inspection by the Members.

Item 3. (Adjourned).

It was recommended :-

- (a) That the scheme begin as soon as all necessary arrangements are made
- (b) That the distribution centre be as heretofore (Mrs Kate Doyle's The Mall) at same terms.
- (c) That the Forestry Department be asked to supply Fuel timber for the cooking as the Council's application for coal has not been acceded to by the Department of Supplies.
- (d) That the list of Children submitted by the Schools be examined by the Council in Committee and not by the Ladies Committee.
- (e) That otherwise the Scheme to be operated as heretofore.

Item 4. (Adjourned) (Allotments --1944)

The Town Clerk read Circular letters from the Department dealing with the Scheme for 1944 and stating that the Field at Ballyguile should be discontinued and other accommodation sought. The Town Clerk stated that he recommended the other field at Ballyguile locally known as "The Sledge Field" and which was ploughed out of grass last year and cropped with oats in conacre letting. The matter was left over for further consideration.

Item 5 (Adjourned) (Fuel Schemes).

The Town Clerk reported progress under the Free or Cheap Fuel Scheme and in connection with the other he reported that he had not yet received License to sell Turf and that as a result no turf or fuel had been provided for the paying Scheme. Councillors expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the position and the following Order was made :-
Request the Co. Manager to arrange for getting into the Council's yard at least 300 tons of Turf without further delay.

The Town Clerk reported that two inspectors from the Department of Supplies had seen the County Manager concerning the Council's application for License.

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Item 6 (Adjourned) (Notice of Motion re Rents).

The Town Clerk read particulars ~~fix~~ from minutes of how the rents on the 34 houses came to be fixed at 5/- per week and Rates and pointed out that on the figures then submitted the ratepayers were bearing part of the cost up to 1/6 per week per house. When Councillor Everett explained that he desired to confine his motion to the 34 houses (last scheme of Slum Clearance) the Town Clerk pointed out that the rent of 5/- per week had been sanctioned and incorporated in the Tenancy agreements and that no reduction ~~in~~ ~~the~~ or increase in those rents could be made without Departmental sanction and that in any event the question of interfering with such rents was not a function reserved to the Council under the County Management Act 1940. This notwithstanding and the Town Clerk having stated that he hoped he had made his position clear Councillor Everett T.D. decided to proceed with his motion stating that he relied on a letter in his possession from the Department of Local Government & Public Health and it was :-

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T.D., SECONDED by Councillor ~~Ex@t@ax~~ J.D. Haughton and passed unanimously :-

That we hereby resolve that the Rents on the 34 houses be so reduced as to make the Rent inclusive of Rates to be 5/- per week.

Item 7 (Adjourned) (Release to W. Sutton)

The Town Clerk explained the figures of redemption and read the correspondence in full showing that Mr Sutton had paid in £ 375:14:4 to the Council and the Council had paid the Board of Works £397:10:4 and that having regard to the payments made over the six years the Council had cleared in full their outlay in the transaction.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T.D., SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor and passed:-

That the Common Seal of The Wicklow Urban District Council be now affixed to the Deed of ~~Summa~~ Release whereby the property of Mr Sutton at Summer Hill, the subject of a Charge in favour of the Council, for £400, be now ~~signed and sealed~~ affixed thereby releasing the burdens on the registered Folio.

The Town Clerk was directed to write to Mr Sutton concerning the £3 payable by him for a ~~W~~-leave over Mr Wynne's land.

Item 8 (Adjourned) Castle St C.P.O.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T.D., SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor and passed :-

That the Releases from Mrs May and Miss Wall of the property held by them under Lease at Castle Street and included in Castle Street C.P. Order be signed and Sealed. by or on behalf of the Council.

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Item 9 (Adjourned) : Reports of Officers.

Reports were received from the Waterworks ^Uverseer, Town Sergeant, Rent Collector, Veterinary Inspector and on Rate Collection.

The Town Clerk gave figures of the Rate Collection as follows :-
Books given the Collector on the 16th August 1943 and Warrants on the 27th of August 1943.

	Town Rate	Poor Rate
WARRANTS 1943/44	£5233 : 5 : 3	£4488 : 3 : 6
COLLECTED to 8/10/43	£1465 : 5 : 2	2105 : 17 : -
Percentage Collected	28% 1943/44	46.9 % 1943/44
Do.	21.85% 1942/43	41.33% 1942/43.

Item 10. (Adjourned) : Correspondence.

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

Letter G.131/14/43 of the 23/9/43 sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £3000 to the 5th October 1943 and pointing out that applications for temporary borrowing in excess of last years figures would not be sanctioned. The Town Clerk pointed out that ~~at~~ ~~this~~ ~~date~~ the overdraft was £1600 Proposed by Councillor J. Everett T.D., SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor

and passed :-

That the Town Clerk make the necessary arrangements for overdraft accommodation until our next monthly meeting

Letter H.12953/2/43 of the 10th September 1943 in reply to representations made by the Council as per the Town Clerk's letters of 9th July and 14th August 1943 in reference to property held by R. White at Strand St and Bond Street from the Council on Lease and in part condemned and agreeing to the Council accepting surrender and paying a small sum as compensation for the houses at Bond Street.
Recommend site value for the houses in Bond Street--as given to owners in Castle Street.

Letter (R/) of the 1st of October 1943 in reply to the Council's Resolution of the 28/9/43 and Town Clerk's letter of the 29th idem on the subject of the Council's proposals for this year's Relief of Unemployment stating that the full amount of Grant available for the purpose for this financial year had been allocated to the Wicklow County Council on the 13th of August 1943 and that there are no funds available for any grant for the Urban area criticising the proposals forwarded on the 11th June 1943 and pointing out that same had not been before the Council or the Manager --declining to consider proposals for the maintenance of the South Quay as the same was a responsibility of the Harbour Commissioners

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The Town Clerk pointed out that the proposals of the 11th of June had been brought before both the Manager and the Council .

It was unanimously decided as a protest against the action of the Department of Local Government and other matters such as the delay of the Department of Supplies in issuing a License to the Council to sell Fuel and their refusal to give a permit for 4 tons of coal for cooking for the School Meals Scheme , that the Council consider their resignation at the next monthly meeting after notice on the Agenda to each Councillor.

Letter (C 5/141) of the 6th of October 1943 from the Department of Supplies declining in the circumstances therein set forth to give a permit for the purchase of 4 tons of Coal for the Cooking of the School Meals Scheme .

Read : see previous order.

Letter(S . ~~1120/96~~ 1120/96) from the Department of Supplies declining to give coupon facilities in respect of the Town Sergeant's uniform and restricting such facilities in the case of oilskins for the Council's outdoor men to two.

Read.

Circular letter of the 31st of August 1943 from the Skibbereen Urban District Council criticising the provisions of the County Management Act 1940 and making certain suggestions for its amendment .

Read : amendments not considered adequate.

Letter of the 8th of October 1943 from Robert Conway asking the Council to remove the debris from his house at Castle Street and to plaster the gable of his said house which was exposed by the Council's demolition of Miss Wall's property.

Refer to County Manager.

Letter of the 4th October 1943 from John Murphy of Kilpool asking for compensation for two ~~boxes~~ the material from two houses in Castle Street which he stated that he had purchased from the original owner (Edwards)

Refer to County Manager.

Letter from Augustus Kavanagh of Strand Street asking for one of the Council's houses (Urban Villas) on the Murrrough.

Read: application to be considered when a ~~vacancy~~ vacancy arises .

Letterx from Mrs Annie Cullen complaining about the conduct of her neighbour (Mary Hollingsworth) at Glenview Road

Recommend that she be given Notice to Quit,

Letter of 2nd of September 1943 from Mrs O'Reilly of 5 Kilmantin Road and her neighbour Eileen Doyle complaining of the conduct of Mrs Kelly their neighbour and stating that they would decline to pay rent if the nu Mrs Kelly is not made to conduct herself.

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Order :- Refer to Manager with strong recommendation that Mrs Kelly be given Notice to Quit.

Letter from Edward Kennedy Rate Collector dated the 8th of October 1943 complaining of the stoppage of Poundage in respect of his 1940/41 and 1942/43 ~~1941/42~~ collections , asking for payment of Poundage monthly and asking for payment for Fuel Scheme.

PROPOSED by Councillor J.Everett T.D. , SECONDED by Councillor J.Olohan and assed :-

That his requests be granted forthwith.

It was recommended that the officers in charge of the Fuel Scheme administration be paid remuneration for their work over the years from 1941 to 1943.

Item. 10(Adjourned) : Reports of Officers

Reports were received from The Waterworks Overseer, Town Sergeant, Veterinary Inspector and Rent Collector. and same were read in full.

Item. 11(Adjourned) : Free Milk Applications

The applications for October as granted by the Administrative Officer were produced for inspection and ruled on.

Application (received during course of meeting) from Daniel Meehan for a Slaughterhouse at Fitzwilliam Road Wicklow.

Recommended that subject to usual conditions ~~that~~ the License be granted.

Confirmed

Dated this 2 day of November 1943

.....*John Olohan*.....CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly (NOVEMBER) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 2nd of November 1943 and the following Notice being sent to each member on the 29th of October 1943 :-

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of November 1943 at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 5th and 8th of October 1943.
2. Business transacted since last meeting as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Consideration of the resignation of the entire members of the Council as a protest against the manner in which certain matters have been dealt with (e.g. Relief of Unemployment Grant, Fuel Licence etc.)
4. Particulars of the working of the School Meals Grant and examination of lists of Children provisionally admitted.
5. Consideration of accepting titles to property in Castle Street included in Castle St C.P. Order and application of T.O'Carroll for separate Lease of property being retained by him.
6. HOUSING including Improvement Scheme for six Houses on The Murrugh
7. Fuel Schemes and the operation of a Fuel Merchant's Licence in the name of Town Clerk.
8. Execution of Lease of portion of Foreshore.
9. Reports of Officers particularly of Waterworks Overseer.
10. Correspondence.
11. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

To:- Each Member, Wicklow U.D.C.
and The County Manager

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lochan (Presiding), C.W. Hudson, J. Everett T.D., W. Clarke, J. Clarke and J.O'Connor.

Also Present :- P. T. Healy Esq., Manager & J.T.O'Byrne Esq., Town Surveyor.

Item 1.

Minutes were read in full and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced for inspection by the Members present

Item 3.

The letter from the Department of Local Government (Roads) dated the 1st of October 1943 on the subject of the Annual Relief U. Grant was again referred to together with the Town Clerk's reply of the 12th of October 1943 giving the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 8th idem on the subject and he reported that he had had no further correspondence on the subject. As to the question of the Licence to sell Fuel, he reported that the Department of Supplies had also been supplied with a copy of the Resolution and that a Licence had now been received and would be discussed under item 7.

After discussion the following Resolution was PROPOSED by Councillor William Clarke, SECONDED by Councillor C.W. Hudson & passed unanimously :-
"That the matter be deferred for the present and that the Department be approached by the three County Deputies to endeavour to secure a Grant for Relief of Unemployment for this Inter Period (before Xmas if possible) to be spent in the Wicklow Urban District and to ascertain why this Council's Grant was diverted to the County Council after this Council had raised in this year's Estimate the Local Contribution requested."

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Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that he had obtained the lists of Children from both the Convent and Brothers National School and that he had the usual School Meals Committee examine them on Friday the 22nd of September 1943 and that the total children number of children provisionally admitted was 161 i.e. 75 from the Convent and 86 from the Brothers School. He now produced the lists for inspection and reported that the Scheme had begun on the 25th inst and that he had no complaints so far.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk reported negotiations that he had had with Thos. Carroll in connection with the 5 houses, his property at Castle Street and that he had ascertained that they were included in an old Lease of 1865 with Mr O'Carroll's own premises and not included in the Order: that the Lease had now run out and that he had agreed with Mr O'Carroll that he should apply for a new Lease of his own premises @ £2 -- the rent for all the property in the old Lease being £4 per annum. The proposal then before the meeting was to get from Mr O'Carroll a Release of all claims to the 5 houses in the Order and to grant him a new Lease of his own premises at £2. He was to get the sum of £40 for his ~~own~~ interest in the 5 houses which sum was to be applied by way of payment of his debts to the Council. The Housing Scheme would have to bear this £40 and his costs of title measured at £3.3 :-

PROPOSED by James Everett, SECONDED by Councillor Joseph O'Connor and passed Unanimously :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Deed of Release of the Five houses in Castle Street from Thomas O'Carroll in consideration of a payment of £40 to him

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett, SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor and passed unanimously :-

That the request of Thomas Carroll for a new Lease of his premises at Summer Hill be granted at a Rent of £2 per annum.

Part of the titles to Miss Wall's ~~xxxxxxx~~ houses (5) at Castle Street was still outstanding and in the hands of Mr Cullen Solicitor.

The Town Clerk explained that in respect of the 5 houses at Castle Street the property of Miss Wall a question had arisen concerning a claim of R.F. Conway to have the gable of his house exposed by reason of the demolitions that had taken place and the Town Clerk outlined the negotiations he had for settlement of the matter: that a tender for £14 for concreting the gable had been accepted and an agreement in writing with Mr Conway had been reached which he now read.

Order: Town Clerk's action in the matter approved.

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It was agreed that the two tenders received for the Scheme of Improvement works to the six houses on The Murrrough be referred (unopened) to the Manager to deal with.

A request from one of the tenants of the said houses for a grate in lieu of the damaged range in her house was read and it was agreed that she should be provided with some immediate relief. A further request from Mr Hendley tenant of one of the Dunbur Road houses that he be allowed to replace the Grate in his house by a self-setting range that he had and that the Council bear the expense of erecting same was considered. It was recommended that a flue pipe at a cost of 16/- be supplied to Mr Hendley and that he be allowed to have the range replaced put in -- the grate so displaced to be utilised if possible for Mrsavanagh.

Applications for houses were received from Mr James Keogh St Laurence's Road and from Mrs Hunter of Quarantine Hill were read and left over pending any house becoming vacant.

Item 7.

The Town Clerk reported on the Fuel Schemes as follows :-

FREE (or CHEAP) FUEL SCHEME :- Up to Friday the 29th October 1943 there had been taken into store on the North Quay 96 tons of Turf from the Co. Council and that, with the amount already there, he estimated that there was now in store and under cover there 120 tons of good dry turf for this scheme. About 30 or 40 tons more would be required later to keep that scheme going on until the new year's supply of Turf would be received. This extra turf need not necessarily be very dry but could be stacked in a suitable place in the yard at North Quay where he expected it would be dry before being required next Spring. He deemed it advisable to stop making ^{further} provision for the Free Fuel ~~Scheme~~ Scheme and requested the Co. Surveyor to continue drawing to another depot for the other Scheme.

GENERAL OR PAYING SCHEME :- He then looked around for a suitable depot for the Turf or Fuel required for this Scheme in view of the fact that a Licence had been sent to him on the 21st of October 1943. He agreed with Mr Stone -- subject to approval of the Council and Manager -- to take a monthly tenancy of part of his yard and sheds opening on High Street @ £8 eight Shillings per week from the 1st Nov. 1943. He then learned that the County Council had no further dry turf to offer but that an effort was being made to find some. He stated that to be able to sell without loss to the rates they would require the Turf (good dry Turf) in the yard at about 40/- per ton.

He read letter dated the 19th of October 1943 (D.31/115) from the Department of ~~Public Works~~ Supplies transmitting the Licence in his name and pointing out the obligations attaching to the operation of the Licence. He asked that remuneration be fixed in advance for him in respect of the undertaking and that he should be indemnified against all loss, fines, charges and costs that might be incurred by him in respect of the operation of the Scheme.

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The arrangements made by the Town Clerk as well as the written proposal for tenancy received by him from Mr Stone were approved of and it was :-

PROPOSED by Councillor J. O'Lochan, SECONDED by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed unanimously :-

"That in consideration of John McGrath Town Clerk undertaking, as our nominee, the responsibility of the Fuel Merchant's Licence granted in his name we are agreeable that he should be indemnified by the Council against all loss, fines, charges and costs arising in connection with the operation of the Licence by him and that we recommend that he be paid as a remuneration for his work now being ~~taken~~ undertaken by him Five per cent on the gross receipts from Sales of Fuel."

He stated that there would have to be a person employed by him to issue Fuel Dockets and he proposed that the same person as he was authorised to employ for the Tree Fuel Scheme i.e. Miss Olive Kennedy and that this 5% was to cover remuneration of her or any other person so employed by him.

It was agreed that when the scheme begins to be operated that sales be confined to registered customers in the URBAN AREA.

He reported that he had arranged for issue of Fuel Dockets for Free Fuel each morning (except Saturday) between 10 and 11 a.m..

Item 8.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett, SECONDED by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed :-

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Lease from the Department of Industry and Commerce of the portion of added land on the Foreshore between the Packet Pier and the New Pier at Wicklow.

The Lease was accordingly executed in triplicate by the Council and witnessed by the Manager.

Item 9.

Reports were received from the Sub-sanitary Officer & Town Sergeant, Rent Collector and two reports from the Waterworks Overseer. The latter reported that he had now allowed the water on at night from the 31st of October 1943. A discussion ensued on the Waterworks and the Water Supply but no definite Order was made.

Item 10. (Correspondence)

~~Letter~~ The following letters from the Department of Local Government & P. Health were read and ruled on as shown :-

Letter (T.W.260/132) of the 26th of October 1943 sanctioning overdraft on the Turf Production up to £90 to the 31/10/43.

Town Clerk to have the authority continued pending further operations in respect of the Fuel Scheme

Letter (G.131/1643) of the 30th October 1943 authorising temporary Borrowing up to a limit of £1800 to the 2nd November 1943. The Town Clerk reported that that limit had been reached and in view of the payments now to be made further accommodation would be necessary.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Lochan, Seconded by Councillor Hudson and passed :-

That the Town Clerk apply for renewal of overdraft accommodation as required until our next meeting.

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Letter (H.16262/43) of the 14th October 1943 dealing with the War Clause in Public Works Contracts.

Read.

Circ. Letter of the 18th of October (L.119/43) dealing with proposals that might be made for additions to burial grounds.

~~Letter of the 18th~~

Read

Letter of the 28th of October 1943 dealing with the Free Fuel Scheme submitted for the season beginning on the 1st of ~~21st~~ November 1943 and sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £20 on the administration of the Scheme -- the expenditure not to be charged against the grant.

Noted and recommended.

Letter from the Department of Supplies dealing with Reserve Supplies of Petrol for Fire Brigades. (letter dated the 30/10/43)

Application

Read

Letter from the County Surveyor dated the 2nd of November 1943 applying for Lease of plot of ground on Clarke's plot for a tool store.

Put on agenda for next Meeting

Application of Finlayson Bros. for water connection to erect a new house on his field at Dunbur. with plan of house.

Recommend that he be granted the water, he to pay for the connection and the usual amount (£2) for the water consumed. : that plan be referred to Town Surveyor for his report.

Circular letter from the Wicklow County Manager dealing with a Scheme being formulated by him to provide from voluntary contributions a fund for supplying necessitous children with shoes or boots.

Read.

Letter from the E.S. Board dated the 5/10/43 notifying the increase of 10% on Public Lighting Charges from the 1st November 1943

Read

Letter of the 19/10/43 from the Longford U.D.C. enclosing a Resolution of protest by the Council against the increase referred to in the last-minuted letter.

Adopted.

Letter of the 21/10/43 from the Superintendent C.S. enclosing copy of of Orders prohibiting removal of sand and gravel from the Foreshore (Orders dated 1st of March 1905)

Read.

Letter of the 14th October 1943 from Mr R.B. Haskins acknowledging with thanks the Council's resolution of sympathy with him and the family of the late Mr David H. Haskins.

Read

Letter (received 2/11/43) from Thomas Dickenson asking for a Lease of plot of ground held by his father on Monkton Row.

To supply particulars and matter to be on the Agenda for next meeting.

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Report from Analyst dated the 6th of October 1943 on a Sample taken from Milk being supplied by the Public Analyst.

Read and considered satisfactory.

A question was raised as to the work being done by the Public Health Nurse and the case of a child of the late John Kavanagh at St Laurence's Road which needed attention was referred to and an order was made that the nurse be requested to visit the child and bring ~~it~~ ^{the case} under the notice of Dr Beckett.

It was reported that Notices to Quit had been served as directed on Mary Hollingsworth and Mrs Kelly of Kilmantin Road and that a direction was now requested as to whether the cases should be carried further.

Order : refer to the Manager for his instructions.

Item 11.

The cases at present in receipt of Milk were produced. A question being raised as to whether the Contractor was expected to deliver the milk to the homes of the recipients or not and it being answered in the affirmative, it was recommended that Mr Phelan be written to reminding him of his obligations in the matter.

Confirmed

This 7th day of Dec 1943

..... John Phelan CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Friday the 19th November 1943 pursuant to the following Requisition received on the 16th of November 1943 and Notice to each member on the same date:-

To :- The Town Clerk, Wicklow
You are hereby directed to call a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council for Friday the 19th inst. at 7.30 p.m. to consider shortage of Milk Supplies in the town and failure of Suppliers to honour Free Milk Vouchers: also shortage of Fuel and operation of Fuel Schemes.

15th November 1943
C. W. Hudson
R. B. Haskins
J. D. Haughton
John Olohan
Joseph O'Connor

Present :- Councillors J. Everett T.D. (Presiding) , J.O'Connor and J. D. Haughton

The Council's Manager wrote that owing to prior engagements he would be unable to attend

Councillor C. W. Hudson wrote a letter apologising for his absence due to being confined to bed with a bad cold and set forth his views both on the milk shortage and the Fuel shortage. He pointed out that due to the operation of the new Emergency Order prescribing increased tillage some of the large suppliers (such as Halpin's of Finnakilly who supplied to Wicklow last year upwards of 16000 gallons) would have to reduce their herds and were unable to supply Milk on Free Vouchers from the Labour Exchange and he suggested that they should be given an exemption from the new Tillage Order. He also referred to the very inferior turf made available to the Council from County Council and stated that with regard to Milk and Fuel the Council should take immediate and forceable action to remedy matters.

After discussion it was PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T.D.

SECONDED by Councillor J. Haughton and passed :-
That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby call the attention of the Departments of Agriculture and Industry and Commerce to the serious shortage of milk supplies in the Wicklow Urban Area and the fact that the people receiving Free Food Vouchers from the Labour Exchange have been unable to procure Milk in exchange for them from established Milk Suppliers or at all.

On the question of the Supply of FUEL for the town, the Town Clerk reported that both schemes (Free & otherwise) were now in operation that there was now available in store for the ordinary consumers

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Forty Five tons of Turf obtained from the County Council and that Turf from that source was still coming into store. He had seen the first load that had come in and thought it was reasonably dry and that until receipt of Mr Hudson's letter that evening he had no information of the inferior quality or wet condition of the Turf. He explained his difficulties with the Turf Development Board, Fuel Importers Ltd and Department of Supplies in getting Turf from outside the County and had obtained a quotation from General Textiles Ltd of Athlone for 100 tons of good Turf delivered in waggons there at the rate of two per week at the price of 30/- per ton there; he could not get that into Wicklow without permit

It was recommended that supplies from the County Council should be stepped and Councillor Everett T. D. was requested to interview the Department of Supplies with regard to the 100 tons of Athlone Turf which it was recommended to procure

Councillor Haughton charged the officials administering the Turf Schemes in Wicklow with neglect in that there had not been made available for the people of Wicklow town an adequate amount of good turf from County Wicklow

He also questioned the source of supply of the Free Milk being distributed to necessitous children under the Free Milk Scheme and said he believed that milk other than produced on the Knockrobbin Farm was being distributed under the Scheme.

The proposed transfer of Mrs Thomas Kelly from No.6 Kilmantin Road Wicklow to a Labourer's Cottage at Ballynerrin (Rural) in exchange with Mrs Elizabeth Jameson was approved of.

Confirmed

John O'Connor
.....Chairman

Minutes of Monthly (DECEMBER) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 7th of December 1943, the following Notice being sent to each member on the 3rd of December 1943 :-

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 7th inst at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 2/11/43 and 19/11/43
2. Business transacted since the 2/11/43 as per Manager's Order Book
3. HOUSING, including Improvement Scheme for 6 houses (The Murrough)
4. Fuel Schemes & provision of Turf etc for same : also charges for Turf
5. Applications for Leases by (1) Wicklow County Council of plot (20 pers. S.M.) on "Clarke's Plot" on the Murrough and (b) by Thomas Dickenson for a plot for building at St Dominick's Road
6. Allotments Scheme for 1944 season and in particular consideration of utilising "Sledge Field" at Ballyguile for same
7. Correspondence dealing with Government Grant for the Relief of Unemployment.
8. Date of Annual Xmas Fowl Market
9. Reports of Officers and on ~~xxxx~~ Rate Collection.
10. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

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

Present :- Councillors J. O'Lochan (Presiding), C.W. Hudson, J. Everett T.D., J. Clarke, J. O'Connor and J.D. Houghton

Also Present :- P.T. Healy Esq., County Manager and J. T. O'Byrne Esq., B.E. Town Surveyor

Item 1.

Minutes of both meetings were read in full and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced for inspection by the members present.

Item 3.

After discussion it was ~~agreed~~ recommended that the Manager's Order of the 5th of November 1943 (viz to have a Scheme of Repairs and Improvement to the six houses in question carried out by direct labour under the control and supervision of the Town Surveyor at a cost of £50 per house) be proceeded with and the specification of the Town Surveyor for such work was approved of and it was

PROPOSED by Councillor James Everett T.D., Seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :- That a Loan of £350 be applied for and that Department of Local Government be asked to give it for as long a period as possible.

The question of including in the work the six houses at Castle Street the property of Mr Wm. Murphy for improvements was discussed and it was recommended that same be left over for the present.

The Loan application (for £350) was signed by the Chairman.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that as a result of correspondence with the Department of supplies, Turf Development Board and Fuel Importers Ltd an Order had now been placed with the latter for 2 waggons of Turf to be delivered at Wicklow Station at 51/- per ton : he reported that he had an offer from General Textiles Ltd for Turf F.O.R. at Athlone @ 30/- per ton but, from inquiries made he and the Manager were satisfied that they had to deal with Fuel Importers

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A Paying Order for £50 had accordingly been forwarded to Fuel Importers

for two waggons of Turf and delivery was expected daily.

The Town Clerk reported that from inquiries made he ~~was satisfied~~ that was satisfied that the charge at the yard could be increased to £3:4/- per ton instead of £3 the price already fixed by the Council and asked that having regard to the loss on last year's Scheme the Council should consider increasing the price accordingly.

The matter was left over pending receipt of the Turf and to ascertain the quality of supplies.

Item 5.

The provision of suitable fields for the 1944 season, having regard to the condemnation of the field at Ballyguile was discussed at length and it

was agreed as follows :-

- (1) That the field at Dunbur (36 plots) be retained as last year
- (2) That the field at Dunbur Road (Delahunt's field -20 plots) be retained
- (3) That the two fields at Ballynerrin be retained for the 1944 Season
- (4) That a three-acre field on Green Hill road now in grass and in the occupation of Joseph Carr for 11 months be utilised and
- (5) That any ~~xxxxxx~~ (additional) plots be put in the Sledge Field with an entrance thereto from the 3 acre field.
- (6) That the 3 acre field and the Sledge field be now ploughed by Mr C. ~~xxxx~~ Heavener
- (7) That the Plots for the unemployed be retained as last year and that Mr Wynne be asked to give a an extension of a further year for his field.
- (8). That every effort be made to collect ~~the~~ all the sea weed and ~~xxxx~~ suitable Town Refuse for manure for the allotments.

Item 6.

Re County Council Application :-

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J. Clarke and passed :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby agree to grant to the Wicklow Urban District Council a Lease of a plot of ground on the ground locally known as "Clarke's plot" fronting the Main Road from Leitrim Place to the Goods Railways Station on The Murrough and containing an area of 20 pers S.M. or thereabouts reserving a rent of £4 for the purpose of erecting thereon a tool store (same to include the present Public Weighbridge) in accordance with Plan and specification to be approved of by the ~~the~~ this (Wicklow Urban) District Council.

Re : Application of Thomas Dickenson:-

The Town Clerk read a letter which he had received from Mrs Martha Heatley claiming ~~the~~ interest in the plot of ground applied for by Mr Dickenson : the letter was dated the 6th December 1943 and conveyed a warning to all concerned not to interfere with her rights.

It was ordered that the matter stand adjourned and the Town Clerk was requested to get the parties in conference in the meantime with a view to negotiating a settlement between the parties.

Item 7.

The Town Clerk referred to the previous correspondence and resolutions in the matter and in particular to a letter dated the 23rd ~~inst~~ ^{Nov 1943} from the

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Department of Local Government & Public Health on the subject (which letter was not read) and to an order made by the County Manager on the matter on the 3rd December 1943. He pointed out that since receipt of the ~~letter~~ said letter of the 23rd November 1943 he had an opportunity of discussing the ~~matter~~ terms of same with the responsible officer in the Roads section of the Department of Local Government and that this officer had authorised him to state publicly and privately that there was no intention of suggesting that the Town Clerk was in any way to blame for the loss of the grant to the Urban Area or for the misunderstanding that appeared to exist in connection with the proposed Relief Grant.

After some discussion the following Resolution was ~~passed~~

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.D. Haughton and passed unanimously :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, having considered the points raised in the letter from the Department of Local Government's letter of the 23rd of November 1943 and having considered the entire correspondence unsatisfactory, again request the Deputies for the County Wicklow to arrange ~~with the~~ an interview with the Minister for the said Department for the purpose of explaining to him the Council's difficulties and wishes in the matter and particularly to secure a Grant under the Unemployment Vote in accordance with The Manager's Order of the 3rd December 1943 on the subject -- the Town Clerk to supply the Deputies with all the facts as known to him.

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PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.D.Haughton and passed :-

That the Annual Xmas Fowl Market for 1943 be held at the Town Hall Wicklow on Monday the 20th of December 1943 and that notice of same be published in the local press accordingly.

Item 9.

Reports were received from the Waterworks Overseer, Sub-sanitary Officer and Rent Collector were before the meeting and referred to the Manager for any suitable action. The Council were also supplied with particulars of the Rate Collection to date : the Town Clerk pointing out that the Town Rate Collection was very much in arrear and that same was reflected in the very large over-draft. The rate Collector informed him (Clerk) that he

had been indisposed for a week with a bad leg.

This matter too was left in the hands of the Manager to deal with. Notices to quit served on Patrick Kelly and Moses Kelly tenants of houses in Glenview Road and the request of Moses Kelly to be named as the Tenant of the house in his wife's name and his promise, if that were done, to clear the arrears were referred to The Manager for suitable action.

Item 10. (Correspondence)

The following communications from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were read and dealt with as shown :-

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Letter (G. 131/17/43) from the Department of Local Government & P. H. dated the 15th November 1943 sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £3000 up to the 7th December 1943. The Town Clerk reported that on that date the account was overdrawn with the Treasurer to the extent of £3,499 and that it was likely in view of pending payments and the ^{of which} rate receipts were coming in that such an amount would be required for some time.

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.Olohan and passed :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby direct our Town Clerk to apply for the necessary authority for the continuation of overdraft up to a limit of £3500 up to the 20th inst and thereafter such lesser amount as will be required to meet current liabilities "

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Clarke, SECONDED by Councillor J. Everett

and passed :-

That we direct the Town Clerk to apply to the Department of Local Government for the necessary authority for Temporary Borrowing on the Fuel (Turf) No.1 account up to a limit of £150 up to the monthly meeting of the Council to be held in January 1943.

~~Letter~~ P. H. Circ. No.130/43 of the 26/11/43 dealing with the qualifications required for appointments as Public Health Nurse, etc
Read.

P.H. Circ.128/43 of the 15th November 1943 enclosing copy of Emergency Powers (Slaughter of Animals) Order 1943 dealing with a modification of Sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the Slaughter of Animals Act 1935
Read

Letter from E.S.B.Board dated the 6th December 1943 agreeing to provide up to the 29th of February next Public Lighting for a half hour in the mornings between 7.45 a.m. and 8.15 a.m. at an increased cost of £3:11 : - . This was ~~also~~ recommended as also was the provision of Public Lighting for all night on the night of the 24/25 December 1943 at a cost of 16/3 .

Letter from the Town Surveyor ~~dated~~ dated the 25/11/43 dealing with the provision of extra Fire Hose, a Siren and equipment for the Council's Fire Brigade .

~~There~~ It was recommended that the Fire Hose be provided as per Estimates as soon as funds permitted and that the Siren Overalls and Helmets be provided from sums contributed by Mrs Grimshaw, monies secured for the purchase of filling material from the Co. Council and from a Rent to be charged for the storage of A.E. P. equipment at the Town Hall.

Reminder from the Town Surveyor dated the 22nd November 1943 that he had reported that the Woodenbridge was dangerous.

Recommended that Notices be put up on each side of the Bridge ~~with~~ warning the public and pointing out that the Council would not accept

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any responsibility for accidents pending the repair or reconstruction of the ^Bridge .

Item 11.

Applications provisionally granted for December 1943 were before the meeting.

Councillor Olohan handed in the following Notice of Motion for the next monthly meeting :-

Take Notice that I or some member on my behalf will move that ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ that a Loan be raised for the concreting of Wentworth Place and the re-laying of a new watermain at a cost of £2000.

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C.W. Hudson

Minutes of Monthly (JANUARY) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 4th of January 1944 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 31st of December 1943 :-

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 4th prox at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th December 1943
2. Business transacted since 7/12/43 as per Manager's Order Book
3. Housing including any matters arising in connection with the acquisition of sites comprised in the Castle Street C.P.Order.
4. Fuel Schemes & provision of Turf for same : also charge for Fuel
5. Allotments Scheme for 1944 & Council's Tillage Scheme.
6. Reports of infectious ~~XXXXX~~ diseases.
7. The following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. Olohan :
"That I or some member on my behalf will move that a Loan be raised for the concreting of Wentworth Place and the re-placing of existing Water-main with a new Main at a total cost of £2000"
8. Inquiry concerning closing of Church Hill Graveyard to be held on 4th February 1944.
9. Reports of Officers . 10 .Correspondence. 11. Free Milk applications.

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

You are requested to attend said Meeting .
Yours faithfully
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillor C.W. Hudson (Presiding) , J. Everett T.D. , R.B.Haskins
M. McMahon and J. D. Haughton and J.O'Connor.

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

Item 1.

Minutes were confirmed by Chairman's signature.

Item 2.

The Manager's Order Book was produced for the inspection of the members present

Item 3.

Copies Notices to Quit served on Mary Hollingsworth, James Kelly and Mrs Ethel Kelly were referred to the Manager for his further attention.

It was recommended that the application of Mr Ml. Cullen (a tenant of one of the Council's houses on ~~that~~ ~~xxxxx~~ Murrough) be take in lodgers be granted.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that pursuant to the License to sell Turf there had now been taken into store Turf delivered by Rail amounting to 21 tons 12 cwts and 2 grs --this being in addition to Turf acquired ~~xxxxxxxx~~ from the Co. Council and stored in same (High Street) Depot : and that there had been sold out to date 14 tons 13 cwts and there were 114 registered customers. In connection with the Free Fuel Scheme distribution was proceeding at the rate of about 9 tons 15 cwts per week and the source for renewing supplies was now assured.

It was recommended that the question of changing price be left over for further consideration.

Item 5.

The Town clerk reported progress and pointed out that applications were coming in very slowly.