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Item 6.

A long report from Dr A.A.O'Connor M.O.H. Wicklow concerning the outbreak of Diphtheria was read and it was

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

That the County Manager be asked to arrange a conference of the Members of this Council and the County and Local M.O.Health at the earliest possible opportunity (Friday next, if possible) for the purpose of :-

- (a) having a better understanding about notification by Doctors of notifiable infectious diseases
- (b) having an understanding about disinfecting homes of persons infected with notifiable infectious diseases
- (c) making a representation concerning increased hospital accommodation for infectious diseases

Item 7.

A discussion took place on the notice of Motion and in particular about the ~~Relief~~ Relief Grant of £1400 which the Council anticipated they were to get and which was applicable in part to Wentworth Place. No member moved the Motion but in lieu thereof the following Resolution was proposed and passed unanimously :-

PROPOSED by Councillor R. B. Haskins, SECONDED by Councillor M. McMahon and passed :-

"That in view of the letter from the Department of Local Government on the subject as quoted in the Wicklow People of the 11th Dec. 1943 we recommend to the County Manager to abandon the ~~Highway~~ Dunbur-Maghery-beg Road Scheme and that he submit the Urban Scheme instead."

Councillor C. W. Hudson again handed in Councillor ~~xx~~ Olohan's Notice of Motion for consideration at next meeting.

Item 8.

The Town Clerk reported steps being taken in connection with the said Inquiry and announced that it would be held on Friday the 4th Feb. 1944.

Item 9.

Reports were read from the Rent Collector, Sub-Sanitary Officer and Waterworks overseer.

In connection with the two houses reported on by the S.S. Officer it was recommended that they be inspected by Dr. O'Connor M.O.H. and if found to be kept in an unsanitary condition that Notices to Quit be served.

It was also recommended that the S.S. Officer pay particular attention to the weekly flushing (with disinfectant) of the sewers and gratings during the present period of epidemics.

Item 10.

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

Letter of the ~~4th January 1944~~ 18th Dec. 1943 sanctioning overdraft or Temporary borrowing up to a limit of £3500 up to the 4th January 1944.

Proposed by Councillor J.D. Haughton, Seconded by Clor. M. McMahon and passed :-

That the overdraft be renewed until our next meeting up to a limit of £3,300 and that the Bank be asked to consider reducing the rate of interest on such overdraft and that other Urban Councils be asked to ~~assist~~ assist the Council in their effort to have the rate changed.

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Letter P. H. 16624/3/43 dealing with the proposed inquiry concerning the closing of Church Hill Graveyard  
Read and Noted.

Letter (H.3035/3/43) of the 3rd of January 1944 approving for purposes of Grant of 154 of the persons to whom allotments were granted last season

Read  
Letter of the 1st of January 1944 (H.3035/5/43) approving of the Scheme No. 1 submitted for the provision of allotments during the 1944 season subject to the following Rents :-

Economic Rent	13/6 per	1/8 acre
Reduced Rent	1/-	" "

Read.  
Copy Resolution from Dundalk U.D.C. calling on the Government to increase by 50% the existing allowances to Old Age Pensioners, Widows & Orphans' Pensions etc and asking for the abolition of the means test in the calculating of those allowances".

Adopted.

Letter from the Life-Boat Institution of 20th December 1943 thanking the Council for the use of the Town Hall for the Meeting of the Local Committee.

Read.

A Resolution proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson, Seconded by Councillor M. McMahon that the Council's sympathy be conveyed to Councillor J. Olohan on the death of his brother Michael Olohan was passed --all members standing in silence to support same.

PROPOSED by Councillor R. B. Haskins, SECONDED by Councillor J. Everett T.D. and passed unanimously :-

"That we request the County Manager to endeavour to have the Public Weighbridge on The Murrough Wicklow utilised for the benefit of traders and others in the Town of Wicklow and surrounding district."

Confirmed

.....Chairman.

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Minutes of Monthly (FEBRUARY) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 1st of February 1944 the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 27th of January 1944.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on the 1st prox at 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 4/1/44 and report of Conference on the 7/1/44 concerning matters of Public Health
2. Business transacted since the 4/1/44 as per Manager's Order Book.
3. Fuel Schemes and report of progress in connection therewith
4. Allotments Schemes and Council's Tillage Scheme for 1944.
5. Instructions concerning Inquiry to be held on the 4/2/44 concerning a representation to close Church Hill Graveyard
6. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor C. W. Hudson on the 4/1/44 :-  
" That I or some member on my behalf will move that a Loan be ~~applied for~~ obtained for the concreting of Wentworth Place and the replacing of the existing Water-main by a new Main at a cost of £2000.
7. Reports of Officers
8. Correspondence
9. Free Milk Applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan P. C. (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, J. D. Haughton, R. B. Haskins, J. O'Connor.

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

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Item 1.

The Minutes were read in full and confirmed without amendment. The following report of the Conference held at the Town Hall Wicklow on the 7th Jan.

1944 was read :-

At a Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on the 4th Jan. 1944 the following Resolution was passed unanimously :-

That the County Manager be asked to arrange a Conference of the members of this Council and Local and County M.O.H. at the earliest opportunity (Friday next, if possible) for the purpose of :-

- (a) having a better understanding about notification by Doctors of Notifiable infectious diseases
- (b) having an understanding about disinfecting homes of persons infected with notifiable infectious diseases
- (c) making a representation concerning increased hospital accommodation

The following attended the Conference :-

COUNCILLORS :- J. Olohan (Presiding), C. W. Hudson, J. Everett T.D., M. McMahon, R. B. Haskins and J.D. Haughton

Dr G.P.G. Beckett C.M.O.H., Dr A.A.O'Connor M.O.H. Wicklow, Thomas Byrne County Council Office Rathdrum (representing the County Manager), J.T. O'Byrne Esq., County Engineer and J. McGrath, T. Clerk.

The Following recommendations were made :-

- (a) Dr Beckett having called attention to the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1941, it was recommended that steps be taken to ensure that the local M.O.H. be notified of outbreaks of infectious Diseases as well as the C.M.O.H. -- also Town Clerk so that an up-to-date Register can be kept at the Town Hall Wicklow.
- (b) That Dr Beckett be asked to notify each medical practitioner in the County that the S.S. Officer can take instructions for disinfecting only from him or the Local Medical Officer of Health.

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and the following Resolution was passed unanimously (after hearing Thos. Byrne on the question of Hospital accommodation) :-

That the attention of the Minister for Local Government & P. Health be personally directed to the conditions existing in County Wicklow by reason of the inadequate accommodation for Fever Patients in the Wicklow Fever Hospital. During the past week vacancies could not be obtained in any Hospital outside the County and the Fever Hospital at Wicklow is at the moment overcrowded and it has to-day been found necessary to request the County Manager to take immediate steps to have a hut erected in the Fever Hospital Grounds to relieve ~~epidemic of infectious diseases~~ the Congestion.

Although this state of affairs arises directly from an epidemic of Diptheria in the County there is no guarantee that similar epidemics may not occur from time to time and in such circumstances the problem of having patients treated in an institution will be equally if not more difficult.

We would ask the Minister for Local Government & P. H. to inquire ~~into~~ personally into the cause for the delay in proceeding with the Hospital Scheme which was engaging his Department's and the late Board of Health's attention for 4 years prior to the outbreak of the War and also into the reason why the Architect, Mr Vincent Kelly, who was appointed by the late Board of Health & P. A. was not facilitated by the Department of Local Government & P. H. in the matter of the preparation of plans for new Wicklow Hospitals. We request the Minister to take immediate steps to see that at least provision of a new Fever Hospital in the County is proceeded with forthwith.

The Town Clerk also read letter P. H. 100/44 of the 27th January 1944 from the Department of Local Government & P. H. in reply to the report of the Conference sent him on the 8/1/44

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W.Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor R. B. Haskins and passed unanimously :-

That the report ~~of the~~ and recommendations of the Conference be and is hereby adopted and that the Council request the Department to give their ~~immediate~~ immediate attention to the matter of accommodation for infectious diseases as only an auxiliary wooden hut is available to cope with the increase in the number of patients.

Item 2.

The orders of The Manager since the 4th January 1944 were read and discussed.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk reported that in connection with the Ordinary Fuel Scheme distribution was proceeding at the rate of about 3 tons per week and that the supply was adequate to the demand for some time. As to the Free Fuel Scheme distribution was proceeding at the rate of 9½ tons per week and that the amount in stock was sufficient until about the 1st of May 1944.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that 81 lettings of allotments had been made to date to the Unemployed class and that the number of Employed class would be the same as next year: from all parties he was ~~xxxxx~~ insisting on renewal of applications. He reported again on the fields that were being made available that there was great difficulty in preventing trespass. He recommended that the Council would this year avail of the option of the Department of Agriculture to supply ½ cwt extra seed potatoes instead of small seeds and he recommended that a prize scheme be promoted this year. As to Manures

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he saw no prospect of securing farmyard manure this year and unless the Council could make any other suggestion he recommended that they again raise and screen from the Dump at the Railway station suitable compost.

Order :- The recommendations of the Town Clerk were approved of and were recommended to the Manager for adoption.

As to the potatoes ( seed size from the Dunbar Standards ) from last year's School Meals Potatoes it was recommended that they be sold to the Free allotment holders at the price prevailing at the time tenders were taken .

It was recommended that the Council would again sow in the "Sledge Field" at Ballyguile about 1½ acres of potatoes to meet the demands of the School Meals scheme for ~~199~~ 1944/45.

Item 5.

The Town Clerk reported that he had for the Inquiry about 30 claims for grave spaces at Church Hill Graveyard and asked for instructions in as much as the Council did not initiate any representation for the closing of the Graveyard and were concerned only as the Sanitary Authority.

It was recommended that the Council's Solicitor should leave the matter entirely in the hands of the Inspector who was to conduct the Inquiry but that he should call attention to the fact that a vault was recently opened there and left open and became a source of attraction for a number of children and others in the town and that such was a danger to P. Health.

Item 6.

After discussion the notice of Motion was not moved but the following Resolution was passed in lieu thereof :-

"That in view of this Council's disappointment in connection with the Schemes submitted by them last June for the Relief of Unemployment the Department of Local Government be asked to consider now a Grant in aid in 1944 towards the works therein referred to --the Council being prepared to give the usual contribution from their own funds for carrying out the works "

Item 7.

Reports were submitted from the Waterworks Overseer, Rent Collector, Veterinary Inspector and S.Sub-Officer.

In connection with the report of the S.S.S. he and the scavengers were requested to give more attention to the cleaning of certain parts of the Town such as Lower Monkton Row . It was also recommended that the back passage to Gaenview Road houses be closed after the refuse therein has been removed.

The Town Clerk was asked to have the notices ordered for Woodenbridge put up.

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Item 7. (Correspondence).

Letter from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dated the 12th January 1944 ( G.627/43) sanctioning overdraft up to a limit of £3300 up to the 31st of January 1944.

The Town Clerk reported that the overdraft at this date was £2773 and that he anticipated that with their present commitments and the probable revenue there would be required overdraft authority of £2,600 up to the 1st of March 1944. The position of the Rate Collection was here reported on and showed that of the Town Rate Warrant of £5233 the sum of £2351 was collected (£490 since last meeting ) and that of the Poor Rate Warrant of £4488 the sum of £2919 was collected (£86 since last meeting ). The matter of collection or Rates more expeditiously was referred to the Manager and it was

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

That the Town Clerk seek authority for overdraft up to a limit of £2600 up to the 7th of March 1944. on General Account and £100 on the Fuel (No.1 ) Account .

Letter H. 109<sup>U</sup>/44 of the 14th January 1944 asking that the Housing Survey asked for in the Departments Circular letter of the 3rd of June 1943 be expedited .

The Town Clerk reported that this survey was now being carried out by the C.M.O. Health and Town Surveyor and that a like survey was being taken in all Eire . Councillors raised the question of discrimination by inspecting officers and it was recommended that the inspecting officers making the Survey take great care to treat all houses liable for inspection alike and that a street by street survey be made . It was also recommended that sites of all condemned houses , where suitable, be borne in mind when the survey was being finally presented.

A Resolution from Letterkenny U.D.C. of the 12th of January 1944 protesting against the introduction of legislation that would in post-war period interfere or restrict the use of privately -owned commercial motor vehicles and private motor-cars and hackney vehicles and also calling on the Government to relax the law prohibiting the inhabiting of condemned houses was read and adopted.

Letter dated the 27th January 1944 from the I.T.& G. W. Union calling attention to the increase in cost of living and requesting the Council to increase employees wages along the lines of Emergency Powers (No.260 )Order were and Town Clerks reply thereto of the 1st of Feb. 1944 ~~was~~ read and after discussion it was

PROPOSED by Councillor J.D.Haughton , SECONDED by Councillor J.Olohan and passed :- That the Co. Manager be asked to look into the matter as to what possible increase could be given to the Council's men and that the maximum bonus be given to them . "

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Referring to the Schedule of Works prepared by the Council as Emergency Employment Schemes, the Town Clerk called attention to a few that were, in his opinion, overlooked :-

Viz (1) The construction of a New Sewer at Summer Hill for the use of the new houses recently constructed and being constructed at Dunbur Road

(2) Provision of Public conveniences at suitable centres in the Town

These with the one recently recommended by the Council viz "the diversion of the surface water running down Kilmantin Hill into a sewer or otherwise taking it underground by a large pipe" would mean an addition of three new works to the 12 already printed in the Manager's printed Schedule for the County.

The works were recommended as was also the provision of a New Swimming Pool.

Confirmed

Dated this 14 day of March 1944

*J. M. Haskins*  
CHAIRMAN.

Minutes of Monthly (MARCH) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 14th of March 1944 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 4th March 1944 :-

Dear Sir,

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

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 1st of February 1944
2. Business transacted since the 1/2/44 as per Manager's Order Book
3. Fuel Schemes & reports of progress in connection therewith
4. Allotments Scheme & Council's Tillage Scheme for 1944
5. To fix a suitable date before the 31st of March 1944 for consideration of Estimates for 1944/45
6. Reports of officers and on Rate Collection.
7. Correspondence including Circular from the Department of Local Government & P. H. dated the 27/1/44 (Copy herewith) dealing with the extent to which the County Management Act of 1940 affects elected Bodies
8. Free Milk Applications

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully

J. McGrath Town Clerk

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

Note :- Should a Quorum not attend at above time and date, it is proposed to adjourn the Meeting to the 14th of March 1944 at same time.

A QUORUM DID NOT ATTEND (No Councillor attended) AND THE TOWN CLERK ADJOURNED THE MEETING TO THE 14th MARCH 1944 AS INTIMATED

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), R. B. Haskins, J. O'Connor, Wm. Clarke and J. D. Haughton

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

Item 1.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Manager's Orders were read and discussed and arising out of the discussion Councillor J. D. Haughton handed in the Notice of Motion as follows:-

"I hereby give Notice that I or some member on my behalf will move that at the Meeting of the Council to be held on the 28/3/44 that the wages of the Council's men be increased from £22 : 5 :- to £22 : 10 :- per week and that the carters' wages be increased to 15/- per day and that J. De Courcey's wages be increased to £4 :- :- per week also to grant an increase to B. O'Toole."

The Chairman accepted the Notice of Motion.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk reported that Fuel under the general Scheme was being sold at £3 per week and that the average sales were from 3 tons to 4 tons per week; he also reported that the distribution under the Government-aided scheme was at the rate of 10 tons per week. Supplies were adequate for both Schemes to the end of the month at least.

Item 4.

The Town Clerk reported that the number of Free Allotments let to date was 133 as compared with 158 last season. He also reported that in the near future it was proposed to sow a small corner of potatoes for use on the School Meals scheme and hoped to have adequate supplies of seed Potatoes and artificial manure to deal with the parcel of ground. He invited suggestions and co-operation on the Scheme,

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Item 5.

It was agreed that Tuesday the 28th of March 1944 would be a suitable date to consider the Estimates for Rates for 1944/45. Certain works were mentioned in connection with the Estimates, such as improvement of the sewers with outfalls into the river near the stone bridge and at Boat Slip, on South Quay, concreting certain footpaths, taking over South Quay and concreting same and the Town Surveyor was directed to take a list of them and have for the Estimates meeting Estimates of the cost of such works.

Item 6.

Reports were read from the Town Sergeant, Waterworks Overseer and Vet. Inspector.

The following position as to the Rate Collection to dates was reported :-

	Town Rate	Percentage	Poor Rate	Percentage
Warrant	£5233 : 5 : 3		£4488 : 3 : 6	
Collected	3433 :- : 11	65.6%	3127 : 15 : 2	65.67%

Item 7. (Correspondence)

The Circular letter dated the 27/1/44 from the Department of L. Government and Public Health was referred to but it was decided to leave the matter over until the special meeting to be held on the 28/3/44 so as to give further time to the Councillors to consider the matter.

Letter from the Department of ~~xxxxxxx~~ Local Government & P. Health (G. 627/2/44) of the 16th February 1944 sanctioning overdraft accomodation of £2600 up to the 7th March 1944.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, Seconded by Councillor J.D. Haughton and passed :-  
That the Town Clerk apply for renewal of authority for overdraft up to a limit of £2000 up to our next monthly meeting to be held on the 4th of April 1944.

Read Letter from Dr Conway dated the 23/2/44 calling attention to the discussion that had taken place over the disinfecting of her maid's house at Kilmantin Hill and the steps taken by her in connection with the disinfecting of her own house. : it appeared from the letter that the maid never slept at Dr Conway's house.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Read.

Application from Wm, Conway of Dunbur Terrace for a transfer from his house to the house being vacated by Wm. Griffin on the 31st of March 1944.  
Transfer recommended,

Applications from William Clancy Railway Clerk of Leitrim Place and Joseph Murphy of Lr Strand Street for tenancy of a house.

It was recommended that ~~the application~~ William Clancy be given tenancy of the house at Dunbur Terrace if and when vacated by W. Conway.

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Letter from Collector Edward Kennedy requesting extension of one month (i.e. to the 30th of April) to enable him to close his warrants for 1943/44 and requesting payment of part poundage on his Collection of Town Rate :-  
Recommended that he be given the extension applied for and that he be paid a substantial payment on his Collection.

Item 8.

Ruled on .

Confirmed

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of *april* 1944

*C. W. Hudson* CHAIRMAN

Minutes of SPECIAL MEETING of the Wicklow Urban District Council held  
28th  
(pursuant to requisition) on Tuesday the 28th of March 1944 the  
following Notice having been sent to each member on the 25th March 1944:-

Dear Sir,

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 28th of March 1944 (pursuant to Requisition) when the following matters will be under consideration:-

1. To consider the terms of the Circular from the Department of Local Government & P. Health dated the 27th of January 1944 and dealing with the extent to which the County Management Act 1940 affects elected Bodies
2. To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. D. Haughton on the 14th of March 1944 :-  
"I hereby give Notice that I or some member on my behalf will move at the meeting to be held on the 28th of March 1944 that the wages of the Council's men be increased from £2:5:- to £2:10:- and that carters' wages be increased to 15/- per day and that J. De Courcey's Salary be increased to £4 per week also to grant an increase to B.O'Toole"
3. To consider the Manager's Estimate for Town & Poor Rates for 1944/45 ( Report and explanatory tables herewith )
4. To execute the Deed of Mortgage for £350 to the Hibernian Bank for the purpose of financing the scheme of repairs & improvements to the six houses (Brick) on the Murrrough

You are requested to attend said Meeting  
Yours faithfully

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

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan ( Presiding ), C. W. Hudson, W. Clarke,  
R. B. Haskins, J. D. Haughton, Jas Clarke and J. O'Connor

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

The Town Surveyor had sent notice that owing to being unable to walk by reason of a bad leg that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

#### Item 1.

The Town Clerk reported that a Copy of the Circular had been circulated to each Councillor and in the circumstances it was considered unnecessary to read it. Councillor C.W. Hudson stated that he had read over the Circular and could not find anything in it to support the claim made in it that "the controlling power in local affairs still rests with the elected body" : he had prepared a questionnaire (15 questions) on the matter, handed ~~them~~ same into the Chairman and stated that he would like to have answers to same in order to know where exactly he and the Councillors stood in the matter of local affairs. The Town Clerk being handed the questionnaire and being asked to read same and give his views, stated that the matter came in an unexpected manner to him but that subject to correction and qualification after closer study, he would say that the Council had control in only one of the matters referred to in the questionnaire. After discussion on the matter it was ordered ---That the Town Clerk be asked to peruse the questions and answer same at a subsequent meeting.

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#### Item 2.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. D. Haughton, SECONDED by Councillor J. Olohan and passed :-

That the wages of the Council's men be increased from £2:5:- to £2:10:- per week and that Carters' wages be increased to 15/- per day and that J. De Courcey's salary be increased to £4 per week and also that the salary of B. O'Toole be increased by 10/- per week

The Town Clerk pointed out that the increases would entail an additional charge of from £130 to £136 per annum on the rates and the Council agreed to provide same.

#### Item 3.

The Town Clerk referred to the Financial statements issued to the members and to the Copy of the Manager's Report on the Estimates as follows :-

Gentlemen,

I submit for your consideration Statements explanatory of the figures which will be placed before you in the prescribed Form of Estimate to be considered by you at your meeting on the 28th inst.

While I will be ready to give at your meeting all details in connection with the subject, the following remarks may assist you to understand in advance the position :-

**TOWN RATE :-** The Town Rate raised in your Urban Area for the three years ended the 31st inst has been at the following rates in the £

1941/42	1942/43	1943/44
13/8	12/6	12/6

At the close of this year I anticipate an estimated deficit on General Revenue Account amounting to £669. This, as I informed you last year, is due, as I believe, to under-estimating over a number of years. In accordance with your undertaking in the matter, and with the usual practice, this amount will have to be raised in this year's Rate. You will note from the figures of Receipts that after making full inquiries I am counting on receipt of £600 of deferred Housing Subsidy: before your meeting on the 28th inst I hope to have fuller confirmation of this. The determination of the eligibility of your tenants to qualify for full subsidy has not yet been made and hence, in this matter, I am making a problematical estimate and am giving to the ratepayers this year all the relief that I can with any hope of success count on being able to give.

**POOR RATE :-** The Poor Rate raised in your Urban Area over the three years ending on the 31st inst has been assessed at the following rates in the £

1941/42	1942/43	1943/44
9/4	10/-	10/-

In the matter of Poor Rate for 1944/45 you will note that a small increase in my Estimate. While the Rural Areas benefited, or will benefit, in the coming financial year by the application of deferred Agricultural Grant and thus had their rates reduced, as compared with 1943/44, your Urban Area does not get any benefit from Agricultural Grant, and the Demand from the County Council on you is something larger than for 1943/44--thereby necessitating an increase of 4d in the £ on the Poor Rate.

It is hoped that the figures in the Statements herewith will clarify for you the position as to both rates which you will note will require to be 12/6 for Town Rate and 10/4 for Poor Rate.

25th March 1944.

Yours faithfully  
P.T. Healy Manager

The Town Clerk reported that since the figures of the Estimates were prepared and sent out the Town Surveyor, in accordance with requests made at meeting on the 14th of March 1944, had prepared a list of works with estimated

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estimated costs of each and that apart from the provision already made in the Estimate the total of the Town Surveyor's estimated cost of New Works amounted to £5399 : 6 : 6.

Councillors called attention to the fact that it was arranged last year that the deficit then estimated should be extended over four years and therefore claimed that only £223 of the deficit of £669 should be raised this year.

A discussion took place on the deferred Housing Subsidy and the Town Clerk reported that as a result of correspondence and interviews with officials in the Department of Local Government he was now satisfied that only one case remained of doubtful eligibility for tenancy of all the Council's 192 houses and that the £600 --at least--of deferred subsidy could be counted on as a receipt within the next financial year. His estimate for yearly subsidy--on the basis that all tenants qualified --was £ 2066 odd : that was agreed with the Dept and on that basis there was deferred subsidy of £956. The Council considered that in the circumstances a further sum of £200 could be counted on by way of Subsidy deferred.

It was agreed to provide £136 against the increases in wages and salaries. The estimates were then examined item by item : it was stressed by Councillors that further profit from the Wheat crop could be counted upon. It was also agreed that a sum of £385 be set aside for new works to be selected later : this in addition to the £90 provided for local contribution to Relief of Unemployment Scheme (Wentworth Place & Cooper's Lane), and after indicating items on which savings might be made it was :-

PROPOSED by Councillor C. W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor W. Clarke

and passed :- That we the Wicklow Urban District Council at the Estimates meeting, specially convened for the purpose, hereby determine and adopt a Town Rate of 11/8 in the £ and a Poor Rate of 10/4 in the £ for the service of the year 1944/45

The Town Clerk was asked to re-adjust the figures and the Chairman signed the Form of Certificate at the foot of the Estimates Form accordingly.

PROPOSED by Councillor W. Clarke, SECONDED by Councillor C.W. Hudson and

passed :- In compliance with the provisions of Sec 25 of the Co. Management Act we hereby consent to and approve and confirm the expenditure of money or the incurring of liability in excess of the expenditure for any particular purpose specified in the Estimate approve and adopted for the service of the Financial year ending the 31st of March 1944 and we are satisfied that such expenditure or the incurring of such liability was due to matters not within the control of The Manager.

Item 4

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

That the Common Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage to the Hibernian Bank Ltd for the sum of £350 for the schemes of repairs and improvement to the Council's Six (Six) houses on the Murrough Wicklow and that the Mortgage be entered on the Council's Register of Mortgages.

CONFIRMED :- This 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1944 C.W. Hudson CHAIRMAN

(APRIL)

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 4th of April 1944 the following notice being sent to each member on the 1st of April 1944:-

Dear Sir,

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

1. Minutes of Meetings held on the 14th March 1944 & 28th March 1944
2. Business transacted since the 14/3/44 as per Manager's O. Book.
3. Allotments Schemes & Fuel Scheme & Council's Tillage Scheme
4. To examine the list of new works submitted by Town Surveyor as follows :-

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH :-</u>			
Refuse Tanks (New Buildings)	£35 :- :-		
Sewer Outfalls	85 :- :-		
Swimming facilities	49 : 10 :-		£169 : 10 :-

<u>ROADS :-</u>			
Concrete Footpaths at Clarke's Plot (Murrough), Wentworth Pl. Kilmantin Hill & New Street and Castle St. & Monkton Row and Church Hill	£736 : 6 : 6		
Concrete Roads (South Quay & Murrough)	3702 :- :-		
Bridge (Woodenbridge)	265 :- :-		4703 : 6 : 6

<u>CORPORATE ESTATE :-</u>			
Walls	163 : 10 :-		
Murrough Playing Pitch	30 :- :-		193 : 10 :-

<u>FORESHORE :-</u>			
NEW MATERIALS FOR ROADS :- (TAR etc)			175 :- :-

and select most urgent up to a limit of £385 as provided for in Estimate

5. Correspondence
  6. Reports of Officers
- You are requested to attend said Meeting  
Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

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

Present :- Councillors C.W. Hudson (Presiding), J. Everett T.D., R. B. Haskins, and Jas. Clarke

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

The Town Clerk explained that the Manager had been called away on other business to the County Council Office Rathdrum.

Before the agenda was gone into it was PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor R. B. Haskins and passed in silence:-

"That the Council's sympathy be conveyed to Councillor John Olohan the Council's Chairman, on the occasion of the recent death of his mother"

and it was PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T.D., SECONDED by Councillor C. W. Hudson and passed :-

"That the Council's sympathy be conveyed to Councillor J.D. Haughton on the occasion of the recent death of his father-in-law."

Item 1.

Both sets of minutes were read and confirmed without amendment.

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Item 2.

The Orders made since the March monthly meeting were read and discussed.

Item 3.

The only matter arising out of this item was a complaint made that the Turf being supplied under the general Fuel scheme was not up to reasonably good standard. The Town Clerk pointed out that the demand had exhausted all the good turf that had come in from Fuel Importers Ltd and that the remnant now left was the Co. Council Turf which had come in wet and still remained wet. He expected to get a further consignment from Fuel Importers Ltd in the course of a week.

The Town Clerk pointed out that he had provisionally fixed on Thursday the 6th inst as the day for sowing Council's potatoes and called attention to the invitation to Councillors to enlist voluntary assistance which appeared on the Agenda Notice

Item 4.

It was agreed that the work on the Refuse Tanks and sewer outfalls costing (as estimated) respectively £35 and £85 should now proceed and that the swimming staging should be put in order at an estimated cost of £12 -- the question of providing dressing room as requested by the Swimming Club to be left over : the Captain of the Swimming Club to be informed accordingly.

It was ordered that the Town Clerk make application to the Tourist Board for a Grant in aid of ~~xxSwimming Pool~~ constructing a swimming Pool at the Black Castle side of the Old Pier and arising out of Councillor's Everett's information re the offer of Sir John Esmonde it was agreed that the question of taking over from the latter the ground around the Black Castle be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. The Town Surveyor was ordered to supply a report and an ~~xxxxxx~~ approximate estimate of the cost of the Swimming Pool for the purpose of the application to the Tourist Board.

The allocation of further monies was left over for the present : the Town Surveyor protested against the non-inclusion in the annual estimate of adequate funds for material for road maintenance.

PROPOSED by Councillor J. Everett T. D. , SECONDED by Councillor R. B.

Haskins and passed :-

That the Council take over as a Public Road the South Quay as indicated in the Report of the Town Surveyor and as submitted to the Department of Local Government in 1943 with Town Clerk's Memorandum of the 29th of April 1943 and that the Town Clerk take the necessary preliminary steps to give effect to this resolution.

The Town Clerk was directed to send a reminder to the Department in connection with his letter (with Manager's Order) concerning a grant

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in aid of the the Scheme of works submitted last year for Wentworth Place and Cooper's Lane.

Item 5 (Correspondence)

Letter from the Department of Local Government authorising Temporary Borrowing up to the 4th April 1944 up to a limit of £2000

The Town Clerk reported that the account was at present overdrawn to the extent of £1222 but that with the payments now waiting it was expected that the overdraft would reach £1650 before the next meeting.

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

That the Town Clerk apply for authority for overdraft not exceeding £1650 up to the next monthly meeting due to be held on the 3rd of May 1944.  
Letter dated the 31/3/44 from the Department of Agriculture setting out the steps that they had taken to expedite delivery of seed potatoes from Strabane.

Read

Arising out of the list of reported cases of Diptheria which indicated that the disease was not abating the Town Clerk was directed to write to the C. M. O. Health directing his attention to the increase in Diptheria and that he be asked to pay special attention to prevent the further spread of it in the Urban Area .

Read letters of the 20th of March 1944 from the Town Clerk to Mr R. B. Haskins dealing with (1) liability of Rates on houses at Upper Strand Street and (2) nuisance arising from the Noise made by the engine at the Mill premises at Bond Street. AND also letters of the 24th idem from Messrs McCarroll & Co Solicitors in reply

Orders :- (1) That the owners of the houses get any benefit of the doubt having regard to all the circumstances

(2) Council are of opinion that no further action be taken in connection with this matter particularly having regard to the value of the industry and steps already taken by the owners to abate the noise.

Letter dated the 10th March 1944 from the Secretary of the Co. Council

enclosing that Body's Annual Demand on the Urban Council for 1944/45 .

Read and noted that there is an increase of £225 :4: 11 over last year.

Item 6

Reports were read from the Town Sergeant, Waterworks Overseer and Rent Collector were read. and ~~xxxxxx~~ Council directed that every precaution be taken to conserve the Water Supply.

It was also recommended that owners of shops and premises in the Main Street should be warned not to sweep out refuse on Streets on Saturday nights.

Confirmed :-

Chairman

Minutes of Monthly (MAY) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 3rd of May 1944 the following Notice being sent to each member on the 29th of April 1944 :-

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Dear Sir,

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

1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 4th of April 1944
2. Business transacted since the 4th of April 1944 as per Mgr.'s O.Book
3. Council's Tillage Scheme
4. Any business connected with the Castle St C.P.Order now about to be wound up.
5. To fix a suitable date for Annual Meeting.
6. To consider taking over from Sir John Esmonde T.D. of parcel of land round the Black Castle
7. Reports of Officers and on Rate Collection
8. Correspondence
9. Free Milk applications.

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully

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

J. McGrath, Town Clerk

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

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

The Town Clerk explained that the Manager had communicated with him that evening and requested him to explain that owing to other urgent business he found it very difficult to attend but that should the Council desire his attendance he would arrange to attend on receipt of a 'phone call.

Item 1.

Minutes confirmed.

Item 2.

The Orders of the Manager were read and discussed and dissatisfaction was expressed in the delay arising in connection with the Bonuses granted to the Council's outdoor employees. The Town Clerk explained that the matter was handled as expeditiously as possible by him and later by the Manager but that the reply expected to his letter to the Department of the 15/4/44 was still being awaited.

Item 3.

The Town Clerk explained that the potatoes for the School Meals scheme were planted on Holy Thursday (6th of April 1944) and that subsequently carrots and turnips had been sown. Apart from the valuable assistance granted by Mrs Clarke of Mt Carmel in supplying man plough and horses and the voluntary helpers (John Nicholls and C. O'Doole) no other volunteers appeared on the job. Comment was made by Councillors on the absence of volunteers from those who stood to benefit by the Scheme.

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Item 4.

The Town Clerk pointed out that this matter was placed on the agenda to enable Councillors to raise any matter that they deemed fit in connection with same. Inquiries were made as to whether Miss Wall had yet been paid and if not what was the cause of the delay. The Town Clerk replied that she was not yet paid: that the delay was not due to any neglect or default of the Council but that certain documents were being awaited from Miss Wall's Solicitor.

Item 5.

On it being explained that this matter was too prematurely put on the Agenda it was agreed to leave it over until the June monthly meeting.

Item 6

After discussion on the matter the Town Clerk was directed to write to Sir John Esmonde T.D. and ~~XXXXXXXX~~ to inform him that the Council were agreeable to take over the land (1 ac 1 rd and 35 pers) round the Black Castle for the purpose of preserving the Black Castle as an ancient monument.

Item 7.

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

It was recommended that Notice be served on Mrs Murray concerning the dangerous condition of her houses at High Street.

The report on the Rate Collection showed the position as on the 30th of April as follows :-

	Warrant	Percentage Collected	Percentage last year
TOWN RATE	£5233		
	Collected 3896	74.45%	73.09%
POOR RATE	Warrant £4488		
	Collected 3406	75.88%	70.51.

In this connection the Town Clerk reported that the Collector had not yet closed his Warrant and prepared his lists of uncollected rates although the time had been extended for him to the 30/4/44. He then read the Collector's letter to the Chairman asking to be allowed until the 5th of May to wind up his warrants, asking for increase in poundage and asking to be repaid the amounts stopped off his poundage in previous years.

It was recommended that the time be further extended and that the requests of the Collector receive early and favourable consideration of the Manager

Item 8 (Correspondence)

Letter G. 627/6/44 of the 19th of April 1944 from the Department of Local Govt. and Public Health sanctioning overdraft accommodation of £1650 up to 3rd May 1944.

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The Town Clerk reported that ~~(xxx)~~ the present overdraft was £1165.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor J.O'Connor and passed :-

That the Town Clerk request the Department of Local Government & P.H. for renewal of authority for overdraft up to a limit of £1000 up to our next monthly meeting to be held on the 6th of June 1944

AND

That the Town Clerk request the Department of Local Government to renew authority for overdraft with the Treasurer on the Fuel Account up to a limit of £100.

Letter G.7855/44 of the 25th of April 1944 from the Department of Local Govt and Public Health approving of the payment of £40 on account of Poundage to the Rate Collector for his Town Rate Warrant and adding that provided he closes his warrant on the 30/4/44 ~~xxxxxx~~ proposals in respect of the payment of poundage will be considered.

Read

The Town Clerk reported on the operation of the School Meals Scheme for the season ending the 31st of March 1944 as follows :-

Meals were supplied from the 25th of October 1943 to the 31st of March 1944 on every school-going day within that period or a total of 91 days (Last year 101 days)

The number of meals supplied was 8157 (13047 last season). The gross cost was £160 :17:5 (£173 :10:- last season). By reason of the tillage scheme promoted by the Council, the gross cost was reduced to £147:7:- --the gross cost per meal being 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d and the net being 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. In those figures I have not taken into account a ~~xxxx~~ donation of Fuel without which it would be well-nigh impossible to have cooking carried on as in other years --the value of this gift, if not invaluable, would be at least £10.

The number of boys admitted to the benefit of the Scheme was 86 and of girls was 75. The average daily attendance was 45 and 44 respectively or a total of 89 as compared with 129 during the previous season.

As heretofore the voluntary and generous services rendered by the lady supervisors contributed largely to the success of the scheme.

Read and considered satisfactory --~~xxxx~~ all the members paying a tribute to the lady supervisors for their work in connection with the scheme.

The Council expressed approval of the arrangement re increased water charges to the County Council in respect of the <sup>n</sup> increased demand from the Courthouse -- viz £5 per annum --as contained in the County Manager's letter of the 13th of April 1944.

A letter from Mrs Margaret Murray of Fitzwilliam Square Wicklow dated the 1st of May 1944 stating that she was unable to undertake the repairs to her houses at High Street and suggesting that the Council should take them over and inquiring how much they would allow for them

Recommended that the matter be referred to the Town Surveyor and C.M.O.H. for reports as to whether the sites were suitable as building sites.

Letter from Mrs Windross tenant of No. 6 Glenview Rd, asking for a transfer to one of the houses on The Murrrough.

Refer to Manager

Letter from the Manager of The Hibernian Bank dated the 4/3/44 stating

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that he had been instructed by his Directors to reply to the Town Clerk's letter of the 28th of February 1944 to the effect that the interest charged on the Council's accounts was at a rate in accordance with the arrangements made with the Department of Local Government & P. H. and are the lowest rates for advances of this nature.

Read

Letter from Mr D. O'Connell Captain of the Swimming Club asking for permission to erect or place their diving board on the new pier for the forthcoming season and renewing application for hut for ladies dressing room.

It was recommended that the permission be given and that they be offered the shelter on "Clarke's Plot" to take and equip it either in its present position or in a place to be approved by Town Surveyor at the expense of the Swimming Club.

Questioned as to whether he had yet received and reply to the application made for a Grant for Wentworth Place and Cooper's Lane road works, the Town Clerk replied that he had written letters dated the 14th of February and 5th of April 1944 to the Department concerned and had enclosed copy of the Manager's Order on the matter and that no reply had yet been received.

The Town Clerk was directed to again communicate with the Department and to insist on a reply being sent direct to the Council

Questions were raised about the indiscriminate dumping near the "Black Castle" trespass on the plot fields and the ~~fix~~ need of a boundary fence at the Golf links. It was recommended that those places be inspected and suitable action taken.

~~xxxxxxxx~~ It was recommended that the Town Surveyor should inspect the unprotected piles on the beach and take steps to do something with them that would render them safe for those using the beach for swimming or boating.

It was ordered that the Town Clerk write to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and request them to provide a Public Telephone ~~xxx~~ in the vicinity of Fitzwilliam Square and that the Department be informed that the Council will facilitate with a site as far as lies in their power.

Confirmed

This 6 day of June 1944

-----Chairman.

Minutes of Monthly (JUNE) Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the ~~7th~~ 6th of June 1944 the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 2nd of June 1944 :-

- Dear Sir,
- The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday the 6th inst at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following matters will be under consideration :-
1. Minutes of Meeting held on the 3rd of May 1944
  2. Business transacted since the 3/5/44 as per Manager's Order Book
  3. Letter from the County Surveyor as to the Council's requirements of Turf (both Schemes) for the coming year and indicating the price at 55/6 per ton delivered.
  4. Offer of the Department of Local Government & P.H. (through the County Manager) of a Grant of £740 (subject to a local contribution of £55) to provide work for unemployed on amenity Schemes, roads etc (Council and Manager having already submitted Schemes dealing with Wentworth Place & Cooper's Lane -- estimated to cost £2775 and involving a local contribution of £90)
  5. Council's Resolution directing the Town Clerk to take necessary steps to take over South Quay and maintain it as a public road.
  6. Council's fire-fighting arrangements and equipment
  7. To fix a suitable date for Annual Meeting
  8. Reports of Officers and on Rate Collection. (9) Correspondence
  10. Free Milk applications

You are requested to attend said Meeting

Yours faithfully

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

J. McGrath, Town Clerk

PRESENT :- Councillors J. Olohan (Presiding), C.W. Hudson, M. McMahon, J. Clarke, Jas. Everett T.D., J.O'Connor and J.D. Haughton

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

The Town Clerk read a letter dated the 3/6/44 from P.T. Healy Esq. County manager regretting his inability to be present at the meeting and showing that owing to other prior and pressing engagements it would not be possible for him to attend.

Item 1.

Minutes of Meeting of the 3rd May 1944 were read and confirmed.

Item 2.

The Town Clerk read the Manager's Orders made since the 3rd of May 1944 and it was unanimously recommended that Henry Tyndall be employed in lieu of his brother David Tyndall who was seriously ill and who has been a faithful employee of the Council for about 35 years: it was also recommended that The Manager take into consideration the case of David Tyndall to endeavour to secure a pension or compensation of some kind for him.

Item 3.

Letters dated the 25th of May 1944 and 5th June 1944 from the County Surveyor indicating that he was now in a position to supply the Council's requirements for both Schemes of Turf for the coming year at 55/6 per ton delivered and weighed at the Council's Depots and that as the Council did not appear to have sufficient storage for their requirements he proposed to put in a reserve of 700 to 800 tons of turf inside the old jail premises

By referring to last year's distribution in the town the Town Clerk quoted figures showing that there was 202 tons distributed under the Free Fuel Scheme and that the distribution under the General Scheme was an average of about 3 tons per week and that the Registered Consumers were 254.

ORDER :- Recommend that 250 tons be ~~xxxxxx~~ acquired from the County Council for the Free Fuel Scheme and 250 tons also for the General Scheme and that the County Surveyor also get in the Reserve of 800 tons referred to by him.

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Item 4.

A letter dated the 16th May 1944 from the County Manager together with enclosed copy of a letter dated the 11th of May 1944 from the Department of Local Government conveying an offer of £740 (subject to conditions) was read. The Town Clerk referred to the Schemes of works already forwarded and to the file of correspondence dealing with the offered grant of 1943 and after discussion the following order was made :-

That we agree to accept the Grant of £740 (with a local contribution of £55 for ~~works~~ the completion ~~of the road known as Coppers' Lane.~~ in concrete of the road known as Coppers' Lane. ~~xxxx~~

This work was part of the Scheme already submitted in 1943 and 1944 to the Department of Local Government

It was also recommended that the Town Surveyor submit a Report and estimate ~~for~~ of the cost of erecting a shelter and other conveniences on the Murrough at Wicklow so as to improve the Murrough as a place ~~of~~ for outdoor games and sports. ~~etc.~~

Item 5.

After reference to the history of this matter and after a long discussion it was :-

PROPOSED by Councillor C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Councillor Michael McMahon and passed unanimously :-

That we request the County Manager, in view of the letter from the Department of Local Government & Public Health of the 9th ult., to make an Order for the taking over of the South Quay for maintenance as a Public Road as already mapped by the Town Surveyor.

Item 6.

The Town Clerk referred to the questionnaire recently sent to the Manager on this subject and read same and replies. He also read the copy of the Manager's Order of the 4th May 1944 sent with his letter of the 6th May 1944 on the subject of ~~xx~~ A.R.P. equipment and the following orders were made accordingly :-

(1) That the Siren offered by Messyweathers letter of the 16/5/44 at £17 be purchased

(2) That the Town Clerk again take up with the Manager the question of Rent for the storage of the A.R.P. equipment and the right of the Council's Fire Brigade to practice with the Trailer Pump.

Item 7.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting on the 27th of June 1944.

Item 8.

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

The Town Clerk referred to the question of the charges for water for non-domestic purposes and stated that same was in a most unsatisfactory position and it was agreed to re-consider the whole matter ~~again~~ at a future meeting.

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Item 9. (Correspondence)

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

Letter of the 10th May 1944 (G.627/8/44) sanctioning overdraft up to £1000 to the 6th June 1944 on General Account

Letter of the 11th May 1944 (T.A.260/132) sanctioning overdraft accommodation up to the 31st of May 1944 up to a limit of £100 for Turf Production

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

"That we hereby direct the Town Clerk to apply for renewal of authority for overdraft accommodation with our Treasurer to extend until our next monthly meeting on the 4/7/44 up to a limit of £2800"  
AND That we also direct him to apply for renewal of authority for Turf Production up to a limit of £100 to extend to same date."

Letter of the 25th May 1944 sanctioning the proposal to pay 5/- emergency Bonus (single men) and 8/- (married men) to employees engaged on road work scavenging etc.; to caterers; to Town Sergeant and to Waterworks Caretaker.

Recommend that the maximum Bonus be paid.

Letter G.9928/44 of the 24th May 1944 stating that the Minister considered that a sum of £15 was adequate for fees for administering the Fuel Scheme for the Summer of 1944.

Recommend to Manager to pay at least £20.

Letter dated the 8th of May 1944 from the C.M.O. Health in reply to the Council's request to pay special attention to spread of Diptheria in Wicklow stating that he will carry out its requirements as far as possible.

Read.

Letter of the 19th May 1944 from The Chief Engineer of G.S.Rys Co. in reply to the Town Clerk's letter of the 26th of April 1944 in which it was intimated

- (1) That the Company strenuously opposed the proposal to sell the gravel thrown up on the inner Murrough to any Contractor
- (2) That the Company required the removal of the gates and the level crossing at once

ORDER :- As the Council require further gravel from time to time, we request that the gates be allowed there for a further period of at least two years.

Letter from the Irish Tourist Board dated the 11th of May 1944 in which they state that they regret that they cannot consider any grant in aid of the scheme for the construction of a Swimming Pool as requested by the Council

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Order :-

Recommend that the Town Clerk ask for particulars of any proposal in which the Council could co-operate with the Board and to press further in connection with the Swimming Pool.

The Town Clerk reported the claim made by a lady for damages to her coat because of a tar substance on the promenade and that he communicated with the Insurance Company and he read their reply of the 5th of June 1944

Read: it was recommended that steps be taken to remove the ~~xxx~~ danger of damage to the clothes of persons on the Promenade

Letter from Town Surveyor dated the 6th June 1944 dealing with the complaints in respect of the Dumping at the Black Castle

Read

Letter from the Town Surveyor dated the 6th of June 1944 dealing with the question of fencing on the Golf Links

Read and approved of : Golf Club to be asked to look after the trespass from their grounds to the allotments at Dunbur Road.

Letter from the Town Surveyor dated the 6th June 1944 dealing with the question of the exposed and dangerous piles on the Foreshore and recommending ~~xxx~~ a method of dealing with same if he were allowed £15. On the Town Clerk reporting that £20 was provided for Foreshore repairs, it was recommended that the Town Surveyor be allowed to expend £15~~xxx~~ on his proposal.

Letter from Hugh Darcy of the 30th May 1944 asking to be employed by the Council in the event of any ~~xxxx~~ vacancy occurring among the Council's employees.

Read

Report of the Inspecting Officers on their survey of the Housing requirements at Wicklow and the County Manager's letter thereon of the 3rd June 1944

Recommend that copies be circulated to Councillors and that the matter be considered later.

Item. 10.

Applications for Free Milk, as acceded to, were submitted.

Confirmed

*John Walsh*

-----CHAIRMAN

Minutes of ANNUAL SPECIAL Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 27th of June 1944 pursuant to Order made at monthly meeting held on the 6th of June 1944, the following Notice being sent to each member on the 24th of June 1944 :-

ix Dear Sir,  
The Annual Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held, as fixed by Order on the 6th inst, on Tuesday the 27th inst at the hour of 7.30 p.m. when the following business will be transacted :-

1. Election of Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year
2. Election of Vic-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year
3. To appoint or elect two members as representatives on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee
4. To appoint seven representatives on the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board
5. To appoint or elect Eight representatives on the Wicklow Harbour Board or Commissioners
6. To appoint any other Committees deemed necessary or useful for the ensuing year and to do any other business necessary or appropriate to the annual Meeting

Councillors will also be requested to examine carefully the Lists of Uncollected Rates (1943/44) as now completed by the Rate Collector and to make recommendations to the Manager thereon  
You are requested to attend said Meeting  
Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

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

Present :- Councillors J. Olohan, C.W. Hudson, James Clarke, Ml. McMahon and J. D. Haughton.

The Town Clerk explained that the Manager had prior engagements at Bray and was not in a position to attend.

Item 1.

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

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint Councillor John Olohan as the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is appointed.

Councillor Olohan subscribed the Declaration of acceptance of Office of Chairman and presided.

Item 2.

PROPOSED by Councillor James Clarke, SECONDED by Councillor ~~Charles W. Hudson~~ and passed :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint Councillor Charles W. Hudson as Vice-Chairman of the said Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is appointed.

Councillor C.W. Hudson thereupon subscribed the Declaration of acceptance of Office as Vice-Chairman

Item 3.

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

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint or re-elect and appoint the following representatives of the said Council on the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee, to hold office on the said Committee until they are disqualified or until their successors are duly appointed viz :-

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Councillor Michael McMahon, Wentworth Villas Wicklow

Councillor James D. Haughton, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

PROPOSED by Councillor M. McMahon, SECONDED by Councillor C.W. Hudson and passed :-

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint or re-elect and appoint the following seven representatives of the said Council on the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board to hold office until they are disqualified or their successors are appointed viz :-  
Councillors J. Olohan, James Clarke, Joseph O'Connor, Charles W. Hudson, Nathaniel R.B. Haskins, Ml. McMahon & J.D. Haughton

Item 5.

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

That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby elect and appoint or re-elect and re-appoint as the said Council's representatives on the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners (sometimes also referred to as "The Wicklow Harbour Board") the following members of the said Council on the said Commissioners or Board until they cease to hold office as Councillors or until their successors are legally appointed viz :-

John Olohan, Joseph O'Connor, Michael McMahon, Charles W. Hudson, Nathaniel R.B. Haskins, William Clarke, James Clarke and James D. Haughton.

Item 6.

No other committee was appointed or proposed

(a) Miscellaneous.

The Town Clerk read the Manager's Order of the 20th of June 1944 dealing with the examination of the lists of uncollected Rates and the Manager's request for consideration of changes in the present manner of Collecting Rates.

The Lists were then examined item by item and with the exception of an inquiry as to whether Nos 918 & 919 were vacant and directing attention to two cases where proceedings had not been taken (846&850) no alterations were suggested or recommended.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Ml. McMahon, SECONDED by Councillor James D. Haughton and passed :-

That we recommend that the Collector be paid poundage on his collections and that ~~we~~ if he shows default in making his collections promptly, other steps be taken against him rather than by reducing his poundage on amounts collected and that the Manager consider introducing a system of monthly payments of poundage on the amounts collected and lodged from month to month.

(b) The list of cases prepared by the Rate Collector for annual Revision of Valuation was then submitted and examined and it was recommended that they be now submitted to the Valuation Office.

(c) The Town Clerk was requested to take up with the E.S.B. the alteration of the hours for Electricity being supplied to the six Brick Houses on The Murrough as the parties or ~~xxxxx~~ tenants, through no fault or misdemeanour on their part were asked to accept shorter hours for current because the Board were running the supply on one line to them and the other ten houses on The Murrough (on the 1/- per week system).

Confirmed : John Olohan CHAIRMAN.

J U L Y .

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 4th of July 1944 the following Notice having been sent to each member on the 30th of June 1944 :-

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 Meetings held on the 6th and 27th June 1944
2. Business transacted since 6/6/44 as per Manager's Order Book
3. Examination of the result of recent survey of Wicklow's housing needs as made by the Co. Medical Officer of Health & T. Surveyor (Copy of their joint report herewith) with a view to making recommendations thereon.
4. The taking up of the premises at Salt House Lane Wicklow formerly used as Labour Club rooms and on which there is now due to 25/3/44 Rent amounting to £40 and Rates to the 31/3/44 amounting to £48 :6:6 and consideration of an application for a new Lease of same.
5. Water Supply and charges for Water for non-domestic purposes
6. To execute Deeds in remaining cases included in Castle Street C.P. Order
7. Reports of Officers and on Rate Collection
8. Correspondence
9. Applications for Free Milk.

You are requested to attend said Meeting.

Yours faithfully  
J. McGrath, Town Clerk

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

PRESENT :- Councillors J. Olohan ( Presiding ), C.W. Hudson, R. B. Haslins, J. Everett T.D., M. McMahon and J.D. Haughton.

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

Item 1.

Minutes of both Meetings were read and confirmed.

Item. 2.

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

Item . 3.

Councillors expressing the view that they would like more time to examine the ~~xxxx~~ copy report sent to them, it was decided to have the whole matter considered at a Special Meeting to be held on Monday the 10th July 1944 when the Rates would be made.

Item. 4

This matter was considered and discussed and ~~xxxx~~ also adjourned to the Special Meeting to be held on the 10th July 1944, Councillors stating that they would like to make further inquiries about the premises.

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Item . 5 .

The Town Clerk stated that the whole position of collecting charges for using water for non-domestic purposes was unsatisfactory. Some few people were paying and were willing to pay whereas others who were large consumers made no proposal as to payment and, he believed, were advising against payment. Furthermore any effort to get one of the existing staff to collect these charges had proved fruitless: he was collecting what came in but felt it unfair to keep on collecting from the few while others took no notice and continued to use the water as heretofore.

ORDER :- Recommended that peremptory demands be sent out to each consumer and water be cut off in the event of no payment being made: the method and officer for collecting to be referred to the ~~Manager~~ Manager.

Item. 6

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 following Indentures :-

- (a) Assignment (endorsed on Lease) of 6th Oct. 1943 (Miss Elizabeth Wall to the Council)
- (b) Assignment of the 13th June 1944 -- Miss E. Wall -to-The Council
- (c) Conveyance of the 13th June 1944 -- Miss E. Ball -to-The Council

The Town Clerk stated that the above completed the acquisition of the sites to the Council. He added that Miss Wall's Solicitor had written and inquired if the Council would acquire the sites of the houses in the "Bawn" Castle Street dealt with by a Clearance Order in 1935: it was agreed to consider the matter later.

Item 7.

Reports were received from The Town Sergeant & S.S.O., Rent Collector Waterworks Overseer and Veterinary Inspector. and were read --no order being made except that it was recommended that the shelters on the Promenade be occasionally hosed or washed out with water.

The position with regard ~~xxx~~ to the Collector's final closing of his warrants was disclosed as per Manager's Order Book: it was pointed out that the rates for 1944/45 would be made on the 10th July 1944.

Item.8. (Correspondence)

Letter (G.627/9/44) of the 16th of June 1944 ~~xxxx~~ from the Department of Local Government & P. H. authorising overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £2,800 until the 4th of July 1944

PROPOSED by C.W. Hudson, SECONDED by Ml. McMahon ~~xxxx~~ and passed :- That the Town Clerk apply for authority to continue overdraft up to a limit of £2,900 on General Revenue Account up to the 7th of August 1944.