

A sum of £12. 11. 1 has been shown in the Schedule of uncollected Rates for 1944/45 as temporarily uncollectable. On enquiry the Rate Collector informed me that the Solicitor in charge of the property involved was willing to settle at any time if an allowance were made in respect of a vacancy. This error has been carried forward for some years.

It was observed in a number of cases in which rates had been written off as irrecoverable in 1944/45 on the grounds that the properties had been demolished or condemned, that rates on the same properties had been written off as irrecoverable in the previous year's Schedule of uncollected Rates, and had been included in the Tarrents for 1944/45, although apparently not collectable. It was not known if notification of the condition of these properties had been sent to the Commissioner of Valuation.

All cases of arrears of rates should now be submitted to the County Manager with a view to having necessary action taken to recover arrears.

The sum of £59. 1. 0 was paid to the Council's Rate Collector in June, 1944 being rates on Council's property. The relevant Rate receipts were not available for inspection and apparently have been mislaid. The sum of £4. 12. 10. was also paid to the Council's Rate Collector in June, 1944 in respect of property acquired by the Council the official rate receipts were also missing. A great deal more care should be exercised in regard to the preservation of rate receipts for audit.

House Rents

The number of houses owned by the Council at 31st March, 1945 was 198. Particulars of the rent collection are given hereunder.

Arrears at 31.3.44	Rent accrued for Collection	Total	Collected	Irrecoverable Rents.	Arrears at 31st March 1945.
£518. 12. 0.	£2845. 13. 4.	£3364. 5. 4.	£2764. 0. 0.	£ 10. 17. 4.	£ 587. 8. 0.

Rent arrears at 31st March, 1943 amounted to £432. 8. 2. and had increased to £507. 8. 0. at 31st March, 1945, a progressive increase which was most unsatisfactory. The collector's Rental showed that arrears at 1st December, 1945 stood at £326. 13. 6. An examination of the Office Rental showed that thirty eight tenants owed more than £5 each at 31st March, 1945, the total amount due from them being £361. 8. 5. The position at 1st December, 1945, as set out in the Collector's Rental sheet that twenty-five of these tenants had reduced their arrears, while eight had increased their indebtedness to the Council. I was informed that Notices to Quit had been issued to six of these defaulters during the audit.

A check of the rent accounts disclosed a number of irregularities which are set out below:-

(a) Receipts were not issued to tenants of the Council's houses until November, 1944 prior to this date Tenants Rent Books were in use. A satisfactory explanation as to why the terms of Article 41(2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1942 were not complied with in this regard, was not obtained.

(b) Paying-in-Slips as prescribed by the terms of Article 42 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1942 were not used in 1944-45 when lodgments were made with the Treasurer.

(c) Monies collected were not lodged within two days of collection during portion of the period under review as required by the terms of Article 42(1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1942.

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(d) The Collector's Rental had not been written up by the Collector then employed for January, February, and March, 1945 and each Tenant's arrears at 31st March, 1945 were not shown. The Rental had not been written up for April and May, 1945. As far as could be learned, the former Rent Collector's Accounts were not checked by the former Town Clerk in the period April, 1944 to November, 1944. A second temporary Rent Collector was employed from November, 1944, to March, 1945 this Collector's Accounts were not checked by the Acting Town Clerk during the Collector's period of office but he informed me that he had checked the Collector's Accounts in April 1945, after she had left the Council's employment, but had not compared the collections with the Book lodgments. A third temporary Rent Collector took up duty on the 26th March, 1945, his accounts I was informed were not checked until August 1945. When the checking thereof was carried out retrospectively by the Rate Inspector to the County Council. The current rent collections are being checked weekly by the Rate Inspector to the County Council who was appointed as rent and rate checker for the Urban District Council. I was unable to obtain an explanation as to why the terms of Article 43 of the Public Bodies Order, 1942, were not interpreted to mean regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly checkings of the rent collector's accounts for the period April, 1944 to August, 1945.

The present system of issuing receipts for rent received is not satisfactory. A page of original and duplicate receipts is reserved for each tenant (five for each month) and a receipt is issued when a payment is made. If a payment is not made the blank receipts are allowed to remain in the receipt book and are not cancelled. It is recommended that in future all receipts should be issued from a duplicate receipt book in consecutive order.

Corporate Estate Rents.

The Corporate Estate in 1944-45 consisted of 319 lettings. The following table indicates the state of the rent collection in that year.

Arrears at 31.3.44.	Rent Accrued	Total for Collection.	Collected (a)	Transferred to Cotage rental (b)	Arrears at 31.3.45.
£1195. 13. 0.	£1164. 11. 6.	£2360. 5. 3.	£ 992. 1. 5.	(a) £ 5. 6. 0. (b) 17. 14. 11	£1345. 2. 11

An examination of the Rental and enquiries made from the former and present Rent Collectors showed that in a large number of cases monies were due from persons and firms who should have been in a position to pay. It was noted that in a number of cases rents due from Lessees in a position to pay were not collected for some time after sale day. I was informed by the present Rent Collector that he had sent demands to a number of them but had taken no further action in the matter. In other cases had been made personal calls on lessees for rent.

Rents collected in 1944-45 represented 42.1% of the total amount collectable and this unsatisfactory state of affairs would appear to be due to the inaction of the Rent Collectors, and lack of proper supervision on the part of the former Town Clerk or Acting Town Clerk. It is recommended that a list of defaulters should be prepared by the Rent Collector and submitted to the County Manager through the Town Clerk at the end of each month.

It would appear that the accounts of the Corporate Estate Rent Collectors, for the period November, 1944 to March, 1945 had not been checked by another officer until April, 1945. The checking did not include reconciling collections with lodgments. I was informed that the collections from April to August, 1945 were not checked until August, 1945. A test check of the rent Collector's Accounts showed that no attempt had been made (during the period checked) to reconcile collections with lodgments, while the terms of Article 42(1) of the Public Bodies Order, 1942 regarding the lodging of monies collected

appeared to have been ignored for portion of the period under Audit and a satisfactory explanation was not obtained.

The Corporate Estate Office Rental on the day of inspection had not been written up to date, while a large number of entries of lessors' names and amounts paid had been made by the Rent collector. The office rental should be written up by the Town Clerk and not by the Rent Collector, and all entries should be made in ink. A record of the serial numbers inserted on the duplicate receipts books purchased and issued to the Corporate Estate Rent Collector has not been kept as required by the terms of Article 41(6) of the Public Bodies Order, 1942, paying 9in-slip as prescribed by the terms of Article 42(2) of the Public Bodies Order, 1942 were not used by the Collector in 1944-45 but are now being used. A number of Agreements in respect of yearly lettings were not available for inspection.

It was observed that lands containing 10 acres approx. had been let to one tenant at an annual rent of £17. 17. 0. per annum, plus water. It was informed that this was a yearly letting. The relevant agreement was not available for inspection. The rent receivable from this letting appears low and it is suggested that this and similar lettings should be reviewed at an early date with view to increasing the revenue from this source.

Income Tax amounting to £16. 9. 9. was deducted from ground rents paid to the Council by lessors in 1944-45. Credit would have been given to the Council for this tax, by the Revenue Commissioners if, on consideration, it was found to be allowable. No evidence was available to show that a claim had been forwarded to the Revenue Commissioners. This matter should receive immediate attention.

Special Arrears Notices were issued by the County Manager in all cases in arrears during the audit with good results.

#### Domestic Scavenging Services

The arrears at 31st December, 1944 amounted to £46. 8. 6. which was owed by twenty seven persons; portion of these arrears would appear to be due by persons who were in a position to pay. It was informed that a demand was issued for outstanding amounts in January each year, followed by an arrears notice some months later. No further action was taken if the amounts due were not paid. There is no collector for these services, the amounts being collected direct by the Town Clerk's office. In future a list of all amounts outstanding should be submitted to the County Manager monthly for review. Arrears Notices were issued to all defaulters during audit with good results. Printed application forms should be provided for completion by the persons who require domestic scavenging service. The present Register of scavenging services is unsuitable.

#### Loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

Installments in respect of loans advanced under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should be collected on the due dates. Fire Insurance policies on the houses in respect of which moneys have been advanced were inspected but receipts for the current premiums were not available in the cases. In future, receipts for annual Fire Insurance Premiums should be called for and inspected by the Town Clerk on the date on which premiums fall due.

#### CHEAP FUEL AND TRADING FUEL SCHEME

During the year under audit, the Council operated a Cheap Fuel Scheme and a Fuel Trading Scheme for which three bank accounts had been opened. The books used to record purchases and expenditure on suppliers and difficulty. Ledger accounts were not kept for quantities supplied, and relevant correspondences. At the 31st March, 1945 a sum of £1,277. 6. 1. was due to the fuel suppliers, and for haulage clerical work and Bank interest on both schemes. Of this sum £769. 14. 3. has been paid to creditors to date. A sum of £225.14.4.

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appears to be still due to the Council Council in respect of turf supplied for the Fuel Trading Scheme and £281. 17. 8. in respect of turf supplied for the Cheap Fuel Scheme. Under account dated 1st April 1945 an additional sum of £256. 7. 0. has been claimed by the County Council. The amounts ascertained to be due to the County Council in respect of turf supplied for the Urban District Council Schemes were obtained from the Office of the County Council: it was not possible to verify the figures from the Urban District Council Records.

Trading Accounts showing purchases, sales and stocks on hands, had not been made out in the years during which the Council's Fuel trading Scheme was in operation, and to ascertain the profit or loss on the Scheme it was necessary to analyse the receipts and payments as shown in the Bank Accounts. Taking unpaid Bills at 31st March, 1945 into account, it was found that a loss of £434. 4. 7. had been incurred at that date. The Scheme was closed down on 19th December, 1945 during audit by order of the County Manager.

A sum of £20. 9. 3. which was found at audit to have been omitted from the claim made by the County Council in respect of the fuel supplied in 1944/45 (Winter Scheme) to Home Assistance recipients has been recouped by the County Council. From available records it would appear that a sum of £256. 17. 7. is due from the Cheap Fuel Scheme Account to the General Account in respect of wages paid to Council workers for work done in connection with the Cheap Fuel Scheme; the necessary transfer should be made. The manner in which the records were kept in respect of the two fuel schemes left much to be desired.

#### ALLOTMENTS

In future the signature of the allotment holder should be obtained on the trader's Invoice when seed potatoes &c are collected by the allotment holder from traders: the signed invoices should then be forwarded by the traders to the Town Clerk's Office in support of claims for payment.

The Council's claim in respect of the 1945 season should be made up and forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health at an early date.

#### Miscellaneous.

Wheat, potatoes and other vegetables were produced on the Council's land in 1944/45 labour being supplied by the Council's workmen. The vegetables were supplied to the School Meals Depot, the surplus being sold. Wheat and straw sales realised £142. 10. 0. No records had been made up to show cost of production, quantities produced sold and damaged.

A Register of lands owned or leased by the Council has not been compiled as required by the terms of article 32 of the Public Bodies Order 1942. The Council owns a good deal of property in the town, and this work should be put in hands without further delay.

The Agreement between the Council and the former Great South-Western Railway Company regarding the maintenance of the station approach road at Ticklor has expired; the road is being maintained for a sum of £20 per annum. The position should now be reviewed.

A number of slaughter licences were issued under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1926, expired on the 31st July, 1945 the outstanding fees should be collected.

The Council hold Investments to the nominal value of £7,979.13.3 in respect of the Sinking Fund of the Ticklor Town 3rd Redemptible Debenture Stock. Included in the Investments held for the Sinking Fund is £200. 2. 1. 2d Consolidated Stock. British and Irish Income Tax are paid on the Dividends. No effort appears to have been made to recover British Income Tax which at present amounts to £2.12. 0. per annum.

A Transfer of £504 was made in March, 1945 from the General

Account to the Sinking Fund of the Council's Redeemable Debenture Stock, being two years Sinking Fund Contributions to 31st March, 1945. The annual contribution of £252 had not been made in 1943/44.

The Redemption Fund Account with the Treasurer which showed a Credit balance of £664. 4. 0. at 29th May, 1945, was transferred to the General Account on that date and the account was closed. To this account had been credited all dividends on Stocks held for the Sinking Fund and the yearly transfers from the General Account to the Sinking Fund. The Redemption Fund Account at the Bank should be re-opened as it is desirable that the Sinking Fund balances should be kept separately from the General Accounts.

The Stock Redemption Fund Account showed a credit balance of £653. 12. 5. at 31st March, 1945, while the corresponding account at the Bank showed a Credit balance of £645. 9. 7. at that date. It would appear that this was due to dividends received for the Fund amounting to £8. 2. 10. having been lodged to the General Account of the Bank and credited to the Fund Account in the books of the Council. The requisite transfer of £8. 2. 10. from the Revenue Account to the Stock Redemption Fund Account at the Bank should now be made.

At 31st March, 1945, there was a Debit balance on the Capital Account of £437. 1. 7. in respect of Workshouse Improvement Works Account and a Credit balance of £111. 16. 9. on two Housing Accounts leaving a Net Debit balance of £325. 1. 10. in the books of the Council on the Capital Account. At the 31st March, 1945 the Capital Account at the Bank showed a credit balance of £57. 1. 2. Apparently Capital Expenditure in previous years had been met from the Revenue Accounts and thus a sum of £368. 6. 5. is due from the Capital Account to the Revenue Account.

The number of Bank Accounts in operation in the name of the Council in 1944-45 was nine. This number was reduced to four by County Manager's Order dated 12th May, 1945.

The Council's unsatisfactory financial position is mainly due to:-

- (1) Inadequate provision in the Annual Estimate of Expenses for adverse balances in previous years' accounts and under estimating of expenditure.
- (2) An unsatisfactory rate collection, delay in closing Rate Accounts and consequent delay in striking rates for the succeeding year.
- (3) Large arrears being allowed to accumulate in respect of Corporate Estate, Cottage Rents, and Scavenging services, which arrears are mainly due to dilatory methods of collection.

The financial position should now receive the close attention of the Council and the necessary steps should be taken to (1) strike an adequate Town Rate (2) to effect improvement in the Revenue Collections and (3) if possible, to effect economies in expenditure and thus place the finances of the Council on a proper basis.

Considerable difficulty and delay were encountered in carrying out the audit owing to the manner in which the accounts, vouchers, and correspondence were kept while the Abstract of Accounts, when presented for audit had not been balanced. The audit of the accounts was adjourned to enable all missing vouchers to be collected (2) accounts to be certified by Officers who took the goods on charge (3) unissued rate receipts to be checked against the Schedule of uncollected Rates and (4) the accounts to be balanced.

A proper system for the preservation of accounts and vouchers for audit and the filing of correspondence should now be installed in the Town Clerk's Office.

The fidelity bond of the present Rent Collector was due for renewal on 25th October, 1945, but payment of premium was not made until 27th December, 1945. The Bonds of the officers who were required to give security are in order and the Council's properties are covered by fire insurance. All renewal premiums have been paid to date.

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(Signed) J.J. Flood  
Local Government Auditor.

The Minister for Local Government  
and Public Health.

MINUTES of Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council held on Tuesday the 5th February, 1946 pursuant to following Notice sent to each Member.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow,  
31st January, 1946.

Dear Sir,

The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held on Tuesday next the 5th February, 1946 at 7.30. p. m.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings held on the 1st Jan. 1946 and 9th January, 1946 (Copies herewith)
2. Consideration of Auditor's Report on audit of the Council's accounts for year ended 31st March, 1945 (copy herewith).
3. Resolution of Castlebar U.D. C. re Amending of Licensing Laws.
4. Correspondence regarding prospect of utilisation of derelict site on Main Street on Gun Cunningshame Estate.
5. Report of Town Surveyor on A. R. P. Equipment might be purchased by the Council.

Yours faithfully,  
E. Kavanagh,  
Acting Town Clerk.

To Each Member  
Wicklow U. D. C.

Present: Councillors J. Olohan Chairman (Presiding) C. W. Hudson, E. M. Kane, J. Brennan R. B. Haskins, L. Sutton J. O'Connell and J. Everett T. D.

Also Present: J. T. O'Byrne, Esqr B. E. and M. Flannery Esqr Co. Manager.

Before the Meeting commenced Councillor Hudson welcomed the Chairman on his return after recent illness and the County Manager associated himself with the expression of welcome.

Public Lighting.

Arising out of the Minutes Councillors Brennan and Kane inquired if any arrangements had been made regarding recommendations of the Council for an extension of public lighting service. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had looked into the Council's Finances and found that the allocation for public lighting did not permit any extension at the moment. Councillor Kane inquired about light on Barrow Green which he stated had not been lighting regularly although he had asked that this light be transferred to another part in the same area. It was decided to raise the matter with the E. S. B.

Adoption of Minutes.

The Minutes of 1st Jan. 1946 and 9th Jan. 1946 were adopted.

Report of Local Government Auditor

The Auditor's Report on the audit of the Council's Account to 31st March, 1945 having been sent to each member of the County Manager was requested to give his views on same and after dealing with the report in detail and discussing the deficit to 31st March, 1945 and suggestions by members as to the possibility of clearing such deficit, it was agreed to adjourn further consideration of the report until the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

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Amending of Licensing Laws.

Resolution of Castlebar U.D.C. re Amending of Licensing Laws.

Read.

Derelict Site at Main Street.

Letter submitted regarding utilisation of derelict site at Main Street on Gun Cunningshame Estate from Mr. Hopkins, Solicitor, stating that his clients had come to terms with the Lessor and Lessee and provided site is not acquired by the Council or County Manager his client is prepared to proceed with erection of shop on the site to be completed within six months and asking for an undertaking that the Council and County Manager would not interfere in the transaction.

ORDER The Council will not object provided requirements of the Town Surveyor are complied with and also requirements of Town Planning Acts in regard to Building proposed to be erected.

A. R. P. Equipment.

Read report from Town Surveyor with list of A. R. P. Equipment available for sale and asking if the Council is prepared to take over at valuations shown.

After discussion on same and it having been pointed out that the Council's present finances did not permit of this expenditure £27. 6. 9. it was recommended that the Department of Defence be requested to transfer this equipment to the Council free of charge.

Arising out of this matter Councillor Hudson drew attention to a burst in what appeared to him to be a new hose recently used at outbreak of fire at Messrs. Hopkins premises.

The Town Surveyor stated that he had not received any report on this and undertook to look into the matter.

RATE COLLECTOR'S POUNDAGE.

Read a long letter dated 1st Feb. 1946 from Rate Collector E. Kennedy dealing with poundage withheld for a number of years and the new system under which payments are being made to him in respect of this years collection. A long discussion took place and after strong representations by the Council the County Manager stated that he would recommend a reduction in the percentages of amount to be collected which the Council considered were too high and to postpone introduction of new system until next years collection.

ERECTION OF QUAY WALL - Proposed Lease to Messrs. Haskins.

Letter dated 4th Febr. 1946 from D. H. Haskins and Son Ltd., stating that they were still awaiting information as to erection by the Council of Quay wall adjoining plot which the Council had agreed to lease to them.

After discussing the matter of erecting Quay Wall the Town Surveyor agreed to meet Mr. Haskins on Friday at 11. a. m. to go into the matter with him.

Premises at Salt House Lane.

Letter from Mr. Owen O'Toole applying for weekly tenancy of store at Salt House Lane for a Joiners workshop. The Acting Clerk stated that he was not in a position to say whether the Council or the Labour Club had possession of the premises that he had searched the minutes and the last record he could trace was that on the 10. 4. 1944 the then Town Clerk had been directed to write the Labour Club for the key of the premises and that when same was received the Town Surveyor was to inspect and report on same.

The matter having been fully discussed and the County Manager having recommended to the Council that this property should be

advertised it was ordered that the letting of the premises be advertised on the basis of a weekly letting or (b) 31 years lease.

Library Rate

Letter from County Librarian with resolution recommending Urban Council to increase contribution of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d in £ to County Library Funds.

Adjourned to Estimates Meetings.

Contract for Erection of Footbridge.

A long discussion took place regarding Councillor Kane's inquiring for figures tendered for concrete footbridge and the County Manager having stated that there appeared to be objections to the publication of the figures he did not think it would be fair to all who tendered to give the information, there was no obligation to disclose.

Councillor Kane then handed in the following Notice of Motion.

I hereby give notice that I or some member for me will move at the next meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council that the amounts involved in the tenders received for the new Bridge over the River Leitrim be supplied to the Members present.

Repairs to Foreshore Works.

The Town Surveyor having informed Councillor Sutton that he had not heard anything further from the Department concerning the Council's resolution regarding the Foreshore the following resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Sutton.  
Seconded by Councillor Maskins.

That this Council again calls the attention of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the grave necessity of continuing the foreshore protection works along the North Beach at Wicklow, regarding which frequent representations have been made to the Department and upon which no replies appear to have been received.

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Cheap Fuel Scheme.

Councillor Kane inquired the reason some recipients of Cheap Fuel could not get same, The Acting Clerk informed him that no serious delay ever occurred. There was no applicant who had been unable to receive turf in the week in which he had applied. There might have been delay of two or three days but that was the maximum. The Fuel depot was never a full week without supplies.

*J. Olohan*  
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MINUTES

of Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council held on 5th March, 1946.

Present Councillors. J. Olohan Chairman Presiding  
J. Everett T. D.  
J. Brennan.  
E. Kane.  
L. Sutton  
J. O'Connor

Also present J.T.O'Byrne, Esqr B.E. and M. Flannery

The Chairman stated that Councillor Hudson had informed him that he regretted that he would be unable to attend the Meeting.

GROUND RENT Mr. R. White 17, Drumcondra Park, Dublin with permission of the Council was admitted and made representations regarding arrears of ground rent in respect of which he recently had received a reminder. Mr. White stated that the houses in question were condemned in 1947 and that he understood that it was arranged at that time that an adjustment in the ground rent payable by him would be made in consequence.

It was arranged that the County Manager would investigate Mr. White's representations and report on the matter to the Council

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of the last meeting as circulated were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

COUNTYMANAGEMENT ACT Circular letter of 7th Feb. 1946 copy of which had been transmitted by the Acting Town Clerk to each Member of the Council was considered and marked "read"

TENDERS for ERECTION OF FOOTBRIDGE In accordance with Notice of Motion Councillor Kane moved as follows:- The amounts involved in the tenders received for the new bridge over the River Leitrim be supplied to the Members present". The Chairman expressed the view that there did not seem to be any due reason why the information requested should be made available. The Manager assured the Council that the lowest tender had been accepted in this instance. After discussion it was decided that the amount of the tenders should be circulated to the Members.

LICENSING LAWS Resolution from Tullamore Urban District Council asking that the Licensing Laws should be amended by allowing for facilities in obtaining reasonable refreshments on Sundays in all Urban Areas was marked "Read".

APPLICATION FROM WICKLOW TOWN BAND. Letter of the 5th March, 1946 asking that the Council make contribution to the Band from the rates was submitted, in addition the Manager stated that the Band had applied for the use of a room in the Town Hall for the purpose of storing instruments.

The Manager explained that the Council could not make a contribution to the Band as requested. It was however competent for the Council to strike a special rate under the Public Health Acts for the purpose of Amusements which would include payment to a Band for public performances in the Urban District.

It was decided that the question of striking a special rate for Band performances should be adjourned to the Estimates Meeting of the Council.

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Everett, it was decided that Wicklow Town Band be granted the use of such room in the Town Hall as the Manager and Town Surveyor may

consider suitable for the purpose of storing instruments.  
Practices however not be allowed in such room.  
Rent to be 5/- per month.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING On the proposition of Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Sutton, it was decided that the Estimates Meeting of the Council should be fixed for Tuesday the 26th March, 1946 at 7.30. p. m. and that the sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to the date.

LETTING OF PREMISES AT SALT HOUSE LANE, WICKLOW. In response to advertisement in Wicklow People two tenders were received for premises at Salt House Lane, Wicklow (1) from the Wicklow Amateur Boxing and Athletic Club offering a rent of 2/6d per week for the top portion of the premises and (2) Owen O'Toole 2, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow offered a weekly rent of 5/- plus rates he proposed to use the premises as a Joiner's workshop. Councillor O'Connor proposed and Councillor Sutton seconded and it was unanimously resolved that the tender of Owen O'Toole be accepted at rent of 5/- per week plus rates.

INTEREST RATES. The following resolution received from Kinsale U. D. C. was passed unanimously on the proposition of the Chairman J. Olohan and seconded by Councillor Everett

That we the Members of the Urban District Council of Wicklow request that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in view of the large number of Public Utility Schemes about to be taken by Urban Councils in Ireland, take immediate steps to make loans for such bodies available at a rate of interest not exceeding 3%"

TEMPORARY OVERDRAFT Proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor and Seconded by Councillor J. Everett

Resolved that Application be made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for authority for overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £2,000 to the date of our next meeting to be held on the 2nd April 1946.

GROUND RENTS Mrs. E. Kavanagh Letter from Mrs. H. Kavanagh Sunburst Seafront Wicklow referring to notice in respect of arrears of ground rent was submitted and marked "Read"

The Manager explained that arising out of the Auditors Report it had been necessary to instruct the Council's Solicitor to notify all persons with ground rent arrears in excess of one year that unless payment was made without delay proceedings would be instituted for recovery of the premises.

REPAIRS TO EAST PIER & C. The Town Surveyor in report of the 4th March, 1946 stated that the East Pier of the Harbour was in a very dangerous condition at the end where the lighthouse is situated. An enormous cavity had been formed in the pier and if something was not done shortly the whole end of the pier would collapse. The cost of the necessary repairs would not be less than £900 plus cost of piles.

In reply to inquiry regarding representation made by the Council as to the protection of the Foreshore, the Town Surveyor stated that two Engineers from the Office of Public Works recently inspected it and thus so far no communication had been received from that Office.

The Town Surveyor also reported that the Harbour at present was in urgent need of dredging. At certain states of the tide, it was not possible to launch the lifeboat and the Lifeboat institution regarded the matter as serious.

After discussion, it was decided that the proposition Councillor Sutton seconded by the Chairman ( Mr. J. Olohan) that

representations regarding the condition of the Harbour be made immediately to the Department of Industry and Commerce and Office of Public Works and that the Minister for Industry and Commerce be asked to receive a deputation comprising of two Representatives of the Urban Council, two Representatives of the Harbour Board and the three Dail Deputies for the County and Representatives of the Lifeboat Institution. The County Manager undertook to have these representations transmitted immediately to the Government Departments concerned.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AND CLAIM OF MRS. HANLON. In reply to Councillor Everett the Manager stated that the Council's Insurance Company to whom Mrs. Hanlon's claim had been submitted declined to admit liability and Mrs. Hanlon's Solicitor had been informed accordingly. It was decided that the matter should be brought to the notice of E. S.B.

PUBLIC LIGHTING After discussion regarding the present arrangements for public lighting, it was decided that during the period of the Annual Retreat public lighting in the mornings should be available from 6.30.p.m. to 7.a. m. otherwise to revert to normal arrangements

SPEED LIMIT FOR URBAN AREAS It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Sutton and unanimously resolved that a speed limit of 20 miles per hour be fixed for all traffic within the confines of the Urban District of Wicklow. Copy of this Resolution to be sent to the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána.

WATER SUPPLY Reply to inquiry from the Council the Manager and Town Surveyor outlined the present position regarding improvements to the water supply, and it was intimated that owing to the difficulties and cost involved it was proposed to instal a regional water supply scheme for Wicklow Urban District, Ashford, Rathnew and Blenealy. A proportion of the costs of such scheme would be borne by the County Council. Considerable difficulties had been experienced in the endeavour to procure a suitable source of supply and after consultation with the Local Government Department it had been decided to engaged the services of a Consulting Engineer. At present all the data collected by the Town Surveyor for the various potential sources of supply were in the hands of the Consultant who was arranging to check them and make such independent survey as might be deemed necessary.

Dublin Corporation had been approached regarding the question of any rights which they might possess over the water supply on the Vartry River. Inquiries had also been made from the corporation regarding the terms for the supply of water from their mains. This latter scheme however from investigations thus far did not seem a desirable or feasible one.

The Council noted the progress which had been made in the matter.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK. In reply to inquiry the Manager stated that Mr. Sean S. O'Ceallaigh had been appointed Town Clerk on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission and that it had been arranged that he would take up duty on the 1st April 1946. On the Motion of Mr. Everett seconded by Mr. J. Olohan it was unanimously resolved that we hereby protest against the appointment of the position of Town Clerk of a person who had not Army Services and desire to convey to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health our views that a qualified candidate with army service could have been procured."

*J. Olohan*  
2/4/46

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 2nd

APRIL, 1946.

## Present:

Councillor	J. Olohan	Chairman Presiding.
	R. B. Haskins.	
	J. Brennan.	
	C. W. Hudson.	
	Ed. Kane.	
	J. O'Connor.	
	J. Everett.	
County Manager.	M. Flannery.	
Town Surveyor.	J. T. O'Byrne, B. E.	
Town Clerk.	Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.	

TOWN CLERK. The Chairman, Councillors and County Manager welcomed Mr. O'Ceallaigh, recently appointed Town Clerk.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting of 5th. March, 1946 as circulated were taken as read and adopted, and signed by the Chairman.

DOMINICAN CONVENT LEASE. The County Manager explained the position in regard to this matter and read extracts from correspondence from Council's Solicitor, Department of Education, Church Body. After discussion and examination of plans the following Notice of Motion to be considered at special Meeting on the 12th April, 1946 was handed in:-

That the Council do hereby rescind resolution passed at its meeting held on the 4th September, 1945 granting a Lease for a term of 75 years of plot at Fair Green, Wicklow, to the Dominican Convent Wicklow and that in lieu thereof that a Lease for a term of 99 years be granted to the Dominican Convent subject to the condition that the site be used only for the purpose of erecting thereon buildings to be used as a National School and that a Playground be provided adjoining the School. The Rent to be £5 per annum.

Signed:-  
Edward Kane. Loughlin Sutton. J. Olohan.

C.W.Hudson. James Everett, James Brennan. Robt. H. Haskins.  
J.O'CONNOR.

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It was agreed also that the plans received from the Dominican Convent should be made available in the Town Hall for the inspection of any interested person.

HOUSING SCHEME. Letter from the Department of L. G & P. H. (Ref. H. 2103/3/45), dated 19th March, 1946 regarding the Council's proposed Scheme and under the Housing for the Working Classes Acts was read by the County Manager. It was indicated therein that with certain exceptions, the sites and lay-outs were regarded as suitable. The exceptions were (1) The Black-castle field site which is rather broken and will need considerable leveling. (2) The lay-outs for Ballynerrin sites 1, 2 and 3. After discussion it was decided that the Scheme when ready to be put into operation should be commenced by the erection of the following 20 houses.

Blackcastle eight houses.

Lower Monkton Road-four houses.

Castle Street Middle-two houses.

Castle Street East-six houses.

PUBLIC HEALTH BILL 1946. A Circular letter from the Queen's

Institute of District Nursing in Ireland dated February, 1946 drawing attention of the provisions of the Public Health Bill 1946 (now before the Dail) in so far as it affects the District Nursing Service was read. The Council unanimously endorsed the view contained in the letter and directed Town Clerk to Inform Institute to this effect.

RESOLUTION OF LISTOWELL U. D. C. The terms of the following resolution received from Listowel Urban District Council were unanimously approved; That in the interest of the Poor we protest most strongly against the proposed withdrawal of the Public Health Grant ~~from~~ from the Jubilee Nursing Service.



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Proposed Speed Limit. Read. Letter dated 1st March, 1946 from the Assistant Commissioner Garda Siochana pointing out that in view of certain precautions already having been taken by the Garda Authorities, the Commissioner did not think it necessary to comply with the terms of resolution passed by the council at their meeting on 5th. March, 1946, requesting him to fix a Speed Limit of 20 miles per hour for all vehicles within the Urban District of Wicklow. The Council unanimously decided to request the Commissioner to re-consider the matter as they deemed it desirable that a special speed limit should be fixed.

FREE MILK SCHEME. 1946/47. The Council were informed that one tender had been received in connection with this Scheme. Mr James Cooney, Main Street, Wicklow, submitted this tender which provides for the supply of milk in any quantity up to 40 gallons per week at 1/11d. per gallon with a condition that Recipients should call to the Whitecross Dairy, Main Street, Wicklow, for their supplies.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson and Seconded by Councillor O'Connor and resolved "that we recommend the acceptance of the tender of James Cooney in connection with the supply of milk during the season 1946/47 for the purposes of the Council's Free Milk Scheme."

DEPUTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT of Industry and Commerce -re Harbour.

The County Manager read a memorandum prepared by Mr. J. T. O'Byrne B. E. relating to deputation which attended at the Office of the Department of Industry and Commerce Marine Branch at 12 noon on Thursday 28th. March, 1946. It was decided that the matter should come up for discussion at a ~~joint~~ meeting of the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to be held on Friday 12th. April, 1946.

PROPOSED SITE FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. Arising out of a discussion concerning the proposed building of Vocational School upon the old Gaol site, it was proposed by Councillor Everett

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Seconded by Councillor O'Connor and passed unanimously " That we the Wicklow Urban District Council object against the action of the County Council in allocating only a small portion of the gaol site for a Vocational school and that we are of opinion that the storage of lorries in said yard would constitute a danger to children attending School."

CONCRETE BRIDGE. ~~XXX~~ On being asked by Councillor Kane in accordance with resolution passed by Council on 5th. March, 1946 to give the amounts of the Tenders submitted in relation to the construction of New Bridge the County Manager supplied the figures, viz:-

1.	Roads Improvement Co., (Dublin.)	...	...	...	£2,128.12.	1.
2.	William Lee (Arklow)	...	...	...	£2,217. 2.	0.
3.	William Clarke (Wicklow)	...	...	...	£2,695.10.	0.
4.	C. S. Downey (Dublin).	...	...	...	£2,722. 5.	0.
5.	South of Ireland Asphalt Co. (Dublin)	...	...	...	£3,001.10.	0.
6.	Irish Filing Co. (Dublin)	...	...	...	£3,950.15.	9.
7.	Finlayson Bros. (Wicklow).	...	...	...	£3,967. 0.	0.

WALL AT BACHELORS WALK. The Chairman referred to the present condition of the wall at Bachelors Walk. After discussion it was suggested that the Surveyor should invite Mr Lee, contractor at present engaged on concrete bridge to submit tenders for (a) provision of buttress to support the existing wall (Surveyors Estimate £90) and (b) the taking down of wall where dangerous and erection of new structure (Surveyor's Estimate £250).

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ON MURROUGH. Councillor Sutton referred to the necessity of re-opening Convenience on Murrough. The Council recommended to the County Manager that the convenience should be painted and re-opened and that a caretaker should be appointed.

COLLECTION OF RATES Councillor Kane suggested that some arrangement should be made whereby those people desiring to make an interim payment on their rates should find it possible to do so during fixed office hours at the Town Hall. The County Manager said that it was an excellent idea and that arrangements would be made to implement

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the suggestion without delay.

*J. Walsh*  
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd.

April 1946.

Present :-

Councillor	J. Olohan	Chairman Presiding.
	R. B. Haskins.	
	J. Brennan.	
	C. W. Hudson.	
	Ed. Kane.	
	J. O'Connor.	
	J. Everett.	
County Manager.	M. Flannery.	
Town Surveyor.	J. T. O'Byrne, B. E.	
Town Clerk.	Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.	

THE ESTIMATES MEETING of the Wicklow Urban District Council adjourned from the 26th. March, 1946 was held after the monthly Meeting of the Council on the 2nd April, 1946. The Meeting had been adjourned pending the outcome of a deputation to the Department of L. G. & P. H. relative to the proposed liquidation of the Council's deficit over a period of years. The County Manager referring to the deputation intimated that the Department required a rate of 1/6d in the £ to be raised for the purpose of liquidation of the debit balance. The Manager/pointed out that his original provision in the Estimates for the liquidation of the deficit had been 4/10d. The new arrangement meant a reduction of 3/4d in the estimates and this together with reduction in Town Rate already made by the Council brought the total rate in £1 to 25/3. (13/7 Town Rate and 11/8d poor rate. After discussion it was resolved on the proposition of Councillor Haskins seconded by Councillor Sutton that the Council provide 3d in the £. in the Town rates for Foreshore works. This brought the rate to 25/6d in the £ (13/10 Town Rate and 11/8d Poor Rate).

Proposed by Councillor Haskins.

Seconded by Councillor Sutton.

Resolved that having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted for consideration we hereby adopt Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial year ending the 31st March, 1947 as set out in Tables A. B. & C. thereof.

Proposed by Councillor Haskins.

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Seconded by Councillor Sutton.

Resolved that we determine the rates set forth in Column 9 of Table C of the Estimate adopted by us viz- Town Rate 13/10d in the £. and Poor Rate 11/8 in the £ to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1947.

OFFICIAL CONGRATULATED. The Chairman stated that he wished to pay tribute to the able manner in which Mr Laven, Temporary Town Clerk had helped in the preparation of the Estimates. The County Manager also states that he wished to pay tribute to the good work done by Mr. Laven during his short term of office.

The Chairman added that he would also like to congratulate the Collectors on their collections in the financial year just ended.

*J. O'Leary*  
7/5/46

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Special Meeting held on 12th. April 1946.

PRESENT:-

Councillor	J. O'Leary.	Chairman Presiding.
	J. Everett.	
	J. Brennan.	
	E. Kane.	
	C.W. Hudson.	
	J. O'Connor.	
	L. Sutton.	
County Manager.	M. Flannery.	
Town Surveyor.	J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.	
Town Clerk.	S.S. O'Ceallaigh.	

Councillor Hudson informed the Meeting that the Church Body would raise no objection to the revised plans submitted and that they appreciated the manner in which their earlier objections to the proposed situation of the Recreation Hall has been dealt with.

EXTENSION OF LEASE. Following a discussion arising from a question of Councillor Everett concerning outstanding Leases and the position of the Council generally as regards the granting and renewal of leases, The County Manager informed the meeting that he had obtained Council's advice in the matter. He stated that it would appear from a reading of the advice tendered that the Council cannot ~~as~~ as a general rule grant leases for periods exceeding 31 years, except they are building leases or with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. After further discussion it was decided that a copy of Council's opinion should be sent to each Member. It was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor O'Connor and passed unanimously.

Resolved "That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council do ~~not~~ hereby rescind resolutions passed at our meeting on 4th. September, 1945. granting a lease for a term of 75 years of plot at Fair Green, Wicklow, to the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, and that in lieu thereof and subject ~~and subject~~ to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health a lease for a term of 99 years be granted to the Dominican Convent subject to the condition that the site as shown on map submitted be used only for the purpose of erecting thereon buildings to be used as a National School and that a Playground be provided adjoining the school. The rent to be £5 per annum. T. ODELL. 12/4/46.

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PETROL RATION. It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Olohan (Chairman) and passed unanimously. Resolved "That we ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Minister for Agriculture to make available immediately a special ration of Petrol for delivery by seed assemblers of seed wheat to farmers." The Town Clerk was directed to forward copies of resolution immediately.

CONCRETE BRIDGE LOAN. The following undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works, in respect of a £1250 Loan from the Loans Fund for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the removal of the wooden bridge at Leitrim Place and the erection of a reinforced concrete bridge in its place was sealed with the Council seal and signed by Councillor Olohan, Chairman, and Councillor O'Connor and Hudson-proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor O'Connor and passed unanimously. Resolved "That the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby undertake that the Instalments in repayment of the Loan now proposed, as well as of any existing Loan, will be punctually remitted on the dates at which they become due viz- 1st. May and 1st November, in each year.

LETTING OF HOUSES. Councillor O'Connor referring to the appointment of tenants to vacant houses, stated that certain people had felt aggrieved at some of the appointments made. He cited the case of a certain family which had come to his notice. The County Manager in reply pointed out, he made a personal inquiry into each case. In the cases of Slum Clearance Houses he was guided by the list of recommendations made by the Medical Officer. Each application was dealt with on the merits. He added that he would specially inquire into the circumstances of the applications named by Councillor O'Connor.

J. Olohan  
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MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 7TH MAY, 1946.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Olohan. Chairman Presiding.  
C. Hudson.  
J. Everett. T.D.  
R. Haskins.  
E. Kane.  
J. O'Connor.  
L. Sutton.

The County Manager and the Town Surveyor, also were in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. Minutes of Meeting of 2nd April, 1946 and 12th April, 1946, as circulated, were taken as read and adopted, and signed by the Chairman.

PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT. Read letter dated 5th April, 1946 from Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Síochána, intimating that the Commissioner was unable to alter his decision not to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order fixing a Special Speed Limit for Wicklow Urban District. After discussion it was decided that the matter should be brought to the attention of the Deputies for the County with a view to having the necessary representations made by them to the proper quarter.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT THE MALL. Arising from a discussion relative to the Corner at the Mall, it was proposed by Councillor O'Connor, seconded by Councillor Haskins, and resolved "That we recommend the Wicklow County Council to take steps to improve the present dangerous condition of the corner at the Mall, Wicklow."

ALLOCATION OF PETROL RATION TO SEED ASSEMBLERS. Read letter (P.43/10099 of 30th April, 1946) from Dept. of Industry & Commerce pointing out that in existing circumstances it was not possible to accede to the request embodied in a Resolution passed by the Council, at their Meeting on 12th April, 1946, calling upon the Minister for Industry and Commerce to grant a Petrol Allowance to Seed Wheat

Assemblers for the delivery of seed wheat to growers. After discussion the Council decided that the matter should be referred to the Deputies for the County. The Council considered that it was a matter of National Importance, which warranted its being raised in Dail.

SERVICES OF THE JUBILEE NURSES. Letter (P.H.7556/7/46) from Department of Local Government and Public Health, acknowledging receipt of Resolution passed by Council on 5th April, 1946 intimating that the provisions of the Public Health Bill, 1945, would not interfere with the present service of the Jubilee Nurses.

APPEAL TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION re TEACHER'S STRIKE. The Council adopted the following Resolution, passed by the Dungarvan Urban District Council, and Resolved "That with a view to ending the suspension of education and control of Thirty thousand Dublin School-children, and the resultant danger to Life, Morals and Education of the Children, WE, the Dungarvan Urban District Council call on the Public ~~xxx~~ Bodies of Eire to join with us in requesting that the Minister for Education and the I.N.T.O. meet, with a view to settling the Teachers' Strike before further harm is done or before the Strike may spread with danger to the Children of Eire."

WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB APPLICATION. Read letter from Secretary Wicklow Swimming Club, requesting Council to erect the staging on the New Pier, as in former years. It was decided that the work should be carried out. On the suggestion of the Town Surveyor, the Council agreed that the erection of a permanent structure was desirable. The Council directed that The Swimming Club should be informed that they had Council's permission to proceed with such work. Further it should be intimated to the Club that it might be possible for them to procure the necessary timber from the Council.

PLAYGROUND AT BALLYNERRIN. Read petition addressed to Wicklow Urban District Council and signed by 37 residents of Ballynerrin District, requesting the Council to provide a playground, at Ballynerrin, for the Children of the neighbourhood. It was pointed out in the petition that there is a distance of one mile between Bally-

nerrin and the playground at the Murrough. The Council agreed that a playground should be provided for the locality and the Town Surveyor was directed to find out if any suitable field could be procured in the area for this purpose.

TRACKS AT FORESHORE. Read letter dated 15th April, 1946 from D. H. Haskins & Son Limited, submitting the following scale for cutting the tracks for the Foreshore.-

To Cutting of Tracks. ... ..	3/- per track.
To Operators Time. ... ..	1/10 per hour extra,

The Town Surveyor estimated the cost of the work at £10. The Council directed that the work should be carried out.

CONCRETE FOOTBRIDGE (LOAN OF £1250) The following Resolutions were passed :-

"A" Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson. Seconded by Councillor Haskins.

And resolved - "That our Corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the Repayment of the sum of £1250 proposed to be advanced to us under the Public Health Acts, 1878 to 1931, and the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898."

"B". It was Moved by C. W. Hudson, and seconded by B.B. Haskins.

And Resolved - "That inasmuch as this The Wicklow Urban District Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Wicklow Urban District Council, but prefer to receive the instalments as occasion may require, It is Resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this the Wicklow District Council for time being, countersigned by the Clerk of the Council and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to OUR account in the Wicklow branch of the Hibernian Bank."

The Council Seal was then affixed to the Deed of Mortgage.

PROGRESS OF WORK ON FOOTBRIDGE. The Council discussed the progress of the work on Footbridge. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the work was proceeding. Councillor Everett, raised the question of the wages being paid to the men engaged on the scheme. He stated that he understood that there was a Clause in the Contract, stipulating that the contractor should pay the Town Rate of wages. The Town Surveyor pointed out that no representations had been made to him that the local rate of wages was not being paid. After discussion it was decided that the Contractor should be written to with a view to ascertaining the following particulars, viz:-

- (1) The number of men employed by him on the Scheme at different periods.
- (2) Rate of wages paid.
- (3) The approximate date ~~xxxx~~ by which work will be completed.

He should also be informed that it would be necessary for him to expedite the completion of the work in every possible way.

BONUS TO COUNCILS' WORKMEN. Councillor O'Connor inquired if the Bonus, for which provision had been made in the Estimates had yet been paid to Councils' Workmen. The County Manager stated that he would make an Order forthwith granting a Bonus to the Men retrospectively to the 1st April, 1946.

RELIEF WORKS. Councillor Everett inquired if the full amount allocated to Relief Works had been spent. The Town Surveyor stated that there was still a sum of approximately £15. to be expended. Councillor Everett pointed out that Castle-field on which £30 should have been spent had been overlooked. The Council directed the Town Surveyor to clean up the Castle-field area.

DUMP AT STATION. Following a reference to the present condition of the Dump at the Station, the Council directed that the Town Overseer should cause the gate to be locked and should have the Dump cleaned up. He should also be directed to remove unsightly refuse from the Streets.

FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING. Objection was raised by the Council to the

practice of holding Fire Brigade Training Practice on Sundays. It was decided that no further practice should take place on Sunday and that some alternative date would have to be agreed upon. It was also decided that a Notice should appear in the Press to the effect that a Telephone had been installed in the premises of the Charge-hand; Mr. E. O'Toole.

E.S.E. AND PUBLIC LIGHTING. After a discussion concerning a recent claim for compensation in respect of injuries which were alleged to have been sustained on 1st January, 1946, owing to absence of Public Lighting on that date, it was decided that representations should now be made to the E.S.E.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT MURROUGH. The Council was informed that the Convenience had been painted and that the position of Care-taker had been advertised. No application had been received for the position. The Council suggested that a certain individual, whom they considered suitable, should be written to, asking him to act as caretaker at 10/- per week plus the amount collected in the meters.

WATER SUPPLY. The County Manager gave to the Meeting a comprehensive outline of the plans that are in hand for the supplementing of the Wicklow Town Water Supply. He stated that every effort was being made to solve the problem. Professor Purcell had examined all the details collected by the Engineer and was engaged drafting a preliminary report. He added, however, that it would be unlikely that whatever Scheme might be adopted would be operative during the coming Summer months. Following a discussion, during which the urgency of the matter was stressed by the Council, and some suggestions made as to how the water supply could be augmented, it was decided that the County Manager, Town Surveyor and such Members of the Council who desired to do so, should visit the water-works on Friday evening, 10th May, for purpose of discussing some of the suggestions made by the Councillors.

FORESHORE. The County Manager gave particulars to the Meeting of the negotiations that were taking place with the Local Government

Department in connection with the Foreshore. He stated that representation had been made requesting special assistance for Foreshore works. He added that the Surveyor was preparing estimates of the cost of the proposed work; and that in their last application to the Department attention had been directed to the fact that in their yearly estimates the Council had provided a special 3rd rate for Foreshore works.

LEASES. The County Manager stated that the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to a granting of a 99 years Lease to the Dominican Convent by the Council had not yet been received. Referring to the question of the "Riverside" Lease, he stated that Council's Solicitor had advised that the Council should apply to the Harbour Commissioners for a Lease of the Premises.

LETTING OF HOUSES. A list of persons who had made applications for vacant Council Houses, and who were still unplaced, was submitted to the Council. It was agreed that the present method of submitting the list to the Medical Officer for his recommendations was satisfactory.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES. The Council went into Committee for the purpose of examining the Schedule ~~xx~~ of uncollected Rates. Each case on the Schedule was inquired into and the Council made its recommendation concerning the attitude that should be adopted towards the respective defaulters.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF WICKLOW. After a long discussion concerning the means by which the Industrial Development of the Town could be promoted, it was decided that the Deputies for the County should be asked to approach the Minister for Industry and Commerce and to put before him Wicklow's claim for the establishment there of a new Industry. It was decided that Coras Iompair Eireann should be informed as to the advantages that Wicklow could offer as a site for any of the Special Industries about to be established by the Company to meet the needs of the Country's Transport Service.

OVERDRAFT. The Council adopted the following resolution, proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson and seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, And Resolved "That application be made to the Dept. of Local Government and Public Health for sanction for overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £4000 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on 4th June, 1946.

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*J. Walsham*  
 Chairman Presiding.

Date 4<sup>th</sup> June Mercurian, 1946.

MINUTESSPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 28TH MAY, 1946.WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Lohan. Chairman Presiding.  
 L. Sutton.  
 E. Kane.  
 C. Hudson.  
 The Town Surveyor was also in attendance.

MAKING OF TOWN & POOR RATE FOR YEAR 1946-1947. Proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Hudson, And Resolved "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby made the following Rates and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of lands and other hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us, viz:-

(a)

TOWN RATE for the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1947, of One Hundred and Sixty Six Pence in the £ made up as follows:-

13.43 Pence in the £ for the Urban Roads.  
 63.69 Pence in the £ for Expenses under Public Health Acts.  
 34.71 Pence in the £ for Housing of the Working Classes Acts  
 54.17 Pence in the £ for other expenses.

(b)

POOR RATE for service of the year ending on 31st March, 1947, of One Hundred and Forty Pence in the £ made up as follows:-

128.69 Pence in the £ for money to be supplied to Wicklow County Council.  
 11.31 Pence in the £ for other expenses.

And that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accordingly to the statements and certificates of the Town and Poor Rates contained in Rate Books for 1946-1947 and that the necessary Notices be published forthwith.

EXTENSION OF SUNDAY TRAIN SERVICES TO WICKLOW. Councillor Kane referring to the desirability of procuring a Sunday Train Service for Wicklow, suggested that an effort should be made to have the Greystones service extended to Wicklow. After discussion, the Town Clerk was directed to make the necessary representations to Coras Iompair Eireann.

REMOVAL OF GAS STANDARDS. Councillor Sutton drew the attention of the Town Surveyor to the Gas Standards in Main Street and suggested that they should be removed. The Town Surveyor undertook to carry out this work.

CONCRETE BRIDGE. On being asked by ~~xxx~~ Councillor Hudson as to the progress being made in the work on the Concrete Bridge over the Leitrim River, the Town Clerk stated that in compliance with the instructions of the Council, at their Meeting of 7th May, the <sup>r</sup>Contractor had been written to and had been requested to expedite this work in every possible way. A full report on this matter would be available for the Monthly Meeting on 4th June, 1946.

CONDITION OF ROADS AND PATHS LEADING FROM LEITRIM PLACE. A discussion took place concerning the condition of the Streets and Paths leading from Leitrim Place to the sea. It was stressed that the present condition of this area could be attributed to the action of the County Council in diverting traffic through this area while engaged in concreting Leitrim Place. The Council were of opinion that the County Council should be requested to carry out the necessary cleaning operations and repairs. The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with the County Surveyor to this effect.

APPLICATION FROM SWIMMING CLUB. Read letter from the Secretary of the Wicklow Swimming Club, relative to the proposed railing off of a plot ground at the Murrrough for use by the Club. After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter to the Monthly Meeting to be held on 4th June, 1946, when Town Surveyor would be in a position to provide further particulars regarding the plot and the proposed erection thereon of wall or railing.