

utilised in connection with future Housing Developments. The letter added that in the meantime the field would be ideal for allotments.

PLOT ON SOUTH QUAY. The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that pursuant to advertisement the following two applications had been received for lease of the plot of ground at South Quay:-

- (1) J. Dickenson, Marlton Road, Wicklow - £6 per annum.
- (2) Robert Dickenson, Friars' Hill, Wicklow. - £6 per annum.

The latter in his application stated that he wished to obtain a lease of 75 years and that he intended to erect stables on the plot. At a later date he hoped to use it as a Fuel Depot.

ORDER: Council cannot entertain application of J. Dickenson, since he failed to have lease executed when granted same on a previous occasion. Inform Robert Dickenson that Council is not prepared to let the plot for purpose of stables but would consider application if it were indicated that plot would be used for a fuel yard.

REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATE OF 1922 WICKLOW TOWN STOCK. The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., who are holders of the entire issue of the Council's 1922 5% Stock (issued at 85) had intimated that they were agreeable to a reduction of the interest rate to 3½% subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government being obtained. The Manager pointed out that this would result in a saving of £108 per annum until the date of redemption - approximately 10 years hence. He explained, however, that an examination of the state of Council's Stock had disclosed that the annual contribution of £252 from Revenue to the Redemption Fund was insufficient to allow of redemption of the Stock within the required period. The necessary adjustment would be made as soon as possible. The Manager stated that the Hibernian Bank, Limited, had been induced to make this concession by being informed that Council proposed to redeem this issue and intended raising a loan for the purpose.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"That we hereby accept the reduction in Rate of Interest on Council's 1922 Stock Issue from 5% to 3½% as indicated in letter of 8th February, 1947, from the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., The sanction of the Minister for Local Government to be obtained to this arrangement."

HOUSING APPLICATIONS. Read letter from Dr. A. O'Connor, M.O.H., relative to list of applications for Council's Houses recommending that in future when houses were being allocated preference should be given to young married couples with children. He cited fourteen cases as being the most urgent of those on the list submitted to him. The County Manager pointed out that although the allocation of a house was an executive function he would like to have the views of the Council relating to the list of Applicants. After a careful examination of the applications the following priority list was agreed to:-

- (1) Denis Byrne. (2) Nora O'Neill. (3) Patrick O'Neill.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Vice-Chairman C. W. Hudson, and resolved -

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £2500 to the date of our next Meeting to be held on the 8th April 1947."

REDUCTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING. Read letter dated 6.3.1947, from E.S.B. addressed to the County Manager, giving particulars of the reduction in normal lighting hours which the Board proposed to effect. The letter requested that every method be availed of to obtain the maximum possible reduction in the supply of electricity for Public Lighting.

ORDER: Inform the E. S. B. That lighting-up time for lamps in the Urban District of Wicklow may be set back one hour.

DATE OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING. Read copy of Order made by the Minister for Local Government on 7th March, 1947 prescribing Friday the 28th day of March, 1947, as the date for the Estimates Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council in lieu of the date mentioned in Schedule to the Wicklow County (Estimates) Order 1942.

ORDER: Noted.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS. Read letter dated 3. 3. 1947 from the Joint Secretaries of the Wicklow Regatta Committee intimating that a resolution had been passed at a Meeting of the Committee requesting the Wicklow Urban District Council to make representations to the proper quarter with a view to having the Harbour dredged. The letter pointed out that if it were not possible to provide safe berthing accommodation for yachts, it was possible that the Regatta would not take place.

ORDER: Send copy of this letter to Department of Industry and Commerce. Indicate that Boat-building, a Furniture factory, and an extensive Timber business (all of which concerns require importation of material) have recently been started on the North Quay. Point out also that at present there are five large fishing boats making use of the Harbour. Also send a copy of the letter from the Regatta Committee to the Wicklow Harbour Authority.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS. Letter from Mr. G. Kavanagh, of 1 Strand Street, Wicklow, applying for loan under Small Dwellings Acts. In this connection the County Manager informed the Meeting that he was investigating the question of Council's liability to pay a Premium to the Commissioners of Public Works on the occasion of a premature repayment of a loan by a borrower under the Acts.

ORDER: Ask particulars as to site and amount of loan required.

WICKLOW COASTGUARD STATION. Read letter from the Assistant Architect, District Office of Public Works, Arklow, regarding the Rocket Cart House which adjoins Wicklow Coastguard Station and pointing out that it was necessary that steps should be taken to secure the area against further deterioration and trespass. The letter mentioned that the Commissioner administering the affairs of the Wicklow U.D.C. in 1933 had undertaken responsibility for repairs to the front wall and gate.

ORDER: Replace Gate, put on lock and give a key to each resident in the terrace.

LEASE - RICHARD WHITE. Read letter from Mr. R. White of 17, Drumcondra Park, Dublin, requesting an assurance in writing to the effect that Council would grant him a yearly tenancy at a nominal rent in respect of two houses. He also requested to be exempted from any costs that might be involved.

ORDER: Write to Mr. White re. apportionment of rent and lease.

WATER SUPPLY. The County Manager provided the Meeting with details concerning the proposed Regional Water Supply for Wicklow, Rathnew, Ashford and Ballinalea. He gave a summary of the Consultant Engineer's Report, pointing out that the River Vartry was the only source from which as adequate supply could be obtained. Alternatively arrangement could be made with the Dublin Corporation to obtain a metred supply of water from the Roundwood Reservoir. The Manager stated that he had submitted the Report to the Department of Local Government and had written to the Dublin Corporation in connection with that portion of the Report which stated that the Vartry River is liable to pollution by the discharge of effluent from the Roundwood Reservoir. No reply had yet been received. The Council were unanimously in favour of having an independent Scheme. Councillor Kane observed that he did not consider 4000 as being a sufficient high estimate of the population of Wicklow Town for the purpose of the Scheme.

DUMPING AT PARNELL BRIDGE. Councillor Kane stated that the unsightly dump adjacent to Parnell Bridge about which he had complained on a previous occasion had not yet been removed. The Town Surveyor stated that this material did not belong to the Council.

ORDER: Inform person responsible that this material must be cleared away immediately.

PLOTS AT DUNBUR ROAD. The Town Surveyor submitted a map, showing that the Plot at Dunbur Road (adjoining Mr. Haughton's Holding) could be divided into three suitable building sites. It was agreed that eventually it would be necessary to provide a special sewer to serve the houses in this locality.

C.W. Hudson
1/4/47

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON 28th. MARCH, 1947.PRESENT:

Councillor C. W. Hudson. Vice-Chairman Presiding.
 J. Everett, T.D.
 J. O'Connor.
 R. Haskins.
 J. Brennan.
 E. Kane.
 W. Clarke.
 L. Sutton.

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

INCREASE OF SALARIES. Read letter from Messrs. J. DeCoursey and B. O'Toole addressed to the County Manager applying for an increase of Cost of Living Bonus. Applicants pointed out that there had been a considerable increase in trademen's wages in the locality and requested that they be at least placed on the same scale as the County Council Officials.

Read letter from Town Surveyor, addressed to the Presiding Chairman, requesting Council to increase his salary to £104 per annum. The Surveyor pointed out that his present salary of £50 per annum was the same as that paid on his appointment in 1927.

On the County Manager's suggestion it was decided that each item on the Estimates should first be considered and that the question of salary increases could then be dealt with.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES - GENERAL. After a detailed examination of the figures estimated by the Manager for the various services the following adjustments were made :-

HEALTH SERVICES. (Loan Charge 1947 Regional Water Supply) Council reduced Estimated figures from £100 to £37. This reduction was decided upon in view of the delay likely to intervene before the scheme, already submitted to the Department, could be implemented.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES. (Contribution to County Council) A sum of £33 appeared in the Estimates under this heading. The County Manager pointed out that a similar sum was included in the County Council Demand and that this figure could be deleted accordingly.

CORPORATE ESTATE MAINTENANCE. The amount adopted by Council in respect of this service was £125. i. e. a reduction of £75 on that estimated by the Manager.

FIRE BRIGADE. Included in this estimated figure was a sum of £75 for a new hose. Council reduced this figure by £35.

SALARIES. After a careful examination of the schedule setting out the proposed increases to officers and employees of the Council the Manager's figures were adopted by the Council, with the following exceptions :-

CLERICAL ASSISTANT. The Manager stated that it was proposed to recruit a permanent clerical assistant and that the position would be filled when the next County Council examination for clerical assistants would be held. The Council decided to reduce the proposed revised remuneration for this position from £150 to £135.

SALARY OF TOWN SURVEYOR. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to increase the proposed revised salary from £75 to £85 - Councillor J. Everett dissenting.

FORESHORE. The Town Surveyor submitted an estimate for £715 in respect of Foreshore Repairs Works which he stated should be carried out not later than Autumn 1947. The estimate was made up as follows :-

A. To chain blocks north of promenade	£160.
B. Repairs to old promenade at Boat Hse.	£255.
C. Repairs to 6 old concrete groynes.	£300.
TOTAL	£715.

ROADS. The Surveyor also submitted an estimate in the sum of £879. 0. 0. for repairs to Urban Roads, necessitated by the damage caused by the recent snow storms and inclement weather. The estimate was detailed as follows:-

1. Friarshill - badly torn.	£ 65. 0. 0.
2. Greenhill Road - ditto. require stones and tar.	150. 0. 0.
3. Bachelor's Walk (towards Church Street) Tarring.	25. 0. 0.
4. Convent Road - from Mt. Carmel to bounds of Urban District - repairs.	50. 0. 0.
5. Rere of Convent Road houses.	22. 0. 0.
6. St. Patrick's Road - tarring.	42. 0. 0.
7. Old Dunbur Lane.	20. 0. 0.
8. Brickfield Lane.	12. 0. 0.
a. Tarring Convent Road &c.	57. 0. 0.
b. Concrete part Brickfield Lane.	280. 0. 0.
c. Tarring Church Street.	64. 0. 0.
d. Tarring Haskins Stores - Bridge (Stone)	27. 0. 0.
e. Continuation of pipe 20 yards and catch-pit on Convent Road at ST. Laurence's Road.	40. 0. 0.
f. Tarring South Quay.	25. 0. 0.
TOTAL	£879. 0. 0.

LETTING OF LANDS. Councillor Haskins suggested that Council's lands should be let by public auction. The County Manager undertook to consider the matter.

RATEABILITY OF COURTHOUSE. Arising from a query as to whether portion of the Courthouse was assessable to rating it was decided that the premises in question should be included in the Revision List to be forwarded to the Valuation Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor R. Haskins, and resolved -

"That in accordance with the requirements of Section 25 (1) of the County Management Act, 1940, we hereby consent to the County Manager exceeding the sums specified in the Estimates of Expenses for the year 1946/47 by the following amounts (a) £10 in respect of Printing Excess Insurance Premiums; (b) £31 in respect of Printing, stationery and advertising; (c) £54 in respect of sewers; and it is hereby agreed that the said expenditure be provided for in the Estimates of Expenses

for the year 1947/1948."

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES. It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor R. Haskins, "That having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the financial year ended 31st March, 1948, as set out in Tables A. B. & C. thereof."

As an amendment Councillor J. Everett proposed -

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council consider the adoption of the Estimates should be adjourned pending receipt of a detailed report from the County Council concerning the Demand submitted by them for the year 1947/1948, as we consider it excessive."

The amendment was not seconded and the original resolution was passed, Councillor Everett dissenting.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor R. Haskins, and resolved, Councillor Everett dissenting,-

"That we determine the Rate set forth in column 8 (eight) of Table "C" of the Estimates adopted by us, viz:- Municipal Rate of Thirty Shillings in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1948."

Joseph O'Connor

25/5/47

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THE 1st. APRIL, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) Presiding.
J. Everett, T.D.
W. Clarke.
J. Brennan.
J. O'Connor.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the County Manager was unable to be present as he was attending a conference in Dublin. He also stated that the Town Surveyor was unavoidably absent, owing to illness.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of Meeting of the 12th March, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC LIGHTING. Read letter dated 19th March, 1947, from Electricity Supply Board in reply to suggestion of Council that in order to effect as large a reduction as possible in the supply to Public Lighting, lighting-up time for lamps should be delayed by one hour. The letter stated that it was the opinion of the Board that lighting-up time should not be delayed by more than one half-hour, as any further extension might be a danger to Public Safety.

GRANTING OF LEASES - TO MRS. ELIZABETH MURPHY and MRS. E. O'CONNOR. In compliance with a decision

made by Council at the Meeting held on 12th March, 1947, the following Resolutions were passed:

Proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a Lease of the Plot of Ground at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on which two dwelling houses now stand and which was formerly occupied by Mrs. Jane Morgan, deceased, to Mrs. Elizabeth Murphy, of Kilpoole, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £1 on condition that Mrs. Murphy will be prepared to comply with the directions of the Council as to the building of additional structures and the carrying out of any repairs which will be considered necessary."

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a Lease of the Plot of Ground at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, on which two dwelling houses now stand and which was formerly occupied by Mrs. Jane Morgan, deceased, to Mrs. Elizabeth O'Connor, of Kilpoole, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £1 on condition that Mrs. O'Connor, will be prepared to comply with the directions of the Council as to the building of additional structures and the carrying out of any repairs which will be considered necessary."

LEASE TO J. TONER. After discussion relating to the proposed granting of a Lease to Mr. J. Toner, it was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J.

Brennan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby recommend the Town Planning Consultant to grant permission to Mr. J. Toner to erect a House on the site at Dunbur Road originally selected by him."

Council also decided that a Lease of the Plot should be granted to Mr. Toner. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and resolved -

"That, subject to Mr. Toner's having come to an arrangement with the tenant in possession, We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a Lease of the Plot at Dunbur Road to Mr. J. Toner for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7.10.0d."

LEASE TO J. CARNEGIE. Read letter from Mr. James Carnegie of Wentworth Place, Wicklow, making application for Lease of Building Site No. 2 on Dunbur Road for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7.10.0. Applicant stated that he was prepared to comply with the recommendation of the Town Planning Consultant that the Building Line be 40 feet from the centre of the existing road.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that since it would not be feasible for Mr. Carnegie to connect with Council's Sewerage Main it would be necessary for him to make use of a septic tank pending the provision of a sewer by Council for the purpose of serving this area. Councillor Brennan suggested that Council should carry out the work without delay. After further discussion Council directed that the Town Surveyor be requested to submit an estimate for the carrying out of this work.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a Lease of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, (marked Site No. 2 on the Ordnance Sheet submitted by the Town Surveyor) to Mr. James Carnegie of Wentworth Place for a term of seventy five years at an annual rent of £7.10. 0d. subject to Mr. Carnegie's complying with the recommendations of the Town Planning Consultant that the Building Line be 40' from the centre of the existing road and further arrangements for sewerage disposal be carried out in accordance with the direction of Council."

HOUSING - PURCHASE OF LAND. Read letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, on behalf of his client Mr. Matthew Olohan, from whom Council propose to purchase land in connection with Housing Scheme. The letter requested that permission be granted to Mr. Olohan to sow wheat in his field at Ballynerrin, since it was unlikely that Council would require the land for building purposes earlier than the middle of September.

ORDER: Per mission granted. Instruct Council's Solicitor to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Cullen re deferred Purchase Agreement.

LEASE OF PLOT ON SOUTH QUAY. Read letter from Mr. Robert Dickenson of Friar's Hill, Wicklow, intimating that he was prepared to take a lease of the plot for use as a fuel depot.
ORDER: Request applicant to forward plans of proposed buildings for submission to Town Planning Consultant.

LOAN OF £500 - COST OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME. The Town Clerk pointed out that provision had been made in the Estimates for the raising of a loan of £500 in connection with the Town Planning Scheme and that application for the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of the loan should be made immediately. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government hereby

authorise the raising of a loan of £500, from the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Council's Town Planning Scheme."

HOUSING - PURCHASE OF LAND. The Town Clerk stated that provision had also been made in the Estimates for a loan to cover the cost of purchasing land in connection with Council's Housing Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby authorise the raising of a Loan of £1800 from the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of purchasing 14.836 acres of land in connection with the proposed Housing Scheme. The Sanction of the Minister for Local Government to be obtained."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor W. Clarke, and resolved -

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £2500 to the date of Council's Meeting to be held on the 1st July, 1947."

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS. The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had received a letter from the Department of Industry and Commerce that it would be necessary to have a survey of the Harbour carried out before any decision could be reached in regard to the nature and extent of the improvement works to be carried out and that arrangements were being made accordingly to have a survey carried out by an Engineer from the office of Public Works. After discussion it was decided that a deputation, consisting of members of the Harbour Commissioners and the Urban Council, together with the County Manager and the Town Surveyor, should meet the Engineer. The Chairman as acting Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners undertook to make arrangements accordingly.

Joseph O'Connor.

27/5/47

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILSPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 28th APRIL, 1947.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held on 28th (instant) April, 1947, at 8.30. p.m. pursuant to the following Requisition, signed by five Members of the Council -

"That we hereby direct that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council be convened for the purpose of dealing with the application of Fuel Importers (Eire) Limited, for a Site of about three acres on the Murrough for use as a storage site by the Company, who have decided to provide a reserve of fuel to meet the requirements of domestic consumers in the Town and district of Wicklow.

signed by:-

Councillors - C. W. Hudson. L. Sutton. N. R. B. Haskins. Edward Kane, and J. Brennan.

PRESENT:

C. W. Hudson. Vice-Chairman Presiding.
J. Everett, T.D.
J. Brennan.
J. O'Connor.

The Town Surveyor and Mr. J. O'Byrne, representative of Messrs. Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd., were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Councillor Kane had telephoned to state that he would be unable to be present.

LETTER FROM FUEL IMPORTERS (EIRE) LIMITED. Read letter dated 22nd April, 1947, from Fuel Importers (Eire) Limited, stating that the Company had decided to provide a reserve of fuel to meet the requirements of domestic consumers in the town and district of Wicklow and requesting Council to place at their disposal a storage site of about three acres on the Murrough.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Town Planning Consultant had intimated that he had no objection to the granting of a site on the Murrough to Fuel Importers (Eire) Limited, provided that no buildings of a permanent nature would be constructed. He also stated that Council's Solicitor had advised that in the event of Council's deciding to grant the application the proper course to adopt would be to grant a lease of the relevant site.

Two Sites were then considered by the Council :-

- (1) The Site directly north of the Marine Hotel, east of the roadway running through the Murrough and adjoining the railway line.
- (2) The area on both sides of the concrete roadway - adjoining the Marine Hotel and the Railway Goods Station on one side and the Council Houses on the opposite side.

After further discussion during which it was pointed out

that every facility should be afforded Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd., in their efforts to improve the fuel situation in Wicklow, it was decided that a Lease of Site No. 2 should be granted.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor J. Everett, and resolved -

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby grant a lease of the Plot of Ground on the Murrough as delineated on the Ordnance Map submitted by the Town Surveyor for a period of three years at an annual rent of £10, on condition that the site will be used exclusively ~~as~~ as a Fuel Dump; that no buildings of a permanent nature will be erected thereon; and that any temporary structure to be erected will be in compliance with the recommendations of the Town Planning Consultant."

Joseph O'Connor,

20/5/47

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

No Member of the Council was present at the Monthly Meeting on Tuesday the 6th May, 1947, and in pursuance of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, (Section 28), I adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday, the 13th May, 1947, at 7.30. p.m.

[Signature]
 Claireach an Bhaile.

MINUTES.WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILSpecial Meeting held on the 8th day of May, 1947.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council was held on 8th May, 1947 at 8. p.m. Pursuant to the following requisition, signed by five Members of the Council -

"We hereby request that a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council be convened for the purpose of making the Municipal Rate for the service of the year ending 31st March, 1948.

Signed by:-

C. W. Hudson, James Everett, William Clarke, Joseph O'Connor, and Loughlin Sutton."

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Connor. Presiding.
 L. Sutton.
 E. Kane.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE FOR SERVICES OF YEAR
ENDED 31. 3. 1948.

It was proposed
 by Councillor

L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved :

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby make the following Rate 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:-

Municipal Rate for the service of the year ending on 31st March, 1948, of Three Hundred and Sixty Pence in the £ made up as follows :-

Urban Roads	17.3 pence.
Health	74.6
Housing	44.6
General Urban Purposes	223.5
(Including County Council Demand)	

And that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accordingly to the statement and certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for 1947-1948 and that the necessary Notices be published forthwith."

J O'Connor 1947

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Councillors J. O'Connor and J. Brennan were the only Members of the Council present at the adjourned Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 13th May, 1947.

In pursuance of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, (Section 28) the Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 20th day of May, 1947, at 7.30. p.m.

W. H. Sullivan
Cleireach an Bhaile.

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 20th MAY, 1947

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILPRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Connor. Presiding.
J. Brennan.
L. Sutton.

The Town Clerk read a letter from Mr. C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, intimating that he would be unable to attend owing to illness.

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager would not be present as he was attending a Meeting of Bray Urban District Council.

MINUTES. The Minutes of Meetings held on 28th March, 1947, 1st. April, 1947, and 28th April, 1947, were adopted and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

RESOLUTION re UNEMPLOYMENT. The following resolution, passed by Listowel Urban District Council, was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

"That, in view of the grave outlook for the coming year, the Government be requested to ensure that all able-bodied unemployed are assigned to Food and Fuel production."

RESOLUTION re CIVIL SERVICE. A copy of the following resolution, passed by Granard Town Commissioners, was marked 'read' :-

"That we the members of the Granard Town Commissioners are of opinion that there should be equal pay for men and women workers for equal work, and note with disfavour the recent advertisement for vacancies on the staff of Radio Eireann in which different rate of pay were assigned to men and women. We call upon the Government to remove this invidious distinction by reorganising the Civil Service."

SECTION 20 TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACT 1934. Read letter from Dublin Corporation stating that it was unlikely that the Regional Powers of the Corporation would be extended to County Wicklow for some considerable time if at all, and that, accordingly, the queries raised by Council do not arise at the present time.

EXECUTION OF DISCHARGE. On the proposition of Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, the Seal of the Council was affixed to the Discharge submitted by Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, in connection with redemption of loan by Mr. A. O'Connor, a borrower under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT. The Auditor's Report for the year ending 31.3.1946 was discussed by the Council. It was agreed that the Report was a favourable one and that the finances of the Council

had improved considerably during the year.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES. Schedules of uncollected Town and Poor Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1947, were submitted to the meeting. Each item on the lists was duly examined. The Council made certain recommendations in particular cases and the Town Clerk was instructed to ensure that in all cases, when the Council were of opinion that arrears should not be outstanding, Council's Solicitor be requested to expedite recovery in every possible way.

RENT COLLECTION. Summaries of the Artizans Dwellings and Corporate Estate Rent Collections for the year ended 31. 3. 1947, were submitted to Council. In the Case of the Artizans Dwellings the arrears were reduced from £287. 8.11. to £224. 7.11., i.e. by £63. 1. 0d. Corporate Estate Rent Arrears were shown to have been reduced from £901.15. 1½ to £549.10. 5. i.e. by £352. 4. 8½. The Council expressed themselves satisfied with the improvement effected during the year.

LETTING OF MURROUGH. Read application from Mr. P. J. Swords, Honorary Secretary, St. Patrick's, Wicklow Pipe Band, for permission to use the Plot known as "Clarke's" on the Sea Front, Wicklow, during the period 26th July to 11th August, 1947 inclusive. Councillor Sutton pointed out that it was customary for the Regatta Committee to have the use of this plot each year. In the circumstances it was decided to defer consideration of the application, pending receipt of definite information regarding the proposals of the Regatta Committee.

HOUSING. Read Housing Circular H.68/47 from Department of Local Government urging all local authorities to expedite their housing schemes in every possible way. It was stressed that the Transition Development Fund was a temporary fund and that assistance for housing projects from that source would be forthcoming for a very limited period only. The Town Clerk stated that the Council had endeavoured to prosecute its Housing Scheme as speedily as possible. The relevant Plans had been forwarded to the Department for approval. Application had been made for a Building Licence. At present the sanction of the Minister to the raising of a Loan of £1800 for the purchase of approved sites is awaited.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. Read letter dated 6th May, 1947, from Messrs. Beleur Limited, stating that Representatives of the Belgian Industry concerned would visit this Country in the month of June and would come to Wicklow for the purpose of discussion with the Industrial and Development Association.

FORESHORE. Read letter (Ref. C.1580/47 of 26/4/47) from Dept. of Local Government stating that the Foreshore Protection Works had been inspected by an engineering Inspector of the Office of Public Works and that in his Report he had agreed with the remedial work proposed to be carried out by the Town Surveyor, viz; (1) To sheet pile the front of the old sea wall, to fill all holes and cavities and re-lay concrete slabs ... Estimated cost £280. (2) Construction and placing a further six chained concrete blocks north of the Promenade ... Estimated cost £90. It was pointed out, however, that these were works of maintenance, that the original works had been executed with the aid of a grant and on the definite understanding that they would be properly maintained by the Council. The Town Clerk suggested that a loan of £500 repayable over five years would enable Council to carry out substantial maintenance work and would be more effective than spending £100 per annum.

ORDER: Defer consideration of this matter to next Meeting of the Council.

SWIMMING CLUB. The Wicklow Swimming Club requested that the Diving Stage be erected on the New Pier as in former years. The Town Clerk stated that the Insurance Company had informed him that this structure was covered by Council's Public Liability Policy. ORDER: Diving Board to be erected as in former years.

SEWER AT DUNBUR. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Surveyor had estimated cost of laying 12 inch Main to serve the Dubbur Area at £1800. Councillor Brennan stated that the Surveyor was providing for a larger area than that which the Council had in mind.

ORDER: Request Surveyor to submit estimate of cost of connecting new houses on Dunbur Road with sewer which serves the Coastguard Station.

WATER MAIN. Read letter from Mr. James Carnegie of Wentworth Place, Wicklow, intimating that he was prepared to pay a sum of £10 towards the installation of water supply in connection with proposed building of a house at Dunbur Road. The Town Clerk stated that the Surveyor had estimated cost of laying water-main at £50. ORDER: Inform Messrs. W. Clarke and J. Carnegie that Council will provide Water Main if they are prepared to contribute a sum of £12.10.0. each towards cost of this work.

RANGES. Read letter from Town Surveyor recommending purchase of parts and fittings for Servall and Liffey Ranges. The Surveyor pointed out that the expenditure involved (£40 approx.) was very light.

ORDER: Procure parts and fittings as listed by Representative of Hammond Lane Foundry Company Limited.

ROADS: The Council referred to the unsightly condition of the following roads: (1) Colley Row. (2) Green Hill Road. (3) Road at rear of Convent Cottages.

ORDER: Instruct Town Surveyor to have the condition of these roads improved immediately. The Chairman referred to the unsightly appearance of a certain premises in the Main Street and suggested that the owner should be compelled to carry out improvements.

LEASE TO MESSRS. D. M. HASKINS & SON, LTD. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved - "That the Council Seal be affixed to Lease - Wicklow Urban District Council to D. M. Haskins & Son, Ltd. - of a Plot of Ground adjacent to Stone Bridge for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £1." The Lease was duly executed.

LEASE TO WILLIAM CLARKE. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved - "That the Council Seal be affixed to Lease - Wicklow Urban District Council to William Clarke - of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £2.10. 0." The Lease was duly executed.

J. O'Connor

15/6/47

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillors J. Brennan and W. Clarke were the only Members of the Council present at the Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd June, 1947.

In pursuance of Section 41 of the Commissioners' Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, (Section 28) the Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 10th June, 1947, at 7.30. p.m.

[Signature]
Cleireach an Bhaile.

MINUTESWICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THE 10th. day of JUNE, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Connor. Presiding
E. Kane.
W. Clarke.
L. Sutton.
The Town Surveyor was also in attendance.

The Town Clerk stated that the County Manager would not be present as he was attending a Statutory Meeting of Bray Urban District Council.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES. The Minutes of Meetings held on the 8th and 20th May, 1947, were adopted and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

LETTING OF MURROUGH. The Council received Mr. A. McMullen, Secretary to Wicklow Regatta Committee, in connection with the application by his Committee for use of the "Clarke's" Plot on the Seafront during the period 26th July and 5th August, 1947 inclusive. The Town Clerk stated that he had duly communicated with the Secretary of St. Patrick's Pipe Band, Wicklow, suggesting that it might be possible for his Committee to come to some arrangement with the Regatta Committee regarding the use of the Murrough during the period in question. He had not received a written reply but the Secretary had indicated to him that the Pipe Band were no longer interested in acquiring the Plot. Mr. McMullen pointed out that his purpose in attending was to procure the most favourable letting terms possible. He also stated that it was the intention of his Committee to invite amusement caterers to Wicklow for Regatta Week. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Kane, and resolved :-

"That We, hereby recommend that the Plot on the Murrough be let to the Wicklow Regatta Committee during the period 26.7.1947 to 10.8.1947 for the same rent as that obtained in previous years - viz. £5."

The Town Clerk was directed to forward applications received from amusement caterers to the Regatta Committee.

EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT - WICKLOW U.D.C.
TO FUEL IMPORTERS (EIRE) LIMITED.

The Town Clerk read the terms of the Agreement, prepared by Council's Solicitor, in connection with the proposal to provide Fuel Storage Accommodation for Fuel Importers Ltd., on the Murrough, Wicklow. Councillor Kane suggested that a clause should be inserted reserving to Council the right to recover portion of the Plot in question should it be needed for industrial purposes at any time before the expiration of the period of letting as specified in the Agreement, viz. 3 years. The Town Surveyor pointed out that it was unlikely that such an eventuality would arise.

ORDER: Instruct Council's Solicitor to have additional clause, as suggested by Councillor Kane, inserted in the Letting Agreement.

EXECUTION OF LEASE TO MR. J. TONER. On the proposition of Councillor E. Kane, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, the Lease of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. John Toner for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £7.10.0d. was duly executed.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31.3.1947. The Town Clerk, in submitting the Abstract of Accounts of the Wicklow U. D. C. for the year ended 31.3.1947, pointed out that in pursuance of the provisions of the Public Bodies Order, 1946, it was necessary to have the Abstract considered by the Council at a Meeting to be held within three months from the closing of the Financial Year. He stated that the Abstract disclosed that the debit balance on the General Revenue Account had been reduced from £2413.18.0d. to £1569.16.1; and that the credit balance on the poor Rate Account had been increased from £412.10.0. to £1320.13. 5d. i.e. that the net debit balance on Revenue Account had been reduced from £2001. 8. 0d. to £249. 2. 8d.

FORESHORE MAINTENANCE. Read letter (Ref. C1580/47) from Dept. of Local Government stating that the Foreshore Protection Works had been inspected by an engineering inspector of the Office of Public Works and that in his Report he had agreed with the remedial work proposed to be carried out by the Town Surveyor, viz. (1) To sheet pile the front of the old sea wall, to fill all holes and cavities and re-lay concrete slabs ... Estimated Cost £280. (2) Construction and placing a further six chained concrete blocks north of the Promenade ... Estimated cost £90. It was pointed out, however, that these were works of maintenance, that the original works had been executed with the aid of a grant and on the definite understanding that they would be properly maintained by the Council. After discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the next Meeting of the Council.

EMERGENCY AND EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1947/1948. Read letter (Ref. RU 214/3) from Dept. of Local Government intimating that a grant of £400 had been provisionally fixed as the allocation under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1947/1948, for schemes to be undertaken for the provision of additional employment for recipients of unemployment assistance, resident in the Urban District of Wicklow. A local contribution of £35 would be required. The Town Surveyor suggested that the money should be spent on concreting Cooper's Lane. After further discussion of the matter it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and resolved -

"That we recommend that the Government Grant of £400 from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1947/48 together with Council's contribution of £35 be spent on demolishing derelict buildings and clearing derelict sites in the different areas throughout the town."

APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED NEW HOUSES. Read letter from Mr. G. Kavanagh of 1 Strand Street, Wicklow, making application for one of the houses proposed to be built on St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow. The Town Clerk stated that all such applications were being filed and that they could be duly considered by the Council when the question of tenancy of the houses would arise.

PROPOSED WATER-MAIN FOR DUNBUR ROAD. Read letter from Mr. James Carnegie stating that he was prepared to pay the sum mentioned by Council (viz. £12.10.0.) towards the cost of laying a Water-Main to the housing sites at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. Mr. W. Clarke of Wentworth Place, also wrote intimating that he would contribute a similar amount towards the cost of the work.

Council directed that the work should be carried out as soon as possible.

PROPOSED WATER-MAIN FOR FITZWILLIAM ROAD. Councillor E. Kane stated that he had agreed to pay £40 towards the cost of laying a Water-Main to serve his new houses at Fitzwilliam Road and requested that the work be put in hands immediately. The Town Clerk pointed out that he was under the impression that the laying of this main was to be carried out in conjunction with work relating to Council's Housing Scheme. ORDER: Refer matter to Town Surveyor and County Manager for immediate attention.

DANGEROUS WALL AT FITZWILLIAM ROAD. Read letter from Mrs. Frances O'Keefe of Green Tree, Wicklow, suggesting that Council bear half of the cost of repairing wall at Fitzwilliam Road at the rear of her premises. The Town Surveyor stated that in a similar case which arose some years ago the Courts decided that Council were not liable for the maintenance of this wall. The Town Clerk stated that the matter had been placed in the hands of Council's Solicitor. ORDER: In view of decision of Court Council could not agree to contribute towards cost of repairs to wall.

BUILDING LEASES. Read letter from Council's Solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, directing that in future when Council would be granting Building Leases a clause should be inserted in the resolution specifying the type of building to be erected and the time within which building must be completed. ORDER: Noted.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. Read letter from Mr. J. Moorkens, Director Beleur Limited, stating that the Belgian Industrialists, interested in the proposed factory, would be visiting Ireland in the near future. He inquired as to what date would be most suitable for them to come to Wicklow. ORDER: Inform Mr. Moorkens that the Members of the Industrial and Development Association will be prepared to meet the Belgian representatives on any day on which they may visit Wicklow.

TOWN PLANNING - PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO

GARAGE OF MESSRS. COLEBORN & HOPKINS. Councillor Clarke inquired as to the position regarding an application by Messrs. Coleborn & Hopkins for permission to carry out extensions to their garage at Abbey Street, Wicklow. The Town Clerk read the order made by the County Manager on 24th May, 1947, refusing permission after careful consideration of the Report of Consultant. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, recommend the Town Planning Consultant to reconsider his decision regarding the application of Messrs. Coleborn & Hopkins for permission to carry out extensions to their garage at Abbey Street, Wicklow. Further that we recommend that, in future, when Consultant recommends refusal of permission that he suggest what alternative plans should be submitted."

Councillor Kane suggested that the Members of the Council should be kept informed of the position regarding applications under the Town Planning Acts. The Town Clerk stated that in future particulars of all such applications would be made available at the Meetings of the Council.

CLOSING OF C.I.E. STATIONS. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That We, the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby strongly protest against the action of the C.I.E. in closing down Woodenbridge Railway Station, and suggest that the Company reconsider their decision regarding this particular station in view of its importance as an ideal railway station-centre." The Town Clerk was instructed to forward a copy of the Resolution to Coras Iompair Eireann.

RUBBLE AT PARNELL BRIDGE. Councillor Kane observed that the rubble at the south bank of the River Leitrim adjoining Parnell Bridge had not yet been removed. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved -

"That we direct the Town Surveyor to take immediate steps to have rubble at end of Parnell Bridge removed."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS. Councillor Kane suggested that the fact that Council had adopted a scheme under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts should receive greater publicity. The Town Clerk pointed out that since it was likely that the market value of houses affected by the Scheme would shortly be increased it would probably be more advisable to defer publicity of the Scheme pending the coming into effect of the new figure.

ORDER. Await amendment of Acts before publicising Scheme.

DERELICT SITE AT CASTLE ATREET - ADJOINING PREMISES OF MRS. ANGELA DOYLE.

Councillor O'Connor referred to the unsightly condition of the site adjoining Mrs. A. Doyle's premises at Castle Street.

ORDER. Surveyor to be requested to have windows built up and area cleared of debris.

HOUSING. Read letter (Ref. H.4948/7/47) from Dept. of Local Government intimating that there was no objection to the House Designs, Lay-out Plans and Specification, submitted to the Department in respect of Council's proposed Scheme for the provision of eighty houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Surveyor was engaged in preparing a detailed estimate of the all-in cost of the scheme and that when this estimate would have been approved by the Department Council would be in a position to seek tenders for the erection of the houses. A discussion ensued regarding the employment of a Quantity Surveyor for the purpose of the Scheme. A decision in the matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

REPAIR OF ROADS BY GAS COMPANY. Councillor Kane drew the attention of the Town Surveyor to the condition in which the Streets had been left by the Gas Company. The Surveyor undertook to deal with the matter immediately.

LAMP STANDARDS. Councillor Sutton referred to the necessity of having old lamp standards removed. The Town Surveyor stated that he would arrange to have this done as soon as possible.

CARETAKER FOR MURROUGH. Councillor Kane inquired if Council would be prepared to consider employing a caretaker for the Murrough. It was decided that this would not be an economical proposition for the Council.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING. The date of the Annual Meeting of the Council was fixed for Wednesday, 25th June, 1947.

J. O'Connor 1/7/47

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 25th day of June, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Connor. Presiding.
J. Everett, T.D.,
L. Sutton.
E. Kane.
J. Brennan.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and passed unanimously:

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby appoint Councillor John O'Lehan as Chairman of the said Council, for the ensuing year and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such."

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and passed unanimously:

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby appoint Mr. C. W. Hudson, as Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such."

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved:

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby appoint the following members of the Council to the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:- Councillors J. O'Lehan, C. Hudson, R. Maskins, E. Kane, J. O'Connor, W. Clarke, and L. Sutton."

The Chairman commented on the small attendance at meetings of the Board and it was agreed that more suitable hours for these meetings should be arranged.

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE. It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved:

"That We, the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby appoint Councillors J. O'Lehan, J. Brennan, and J. O'Connor, to the County Library Committee."

LETTING TO FUEL IMPORTERS (EIRE) LTD., OF PLOT AT THE MURROUGH. On the proposition of E. Kane, seconded by J. Brennan, the Agreement between Council and Fuel Importers Limited, whereby a Plot on the Murrough was let to the Company for a period of three years at an annual rent of £10., was duly executed.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS. The Town Clerk stated that in compliance with decision made at last meeting of the Council he was now submitting particulars of all applications under Town Planning Acts, dealt with during the intervening period.

GARAGE FOR COLEBORN AND HOPKINS. Read letter dated 19.6.1947 from Town Planning Consultant referring to Council's resolution of 10th June, 1947, requesting him to reconsider his recommendation in this particular case. The Consultant suggested that the full correspondence which took place between the Town Surveyor, the Architect for Applicant, and the Consultant should be made available to the Council. With reference to his recommendations in general, the Consultant pointed out that in numerous cases where plans were passed by him subject to amendments, the amendments were either drawn on the Plans or described by letter. Where, however, refusal is recommended on grounds which may involve the complete replanning of a scheme, he would not, as Town Planning Consultant, dictate to the Architect how their plans should be redesigned. In cases where he had made recommendations to refuse application on the grounds that the designs were unsatisfactory architecturally it would not have been possible for him to recommend alternative plans without redesigning the buildings completely. Other points relating to Council's responsibility as regards Town Planning were stressed by the Consultant.

ORDER: Noted that Messrs. Coleborn & Hopkins had complied with recommendations of Town Planning Consultant and that permission to erect premises, in accordance with revised plans submitted has been granted.

D. H. HASKINS & SON, LTD. Read manager's Order, dated 21.6.1947, refusing permission to D. H. Haskins & Son, Ltd., to erect garage and workshop at North Quay, on the grounds that no site plan or specification had been submitted and that the design is architecturally unsatisfactory. The Town Clerk stated that he had returned the plan to Messrs. Haskins, who, he understood, intended getting in touch with the Town Planning Consultant in connection with the matter. Council agreed that it would be necessary to have the appearance of any structure erected on such an important and prominent site as presentable as possible.

APPLICATION OF MR. J. KANE. The County Manager stated that in regard to a refusal order made in connection with application of Mr. J. Kane for permission to erect houses at Friar's Hill, - permission having been refused on the grounds that the layout plan submitted was lacking in essential details, the design of the house was unsatisfactory architecturally and that the height of the kitchen was below the accepted standard for houses - Mr. Kane had now intimated that he was prepared to submit revised plans as soon as possible. Council agreed that the Town Planning Consultant has no power to compel Mr. Kane to obtain the services of a qualified architect for the purpose of preparing plans.

PLANS OF BUILDING IN JAIL YARD. Councillor Everett referred to Building which had taken place in the Jail yard and for which no permission under the Town Planning Acts had been granted. The Town Surveyor pointed out that the buildings were of a Temporary nature. After discussion it was agreed that the plans of the buildings should be made available for inspection by the Council at their next meeting.

Councillor Everett stated that all work in connection with Town Planning as regards the Wicklow Urban Area should be dealt with in the offices of the Urban Council. The County Manager stressed that this was actually being done. The Town Clerk explained the procedure adopted in connection with applications under the Town Planning Acts. Plans etc., immediately on receipt thereof, were forwarded to the Town Surveyor, who, having appended his observations and recommendations thereto, forwarded them to the Consultant. On receipt of the latter's opinion and after careful perusal of plans etc., the County Manager made the relevant order.

The County Manager pointed out that he was most anxious to meet with the wishes of the Council regarding procedure in connection with Town

Planning Applications. After discussion it was agreed that in all instances where such a procedure would be practicable and would allow of compliance with statutory provision regarding period within which the decision of Council regarding an application should be conveyed to applicant, the plans etc., together with the Consultant's recommendation, if available, should be examined by the Council before the making of the Manager's order.

SUPPLY OF WATER TO HOUSES ON FITZWILLIAM ROAD- In reply to Councillor Mr. John Kane. Kane's query regarding water supply for his

houses at Fitzwilliam Road, the County Manager pointed out that it had been intended to have this work carried out in conjunction with the New Housing Scheme. After discussion it was decided that, in order to obviate lengthy delay which would result in considerable inconvenience to Mr. Kane, the Department of Local Government be requested to agree to the raising of a separate loan by the Council for the carrying out of such work.

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1947/48. The Town Surveyor, as a result of resolution passed by the Council, stated that he had inspected the derelict property in the town and was of opinion that the clearing of these sites would not be a suitable scheme on which to spend £435 under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1947/1948. As an alternative he suggested that the Grant be expended on the concreting of Cooper's Lane. ORDER: Grant of £400 under Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1947/48 and Council's contribution of £35 to be spent on concreting of Cooper's Lane. Town Surveyor to submit scheme to Dept. for Local Government as soon as possible.

FORESHORE REPAIRS. Read letter (Ref. L.1580/47) of 26th April, 1947, from Department of Local Government pointing out that the remedial work proposed to be carried out by the Town Surveyor and referred to in his report of 7th January, 1947, are works of maintenance. ORDER: Since Council are not prepared to raise another loan for the purpose of carrying out repairs to Foreshore, the Department of Local Government to be requested to receive a deputation in connection with this whole question of Foreshore Maintenance - such deputation to consist of the three Dail Deputies for the county, the members of the Council, the County Manager, and Town Surveyor.

DANGEROUS PREMISES AT STRAND STREET. Read letter dated 25th June, 1947, from Mr. James McCall of Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow, requesting Council to appoint a Deputation to inspect his premises at Strand Street, in respect of which he had obtained a Notice from Town Surveyor. ORDER: Councillors E. Kane and K. Brennan together with Town Surveyor to inspect premises at Strand Street, on Friday, 27th June, 1947, at 6. p.m.

RATE COLLECTION. It was suggested by Councillor E. Kane and agreed to by Council that Mr. E. Kennedy, Rate Collector, should attend at the Town Hall Offices every Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of facilitating rate-payers desirous of paying rates by instalments. The County Manager paid a tribute to the Rate Collector for his satisfactory collection in year ended 31.3.1947.

ROADS ETC. Attention was drawn to the condition of Hall's Lane and the necessity of having it cleaned. The Town Clerk stated that he would refer the matter to the Road Overseer.

TRIBUTE TO CONTRACTOR. Councillor Everett on behalf of the people of Wicklow congratulated Councillor Kane for having obtained the contract for building the new Dominican Convent National School and paid a tribute for to the excellent work already done by this

old and well-established firm of contractors.

J. O'Connor
12/8/47

MINUTES

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THE 1st day of JULY, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. O'Connor. Presiding.
L. Sutton.
E. Kane.
J. Brennan.

The Deputy County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

MINUTES. The minutes of Meeting held on the 2nd June, 1947, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LEASE - WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS TO WICKLOW U.D.C.

On the proposition of Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the lease of the premises known as "Riverside" South Quay, Wicklow, by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to the Council for a term of 75 years from 1.11.1945 at an annual rent of £1 was duly executed.

LEASE TO MR. J. CARNEGIE. On the proposition of Councillor L. Sutton, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the lease of a Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. J. Carnegie, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £7.10.0 was duly executed.

The Town Clerk stated that quotations had been received for the supply of piping in connection with laying of watermain to serve the proposed new houses in this area. The earliest date when delivery could be expected would be four months from the date of the order.

The Town Surveyor stated that he would mark out Mr. Carnegie's site without delay.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton, and resolved:

"That we authorise the County Manager to overdraw on our Revenue Account to an amount not exceeding £1500 to the date of Council's Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7th October, 1947."

MECALELECTRIC LIMITED. Read letter dated 28.6.1947 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor stating that his Client, Mecalectric Limited, Rathdrum, had paid the sum of £16. 17.10. to Mr. William Clarke being the amount spent by the latter in connection with the erection of the boundary wall at Quarantine Hill. Mr. Cullen stressed the fact that there was no legal liability upon his client to make such payment.

The Council expressed satisfaction at the manner in which Mecalectric Limited, had acted in connection with this matter.

WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB. Read letter dated 30/6/1947 from Hon. Secy., Wicklow Swimming Club, thanking the Council, on behalf of the Club, for having erected the staging on the New Pier, and requesting that a ladder be erected on the Beach side of the Pier.

ORDER. Since no provision has been made in the Estimates for such additional work, Council cannot provide ladder as requested.

INCREASE IN WAGES OF COUNCIL'S EMPLOYEES. Read letter dated 28. 6. 1947 (Ref. R.M./201/33W) from Department of Local Government conveying the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the payment of labourers employed by the Council at the rate of 59/6 a week as from 1st April, 1947, and at the rate of 63/- a week as from 1st May, 1947. It was stated that a further communication would be forwarded regarding the carter's wages.

ORDER: Noted.

TOWN PLANNING - SKETCH PLAN AND REPORT. The Town Clerk submitted to the Meeting Sketch Plan and Report received from the Town Planning Consultant. It was agreed that each member of the Council be given an opportunity to peruse the Report.

PROPOSED SEWER FOR DUNBUR ROAD AREA. The Town Surveyor in submitting an estimate of £1800 for the provision of a sewer to serve the Dunbur Road area, stated that it would be inadvisable and uneconomic for Council to adopt a scheme other than one which would have for its object the serving of the whole area. The Town Clerk stated that, taking into account the probable Government Grant, the annual charge to be borne by the rates would be approximately £100.

ORDER: Defer further consideration of the matter to next Meeting when particulars will be available regarding Mr. Toner's offer to contribute £100 towards the cost of such a Scheme.

TEMPORARY BUILDINGS IN JAIL YARD. The Town Surveyor submitted plans in connection with the erection of temporary machinery sheds in the Jail Yard.

ORDER: Plans approved by Council.

DUMPING AT LEITRIM PLACE. Councillor Kane drew attention to the Dumping which was taking place at the steps adjacent to the Leitrin Place end of the Stone Bridge.

ORDER: Sanitary Sub-Officer to make immediate inquiries regarding this nuisance.

J. O'Connor.
12/8/47

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 18th JULY, 1947.

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Olohan. Chairman Presiding
J. Everett, T.D.
J. Brennan.
J. O'Connor.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

DRAFT DEED OF MORTGAGE - HOUSING LOAN. Read letter dated 17th July, 1947, from Council's Solicitor, intimating that the Draft Deed of Mortgage in connection with the proposed Loan of £1800 from the Local Loans Fund for the purchase of 15 acres. Ord. 3 perches. of land for Housing Purposes had been only approved of. It was pointed out by the Law Agent that application should be made for payment of the £1800 in one instalment; and that every effort should be made to expedite receipt of the money, as one of the affected owners had received a number of other offers for the land.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor James Brennan, and resolved -

"That we approve of Draft Deed of Mortgage as submitted by Commissioners of Public works and duly approved of by Council's Solicitor, in connection with proposed Loan of £1800 for acquisition of land for housing purposes."

The Seal was duly affixed to the Draft Deed.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor O'Connor, and resolved -

"That the Seal of the Wicklow U.D.C. be affixed to form of Undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public works, in respect of a loan of £1800 for the acquisition of land in connection with proposed Housing Scheme."

LETTING OF PLOT ON MURROUGH TO FUEL IMPORTERS (EIRE) LIMITED. Read letter dated 17th July, 1947 from Council's Solicitor intimating that Fuel Importers (Eire) Ltd., required a Clause to be inserted in the Agreement providing for the termination of the letting by three months notice on either side. The Law Agent pointed out that since its inclusion would not interfere with the Council in any way he had inserted such a Clause in the margin of the Agreement, and recommended Council to approve of it.

After discussion it was decided to adopt Councillor Everett's suggestion that the matter be deferred pending the outcome of negotiation at present taking place in connection with proposed factory.

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS. The Plans forwarded in connection with following applications under Town Planning Acts, together with communications from Town Planning Consultant recommending that permission be granted in each case, were submitted to the Council:

- (1) MECALECTRIC LTD., RATHDRUM: Proposed alterations to building at Quarantine Hill for purpose of converting it into a suitable factory premises. The Consultant in this case suggested that particular attention should be paid to the roof design.
- (2) MR. JOHN KANE: Application for permission to erect six houses at Friar's Hill, Wicklow.

Council unanimously recommended granting of permission in both cases

APPLICATION FROM MR. J. J. CLARKE- DERELICT PLOT ON MURROUGH. Read letter from Mr. J. J. Clarke referring to recent order granting his permission to erect wall 3½ft in height around derelict plot adjoining his premises at the Murrough, Wicklow, and stating that since he did propose to build a garage on the plot he was again applying for permission to erect a wall eight feet in height. The Council were unanimously in favour of the granting of permission in this case and directed that the Consultant be informed accordingly.

PROPOSED URINAL AT FAIR GREEN. Read letter dated 16th July, 1947, from Town Surveyor submitting the figure of £80 as the estimated cost of providing a urinal at the New Fair Green.

ORDER: Since provision was not made in the Estimates for the carrying out of this work, Council are not in a position to provide a urinal for New Fair Green. Matter to be considered at next year's Estimates Meeting.

DANGEROUS BUILDING AT STRAND STREET. Read letter dated 18th July, 1947, from Mr. J. McCall, of Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow, referring to notices served on him in connection with the alleged dangerous condition of his premises at Strand Street, Wicklow, and claiming that he was not responsible for the maintenance of the wall in question. After a long discussion it was decided to have wall temporarily rendered safe by Council pending ascertainment of definite facts regarding this whole row of derelict property at Strand Street.

DUMP AT CASTLEFIELD. Councillor Everett drew attention to the Dumping which was taking place at Castlefield resulting in unsightly collections of refuse at places frequented by visitors to the Town. The Town Clerk undertook to have the matter dealt with immediately.

J. O'Brien.
12/8/47

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

No Member of the Council was present at the Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, the 5th August, 1947, and in pursuance of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, (Section 28), I adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday, the 12th August, 1947, at 7.30. p.m.

P. H. Hume

Cleireach an Bhaile.

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No. 30469/1940.

I beg to report that I have audited the accounts of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the three years ended 31/3/1940. Certified copies of Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following table sets out the rates made for the three years under audit, and also for the current financial year:-

<u>TOWN RATE.</u>	<u>1937/38</u>	<u>1938/39</u>	<u>1939/40</u>	<u>1940/41.</u>
Wicklow Harbour and Foreshore Loans	s. d. 1. 9	s. d. 1. 9	s. d. 1. 8	s. d. 1. 9
Towns Improvement (Ireland) Acts, including maintenance of Urban Roads and Public Works.	1. 7	1. 7	2. 0	1. 4
Public Health Acts, includ- ing repayment of Loans and Housing	5.10	5.10	6. 3	8. 4
Repayment of Loans raised to pay arrears of debts	2. 2 11. 4	2. 2 11. 4	2. 3 12. 2	1. 2 12. 7
<u>POOR RATE.</u>	<u>7.10</u> 19. 2	<u>7. 8</u> 19. 0	<u>8. 4</u> £1. 0. 6	<u>9. 8</u> £1.2. 3

A balance of £392 in favour on General Fund at 31/3/1937 had deteriorated to a balance of £1,467 against the fund at 31/3/1940. A substantial increase in Rate coupled with a serious ~~serious~~ effort to reduce outstanding balances of rents and rates will be required to reduce this balance to normal.

A favourable balance of £757 on Poor Rate Account at 31/3/37 was substituted by a balance in favour of £592 at 31/3/1940. This balance last mentioned was subject however to a liability of £694 to the Wicklow County Council which had not been discharged at the close of the year.

The arrears of Town Rate carried forward at the close of the Warrants for 1937/38, 1938/39 and 1939/40 were respectively £315, £461 and £487. This last figure represents about 12½% of the rates struck for the year 1939/40.

The arrears of Poor Rate carried forward at the corresponding dates were £200, £271 and £322, the last figure being equivalent to about 11% of the rates struck for 1939/40.

The aggregate rents outstanding were at 31/3/38 £829, at 31/3/39 £967, and at 31/3/1940 £1,095. The tendency to increase is due in part to the erection and letting of a number of new houses, but it is noted that there was also a steady increase in the arrears of corporate estate rents.

Expenditure in anticipation of loan had been made at 31/3/1940 to an amount of £461 on Territt Lane Sewerage and to an amount of £190 on Foreshore. There was also a similar small expenditure of £7.7.0 in respect of Housing No.4 Scheme. All

these items are shown in the Loan or Capital Account.

A number of uncollectible balances of rents indicated in the Rentals should be submitted to a Meeting of the Council so that they may be dealt with formally.

It appears that revenue is being lost to the Council through the non-enforcement of a scale of charges for water used for other than domestic purposes.

Notwithstanding minor decreases in the values of investments held as at 31/3/1940 there was a slight surplus in the Stock Redemption Fund, due mainly to the redemption of a parcel of the township stock on favourable terms.

Annual repayments of loans which were the primary liability of the Harbour Commissioners but which the Council under a guarantee given under Section 40 of the Wicklow Harbour Order, 1907, have been obliged to discharge for some years have now terminated. An account of payments made by the Council under this head should be prepared so that a claim for repayment may be made as the resources of the Harbour Commissioners will permit in accordance with Section 43 of the said Order. A number of contributions on account have been made by the Harbour Commissioners to the Council in recent years.

Premiums in respect of Town and Poor Rate Collector's Bonds which fell due recently have been authorised for payment. Otherwise all Insurance Renewal Premiums have been paid to date.

(Signed) S. Oh Ealuighthe,
Infiuchoir.

Do'n Aire Rialtais Aiteamhla agus
Slainte Poiblidhe.

25/11/1940.

JH 1/4/41