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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9th. May, 1949

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding. Councillors C. W. Hudson; E. Kane; J. O'Connor; L. Sutton; and W. Clarke. The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Meetings held on 22nd March, 30th. March, and 5th. April 1949 (copies of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as read, and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution of Sympathy- Late Mr. T. J. Murphy.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Olohan, seconded by Councillor C.W.Hudson and resolved:- "That we the Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs T. J. Murphy and Family in their recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of the late Mr. T. J. Murphy, Minister for Local Government". The County Manager and Staff desired also to be associated with this resolution.

Application for Building Site.

Letter dated 11th April 1949 from Mr. Patrick J.Flood, applying for Building Site at Dunbur Road adjoining that site already leased to Mr. F. Kearney.

The Council instructed the Acting Town Clerk to write to Messrs Mooney, Kearney and Killian asking whether or not they intended taking out leases for the plots granted to them last October, as it was the opinion of the Council that these persons did not now require the sites allotted to them. Mr. Flood was to be informed that a suitable site would be made available to him following replies being received from Messrs Kearney, Mooney and Killian.

Housing- Provision of Bathrooms at Dunbur Terrace.

Councillor W. Clarke mentioned that 10 of the Council's houses at Dunbur Terrace had no bathrooms, and stated that some of the tenants of these houses would be glad to pay extra rent if bathrooms were provided. The Town Surveyor was asked to submit an estimate of cost for provision of bathrooms in these houses. The Council directed that the extra rent which would be required should be calculated, and the tenants circularized and their view on this proposal sought.

Making of Municipal Rate for year 1949/50.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:- "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby make the following Rate and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land 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 31st. March, 1950, of three hundred and Sixty pence in the £. made up as follows:-

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Categories include Urban Roads, Sanitary Services, Housing, General Urban Purposes, and County Council Services. Total amount is 360.

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 the year 1949/50 and that the necessary notices be published forthwith".

Signed J. Olohan Chairman.

Schedule of Uncollected Rates.

The Total Rates outstanding for the year ended 31st March, 1949 as shown by the Schedule of Uncollected Rates was £925-5-9, which represented a figure of 7.73% of the warrant for year 1948/49 uncollected. There was a reduction of 6% in the amount of arrears as compared with the previous year.

The Council examined each item of arrears shown on the schedule and requested the County Manager to have every effort made to recover the outstanding items which were carried forward. The final figures were:-

Struck off as Irrecoverable £212-9-11 Carried forward as Temporarily Uncollectible £739-15-10

The Council expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the collection had been carried out during the year 1948/49.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts- Loan to Mr. J. J. Owens.

Application was received from Mr. J. J. Owens, Main St., Wicklow for loan of £1600 under Small Dwellings (Acq) Acts. The County Manager stated that he was satisfied as to the financial stability of the applicant, and the Council thereupon approved of the loan of £1600 i.e. 80% of £2000, being the market value of the house as certified by the Town Surveyor.

The Mall Ballroom- Public Dancing Licence.

Notice was received from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, stating that they intended to apply for a public dancing licence for the "Mall Ballroom" on behalf of their client Mrs E. O'Toole. The Town Surveyor stated that entrances, exits and sanitary arrangements were suitable, and that he had no objection to the premises. The Council saw no objection to the proposed licence being granted.

Town Planning Acts- Application of Mr. R. T. Killian.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this application to a meeting of the Council to be held on May 16th 1949.

Surrender of Lease by "Mecalectric Ltd.

Letter dated 6th. May 1949 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co requesting Council to execute the necessary Surrender of Lease which was granted to "Mecalectric Ltd" on 4th March 1947.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Surrender executed by "Mecalectric Ltd" of the premises at Quarantine Hill which had been leased to them by this Council by lease dated March 4th. 1947".

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Lease to Ace Candies- Yard at Quarantine Hill.

Proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor, seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and resolved:-

"That we hereby grant for a term of 31 years a lease to Messrs Edward Hynes and John Hudson of the premises and yard at Quarantine Hill, formerly leased to "Mocalectric Ltd" and the lease of which that Company has surrendered. The lease to Messrs Hynes and Hudson to be subject to a rent of £6-10-0 per annum the premises to be used as a factory only."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Clarke stated that he would be glad to forego his interest in this property in order that a suitable industry might stay in the town and be a benefit to the Urban Area.

Lease to Messrs Kavanagh Bros.

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

"That we grant a lease for a term of 75 years to Messrs Thomas and Myles Kavanagh of a plot at Strand St., at a yearly rent of £2-10-0, the plot to be used for the erection of a motor-house or garage in accordance with plans submitted at this meeting."

The Council's Solicitor to be requested to prepare lease.

Town Planning Acts- Proposed garage at Strand St.

Plans were submitted by Messrs Kavanagh Bros in respect of proposed Garage at Strand St., The Council approved of these plans.

Housing Programme.

Circular letter dated 24/3/49 (ref. N 49) referring to draft housing programme previously submitted, and requesting that housing programme with any amendments made therein should now be submitted to the Dept. for record purposes.

The Council decided to deal with matters relating to housing at a meeting to be held on 16th May, 1949.

Housing- Correspondence.

(1) Letter dated 11th April 1949 (ref. H. 3546/49) from Department of Local Government approving of the revision of rent of two Council houses i.e. No 1, Bungalows, St. Laurence Road. and No 19, Glenview Road. Noted.

(2) Letter dated 28th April 1949 (ref. N. 1860/49) from Department of Local Government stating that Minister would raise no objection to the proposed rent of 9/11 per week exclusive of rates in respect of the 8 houses (Monkton Row and Castle St.) and 18 Houses at Cooper's Field, at present being erected as part of the 80 houses scheme.

Murrrough Letting.

Letter from J. Conway, Hon. Sec. Wicklow A. F. C. requesting permission to use the Murrrough on Sunday 22nd May. Permission granted.

Electricity Supply Board- Collection of Accounts.

Letter dated 13th April 1949, from E. S. B. Stating that not individual complaints had been received regarding the new method of collection of accounts. It was mentioned by several members of the Council that there was an agreement with the E.S.B. when they took over the Local Lighting Scheme to provide the same facilities (including those in relation to the collection of accounts) which had hitherto obtained, and moreover, these facilities have been allowed for the past 16 years. The Council accordingly considered that a house to house collection should be provided for consumers.

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Regarding current to Dunbur Road, the Council requested that the E.S.B. be asked to improve the service to consumers.

'98 Monument at Market Square.

Letter was read from Wicklow Branch National Labour Party, protesting against the markings on steps of '98 Monument, and stating that the Trustees of the Memorial would be communicated with in connection with the defacement.

The Council discussed the matter at length and decided that the markings at Summer Hill end should be removed as they constituted a hindrance rather than a safety measure to traffic. The markings at the Main St. side however would remain for the present.

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved:-

"That the sign on the Monument opposite Summer Hill be removed and that the other sign opposite Main St., be left for the present."

It was the general opinion of the members that under the existing traffic conditions the Monument constituted an obstruction where it now stood. The Town Surveyor suggested that the Monument should be moved some ten feet over towards the corner at O'Briens, and the existing path be brought out in a curve round the base of the monument.

Other suggestions were to place the monument Opposite the old Gael premises or opposite the County Hospital.

It was decided to the Dublin-Wicklow Mens' Association, giving the Council's views on the subject and to ask for the comments of the association on the suggestion to remove the memorial to another site.

Housing Scheme- Tenders for supply of Materials.

Letter from Wicklow Branch, National Labour Party, dated 8th May 1949, requesting particulars of names of contractors supplying materials for erection of houses under Direct Labour Scheme and asking if tenders were invited.

The Council directed that details of system be given.

Water Main to Dunbur Road.

Council approved of application to Commissioners of Public Works for loan for new water-main to Dunbur Road, the loan to be repayable over a period of 25 years.

Tenders for the carrying out of this work to be sought as soon as approval of the Department has been received.

Emergency Water-Supply Scheme- Marlton Road.

The Town Surveyor stated that the Council should purchase the field in which the new dam is situated from Mrs Richards so as to enable the dam to be extended if necessary and to avoid other complications which might arise. The area of the field is approximately 2 acres, and a sum of £80 was suggested as a reasonable figure.

The Council decided that Mrs Richards be communicated with and asked for her price on this field.

Vote of Sympathy.

A. vote of Sympathy was passed with Mr. Joseph Brazil on the death of his brother.

Corporate Estate. Weekly Tenancy.

Application from J. Dickerson for weekly tenancy of field at Ballynerrin was deferred, meeting to be held on 16th May 1949.

Corporate Estate- Lease of Fields at Dunbur.

Application dated 9th May 1949 was read from Miss D. Wall, Summerhill for lease of fields at Dunbur which she said had been let to her for a number of years.

The County Manager stated that these fields should be let on an eleven months tenancy system only. The Council deferred decision until the Council's Solicitor was interviewed on the matter.

Public Lighting. - Salt House Lane and Doctor's Steps.

Letter dated 2nd. May 1949 was read from the Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners asking that the Council consider the matter of providing lighting for Salt House Lane and Doctor's Steps. Contents of Letter were noted.

Housing. - Plant and Materials.

Letter dated 29th. April 1949 from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister sees no objection to the exemption of the Wicklow U.D.C from the requirements of section 201 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, in respect of the purchase of plant and materials required in respect of direct labour Housing Schemes which are being carried out by the Council.

Noted.

Corporate Estate - Trespassers.

Complaints were received from time to time recently that lands which were let on the eleven months system were being trespassed upon and consequently crops were interfered with and fences broken. The Council directed that a Notice be placed in the Local newspaper warning that trespassers on such Council lands would be prosecuted.

The meeting then concluded.

*J. Clohan  
7/6/49*

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 16th May, 1949

Present- Councillor J. Clohan (Chairman) presiding.  
Councillors: J. Brennan; C. W. Hudson; E. Kane; L. Sutton;  
and J. O'Connor.

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

Town Planning Acts- Application of Mr. R. T. Killian.

Letter dated 6th. May 1949, was read from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors to the Council in connection with application from Mr. R. T. Killian for permission to erect boundary wall and lean-to shed on plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow.

In view of the situation which might arise if the right of way across this plot was walled in, the Solicitor advised that at this stage the Council should simply refuse Mr. Killian's application.

During a discussion on the matter a question regarding the lease granted to Mr. John Canavan was raised, and it was the opinion of the Council that the area covered by Mr. Canavan's lease would not in any way interfere with the proposed buildings which Mr. Killian intended erecting.

However, since the lease made to Mr. Canavan was not available, the Council decided to defer its final decision until further information concerning contents of Mr. Canavan's lease was available.

The Council further requested that the Solicitor be requested to advise as to the liability of the Council if the right-of-way across the plot be closed.

The Acting Town Clerk was directed to convene a special meeting of the Council on Friday, 20th May, 1949 to consider the matter.

Murrrough- Application from Wicklow Fete Committee.

Letter dated 13th May, 1949 was read from D. O'Driscoll, Hon. Sec., Wicklow Fete Committee, requesting permission for use of Murrrough for purposes of holding Annual Fete for period from 30th July, 1949 to 9th. August, 1949.

Permission granted.

Application from M. B. Murray.

Application received from M. B. Murray (per George Murray) for permission to erect a refreshment stall at the Murrrough, convenient to the promenade. The Council granted permission for the erection of a stall subject to the approval of the Town Surveyor, and on a site to be defined by the Town Surveyor, to the North of the Boathouse; the licence to be granted for a period of 4 months at a rent of £1-0-0 per month.

LEASE - Application by Mr. A.D. Finlayson.

Letter dated 16th May, 1949, was read from Finlayson Bros., (per Mr. A.D. Finlayson) applying for building lease for plot of ground known as "The Bog" at Dunbur Rd. The Applicant stated that it was his intention to erect houses on the site.

It was stated by the Town Surveyor that this particular site was approved by the Council some time ago as a suitable position for a plantation or shrubbery, which would act as a break in the ribbon building which would undoubtedly take place along this road.

The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to obtain a special report from the Town Surveyor on the advisability of building on this plot, and to submit this report to the next meeting of the Council. It was also suggested that Mr. Finlayson be asked to state if he would intend to build houses on this plot for sale or for letting.

#### Urinals at Murrrough.

The Council directed that these urinals on the Murrrough be opened immediately, the same caretaker to be appointed on similar terms to last year.

#### Seats on Piers.

Councillor C. W. Hudson mentioned that the seats should now be placed on the piers for the Summer Months. The Acting Town Clerk promised to have the seats available without delay.

#### Emergency Water Supply Scheme- Marlton Dam.

The Town Surveyor reported that arrangements were almost completed for commencing pumping operations at Marlton Dam. A letter was read from Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., indicating that a 22½ H.P. Ruston Crude Oil Engine for pumping was available from stock for the sum of £402. The Surveyor stated that for the present he had an engine on loan from the County Council which would be available for pumping at Marlton for some time, so that there was no immediate hurry about purchasing an engine.

#### Housing- Applicants for Houses.

The County Manager read through the lists of applicants for new Council houses, and of the total number listed, 42 were considered eligible for tenancies whenever vacancies occurred.

The question of erection of further houses was discussed, and the Chairman stressed that some houses of the Better Class type should be commenced, and stated that in his opinion sufficient applications would be made for such type houses.

The Town Surveyor suggested that the most economical number of houses to carry on with at the present would be 10 Two-Storey and 10 Bungalow type house. He stated that development of site at St. Laurence Road could be commenced within three weeks time.

The Council agreed to this suggestion.

Applications for weekly tenancies of field at Ballynerrin were refused as this field would now be needed for building operations.

The meeting then concluded.

*J. O'Leary*  
7/6/49

### WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### Minutes of Special Meeting held on 20th May 1949

Present:- Councillor J. O'Leary (Chairman) presiding.  
Councillors C. W. Hudson; W. Clarke; and L. Sutton.  
The County Manager was also present.

#### Town Planning Acts: Application of Mr. R. T. Killian.

The County Manager stated that since the meeting of the Council held on 16th May, 1949, the lease made to Mr. John Canavan had been traced. The Council's Solicitor had been requested further to advise on the position in view of the conditions set out in Mr. Canavan's lease, and the fact that Mr. Canavan's lease had not been stamped or registered in the Registry of Deeds. The County Manager further informed the members that it was stated in Mr. Canavan's lease "that the Lessee will not use or open the door on the Eastern end of the said garage or shed. It would appear that the door on the Eastern end had been in use since the erection of the garage, contrary to the terms of the lease. There was no question of Mr. Canavan having any title to any area outside the actual shed.

The Council was quite satisfied that the lease made to Mr. Canavan did not interfere in any way with the proposed erection by Mr. Killian, and if Mr. Killian built the proposed wall, a passage of 16 feet width would still be available between his wall and the shed of Mr. Canavan.

The whole matter hinged on the public right-of-way across the plot and the Solicitor's advice on the matter was to simply refuse the application of Mr. Killian and leave him to stand on his own rights whatever they may be. The Solicitor further wrote, that if the Council give the consent asked for, they would be joined as co-defendants with Mr. Killian if any member of the Public wished to establish the right-of-way.

The Council considered the question of ignoring the whole matter and referring the matter to Mr. Killian for his own action.

It was decided that the wisest action would be to defer a decision until the next Statutory meeting of the Council to be held on 7th June 1949. The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to request the Solicitor to the Council to attend this meeting.

#### '98 Memorial at Wicklow.

Letter dated 17th May, 1949 was read from E. Burke, Hon. Sec., Dublin Wicklow Mens Association informing the Council that protests had been made at a recent meeting of his Association against the marking of the '98 Memorial at Wicklow. As the views of the Council had already been transmitted to the Dublin-Wicklow Mens Association, it was decided to await a further communication from that body.

#### Lease of Plot at Dunbur Road.

Letter dated 9th May, 1949, was read from Mr. J. D. Haughton, asking that the plot of ground between the holdings of Mr. Vize and Mr. Wallace at Dunbur Road be let or leased to him and stating that if let or leased to him, he would vacate the plot at any time. The Council decided to request the Town Surveyor's views on the potential use of this plot as a building site, the County Manager stating that if this was a building site it could not be leased to Mr. Haughton.

#### Proposed Loan of £18,000 for Housing.

The Chairman and two members signed a formal undertaking regarding repayments on foot of proposed loan from Commissioners of Public Works in respect of eighteen houses at Cooper's Field.

The Seal of the Council was affixed to the document.

*J. O'Leary*  
7/6/49

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting held on 7th June, 1949.

Present - Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding.  
Councillors - C. W. Hudson; W. Clarke; J. Brennan; L. Sutton;  
and J. O'Connor.  
The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes.

Minutes of Meetings held on 9th., 16th., and 20th. May 1949 (copies of which had been circulated to the members) were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Housing: Loan of £18,000- Execution of Deed of Mortgage.

Proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor W. Clarke 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 Eighteen Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced to us by them under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890 to 1948".  
The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Deed of Mortgage.

Housing- Recruitment of Apprentices.

Circular Letter No 35/1949 dated 19th. May 1949 from Department of Local Government was read regarding recruitment of apprentices in Direct Labour Housing Schemes.  
The Council directed that copy of this circular be sent to each of the Local Trades Unions (viz- Carpenters, Plasterers, Bricklayers and Painters) and that the views of the various Unions be obtained.

Housing- Bathrooms to Council Houses at Dunbur Terrace.

The Town Surveyor submitted an Estimate of £105 per house in respect of erection of Bathrooms to each of ten houses at Dunbur Terrace.  
The Council directed that the total all-in cost for the addition of such bathrooms be ascertained, and the tenants be asked if they would agree to pay an increase in rent to cover the cost.

Application of Mr. R. T. Killian- Boundary Wall at North Quay.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. J.H. McCarroll attended the meeting and outlined his views on this matter to the members present.  
In view of the Solicitor's advice it was decided to indicate to Mr. Killian that it seemed a right of way across the plot existed owing to the fact that the plot was not enclosed by his predecessor in title. Whilst the lease contained no covenant restricting the Lessee in the erection of a Boundary Wall, the Council thought that he should carefully consider the question of the possibility of the existence of a right-of-way.  
The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Killian and inform him of the Council's views.  
In connection with the lease of Mr. Canavan the Council's Solicitor advised that the lease of plot on which a garage or shed had been erected should be taken out by Mr. Canavan.

Water-Supply

Report dated 31st May 1949 from Waterworks Overseer and report dated 7th June 1949 from Town Surveyor in connection with water-supply were read and noted, and it was stated that the pumping was going on satisfactorily.  
A letter dated 7th June 1949 was read from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that Mrs Richards, owner of the field at Marlton Road in which pumping operations were taking place would be prepared to sell this property to the Council for a sum of £200.  
The Town Surveyor stated that the area of the County Road running alongside this field was included in the area of 2 acres and 7 perches stated to be the area of the field. This meant that the field itself had an approximate area of one acre.  
The Council decided to requisition a Land Registry Map of this field, and to make an offer to Mrs Richards of £100.

Letting of Plot at Dunbur Road- Mr. J. D. Haughton.

Regarding the application of Mr. J. D. Haughton for letting or leasing of plot of ground to him by the Council, it was decided to write to the adjoining Lessees and ask if they would object to a temporary letting of this piece of ground for a fowl run for a period of 11 months.

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

Letter from Hon Sec. Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, asking that this Council join in membership of the Association.  
It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Hudson and resolved:-  
"That this Council join the Association of the Municipal Authorities of Ireland, and that the Annual subscription of £3-3-0 be paid forthwith".

The Council decided to deal at a later date with the question of sending delegates to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Lease of Building Site at Dunbur Road- Mr. F. Kearney.

Letter dated 28th May, 1949 from Mr. F. Kearney, New St., Wicklow stating that he did not intend taking out lease of plot which had been allotted to him by Council at meeting held on 5th October, 1948.  
Noted.

Water Works Overseer- Fuel Supply.

Letter dated 2nd June, 1949 from Mr. John DeCoursey, Water Works Overseer requesting that a supply of coal be made available to him. He stated that he was entitled to a yearly allowance of 5 tons.  
The Council considered that an allowance of 1 cwt of coal per week would be adequate for his needs and recommended that such allowance be made available to Mr. DeCoursey.

Camping Site at Wicklow.

Letter dated 21st May 1949 was read from Bro. W. K. Brown, Scoutmaster, St. Aidan's Grammar School, Sunderland, requesting permission for use of camping site at Wicklow for period 2nd August to 16th August 1949.  
The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to furnish the necessary particulars. The usual rent of £1-0-0 to be charged.

Urinal at Murrrough.

The Council directed that a water supply be installed at urinal situate at River's Edge at the Murrrough at an estimated cost of £15.

Public Conveniences at Promenade.

The Acting Town Clerk stated that so far no person could be obtained to act as caretaker of these public conveniences, the remuneration being at the rate of 10/- per week and whatever rent was available from the slot-locks. The members present were asked to recommend anyone whom they might consider suitable to act as caretaker.

Local Government (Changing of Place Names) Regulations 1949.

Circular No G. 34/49 dated 6th May, 1949 from Dept. of Local Government in connection with above named Regulations. Noted.

Temporary Salary Increases.

Circular Letter dated 30th April 1949 (Ref. G. 296/2) from Department of Local Government stating that the sanction of the Minister may be presumed, where the Manager, after consultation with the Council decided to grant temporary increases in remuneration to persons to whom the circular applies; The County Manager stated that this circular would apply to the permanent Town Clerk, Acting Town Clerk and probably the Town Surveyor. The Council deferred consideration of the matter until the figure covering the proposed increases would be available.

Defence Forces- (Temporary Provisions) Act 1942.

Letter dated 26th April, 1949 (Ref. G. 466/14. G258) from Department of Local Government stating that disqualification from the Defence Forces by reason of desertion would not in future debar any person from holding any office or employment under a Local Authority. Noted.

Charges for Electricity.

The following Resolution passed by Killarney Urban District Council was unanimously adopted:  
"That we ask the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hold an inquiry into the system of the Electricity Supply Board in fixing charges for Electricity and generally into their administration".  
In this connection, the members also requested that the Electricity Supply Board be again reminded about the collection of charges from Urban householders.

Public Recitals by Pipe Band.

Letter from Hon. Sec. St. Patrick's Pipe Band inquiring re Public Recitals. It was left to the Chairman and Councillor Brennan to meet the PIPE band committee and to arrange recitals.

'98 Monument at Market Square.

Letter dated 3rd June 1948 from Dublin Wicklowmen's Association. It was stated by the association that a sub-committee had been formed to examine the question of removal of the Memorial from the Market Square; that this committee had visited the town and had observed the flow of traffic in the

vicinity of the monument. The view of the Association is that the Monument in its present position does not constitute a danger to either pedestrians or vehicles. The Association further intimated that it would not agree under any circumstances to the removal of the Memorial from its present position nor would it agree to the direction signs remaining on the steps of the monument. Councillor Hudson supported the views of the Dublin Wicklowmen's Association in every respect.

The Council decided that the remaining direction signs should be removed from the Monument.

Councillor O'Connor suggested that the present Bus stop be changed to the opposite side of the street, and it was agreed to ascertain the views of the the Gardai and C.I.E. on this suggestion. The Town Surveyor stated that "Drive Slow" signs should be erected at the approaches to the Market Square, and he intimated that he would have signs (cats' eyes) placed on the roadways leading into the Square.

Parking in Main St. from Abbey to Market Square.

Councillor Hudson asked if Eye Laws could be made restricting parking to one side of the street between Abbey St., and Market Square. Following a discussion it was decided to arrange a deputation to meet the Superintendent, Garda Sioghanna to discuss with him questions affecting traffic in the Urban District. The deputation appointed was as follows:-

Messrs J. Olohan (Chairman) C. W. Hudson, J. O'Connor, and J.T.O'Byrne B.E. Town Surveyor.

The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements regarding the proposed conference.

Town Planning Acts.- Messrs J. P. Hopkins & Sons.

Application dated 7th June 1949 from Messrs J. P. Hopkins & Sons for permission to erect a roof over yard at South Quay. The Town Surveyor stated that he had no objection to the erection of the proposed roof. Permission granted.

Application from A. Finlayson to erect 2 houses at Dunbur Road.

Application dated 7th June from A. Finlayson for permission to erect two houses at Dunbur Road. It was stated that at a meeting of the Council held on 1st February 1949 it was decided to limit the number of houses to be built on the plot in question to nine: five houses only to be erected on the site which lies between house owned by Mrs Sturgeon and the Golf Links Boundary. Already four houses had been erected on this plot of ground between Mrs Sturgeon's house and the Golf Links Boundary. The Council gave sympathetic consideration to the application and it was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:-

"That we hereby permit Mr. A. Finlayson to erect two dwelling houses on the remainder of the plot adjoining the Golf Links on the South Eastern side of such plot, that is a total of six houses only to be erected on that part of the plot leased to Mr. Finlayson which lies between the dwelling owned by Mrs Sturgeon and the Golf Links Boundary on the South-Eastern side of such plot, and that to give effect to this resolution we hereby rescind the decision taken by the Council at its meeting held on 1st February 1949"

Lease of Field known as "The Bog".

Regarding an application received from Mr. A. Finlayson for building lease in respect of field known as "The Bog", it was decided that as this field had already been set aside as a shrubbery site by the Council a lease could not be granted to the applicant.

The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Finlayson and to show him the Development Map for the Dunbur Road, with a view to Mr. Finlayson submitting proposals for any of the sites already determined by the Council for building on Dunbur Road.

Road adjoining New Convent National School.

Communication read from Department of Local Government requesting particulars of the present position regarding new road adjoining new schools at Convent Road. Following a discussion it was decided that the Chairman and Town Surveyor should interview Mr. Michael J. Healy, regarding the acquisition of the plot of ground at the corner of the new road.

Vote of Sympathy.

A Vote of Sympathy was passed with Councillor R.B. Haskins on his recent bereavement occasioned by the death of his mother.

The meeting then concluded.

*J. O'lahan  
5/7/49*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 29th June, 1949

Present: Councillor J. O'lahan (Chairman) presiding;  
Councillors W. Clarke; L. Sutton;  
E. Kane; C.W. Hudson and J. O'Connor.

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

Letter was read from Councillor R.B. Haskins regretting his inability to attend.

Election of Chairman:

Councillor W. Clarke in proposing the re-election of Mr. John O'lahan as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year paid tribute to the manner in which Councillor O'lahan had carried out his duties as Chairman in the past and hoped that similar harmony and co-operation between the members would prevail during the coming year.

Councillor L. Sutton seconded the resolution.

Resolved and passed unanimously:

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

The Chairman thanked the Council for his re-election and signed the Declaration accepting the office of Chairman.

Election of Vice Chairman:

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
seconded by Councillor L. Sutton  
and resolved:-

"That we the members of the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby appoint Councillor C.W. Hudson as Vice Chairman of the said Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such" Passed.

Councillor C.W. Hudson thanked the Council for his re-election and signed the Declaration accepting the office of Vice Chairman.

Election of Members on Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

It was proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
seconded by Councillor E. Kane, and  
Resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint the same members as in the past year to be members of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the ensuing year, these being Messrs J. O'lahan; C.W. Hudson; R.B. Haskins; W. Clarke; L. Sutton; E. Kane and J. O'Connor." Passed.

Election of Members on County Library Committee:

It was proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
seconded by Councillor E. Kane and

Resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint Councillors J. O'Connor; R.B. Haskins and W. Clarke to be members of the County Library Committee for the ensuing year". Passed.

Town Planning Scheme:

Letter dated 17th June, 1949, from Dermot O'Toole, Town Planning Consultant, was read. Mr. O'Toole indicated that an official from the Valuation Office had called on him to discuss the affect of the Industrial Zoning of Wicklow Town on property values and mentioned that to his knowledge, this is the first occasion on which the Valuation Office has become concerned with the affects of Town Planning.

The Town Planning Consultant further stated that the Council should be made aware of the desirability of caution with regard to the approval of Industrial projects which might adversely affect residential and dwelling properties. It should also be noted that the Town Planning Act provides that compensation might have to be paid to persons who could satisfy the Minister that their properties had been reduced in value by the affects of a Planning Scheme.

Noted.

Plot at Dunbur Road - J. D. Haughton:

The Acting Town Clerk stated that, as instructed by the Council at its meeting held on 7th June, 1949, he had written to owners of property adjacent to the plot required as fowl run by Mr. Haughton, and had received one reply objecting to the proposed letting and one raising no objection. Following a discussion it was decided not to grant the application of Mr. Haughton for a lease or tenancy of the plot for use as a fowl run.

Corporate Estate:

Councillor C.W. Hudson stated that he had been requested to bring the matter of the dump at Black Castle before the Council, and it had been suggested to him that this dump should be sprayed with disinfectant.

In reply the County Manager stated that arrangements were already in hands to have all dumps sprayed with a D.D.T. solution in compliance with the terms of Circular P.H. 39/49 Department of Health.

Councillor L. Sutton mentioned that the laneway at Kilmantin Hill at the rear of houses at High Street, New Street and Market Square was in a very insanitary condition.

The Acting Town Clerk stated that during the week the Council's scavengers had removed all refuse and had cleaned the lane. A "No Dumping" notice had also been placed in the laneway.

Matters regarding domestic scavenging were discussed by the Council, the County Manager mentioning that the suggestion of the making of a special rate in respect of domestic

scavenging had been turned down by the Council at a meeting earlier in the year.

The Town Surveyor was requested to submit a special report to the next meeting on the costs of provision of a weekly scavenging service in the town.

The unclean condition of the Promenade and Foreshore was mentioned by Councillor C.W. Hudson, and the similar condition of the Main Street was mentioned by Councillor E. Kane.

The County Manager explained that these conditions were due to the fact that for the past two months the Council's workmen had been engaged on the work of erecting a dam and pumping plant at Marlton Road, and had also been carrying out repairs to the foreshore, works which were considered as essential by the Council.

The Town Surveyor intimated that in the next few weeks a general cleaning up would take place in the Urban District.

Letting of Yard at South Quay, Wicklow:

Applications were received from:- (1) Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd., South Quay, and (2) William Rutledge (Victualler) Market Square, for tenancy of yard at South Quay (formerly leased by Patrick Smith).

It was decided to ask applicants to offer a rent for the premises, the matter to be dealt with at the next meeting of the Council.

While on the subject of leases, the Chairman suggested that applicants for leases should make a deposit with the Council, as heretofore leases had been granted to persons and then when prepared or almost prepared by the Solicitor had not been taken up by the lessees.

The Council agreed with the Chairman's suggestion.

Application for Site at Dunbur Road:

Application was made by Mr. Peter J. Finnegan for lease of building site (Plot No. 5) at Dunbur Road.

The Council decided to grant a lease to Mr. Finnegan, provided he made a deposit of £2.2s. to cover legal costs.

It was proposed by Councillor L. Sutton  
seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
and Resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease for a term of 75 years of Plot No. 5 at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. Peter J. Finnegan subject to the condition that he build thereon a dwellinghouse to the satisfaction of Council within eighteen months, and that he make a deposit of £2.2s., such deposit to be forfeited if lease is not proceeded with. The rent of this plot to be £7.10s. per annum" Passed.

Resolution from Clones Urban District Council:

The following Resolution from Clones Urban District Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to introduce legislation to rectify the present inequitable system whereby Urban Authorities are forced to pay a County Demand based on the total valuation of the Urban Area, which makes no allowance for irrecoverable Rates, half rents, reductions on new buildings, etc".

'98 Memorial at Market Square, Wicklow.

Letters were read by Acting Town Clerk from Dublin-Wicklowmens' Association and from Thomas Fleming, Hon. Secretary "Dwyer Memorial Association" thanking the Council for its action in agreeing to removal of markings from the '98 Monument at Wicklow and in agreeing to the Monument remaining in its present position.

Letters noted.

Silver Strand Road:

Councillor W. Clarke inquired as to the present position regarding the Silver Strand Road. Councillor C.W. Hudson was also anxious to obtain this information, as he stated that various local interests were concerned about this matter.

The Surveyor stated that he had prepared plans originally about 10 years ago for the construction of the road in concrete with the aid of a Government Grant. He outlined the trend of events since that time, and stated that on several occasions attempts had been made by the County Council to obtain suitable Grants for the completion of the road, but without success.

Following a discussion the following resolution was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor E. Kane and passed unanimously.

Resolved - "That this Council considers that there has been undue delay in making a State Grant available towards the construction of the new Coast Road at Silver Strand, Wicklow, for the construction of which arrangements originally were made many years ago, and that we consider that the State Grant towards which the County Council already has made a special contribution should now be issued so as to permit of the work being completed. Furthermore, the Council considers that having regard to the recent increase in motor traffic especially during the tourist period, this road is now very necessary to relieve traffic congestion on the other roads in the district. Copy of this resolution to be sent to the Department of Local Government and to the County Council and the Minister for Local Government is requested to receive a deputation to discuss this matter".

The County Manager stated that some time ago he had requested that maps be prepared showing points of access to the sea in East Wicklow from the New Road. The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to get in touch with the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, on this matter.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - Loan to Mr. A. McGuinness:

Letter was read from Mr. A. McGuinness asking that the Loan allowed him be increased by a further £100, making the total Loan £1,500

The Council decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the County Manager.

Maintenance of Harbour Roads:

The question of the maintenance of Harbour Roads was discussed at length by the members and it was decided that the Harbour Authority should ask the County Council to take over and maintain the Harbour Roads.

Murrrough Lettings:

Letter from Town Agent, Mr. L.O'Toole requesting Council to define portion of Murrrough to be let to Fete Committee and portion to be let to Regatta Committee or other interested parties during the period 29th July to 9th August, 1949.

The Council decided that the Fete Committee should have the site opposite Clarke's during period from 29th July to 9th August, 1949, and that the Regatta Committee should have the remainder of Seafrent. The rent to be paid by Fete Committee to be £3; rent payable by Regatta Committee £1.

The Acting Town Clerk was directed to send a reminder to the Fete Committee that a sum of £5. was due since 1948 as rent of Murrrough.

Parnell Bridge - Usage by Motorists

It was stated that for some time past this Bridge has been used by certain motorists in spite of the fact that Notices had been placed on both ends of the Bridge.

The Council took a serious view of the matter and requested the Surveyor to have further warning notices erected prohibiting motor traffic on this bridge.

Water Supply Scheme - Field at Marlton

A letter from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors stated that the figure required by their client for the field at Marlton Road, in which water pumping operations were being carried out, was £200.

The Council decided that they were not prepared to increase their offer of £100.

Fire Brigade

Letter from Town Surveyor recommending immediate purchase of 10 lengths of Fire Hose together with couplings at an estimated cost of £150.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kane seconded by Councillor L. Sutton and

Resolved - "That we hereby authorise the excess expenditure of £148 on the purchase of 10 lengths of Fire Hose and couplings at an estimated cost of £150" Passed

Regarding the fire at Magherymore House, the Town Surveyor further stated that two rubber lined hose lengths were damaged at this fire, the cost being approximately £27.

The Acting Town Clerk was instructed to claim this sum from the proprietors of Magherymore House.

Following a discussion regarding fire personnel and fire units, Councillor E. Kane submitted the name and address of a firm from whom a suitable towing vehicle or small fire engine might possibly be procured.

Proposed New Water Main - Market Square to Dunbur Road

The following resolution was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor L. Sutton

Resolved:- That we hereby authorise the borrowing, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, of the sum of £4,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in 25 years, for the purpose of meeting the cost of laying new water mains at Dunbur Road, Summerhill and Monkton Row Lower, Wicklow. Passed.

Housing - Loan of £1,800 - Extension of Repayment Period

Letter dated 23rd June, 1949 from Commissioners of Public Works stating that as the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 had now become law, the period of repayment for above loan is extended from 35 years to 50 years. The Mortgage Deed in respect of this loan is being amended by the Finance Solicitor.

Noted and approved by Council.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

The County Manager informed the Council that as the £5,000 originally borrowed had been exhausted through advances having been made to various borrowers, it was now necessary to request sanction for a further loan.

It was

Proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor E. Kane

and resolved - "That we hereby request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the borrowing of the sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works, repayable in 35 years for the purpose of making loans under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts" Passed.

Capital Account - Overdraft Accommodation:

It was

Proposed by Councillor E. Kane  
Seconded by Councillor L. Sutton

Resolved - "That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby authorise the borrowing forthwith from the Council's Treasurer by temporary overdraft on Capital Account, of the sum of £10,000 to meet the cost of erecting houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, pending the receipt of instalments of Loan from the Commissioners of Public Works" Passed.

*P. O'Leary  
5/8/49*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th July, 1949

Present: Councillor J. O'Leary (Chairman) Presiding;  
Councillors J. O'Connor and C.W. Hudson

The Town Surveyor was in attendance.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor R. B. Haskins and the County Manager.

Confirmation of Minutes:

Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 7th June, 1949, copy of which had been circulated to each member, were taken as read and adopted, and signed by the Chairman.

Applications for Loans under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

Applications were received from W. H. Shaw, Louis Quinn and Peter J. Finnegan for Loans under above Acts.

These applications were noted by the Council and were referred to the County Manager for his attention and suitable action.

Applications for Lease of Yard at South Quay, Wicklow:

Tenders for lease of yard at South Quay were opened and examined by the Chairman: Tenders were as follows:-

Wm. Ruttledge £9 per annum  
Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd. £10 per annum.

It was proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor

and resolved:

"That we, the members of Wicklow Urban District Council hereby grant a Lease for a period of 31 years to the Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd. South Quay, Wicklow, of yard at South Quay (formerly in occupation of Mr. Patrick Smith) at the annual rent of £10 and current rates. This sum of £10 being the highest tender received." Passed.

Housing - Report on Housing Programme

The Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., submitted a report on present Housing position and indicated that at the 4th July, 1949 6 bungalows at Coopers Lane were ready for tiling; 4 bungalows were ready for roof timbers; 2 bungalows with foundations excavated; 4 two-storey houses were up to first floor; 2 two-storey houses were up 6' over D.P.C. Total 18 houses.

The total expenditure to date shown on these houses was £10,081.13.9d., a sum of £3,525.15.5d. being in respect of labour and £6,555.18.4d. being in respect of materials.

The Town Surveyor stated that he expected to have the 6 bungalows at Coopers Lane ready for occupation by mid-September next.

The Chairman again stressed the need for the erection of

8 to 10 better type houses, and stated that there would be no trouble in obtaining suitable tenants. In this connection it was

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved

"That we the members of this Council hereby recommend that the building of 8 better type houses be proceeded with, these being part of the scheme for 20 better type houses, plans for which scheme have already been approved by the Department of Local Government" passed.

#### Scavenging Service

The Town Surveyor reported that in order that a weekly scavenging service could be put in operation, an extra carter and roadman would be needed.

Councillor J. O'Connor pointed out that as this would entail expenditure of approximately £400 it was very unlikely that the County Manager would be in agreement with the suggestion, especially as no provision had been made in the estimate of expenses for the current financial year in respect of such expenditure.

Councillor C.W. Hudson asked the Town Surveyor at the procedure was regarding the cleaning of the Promenade.

It was stated by the Town Surveyor that the Promenade was usually swept several times each week, but of late due to other operations being carried on, the required cleaning had not been fully carried out. He stated, however, that an extra man would be employed for July and August to help in an extensive clean-up of the town generally.

In connection with the cleaning of the Promenade, it was suggested that the man at present in charge of the Public Convenience be asked to sweep the Promenade each morning and to clean and disinfect the Shelters.

The Council recommended that the County Manager be asked to agree to the granting of additional remuneration to this man for these proposed extra duties during the months of July and August.

#### Local Authorities (Works) Bill, 1949.

Circular No. RPA/201/1 dated 31st May, 1949, from the Department of Local Government, was submitted to the Council. This circular set out particulars of Schemes which might be submitted to the Department under the provisions of the Local Authorities (Works) Bill, 1949.

It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Connor  
Seconded by Councillor C.W. Hudson

Resolved ; "That we the members of Wicklow Urban District Council hereby recommend that the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, submit to the Department of Local Government, proposals for protection works to be carried out under the Local Authorities (Works) Bill, 1949, viz: repairs to and extension of foreshore works at Promenade, Wicklow". Passed.

#### Applications for Leases of Sites at Dunbur Road:

Applications were received for building sites at Dunbur Road from Messrs. T. Mahony and G. Nichols and the following resolutions were passed:

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved

"That we hereby grant a lease for a term of 75 years of Plot No. 4 at Dunbur Road, Wicklow to Mr. Thomas O'Mahony, subject to the condition that he build thereon a dwellinghouse, to the satisfaction of the Council, within 18 months, and that he make a deposit of £2.2s. such deposit to be forfeited if lease be not proceeded with. The annual rent of such plot to be at the rate of £7.10s."

Proposed by Councillor C.W. Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved

"That we hereby grant a lease for a term of 75 years of Plot No. 18 at Dunbur Road, Wicklow to Mr. G. Nichols, subject to the condition that he build thereon a dwellinghouse to the satisfaction of the Council within 18 months and that he make a deposit of £2.2s. such deposit to be forfeited if lease be not proceeded with. The annual rent for such plot to be at the rate of £7.10s. "

#### Use of Town Hall

Wicklow and District Tourist Development Association applied for permission to use Town Hall for meetings of the Association, whenever such meetings were convened.

Permission granted.

#### Application for use of Murrough

Application was read from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club for use of Murrough on Sunday 31st July, 1949, for purpose of playing a football match.

Permission granted.

#### Wicklow Harbour Commissioners:

Letter dated 2nd July, 1949, read from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, in which it was stated that the present system of discharge of sewage into the Harbour at East Pier Strand was very unsatisfactory as the sewer discharged on to the strand at low tide where at present crowds of children play and swim

The Harbour Commissioners suggested that all sewage should discharge into the sea at the rocks opposite Castle Field, and that instead of the now houses being connected to the present sewer this suggested sewer direct to the sea should be laid.

The Harbour Commissioners also suggested that a public lavatory should be erected in the vicinity of the East Pier.

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

#### Harbour Lighting:

The Acting Town Clerk stated he had been in communication with the Head Office, Electricity Supply Board, regarding the public lighting in the Harbour area.

The information received from the E.S.B. was to the effect that the Harbour Commissioners are now paying for one Public Light which is situate at the Packet Pier.

Prior to the last war the Harbour Commissioners were responsible for and paid for 11 lights in the vicinity of the

Harbour. A recent survey of the harbour lighting showed that there are 5 lights in use. It would appear, therefore, that at present the Harbour Commissioners are paying for one light and the Wicklow Urban District Council are paying the charges for the other four lights in the harbour area.

It was decided to request the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to refund the amounts overpaid by Wicklow Urban District Council in respect of these 5 lights for the time from when the Harbour Commissioners were reconstituted in 1946, and to request that they assume responsibility for these lights as from 1st August, 1949.

In connection with the Harbour Commissioners it was stated by Councillor Hudson that a debt of £3,867.6.3d. was due to the Wicklow Urban District Council on foot of loans from the Commissioners of Public Works. It was agreed as far back as 1934 that repayments, on foot of loans amounting to £4,077.6.3d., would be made to the Wicklow Urban District Council by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. Payments had been made up to the year 1940, but none since.

It was proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor and resolved

"That we, the members of Wicklow Urban District Council hereby request that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners make a refund to this Council of the charges paid by this Council for Public Lighting of 5 lamps on the North and South Quays, from the time of the reconstitution of the present Wicklow Harbour Commissioners in 1946 to 31st July, 1949, and furthermore, we request that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners assume full responsibility for these Public Lights as from 1st August, 1949. We further request the repayment to this Council of the sum of £3,867.6.3d., being balance of debt due by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners on foot of Loans Nos. 6801 and 17" Passed.

#### Emergency Water Supply Scheme:

Report dated 4th July, from Waterworks Overseer was read, in which it was stated that the reservoir was at that date down 7'7" and that the stream at Marlton Dam was also very low. It was stated that the pumping plant at Marlton Road was not operating satisfactorily, mainly due to the belting slipping.

Accounts amounting to approximately £210 had been received from Messrs. D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd. in respect of purchase of pump and installation of same, together with sundry fittings.

The Town Surveyor stated that the figures shown in the accounts were at present being examined.

It was also mentioned by the Town Surveyor that there was about six weeks' supply of water at present available, but that, if the present dry spell continued, it would be necessary to cut off the water for certain periods.

#### Application for lease of "The Bog"

Letter dated 5th July, 1949, was read from Messrs. Finlayson Bros. asking that the Council reconsider its decision refusing lease of "The Bog" for building purposes.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the County Manager.

#### Legal Adoption of Children

Letter dated 1st July, 1949, was read from the Adoption Society

Ireland, requesting that the Council pass a resolution calling for the passing of the necessary legislation to make the adoption of children legal.

It was proposed by Councillor C.W.Hudson  
Seconded by Councillor J. O'Connor, and resolved

"That we the members of Wicklow Urban District Council, hereby request the Minister for Justice to arrange to have the necessary legislation passed to enable the adoption of children to be legalised". Passed.

#### Meadow Grass:

Councillor C.W.Hudson inquired regarding the purchase by the Council of grass seeds for sowing on Council lands, which lands are usually let for grazing or meadowing and he further inquired if the germination and purity of such seeds were obtained.

The Acting Town Clerk stated that so far as he was aware tenders for the supply of grass seeds were invited and the lowest tender received was accepted. This year one firm gave particulars of germination and purity of seed.

Councillor C.W.Hudson stated that the Council should in future insist that when seeds were being purchased, the firms tendering should state the germination and purity of the seeds offered.

#### Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board:

Councillor J. O'Connor drew attention to the fact that at the present time, in Rathnew Cemetery, only 6 vacant grave spaces remained in the 2nd Class Ground. He stated that now is the time to make arrangements for acquiring new ground suitable as a burial ground.

The Chairman said that this matter should be raised at the next meeting of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board and that it was actually the duty of this Board to ensure that suitable ground is acquired.

#### Town Planning Acts - House at Dunbur Road:

Plans submitted by Mr. P.J.Finnegan for house at Dunbur Road were approved, subject to the final approval of the Town Planner.

#### Town Planning Acts - House at Newpark Road:

Plans submitted by Mr. W. M. Shaw for house at Newpark Road, were approved, subject to final approval of Town Planner.

The meeting then concluded.

*P. O'Connor*  
5/8/49