

The Manager and the members of The Council also paid tribute to the Rent Collector for the excellent work carried out by him during the year.

INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS: Read following letter dated 27/4/1951 from Resident Manager, Wicklow District Gas Company Ltd.:-

Dear Sir,

We would ask that you would be good enough to place the following before your Council at the next Council Meeting.

That in consideration of our laying mains and services to the Council houses at Ballynerrin, the Council will install a Gas Cooker in each house.

We would of course be happy to obtain and fit the Cookers, charging the Council the bare cost to us. It is naturally for it to decide which type of Cooker was required, but we would recommend the Model known as the I77/14 Mains, a sample of which can be seen at the Gas Works. The cost of this Cooker complete would be £16.

Similar arrangements have been entered into by other Housing Authorities with the Gas Company in their areas. Notably, Waterford, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, Cobh and Fermoy. Unfortunately the houses at Ballynerrin were erected without any provision for gas in their specifications. Recently, a canvas carried out at the request of the tenants shows that 98% of the tenants are anxious to have Gas laid on.

We should be placed at very considerable expense in the laying of the Mains and Services and in the supply of meters. With the number of houses to be supplied in the area, we should be able to provide employment for quite ten men for at least four months.

We have every confidence in advocating the use of gas which is a clean, efficient and labour-saving fuel, and in soliciting the assistance of the Council in the support of a Local Industry and substantial Rate-payer.

May we further point out that by the increased consumption of gas we would be in a position to reduce the price to the benefit of all our consumers.

Thanking you and your Council in anticipation of favourable consideration for our proposal.

To/ Town Clerk, Wicklow.

J. O'Regan.  
Resident Manager.

After discussion, the Council agreed that it would be desirable to instal the Gas Cookers, provided that the tenants were anxious to have them installed, and would be prepared to pay additional rent each week in order to meet the cost of such cookers. The sum of 6d. or 8d. per week was suggested. The Council agreed that the additional rent would be for the hire of the cooker which would be owned by the Council. The County Manager stated that he would arrange to meet the Manager of the Gas Company for the purpose of discussing with him details of the Scheme.

REMOVAL OF RANGE: Read letter dated 2/5/1951 from Mrs Esther Sillery, 2, Castlefield, Wicklow, requesting permission to remove range and instal an open fireplace at her own expense. The Council recommended that permission be granted on the usual conditions.

ST. PATRICK'S PIPE BAND: Read letter dated 1/5/51 from Hon. Secretary, St. Patrick's Pipe Band, thanking the Council for their contribution of £35. Noted.

GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL: <sup>8</sup> Read letter dated 2/5/1951 from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter protesting against the increase in the amount demanded for Mental Hospital Services and stating that the County Council had appointed a Committee to further investigate the possibility of providing an independent Mental Hospital for County Wicklow. Noted.

CORNER AT DUNBUR ROAD: Read letter dated 1/5/1951 from Mr. Patrick Wallace, Hillcrest, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, referring to his intention of building a wall at the corner of his holding and inquiring if the Council contemplated widening the Road at that point. The Council agreed that it would be desirable to widen the road, but no definite decision was made regarding the matter.

*P. Wallace*  
5/6/51

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON MAY 15th. 1951.

Present: Councillor J. Olohan. (Chairman) presiding. Councillors C. W. Hudson and E. Kane.

MAKING OF RATE FOR 1951/52.

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor Edward Kane 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 Heriditaments 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 services of the Year ending 31st. March, 1952 of Three Hundred and Seventy Nine pence in the £. made up as follows:-

	PENCE
URBAN ROADS	22
SANITARY SERVICES	94
HOUSING	55
GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES	49
COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.	159
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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 1951/52 and that the necessary Notice be published forthwith."

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate Book for the year ending 31/3/1952.

The Council's Seal was also affixed to the Rate Collector's Warrant.

*J. Olohan*  
5/16/51

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH. JUNE. 1951.

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) presiding; Councillors C. W. Hudson; A. Finlayson; E. Kane; J. Brennan; P. Doyle; J. Everett T.D.; W. Clarke. The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Everett on his re-election to Dail Eireann. The other members associated themselves with the Chairman's congratulatory remarks.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Meetings held on 1st. May, 1951, 7th. May, 1951, and 15th. May, 1951 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTER FROM MRS G. SUTTON: Read letter dated 15/5/1951 from Mrs G. Sutton, Sea View Road, Wicklow, thanking the Council for their expressions of sympathy. Noted.

ITINERANTS IN URBAN AREA: Read following letter dated 17/5/1951 from Supt. J. Ward, Garda Siochanna, Wicklow :-

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh Esq. Town Clerk. Re- Itinerants in Urban Area.

A Chara, I have received your letter of the 15th. inst., in above connection, and agree that itinerants are a source of annoyance and inconvenience both inside and outside the Urban Area. They leave their camp sites a mass of straw, rags and other articles when departing, and while in camp, their animals wander, break down fences and cause obstruction on the roads. They are frequently summoned for such offences, but this does not appear to remedy the matter. Occasionally, they succeed in camping overnight for some days before they are discovered by the Gardaí, when they are requested to move.

I will bring your Council's request to the notice of the Local Gardaí, and direct that camping by vagrants be prevented totally within the Urban Area so far as possible.

Mise le meas,  
J. Ward (Superintendent)

Noted.

DEED OF MORTGAGE: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan 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 £700 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 to 1948."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Mortgage.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting<sup>2</sup> of the Council was fixed for 7-30. P.M. on Monday, 25th. June, 1951.

LEASE TO ACE CANDIES LTD.: Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor J. Everett and Resolved:-

"That the Resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on 3rd. April, 1951, granting a lease of a plot of ground at the junction of New Park Road and St. Laurence Road, Wicklow to Ace Products Ltd. for a term of 75 years, at an annual rent of £20. is hereby rescinded."

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor J. Everett and Resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease to Messrs Ace Products Ltd., of a site at the junction of New Park Road and St. Laurence Road, Wicklow, shown on map submitted by Town Engineer and measuring 1 acre, 3 roods 5 perches or thereabouts for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £10 for the purpose of having erected thereon a factory to be built in accordance with plans to be approved of by the Council."

FILLING VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett; seconded by Councillor P. Doyle

"That James D. Haughton, of Dunbur Road, Wicklow, be selected to fill vacancy in the membership of the Council which vacancy was occasioned by the death of the Late Councillor Loughlin Sutton."

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and Resolved:-

"That Jeremiah Farrell of The Mall, Wicklow, be selected to fill the vacancy in the membership of the Council, which vacancy was occasioned by the death of the Late Councillor Sutton."

The amendment was carried by 5 votes to 3.

For:- Councillors E. Kane; J. Brennan; J. Olohan; A. Finlayson; and C. W. Hudson. (5)

Against:- Councillors J. Everett; P. Doyle; and W. Clarke. (3)

Mr Jeremiah Farrell accordingly was elected to fill vacancy in the membership of the Council.

PALING AT MURROUGH: Read report dated 23/5/1951 stating that portion of the paling enclosing Football Pitch at Murrough had been removed and that the matter had been reported to the Garda Síochanna. Noted. The Council recommended that paling be replaced.

Councillor Kane referred to the desirability of having a sign erected on the Murrough, indicating the direction of the Sea. Front. The Town Engineer was instructed to provide such sign without delay. The Engineer was also directed to remove gravel from the pier, and to have the weeds cut.

PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter dated 16/5/51 from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Re- Plot of Ground at North Quay.  
Dear Sir, we refer to your letter of 9th. May regarding the above plot of ground and desire to state that we do not see the need for consultation with Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. as we expect you to abide by your resolution of 12th. September, 1950.  
Yours etc Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Also read following letter received from Mr. A. Cullen, Solr.  
5/6/1951

Town Clerk, Wicklow. Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.  
Plot of Ground at North Quay.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter to me of the 9th. April, 1951 in which you enclosed copy letter of even date to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. Also copy of map referred to in letter to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Due to the fact that your Council had already more or less indicated that you contemplated leasing a plot coloured Blue on the map to Shamrock Fertilizers, it was my idea to have an interview with the representatives of the Company on the site in order to see if anything could be arranged to the mutual satisfaction of the two companies. With this object in view, I got into communication with Shamrock Fertilizers endeavouring to fix an appointment and my last letter to them was dated the 23rd. ult., in which I suggested alternative dates for an appointment but up to the present I did not even have a reply.

I note from your map and your letter of the 9th. April, that it is proposed to lease to my clients the portion marked Blue and Green, together with the plot which is occupied by eight houses. I wish to say that my clients are perfectly satisfied with the suggestion of your Council and I wish to thank you on their behalf for same.

I realise of course, that it will not be possible to get possession of the site occupied by the eight houses until they are demolished but I assume that the lease can be given subject to that reservation.

I may add that Mr. S. Kenneth Davies had a Wire Stranding Machine, and as there was delay in getting accommodation he was about to have the machine sent back to Cardiff but the proprietor of the Wicklow Saw Mills realizing the danger of an industry being lost, decided as a temporary measure to permit him to erect his Wire Rope Machine in portion of the Saw Mills premises. This is only a temporary matter, and it further restricts the space available for the Saw Mills, but they were prepared to inconvenience themselves to hold the industry.

Yours faithfully,

A. Cullen.

After discussion, the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor W. Clarke and was accepted by the Chairman:-

"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on 25th. June 1951:-

(1) That the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, agreeing to the granting of a lease to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. of a plot of ground at Bond Street, Lower for a term of 31 years subject to a yearly rent of £5-0-0 be rescinded and (2) that the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. September 1950, agreeing to give favourable consideration to the application of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. for lease of plot at North Quay, Wicklow also be rescinded."

It was agreed to send maps indicating the plots which it was proposed to lease to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. and to inform the Companies concerning the Notice of Motion to be discussed at meeting on 25th. June, 1951.

TEMPORARY SALARY INCREASES: Read Circular E.L. 4/51 of 4/5/51 from Department of Local Government stating that the sanction of the Minister might be presumed where the Manager, after consultation with the Council decided to grant temporary increases in remuneration to officers, subject to the condition that as from a date not earlier than 1st. November, 1950 the rate of temporary allowance to officers permissible under Paragraph 2 of Circular letter (G.296/2) might be increased to a rate not exceeding 20%, the total annual rate of any increase not to exceed £250. The circular pointed out that where it would be desired the Minimum increase on basic salary of a whole-time officer might be £60., notwithstanding that that sum would be more than 20% of basic salary.

The Council unanimously approved of payment of temporary Allowance (1950) in accordance with the terms of the Circular.

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It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and Resolved:-

"That we hereby consent to the Manager exceeding the amount in the Estimates of Expenses for 1951/52 by the sum of £116 to allow of the payment of Temporary Salary Increases by the Council in accordance with the terms of Circular E. L. 4/51 of 4/5/1951"

SITE FOR BALL ALLEY: The Council were informed that plans relating to the proposed Ball Alley had not yet been submitted. Noted.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS.: LOAN OF £1900: The Town Engineer submitted estimates in connection with the proposed expenditure of £1900 on Road Improvement Works. The Council recommended that the money be spent on (1) concreting Castle Street from corner Market Street to Black Castle Road and (2) concreting paths in Castle Street. The Engineer's estimates indicated that if the work were carried out in tarmacadam and surface Tar Dressing the cost would be as follows:-

Castle Street in 3" to 4" coat of Tar Macadam and Surface Dressed-£1950

Resolution- Vide Page 8.

The County Manager stated that the Gas Company would be informed of the Council's proposals.

The Manager stated that the Department would be requested to give a grant towards the cost of the work, but he did not think that such grant would be made available.

GULLY TRAP AT COLLEY STREET: In reply to Councillor E. Kane, the Town Engineer stated that he would investigate the question of providing a bigger Gully trap at Colley Street, with a view to preventing flooding.

SLOPE AT MORETON'S LANE ETC. Following a discussion regarding the slope at junction of Fitzwilliam Road and Moreton's Lane the Engineer was instructed to submit an estimate of cost of providing steps and railings at this point.

WIDENING OF CORNERS: Arising out of a discussion concerning widening of corners it was decided to communicate with (1) Mr. Patrick Wallace in connection with proposed widening of corner at junction of Dunbur Rd. and Sea View Road, and (2) Rev. M. Blake, P. P. relative to widening of corner at junction of St. Patrick's Road and St. Laurence Road.

The question of providing a Mass Path was again referred to, but the Council decided to defer the matter, as no provision was made in the estimates 1951/52 for the carrying out of such work.

CONVEYANCE OF HIDES THROUGH URBAN AREA: Reference was made to the practice of conveying hides in an open lorry through the Urban Area, and the County Manager stated that the matter would be referred to the Acting Chief Medical Officer.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:

2nd. June, 1951

Ballynerrin Housing.

A Chara,

Further to my letter to you dated 7th. February, 1951, in connection with the remaining 26 houses on this Scheme and in which I informed you as to the estimated costs of building. The increase in materials, costs and labour (Holidays and Rates of Payment) made it necessary for me to amend my original to the figure given to you on Feb 7th. 1951.

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Materials are increased in the following items:-  
Timber- £28 per house; Cement £11-0-0 per house; Ironmongery and Hardware- £7-15-0 per house; Plumbing £7-10-0 per house; Sewer-Pipes and Water-Mains £4-10-0 per house. It is therefore not unreasonable to put the estimate of increases in costs per house at £73. (average) per house at 7/2/1951.

The present position is very bad as regards cement, and work is being upset and delayed; I find it difficult to keep our staff fully or economically employed, but I do not wish to reduce the number employed, but we are experiencing many disappointments regarding cement deliveries from day to day, which is coming in only in small quantities.

The position in regard to the 26 houses is:-

Roads being constructed; sewers for 14 houses almost complete. Materials to value of £2009 paid for.  
Total Expenditure £3041-14-6

The Twenty eight houses are completed except for Footpaths, and two houses are in course of painting.  
26 houses occupied. Expenditure £32,898- 9- 5

RENEWAL OF LEASE- WILLIAM O'GRADY. Read letter dated 23/5/1951 from Mr. William O'Grady, Main Street, Wicklow, applying for a renewal of the lease of his dwelling house and premises at Main Street, Wicklow, held under lease dated 7th. February 1876, for a term of 75 years, at a yearly rent of £1-10-0.

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a renewal of the lease of his dwellinghouse and premises at Main Street, Wicklow, to William O'Grady, for a term of 75 years from 25/3/1949, at a yearly rent of £1-17-6."

REMOVAL OF RANGE: Read letter dated 28/5/1951 from Mrs Mary Connor, 48, Castle Street, Wicklow, requesting the Council to give her permission to remove the range and to have an open grate installed in her house. The Council recommended that permission be granted on the usual conditions.

PATH AT CASTLEFIELD. Read letter of 25/5/51 from tenants of bungalows at Castlefield, Wicklow, complaining of the condition of the paths leading to their houses. The Town Engineer stated that work on these paths was about to be commenced.

INSTALLATION OF GAS COOKERS: The County Manager gave a detailed report to the Council concerning the progress which had been made in connection with the proposed installation of Gas Cookers in Council's Houses at Ballynerrin. He stated that he had interviewed the Manager of the Gas Works and had inspected the type of Cookers (Mains) which it was proposed to instal. The County Manager also submitted to the meeting, quotations which he had received from various firms, and stated that it would appear clear from such quotations that the cookers would be installed at a very reasonable cost. The County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government had been informed of the proposals and had asked the Council to submit the particulars regarding the original cooking and heating arrangements in Council's Houses.

Read following report from Town Engineer:-

Re- Installation of Gas Cookers.

1st. June 1951

A Chara,

In regard to your letter of the 29th. ult. in the matter of the proposed installation of Gas Cookers in the houses in course of erection at Ballynerrin I write to say that the original arrangements as specified are the provision of small portable ranges in living room with boiler for hot water.

In providing the Gas Cookers, no structural alterations are contemplated in the "slum-clearance" houses. It is considered desirable to still provide the ordinary range and boiler in addition to the cooker.

In the case of the Better-Type 5-roomed houses which are subject to the economic rent, the request appears to be for back-to-back boiler type grate in substitution for the specified range boiler unit, with the Gas Unit to be available for cooking. Small structural alterations to the fire opes would be necessary for the back-to-back unit.

Yours faithfully,  
J. T. O'Byrne (Town Surveyor)

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and Resolved:-  
"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, we approve of the raising of a loan of £1600 from the Council's Treasurer repayable in a period of 10 or 15 years as the Treasurer may agree for the purpose of meeting the cost of installation of Gas Cookers in Council Houses, such cookers to be hired by the Council at a weekly charge to the tenants of the houses."

The County Manager pointed out that a charge of 6d. per week to the tenants had been mentioned, but it might be necessary for the Council to fix a higher weekly charge.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: -S. V. DELAHUNT & CO LTD. Read following letter from Mr. W. A. Maguire, B. Arch. Dame Street, Dublin:- 30th. May '51

Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

Delahunt Estate  
Re- Development at Friar's Hill.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith two copies of lay-out plan for the proposed development in the form of housing estate at Friar's Hill, Wicklow, for your approval. The proposals briefly are:-

(1) To develop some 16 acres on the North side of the Main Road into Wicklow at Friar's Hill. It is proposed to erect some 33 houses on this site. The development would be in three stages. To develop the 8 sites fronting the road behind the Rectory.

(2) Would be the development of the new road commencing at the entrance to the station road following North and emerging in Brickfield Lane. This would mean the development of a further 15 sites.

(3) The development of a 4 acre plot to the left of the Station Road and to the North of the Main Road, providing a separate access road as shown on plan, opening up the development a further 10 sites. It is proposed to complete the above three stages before extending the development to Stage 4. It is proposed to extend the development to incorporate lands on the south side of the road shaded light green, as sites for a further 40 or 50 houses.

In order to develop any portion of this land, the existing Main Sewer would require to be extended from point A. T. Point B, as indicated on plan, a distance of 186 lin. yds. If this were to be extended it would open up for immediate development 8 sites mentioned in stage (1) On the completion of stage (1) a centrifugal pump to be erected in position as indicated in order to raise the sewerage from the other stages to point B. for delivery to the Main Sewer.

In view of the development for sites for 8 houses and the ultimate development for 60 or 70 houses and the consequent asset in rates, would the Council be prepared on the approval of the plans, to extend the existing sewer from Point A. to Point B, the distance being 186 lin. yds.

It is proposed that the houses to be erected on these sites would be of a high standard. The sites would have a frontage of 70 feet to 80 feet, with an average depth of 220 feet. It is proposed to plant areas not laid out for housing, as indicated on the drawings. It is proposed that the development shall be mostly in the form of two-storeyed houses with limited accommodation for single storeyed dwellings, the important frontages being reserved for two-storeyed houses.

I trust the above outline of the proposals is clear and that the matter will receive your early consideration.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. Maguire.

The Town Engineer submitted an estimate giving £518 as the cost of providing a 12" sewer for a distance of 186 lin. yds. with man-holes complete.

After discussion and examination of the plans it was decided to inform the writer that the Council would be prepared to consider very favourably the proposal that they should extend the Main Sewer provided that a definite guarantee would be given regarding the number of houses which would be erected and the time within which such houses would be completed.

LETTING OF FIELD AT BALLYNERRIN: Robert Dickenson.

Read letter from Mr. Robert Dickenson, Friar's Hill, Wicklow, applying for a lease of the field at Ballyguile, held by him from the Council on an eleven months tenancy. The writer pointed out that he had held the field for a number of years, and that it was desirable for him as a Dairyman, supplying milk to the townspeople of Wicklow, to have security of tenure. After discussion, the Council agreed that they would raise no objection to giving Mr. Dickenson an option on the field for a period of three years - on the basis of an eleven months letting - at an annual rent of £30., provided that he would continue to supply milk to the townspeople. It was decided to request the advice of the Council's Solicitors concerning the matter.

REPORT OF WATER-WORKS OVERSEER: Read letter dated 5/6/1951 from Water-Works Overseer, giving particulars of pumping operations etc. which were being carried out at the water-works. Noted.

HOUSE AT DUNBUR ROAD: MR JOSEPH O'CARROLL: Read letter dated 4/6/1951

from Mr. Joseph O'Carroll, Tyn-Y-Cwm, Rathdrum, stating that he was not prepared to site house at plot on Dunbur Road, Wicklow, in the position indicated by the Town Surveyor, as the space which would then be available at the rear would not be sufficient to accommodate a garage, cut-door lavatory, out-offices, a yard, a garden and a space for a clothes-line. After a prolonged discussion, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Town Engineer, who indicated that he would request Mr. Crotty to bring forward the front building line of his house a distance of 8 feet, and would request Mr. O'Carroll to site his house at a distance of 16 feet from the position in which it was now marked out.

CARTING ORE ALONG LEITRIM PLACE: Read letter of 5/6/1951 from Secretary, Wicklow Tourist Association, stating that a number of complaints had been received by the Association, from the residents of Leitrim Place, and adjacent areas, concerning the condition of the concrete road along Leitrim Place, consequent on the spillage of ore from carts trading between the Harbour and the Dublin/Wicklow Manure Works. Councillor Hudson handed in a letter which he had received from the residents of Upper Strand Street, protesting against a suggestion made at a meeting of the Tourist Association, that the traffic should be diverted through Upper Strand Street. After discussion, it was decided to draw the attention of the Manager of the Chemical Works to the matter, and to request him to (1) to ensure that the carts employed by him for the transport of ore would be suitable for such purpose and (2) to endeavour by every possible means to eliminate the spillage of ore from carts, along Leitrim Place and adjoining Streets.



As an amendment it was proposed By Councillor E. Kane; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan:-

"That Councillor G. Farrell be appointed as the Council's representative on the Wicklow Harbour Authority to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Late Councillor L. Sutton".

The following was the result of the voting:-

For Councillor W. Clarke:- Councillors J. Everett; P. Doyle; and W. Clarke (3)

For Councillor Farrell Councillors E. Kane; J. Brennan; J. Olohan; A. Finlayson; J Farrell and C. W. Hudson (6).

Accordingly, Councillor Farrell was appointed.

RATHDRUM AND WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

It was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That the following members be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:- Councillors J. Olohan; C. W. Hudson; J. Brennan; E. Kane; A. Finlayson W. Clarke, and P. Doyle."

COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE: It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:-

"That we hereby recommend the Wicklow County Council to appoint Very Rev. M. Blake, P. P. Wicklow, to fill vacancy in membership of the County Library Committee, which vacancy was occasioned by the death of the Late Councillor Loughlin Sutton".

*J. Olohan  
3/7/51*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING: held on 25th. June, 1951

Present: Councillors J. Olohan; (Chairman) presiding; C. W. Hudson; J. Brennan; E. Kane; J. Everett; A. Finlayson; J. Farrell; P. Doyle; and W. Clarke.  
The County Manager and the Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

Councillor Everett stated that he wished to have available at the monthly meeting of the Council to be held on 3rd. July, 1951, particulars relating to the rescinding of a resolution dealing with the portion of land at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, which had been recently leased to Mr. A. Finlayson.

PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY: The Council decided to go into committee to discuss matters relating to following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor W. Clarke at the meeting of the Council held on 5th. June, 1951. "That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Council to be held on 25th. June, 1951:-

- (1) That the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. Sept. 1950, agreeing to granting of lease of plot of ground at Bond Street Lower, for a term of 31 years, to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. subject to a yearly rent of £5-0-0 be rescinded and (2) that the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, agreeing to give favourable consideration to the application of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd for a lease of plot at North Quay, Wicklow also be rescinded".

Read following letter of 19/6/1951 from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

Dear Sir,  
We are very surprised at the contents of your letter of 18th. June, 1951. In this you inform us that a Notice of Motion was handed in at a meeting held on the 5th. inst., stating that a resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, referring to a plot of ground at the North Quay which the Council agreed to lease to our Firm should be rescinded.

It does indeed surprise us that the Council intends to lease the plot shaded green on the Map to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. If this is the normal procedure of the Council, to resolve to help an industry, and then to withdraw its help, it will kill every industry that is established here, and bodes ill for the prosperity of this town.

When we first approached your Council with the intention of setting up a Fertilizer Factory here, every possible assistance was promised to our Firm. Now it seems to us that some nefarious influence has been brought to bear on the Council with the intention of hampering the development of our Industry here.

It is obvious to us that the proposer of the said motion is not aware of the consequences which will arise from the rescinding of the Motion to lease this plot of ground to our Firm. First, if we do not obtain the lease of this plot, it will not be possible for us to manufacture and store 30,000 tons of Fertilizers yearly as we had already intended, consequently, we will give considerably less employment, and it may not be possible for us to give whole-time employment except during part of the year. Secondly, it would prevent us having a railway siding laid on to the Factory and would affect the ready dispatch of the goods. Thirdly, should it not be possible for us to acquire the space for a second factory building, we will have fewer shipments of Fertilizer raw materials arriving at Wicklow, possibly 15,000 tons.

Any sane Councillor will understand that this will mean less employment in discharging the vessels at the Harbour and a considerable loss of Revenue for the Harbour Commissioners.

You will see therefore that we cannot accept your proposals, We request that a special meeting of the Council be convened before your next general meeting on the 25th. June. We also request that your Chairman and Mr. Everett be in attendance.

Yours faithfully,  
J. J. Keogh.

The following representatives of Messrs Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. were received by the Council:- Messrs J. J. Keogh and P. Keelan representing Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. Mr. A. Cullen representing Wicklow Saw Mills. Ltd.

Mr. Cullen stated that he had been discussing with Mr. Keogh the problem of allocation of sites on the North Quay, and that he was pleased to be in a position to inform the Council that as a result of such discussions, progress had been made towards the reaching of an agreement in the matter. He pointed out however, that if their proposals, which at present were tentative, and would have to be confirmed with their respective firms after consultation on the site, were accepted by the Council, it would involve taking over portion of the existing road, leading from Bond Street to the Packet Pier.

Mr Keogh stated that it was essential for his firm to be in a position to avail themselves of the rail facilities which could easily be made available on the North Quay. He read a letter from C. I. E. relating to the matter.

The County Manager pointed out that in the first instance it would be necessary to determine the portion of the road for which the Council was responsible, as the greater portion of the road in question was a harbour road. Regarding railway facilities at the Harbour, the Manager stated that in 1905, Earl Fitzwilliam obtained a Provisional Order called the "Wicklow Tramway Order" for the purpose of connecting the railway with the Harbour and at his own expense he laid down the tramway. The Railway company carried out the working of the Railway, and Earl Fitzwilliam was responsible for its maintenance, receiving for such purpose an annual sum of £10 from the Railway Company. The Manager stated however, that it was not clear from the Council's records what transpired subsequent to the decision of Earl Fitzwilliam's Trustees in 1931 to surrender the Tramway, together with all plants to the Council who were the owners of the lands upon which the Tramway was constructed. It would seem however, that the Council were now the owners of the property.

After discussion Messrs A. Cullen and J. J. Keogh stated that they would submit definite proposals to the Council in time for the monthly meeting to be held on 3rd. July 1951.

In the course of a further discussion following the departure of the firms representatives, the County Manager indicated a plot which might be suitable for Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. and would be opposite their premises. The Council approved of the Manager's idea and suggested that he might find it possible to consult with the firms regarding the matter.

*P. O'Leary*  
3/7/51

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL,  
WICKLOW,  
June 29th, 1951

TO/  
The Chairman and Members of the  
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd. July, 1951, at 7-30. P.M. You are requested to attend.

Mise le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh.  
Cleireach an Bhaile.

AGENDA

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes of Meetings held on 5th. June, 1951 and 25th. June, 1951 (Copies herewith)
- (2) Resolution from Arklow U. D. C. re action of the Sea Fisheries Association.
- (3) Letter from Land Commission re land in the possession of the Dominican Convent, Wicklow.
- (4) Letter from Manager, Chemical Works, Wicklow, re transport of Burnt Ore.
- (5) Letter from Acting Chief Medical Officer re conveyance of hides through Urban Area.
- (6) Report from Town Engineer re painting of portion of Town Hall.
- (7) Town Engineer's estimate of cost of providing wall, steps and railings at junction of Fitzwilliam Road and Moreton's Lane.
- (8) Letter re proposed widening of corner at junction of St. Patrick's Rd. and St. Laurence Road.
- (9) Letter from Acting County Medical Officer re Wicklow Sewerage disposal.
- (10) Letter from Acting County Medical Officer re Public Lavatories on the Quay.
- (11) Correspondence re land at Black Castle.
- (12) Letter from Mr. A. Crotty, re building site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
- (13) Correspondence re letting of houses at St. Patrick's Avenue.
- (14) Letter from Mr. A. Cullen, Solr. re plot of ground at Friar's Hill, Wicklow, owned by Major E. U. Grimshaw.
- (15) Further consideration of following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor W. Clarke at meeting on 5th. June, 1951:-  
"That I or someone on my behalf will move at the meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council to be held on 25th. June, 1951  
(1) That the resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, agreeing to the granting of a lease to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. of a plot of ground at Bond Street, Lower, Wicklow, for a term of 31 years

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subject to a yearly rent of £5-0-0 be rescinded and (2) that the Resolution passed by the Council at meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, agreeing to give favourable consideration to the application of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. for a lease of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow, also be rescinded".

- (16) Conversion of Council's Holdings of 4½% Third National Loan 1950/70 and 4% Conversion Loan 1950/70 into 3½% Exchequer Bonds, 1965/70.
- (17) Report re Plot of Ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow recently leased to Mr. A. Finlayson.
- (18) Letter from Mr. W. A. Maguire, B. Arch. M.R.I.A.I. re proposed development at Friar's Hill, Wicklow.
- (19) Abstract of Accounts for 1950/51.
- (20) Housing Progress Report.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
3rd. August, 1951.

To/

The Chairman and Members of the  
Wicklow Urban District Council.

A Chara,  
The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council, will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow on Tuesday, 7th. August, 1951., at 7.30 P.M. You are requested to attend.

Mise le meas,

SEAN. S. O'CEALLAIGH.

Cleireach an Dhaile.

AGENDA.

- (1) Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd. July, 1951 (copy herewith).
- (2) Resolution from Athlone Urban District Council, re: Housing Subsidy.
- (3) Letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, re: filling of vacancy on the County Library Committee.
- (4) Letter from Limerick City Manager re: E.S.B. charges.
- (5) Sealing of Undertaking in respect of Housing Loan.
- (6) Sealing of Letting Agreement between the Council and St. Patrick's (Wicklow) Pipe Band.
- (7) Application from Mr. F. J. Casserely for (a) Lease of Building Site and (b) Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- (8) Application from Mr. Frederick Wright for Vegetable Plot on Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
- (9) Letter dated 13/7/1951 from Department of Local Government re: Proposal to concrete the Road and footpaths at Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (10) Letter dated 5/7/1951 from Department of Local Government re: Foreshore Protection Works.
- (11) Letter from Mr. Martin O'Brien, Convent Road, Wicklow, re: Proposed Dairy.
- (12) Letter dated 11/7/1951, from Department of Local Government re: Grants for "Duplex" Houses.
- (13) Report re: work carried out and expenditure to date on 12 Five-Roomed Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.
- (14) Housing Progress Report.
- (15) Overdraft Accommodation- Capital Account.

- (16) Application from Mr. T. Hannan, for renewal of lease of his house at Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (17) Application from Shanrock Fertilizers Ltd, for lease of Plot on which it is proposed to erect a water spray Wash Tower.
- (18) Leasing of Plots on North Quay, Wicklow to Wicklow Sew Mills Ltd, and Shanrock Fertilizers Ltd.
- (19) Letter from Mr. M.A. Maguire, B.Arch., M.R.I.A.I., re: Proposed Housing Development.
- (20) Renewal of Cinema Licences.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd July, 1951.

Present:- Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) Presiding; Councillor A. Finlayson, J. Brennan, P. Doyle, C.W. Hudson, J. Everett, T.D., J. Farrell, W. Clarke, and E. Kane.  
The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of Meetings held on 5th June, 1951, and 25th June, 1951 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution re Sea Fisheries Association.

The following Resolution, received from Arklow Urban District Council, was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

Proposed by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor McDonagh and

RESOLVED: "That we the Members of Arklow Urban District Council, strongly protest to the responsible Minister, against the action of the Sea Fisheries Association, in purchasing, during the week, 500 boxes of Fish from 2 Spanish Trawlers and putting them on the market, thereby flooding it and depriving Irish Fishermen of any price for their fish during the remainder of the week. These Trawlers came into port supposedly with engine troubles but it seems strange that those 2 Trawlers were able to leave next day. We are of the opinion, that the Market should be kept for Irish Fishermen and not at the disposal of foreign fishermen who can avail of it, under the pretext of engine trouble, at any time. We strongly appeal to all Maritime Counties to pass this Resolution, with their comments, as strongly as possible, and forward it to the proper Authority."

Lands held by Dominican Convent, Wicklow.

Read letter dated 11/6/1951, from Land Commission (Ref. 12936/55/51) stating that an application under Section 14 of the Land Act, 1931, in respect of three fields at Corporation Lands, Wicklow, had been lodged by Messrs. Arthur O'Hagan & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of the Dominican Convent, Wicklow, and had been filed in the office of the Land Commission. The letter stated, however, that as the Application was not being proceeded with, it would be listed before the Land Commission for an Order to dismiss.

Noted.

Carting of Burnt Ore.

Read letter dated 25/6/1951, from the Dublin & Wicklow Manure Co., Ltd, acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter, regarding complaints made in connection with the carting of Burnt Ore and stating that the matters complained of were having the Company's attention.

Noted.

Conveyance of Hides through Urban Area.

Read letter dated 19/6/1951, from Acting Chief Medical Officer, stating that the conveyance of hides through the Urban Area, in an open lorry did not constitute an offence under the Sanitary Services Acts.

Noted.

Painting of Town Hall

Read letter dated 3/7/1951, from Town Engineer, stating that the Town Hall, front and sides were in need of painting and giving £15-0-0, as the estimated cost of carrying out such work. The Council recommended that the work be carried out without delay.

Wall, Steps and Railings at junction of Fitzwilliam Road, and Norton's Lane.

The Town Engineer submitted a Map indicating how a wall, steps and railings could be provided at junction of Fitzwilliam Road, and Norton's Lane and giving £85, as the estimated cost of carrying out the work. After discussion, it was decided to request the Engineer to submit alternative proposals which would be less costly.

(2)

Corner at junction of St. Patrick's Road, and St. Laurence's Road.

Read letter dated 28/6/1951, from Archbishop's Secretary, intimating that the Requisite Portion of land would be made available to the Council for the purpose of widening the corner at the junction of St. Patrick's Road, and St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow. The Town Engineer submitted an estimate of £50. for the carrying out of the work. After discussion, it was decided to request the Engineer to submit a Scheme at a more moderate cost. Read letter from Mr. Patrick Wallace, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, stating that he would have no objection to the plot of ground, as indicated on map which had been forwarded to him, being taken up by the Council for the purpose of improving corner at the junction of Dunbur Road and Sea View Road. After discussion, it was decided to request the Wicklow County Council to undertake the following work:-(1) Improvement of corner at junction of Dunbur Road and Sea View Road. (2) Improvement of corner at junction of Summerhill and Cooper's Lane.

Sewerage Disposal.

Read following letter from Acting County Medical Officer:-

4th. June, 1951.

Mr. O'Kelly,  
Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

Wicklow Sewerage Disposal.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

I find that the provision of a proper sewer and disposal works for Wicklow was placed at the head of the priority list drawn up some years ago by the late Doctor Beckett. The rural areas appear to be getting ahead as their turn on this list comes around, but I am not aware that the Wicklow Urban District Council has made any arrangements to put this work in hand in the near future, nor am I aware whether or not any decision has been arrived at regarding this matter.

The present system of discharging crude sewerage into the river should not be allowed to continue. There are several public sewers and innumerable drains discharging untreated into it. The river should not be used as an open sewer owing to the danger to the health of the community.

I would recommend that these sewers and drains should be picked up by a new intercepting sewer, running parallel to the river. It would also be necessary to provide for tank treatment before finally discharging the effluent into the sea.

Yours faithfully,

J. Dunleavy,

Acting County Medical Officer.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council were not at present in a position to undertake such work, and further consideration of the Medical Officer's letter was deferred.

Public Lavatories on the Quays.

Read following letter received from Acting County Medical Officer:-

4th. June, 1951.

Mr. O'Kelly,  
Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

I wish to draw your attention to the public lavatories on the quay, which are in my opinion unsanitary. These lavatories should be replaced, especially the one on the North Quay, which is used by the houses in the neighbourhood, many of which have no sanitary arrangements of their own. I have asked Mr. Duffy to report on each of these houses and will let you have a report on this later.

Yours faithfully,

J. Dunleavy,

(3)

The Council were informed that no reply had yet been received from Wicklow Saw Mills in connection with the Council's suggestion that the urinal on the North Quay be demolished and a contribution of £25. be made by the Company towards the cost of erecting another structure on an alternative site on the North Quay. It was decided not to take any action in the matter until a reply would have been received from Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.

Public Park at Black Castle.

Read letter dated 21/6/1951, from Messrs. A. J. & A. Robinson, Solicitors, Dublin, stating that their clients were prepared to accept the Council's offer of £5-7-6. for Redemption of Head Rent, on condition that the Council would pay their cost of showing title. Read letter dated 3/7/1951, from Messrs. J. H. McCarroll & Co., stating that the costs of showing title would amount to between 50 and 100 guineas. The letter pointed out, however, that the Council could accept a Statutory Declaration from the Solicitors and such procedure would only cost about £3-3-0. The Council unanimously agreed to accept a Statutory Declaration by way of Title.

Building Site at Dunbur Road, Mr. A. Crotty.

Read letter dated 18/6/1951 from Mr. A. Crotty, Bath Street, Wicklow, stating that for personal reasons he did not intend to proceed with the erection of a Bungalow on the site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

Noted.

Letting of houses at St. Patrick's Avenue.

Read letter dated 7/6/1951, from Mrs. Etheldreda Lowe, Hillside, Wicklow, stating that as she would be leaving Wicklow, she was not in a position to accept tenancy of No. 5, St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

Noted.

Read letter dated 19/6/1951 from Mr. James Jackson, 4, Ballynerrin, Wicklow, stating that as he had not succeeded in getting a transfer to the Wicklow or Arklow Routes of C.I.E., he was unable to accept tenancy of No. 8, St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

The Council were informed that there were no applicants for these two vacant houses. After discussion, it was decided to have available for the next Meeting of the Council (1) Development costs relating to remaining 12 Five-roomed Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue (2) Particulars concerning the ground rent at which the sites might be leased to Prospective Builders in the event of the Council deciding not to proceed with the erection of the Houses.

The Council also directed that tenants be sought for the Vacant Houses by means of Advertisement.

Plot of ground at Friar's Hill - Major Grimshaw.

Read following letter dated 15/6/1951 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

15th. June, 1951

Major E. U. Grimshaw, Friar's Hill,  
Wicklow  
re Plot of Ground at Friar's Hill,  
Wicklow

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 22nd. ult. has been handed by Major Grimshaw to me, with instructions to reply thereto. Major Grimshaw while not wishing to impede the work of the Council in its building project, is not prepared to sell any portion of his property to facilitate the building. Major Grimshaw's holding is a small one and at his request, I inspected the part of his land running down the Avenue at the rear of the demolished ruins which you desire to know if he would sell to the Council. I have satisfied myself that to sell the portion or any portion of his property would seriously affect the market value in the event of Major Grimshaw deciding to sell the property later which is not improbable. Apart from that, the rear of the houses proposed to be erected would be visible from the corner of his own residence on the Avenue and would destroy the whole aspect.

Yours faithfully,

A. Cullen

The Town Clerk,  
Wicklow U.D.C.,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Noted.

(4)

Following a discussion, during which it was suggested that Houses should be built on the Borough, the County Manager inquired if the Council would consider erecting "Duplex" Houses on sites on the Borough. It was decided to inquire from the Local Government Department concerning the availability of a Transition Development Fund, Grant for the erection of "Duplex" Houses.

Plots of ground on North Quay.

Read following letter dated 3/7/1951, from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

3rd. July, 1951.

Wicklow Saw Mills.

Dear Sir,

I refer to attendance of Mr. Keogh and myself on behalf of Shamrock Fertilizers and Wicklow Saw Mills respectively. I am pleased to say that Mr. Keogh and myself had an interview on the site and as a result of our discussion, it was agreed, subject to your approval, that Wicklow Saw Mills would get the ground consisting of a small concrete plot formerly the site of the dwellings and from that out to the sea, to a distance of 35 feet from the East end of the existing eight houses. The line would run direct from the Saw Mills premises at a distance of 35 feet from these buildings and would continue out to the sea shore, and that Shamrock Fertilizers would get the remaining ground from this boundary down to the packet pier.

I enclose map, showing the ground which Wicklow Saw Mills would desire and this map is practically in keeping with the suggestions made in the Letter from the Town Clerk of the 9th. April.

When I ask that the Lease of the entire ground be given, of course, have regard to the desire of the Council to have a railway track laid down and probably a road and the Lease would reserve a specified amount of ground which the Council might desire for this purpose.

Mr. Keogh of Shamrock Fertilizers informed me that he was writing to your Council also. It is, of course, realized that it would not be possible to get possession of the ground upon which the houses are erected until the Council actually get possession themselves.

Any other details can, I think, be worked out without much difficulty. I would be glad to be informed of the decision of your Council as early as possible, and I also desire to take the opportunity of thanking the members of your Council and the Officials for the very useful help and assistance rendered both to me personally and also to my clients.

Yours faithfully,

A. Cullen.

The Town Clerk,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Also read letter dated 3/7/51, from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. enclosing map which indicated an allocation of Plots similar to that on map attached by Mr. Cullen. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor J. Everett T.D.

Resolved:-

That we hereby rescind (1) Resolution passed by the Council at Meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, agreeing to the granting of a Lease to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd. of a plot of ground at Bond Street Lower, Wicklow for a term of 31 years subject to a years rent of £5- 0- 0, and (2) The Resolution passed by the Council at Meeting held on 18th. September, 1950, agreeing to give favourable consideration to the application of Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd., for a lease of plot at North Quay, Wicklow.

(5)

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.,  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson.  
Resolved:-

That the Council will favourably consider the lease of Plots at North Quay, Wicklow, provided (1) that the areas referred to in letters of 3/7/1951, from Wicklow Fertilizers and Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., be clearly defined on map prepared by a qualified and competent Engineer, (2) that space be reserved for an open roadway to carry Railway connection from Borough to Pier Head, (3) that such Roadway, when laid be made available to all users of Harbour, by C.L.E., for transport of goods and merchandise and (4) that such Roadway and site for Railway be agreed to by Town Surveyor on behalf of Council and be approved later by Council.

Conversion of Stock

The County Manager informed the Council that the Government had given notice that certain Loans would be redeemed on 15th. July, 1951. Holders had received a Conversion Offer which would allow of their converting the Stock into an equal Nominal Amount of 3½% Exchequer Bonds 1965/70. Holders accepting such offer would receive a Cash Bonus at the Rate of £1. for every £100. of Stock converted. The Council held the following amounts of the Stocks involved (1) £407- 3-10, 4% Conversion Loan 1950-1970.

(2) £811-11- 0.4½ Third National Loan (1950-1970-).  
The Manager stated that the Council would be obliged to accept the Conversion offer as in the event of their redeeming the Stock, they would be faced with the problem of re-investing the Redemption Moneys.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke  
Seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson  
Resolved:-

That the Council's Seal be affixed to application to the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland for conversion of the Council's Holdings of (1) £407- 3-10- 4% Conversion Loan 1950-1970 and (2) £811-11-0-4½ Third National Loan (1950-1970) into an equal nominal Amount of 3½% Exchequer Bonds 1965-1970.

The County Manager informed the Council that £500. Wicklow Town, 3½% Redeemable Debenture Stock had recently come on the market and the Council's offer of £94 per centum for the Stock had been accepted. The Council approved of the Redemption of £500. Wicklow Town, 3½% Redeemable Debenture Stock by payment therefor at rate of £94. per centum.

Plot of ground at Dunbur Road leased to Mr. A. Finlayson

The following report was submitted to the Meeting in connection with the leasing of a Plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to Mr. A. Finlayson consequent on request of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., at Meeting on 25/6/51, that such particulars be furnished to the Council.

The following extracts from the Minutes of certain Meetings of the Wicklow Urban District Council, give full particulars relating to Mr. Finlayson's application for a lease of a plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow:-

(6)

16th. May, 1949

LEASE - APPLICATION BY MR. A. D. FINLAYSON: Letter dated 16th. May, 1949, was read from Finlayson Bros. (per M.A.D. Finlayson) applying for building lease for plot of ground known as "The Bog" at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. The applicant stated that it was his intention to erect a number of 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 site for sale or for letting.

7th. June, 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 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.

5th. July, 1949.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF "THE BOG" Letter dated 5th. July, 1949, was read from Mr. A. Finlayson, 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.

6th. February, 1951.

LEASE OF THE BOG FIELD: Read letter dated 24/1/1951, from Mr. Andrew Finlayson, Main St, Wicklow, applying for a lease of the ground at Dunbur Road, known as the "Dog Field". The letter stated that the applicant proposed to erect a number of houses on the site. The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Finlayson had made a similar application on a previous occasion, and that at meeting held on 7th. June, 1949, the Council had decided to inform Mr. Finlayson that as the plot in question had already been set aside as a plantation or shrubbery, it was not possible to grant him a lease of the holding.

After discussion during which the Town Surveyor pointed out that in the event of a lease being granted to Mr. Finlayson, it would be desirable that he be given a larger area than that contained in the Bog Field, in order that the building line should be in accordance with the plans already approved of by the Council in connection with the development of the adjoining area, it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Council. It was pointed out that in the meantime, the Town Surveyor could consult with Mr. Finlayson and that if necessary, a special meeting of the Council could be held.

6/3/1951

LEASE OF BOG FIELD - MR. A. FINLAYSON: Read letter dated 24/1/1951 from Mr. A. Finlayson, Main Street, Wicklow, applying for a building lease of the area known as "The Bog Field" situated at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, on which the applicant proposed to erect a number of houses.

Read following letter from Town Surveyor:-

5th. March, 1951.

Application for lease of Bog Field.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 3rd. inst., regarding application for lease of "Bog Field", I write to say that in this connection there is no new road or services required.

The builder would be required to connect his mains from the sewer of the houses to the existing new main now laid in Dunbur Road. All his houses (7 in all) would front on to the Dunbur Road, in the appropriate plots as indicated on the large scale map, which I have submitted to you.

The building frontage for those houses should be kept in line with that already being maintained in plots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. as already erected. I interviewed Mr. Finlayson and we have agreed on this subject.

Yours faithfully

(7)

A map showing the seven building sites was submitted to the meeting by the Town Surveyor. After discussion it was agreed that (1) the ground rent per building site would be £5-0-0 per annum, (2) that the Lessee could not charge a sub-tenant a higher rent in respect of any site than the ground rent payable by the Lessee to the Council in respect of such site, (3) that Council's Solicitor be requested to advise concerning the type of agreement which should be prepared to allow of the leasing of say, two sites to Mr. Finlayson, whilst granting him an option on the remainder of the land, with a view to enabling him to take further plots as the occasion for building on such plots would arise, (4) that further consideration of the matter be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime the Town Surveyor consult with Mr. Finlayson regarding the building line, exact location of houses etc.

3rd. April.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD: Read letter dated 12/3/1951, from Messrs. J.H. McCarroll & Co, stating that the Council could grant a lease of the two sites which Mr. Finlayson was prepared to take over, and as regards the remaining five sites, the Council would be entitled to give Mr. Finlayson an option to take out a lease of any sites, provided that the Council fixed a date within which the option would have to be exercised.

Mr. Finlayson stated that it would be necessary for him to enter upon the entire plot for the purpose of levelling and severing. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor T. Kane, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and Resolved:- "That we hereby agree subject to the approval of the Council's Solicitor to grant a lease of seven building sites at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, marked numbers 10 to 16 on map submitted by Town Surveyor, to Mr. A. Finlayson, for a term of 75 years at an annual rent of £35. i.e. £5- 0-0 per plot on condition that only one shilling per plot be charged until such time as the building of each house would be commenced and the seven houses to be built within a period of three years from 1/1/1951."

The Council agreed that the usual conditions regarding assignment etc. (only with the consent of the Council) would be included in the lease and that a covenant to the effect that in the event of the Lessee at any time alienating, (with the consent of the Lessors) any dwelling house to be erected on the building site by way of an under-lease, the rent to be reserved and made payable under such under-lease, should not exceed the yearly rent reserved and payable to the Lessors."

Noted.

Councillor Everett stated that he presumed that the report would be included in the Minutes.

Proposed Housing Development at Friar's Hill etc. Read following letter dated 22/6/1951, from Mr. W.A. Maguire, B.Arch., M.A.I.A.I.,

22nd. June, 1951.

Sen. S. O'Ceallaigh, Esq.,  
Town Clerk and E.S. Officer,  
Wicklow Urban District Council,  
Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

Re: Delahunt Estate:

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 6th. inst., with regard to the proposals submitted by me on 30th ult., in respect of the proposed Development at Friar's Hill.

I note that the Council would be prepared to consider the proposal to extend the sewer provided, that there would be a definite indication as to the number of houses to be erected. I am to inform you that in so far as it is possible to ascertain the extent of the immediate Development, the Proprietors would be prepared to guarantee that eight houses would be built within a period of two years from the date of the completion of the sewer. It is quite possible of course, that with favourable conditions, development would be more rapid. With regard to the ultimate development it is anticipated that once the initial stage has been completed, the other stages will develop more rapidly.

I trust that there is sufficient information in the above for the Council to consider the matter.

Yours faithfully

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After discussion, it was decided to inquire what contribution the Proprietors would be prepared to make towards the cost of extending the Sewer. The Town Engineer stated that the extension would cost £518.

Abstract of Accounts, 1950/51.

The County Manager submitted to the meeting the Abstract of Accounts for 1950/51, The Council paid tribute to the Rent Collector and the Rate Collector for the considerable improvements which they had effected in their respective collections.

Coast Road.

Following a discussion concerning the Silver Strand Coast Road, it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and Resolved:- That we request that the Department of Local Government would make available without delay the special Grant which it was undertaken would be given in the financial year 1951/52 for the purpose of constructing the Wicklow Silver Strand Road. Following a discussion relating to the speed at which Motor Vehicles travel through the town, it was decided to request the Wicklow County Council to provide "Drive Slowly" notices at appropriate points on the following approach roads to Wicklow Town:- (1) Mariton Road, (2) Rathnew Road, (3) Silver Strand Road.

Housing Progress Report.

Read following report from Town Engineer:-

3rd. July, 1951.

The Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

re: Wicklow Urban District Council  
Housing Report.

Dear Sir,

The Ballynerrin Scheme: 28 Houses are completed except for plastering on gate piers and a small amount of fencing in front of the 8 Better Type.  
Expenditure:- £32,983. 8s. 1d.

In regard to the remaining portion of the Scheme (26 Houses), foundations for 8 houses excavated; 4 foundations concreted; sewers laid, filled and manholes built for 14 houses; concrete road finished in front of 20 houses; remainder of road excavated ready for stone filling; boundary fences erected; watermain trench being excavated; doors and windows ready made for 20 houses.

Materials on Site:- Timber; flue liners; steel windows; pipes etc.  
Expenditure:- £4,028. 10. 4d.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O' Byrne,

TOWN SURVEYOR.

Noted.

Letter from tenant of 11, St. Donnick's Road. Read letter dated 3/7/51 from Mr. R. Dover of 11, St. Donnick's Road, Wicklow, requesting the Council (1) To arrange to have his house painted and (2) To provide a car-park. The Council was informed that Mr. Dover's house was on the list of Houses scheduled for painting in the current year.

Removal of Range.

Read letter dated 3/7/1951 from Mr. Robert Brennan, 2 Castle Street, Wicklow, applying for permission to remove range and install a Boiler grate in his house. The Council recommended that Permission be granted on the same conditions as applied to other applicants.

Roadway Strand Street.

The Council was informed that a complaint had been received from the residents of Strand Street, Wicklow, in connection with the condition of the Roadway, and that the Town Engineer had been requested to submit a report indicating the Repairs required.  
Noted.

Bus Stop. The Town Clerk stated that the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce, wished to inquire if the Council would provide a "Bus Stop" sign at the Post Office. The Council agreed that there would be no objection to the Provision of such sign, provided that the Garda Authorities and the Council's Engineer approved of its erection.

*C. W. Hudson  
9/9/51*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 9th. 1951

PRESENT: Councillor C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman) presiding; Councillors A. Finlayson; J. Brennan; and J. Everett T.D. The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance. The Council were informed that the Chairman, Councillor J. Olohan was indisposed and regretted that he was unable to attend the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on 3rd. July, 1951 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION RE HOUSING SUBSIDY: The following resolution, passed by Athlone Urban District Council was unanimously adopted by the Council:-

Proposed by Councillor C. Hogan; seconded by Councillor F. Waters and Resolved:-  
"That we, the Members of the Athlone Urban District Council, urge upon the Minister for Local Government the necessity of immediately increasing the subsidy payable to Local Authorities, in respect of houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. We feel that such an increase is very necessary, in view of the greatly increased cost of houses, which has thrown an undue burden on both Rate-Payers and Tenants. We direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Urban Councils in the State".

VACANCY IN COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Read letter dated 12/7/1951, from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, stating that the Wicklow County Council had appointed Rev. M. Blake, P.P. Wicklow, to fill the vacancy on the County Library Committee.  
NOTED.

E. S. B. CHARGES: Read letter dated 11/7/1951 from Limerick City Manager:-

A Chara,

As your Council are no doubt aware, the Electricity Supply Board have given notice of their intention to increase the charges for electricity, as on and from the date of the next meter readings. Under the present scale of charges, in operation since the establishment of the Electricity Supply Board, all areas outside of Dublin, with the exception of Cork City, are obliged to pay substantially more for their electricity than residents in the Capital. The Limerick City Council regard this discrimination in favour of Dublin as most inequitable, and they have been agitating for a number of years to have the position rectified.

Almost two years ago, the Council were advised that the whole question of scales of charges was under review by the Board, and that the investigation was being carried out on a country-wide basis.

Continuation of Letter re E.S.B. Charges-(Omitted from Page I)

Since that date, some relief has been given to industrial consumers, lock-up shops and other users, but the position of the domestic consumer still remains as heretofore.

The Limerick City Council feel that, as a National Undertaking, the Electricity Supply Board should supply electricity at the same of charges to all areas, and that the present discrimination in favour of Dublin should be abolished.

It is the opinion of the Council that this whole question can only be effectively dealt with on a National basis, and with this end in view, it is proposed to call a meeting of representatives of County Boroughs, Boroughs and Urban District Councils at an early date. The meeting will be held in Limerick, under the Chairmanship of the Mayor of Limerick, and it is hoped that representatives of your Council will attend.

Meanwhile, as the notice of the notice of the proposed increase given by the Board is so short, the City Council has decided to send a deputation to Dublin next week to discuss the whole matter with the Directors of the Board.

It is hoped that your Council will support the Limerick City Council in the action it is taking in the interests of electricity Consumers throughout the Country.

A further communication on this subject will be sent to you in due course. In the meantime, I should be glad if you would bring this matter before your Council for discussion.

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(City Manager and Town Clerk)

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After discussion, it was decided to inquire as to the out-come of the discussion which had taken place, between the deputation from Limerick City Council and the Directors of the Electricity Supply Board.

SEALING OF UNDERTAKING- HOUSING LOAN OF £15000: It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and Resolved:-

"That Council's Seal be affixed to Form of Undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of repayment of instalments of Loan of £15000 for the erection of 12 houses at St Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

The Council's Seal was duly attached to the Form of Undertaking.

LETTING AGREEMENT- WICKLOW PIPE BAND: It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan; seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and Resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to the Letting Agreement between Wicklow Urban District Council and St. Patrick's (Wicklow) Pipe Band, in respect of two rooms in the Town Hall, Wicklow, to be let to the St. Patrick's (Wicklow) Pipe Band at rent of 2/- per week, the band to be responsible for the Municipal Rates in respect of the said two rooms during the continuance of the agreement."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Letting Agreement.

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING LEASE AND LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS

(ACQUISITION) ACTS. Mr. F. J. Casserly.

Read letter dated 13/7/1951 from Mr. Frederick J. Casserly, Ballinacarrig, Brittas Bridge, Co Wicklow, applying for (1) lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, (2) Loan under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The County Manager informed the Council that the plot of ground in question was the building site which the Council had agreed to lease to Mr. A. Crotty, who had subsequently indicated that he did not require the site.

It was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson; seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and Resolved:-

"That we hereby grant a lease of plot of ground at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, measuring 210' by 72' 6" and containing 1 Rood 16 perches Statute or thereabouts, to Mr. F. J. Casserly, for a term of 75 years, at an annual rent of £7-10-0."

With reference to Mr. Casserly's application for loan under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, the Council recommended that the maximum loan, representing 80% of the Market Value of the premises be approved.

VEGETABLE PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD- MR. F. WRIGHT: Read letter dated 11/7/1951, from Mr. Frederick Wright, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, applying for vegetable plot. The Council were informed that Mr. Wright would be prepared to accept the plot of ground adjoining the premises of Col. Vize.

It was proposed by Deputy Everett; seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the letting for eleven months of plot at Dunbur Road, adjoining residence of Col. Vize, measuring approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, to Mr. Frederick Wright, at a rent of 10/- for such letting for a period of eleven months.