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his original figure of £350.

He had, however, apportioned the cost of the mains to the relative distance suggested to be taken over on the one hand and to be retained by him on the other.

We enclose herewith a calculation showing how the figure is arrived at.

Mr. Delahunt has sent to us the original receipts which he obtained for his expenditure. These could be inspected if it was so desired.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 7/1/1952 from the Town Engineer:-

7th January, 1952.

A Chara,

I have examined the accounts submitted by Mr. A. J. Delahunt herein viz:-

1. A contractor's estimate of cost of laying 9" sewer and 4" watermain - £358. 10. 6.
2. Detailed account of cost of materials for extending services 58 lin. yds. through rock - £359. 1. 6.

May I comment as follows:-

1. The work was carried out by direct labour - consequently contractor's profit £50 should not arise.
2. 40/- per cubic yard for excavation in rock is rather excessive.
3. The charge for hire of compressor is given as total £65 which seems high for 58 lin. yds. In any event there was not solid rock all the way.
4. The cost of laying the sewer and watermain is given as £116. 0. 0. which is £2 per yd. run and is considered high for wages.
5. Engineer's Fees at £20 is charges evidently on percentage basis at about 5% but should not be charged to this work entirely.
6. The contractor's estimate of 19 yards cube for 1:2:4 concrete at 5/- is fair enough but I do not think that quantity would be required especially in rock. The amount of gaskin indicated £3. 1. 6. is excessive.

Altogether I consider the charge of £359 for laying 58 lin. yds. of sewer and watermain altogether high.

Misc, le meas, etc.

After discussion it was decided to indicate to Messrs Arthur Cox & Co., that the prices submitted by his client were unduly high and that more reasonable figures would require to be furnished before the Council would be in a position to negotiate with Mr. Delahunt.

The County Manager stated that in connection with this matter it would be appropriate for the Council to consider an application under the Town and Regional Planning Acts from the Classic Building Co. in respect of proposed Four Bungalows at Ballynerrin, Wicklow. The Manager pointed out that as the bungalows would be outside the Urban area - actually the houses would adjoin those of Messrs Uttley and Manweiler - application under the Planning Acts had been made to the Wicklow County Council. Since, however, it was the intention to avail of the Urban water and sewerage services it was necessary for the applicants to obtain the relevant permission of the Urban Authority. In this connection the County Manager read the following letter dated 4/1/1952, from the Acting Chief Medical Officer:-

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4th January, 1952.

re/ Proposed Development at Ballynerrin

A Chara,

I have received the plans and specification in connection with the proposed houses at Ballynerrin. I note that although these houses are outside the Urban area it is intended to discharge the sewerage into the Urban sewers. On a previous occasion I pointed out to the Urban Authority that any further development in the area would only help to aggravate the present unsatisfactory conditions where the sewerage is discharged untreated, into the river. In recent years there has been quite a large number of houses erected and connected to the sewer. It is evident to anyone walking along the Quays that the river is used as an open sewer and in my opinion it is now so badly polluted as to be a definite danger to the public health.

My recommendations in the case of the suggested development on the Glebe lands would also apply in this case, i.e. that no further connections should be made to the Urban sewer until such time as a proper sewer and disposal system is provided.

I return your plans herewith.

Misc, le meas, etc.

After discussion it was decided to communicate with the Company's Architect and inform him that certain difficulties had arisen with regard to the making of sewer and water connections at Ballynerrin and that it would be necessary to have these difficulties resolved before the Council would be in a position to grant permission - which permission would be essential - to allow of the houses being provided with Urban services. The Council recommended that when the difficulties relating to the connections at Ballynerrin would have been resolved, arrangements similar to those made with Messrs Uttley and Manweiler - each of whom was liable for £3 water rent and £2 sewerage rent per annum - could be made with the owners of the new houses.

#### PROPOSED BATHING POOL

Read following letter of 29/12/1951 from Department of Local Government:-

29th December, 1951.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 14th November, 1951, regarding the provision of a Children's Bathing Pool, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that there are no funds at his disposal for the making of a grant for work of this nature. The only source from which a State Grant would be available is the Employment and Emergency Scheme Vote but it would appear that the Road Work Scheme submitted will absorb the current year's allocation to the Urban District Council from this source.

Misc, le meas, etc.

After discussion it was agreed that if the Council considered it desirable they could make application to the Department early in the financial year 1952/53 for a grant towards the cost of the proposed work from the Employment and Emergency Scheme Vote. The Town Engineer stated that he would be in a position to submit plans and estimate in respect of the provision of certain bathing facilities at the Sea-Front to the next Meeting of the Council. The County Manager stated that if such a course were considered desirable, the Council could resort to borrowing for the purpose of providing such amenities.

#### PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD - F. WRIGHT

Read following letter dated 7/1/1952 from Mr. F. Wright, Dunbur Road, Wicklow:-

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7th January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Following the diversion of the water mains from above I beg to re-apply for the plot on the terms formerly granted by the Council. I renew my assurance to the Council that if the plot is required at any time I will surrender same on demand and, in no circumstances, will I make a claim for compensation. I feel that this guarantee is justly due to your Council after all the expense of diverting the water pipes.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council recommended that the plot be let to Mr. Wright for an eleven months period and that a rent of 10/- be charged in respect of the letting.

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY

In reply to Councillor Kane the County Manager gave details of the position with regard to the proposed regional water supply.

After discussion it was agreed that matters relating to the waterworks and the possibilities of carrying out certain improvements pending the implementation of the Regional Supply Scheme could be considered by the Council at their next Meeting.

IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD

The Council were informed that Very Rev. M. Blake P.P. had indicated that he was now of the opinion that a path was not necessary outside the new hall and that consequently he would be in a position to make a negative contribution towards the cost of carrying out the proposed improvements at St. Patrick's Road. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed that the path should be provided and that all the suggested improvements should be carried out.

*William Blake  
5th Feb 1952*

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

1st February, 1952.

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, 5th February, 1952, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le neas,

*Blake*  
Sean S. O'Ceallaigh  
CLÉIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

- ✓ 1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on the 7th January, 1952. (copy herewith)
- ✓ 2. Letter from Mr. R. Kavanagh re resolution of sympathy.
- ✓ 3. Letter from Mayor of Limerick re E. S. B. charges.
- ✓ 4. Letter from Irish Tourist Association re Annual local contribution.
- ✓ 5. Annual report of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.
- ✓ 6. Letter from Mr. C. J. Masternan, Bournemouth re sojourn in Wicklow.
- ✓ 7. Letter from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce re Markets. *185.*
- ✓ 8. Letter from Miss M Hamilton re field at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
- ✓ 9. Letter from Department of Local Government forwarding a copy of the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations, 1951.
- ✓ 10. Housing Progress Report.
- ✓ 11. Selection of tenant for vacant house at St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow.
- ✓ 12. Correspondence re 8 five-roomed houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.
- ✓ 13. Application under Town and Regional Planning Acts from Messrs Kavanagh Bros., Main Street, Wicklow, in connection with their proposal to erect a shop on the plot adjoining their existing structure.
- ✓ 14. Letter from Messrs Reeves & Sons, Solicitors, Dublin, re lease of premises at Quarantine Hill, Wicklow, to Ace Products Ltd.
- ✓ 15. Sketch plan and estimate of cost of proposed pavilion at Sea Front (North Pier). *15125*
- ✓ 16. Letter from Messrs Arthur Cox & Co. re drain at Friars' Hill.
- ✓ 17. Consideration of matters relating to Waterworks.
- ✓ 18. Supplementary estimate - General Revenue Account.
- ✓ 19. Proposed sites for shops at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

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20. Report from Town Engineer re proposed public sanitary convenience at North Quay, Wicklow.
21. Letter of 31/1/1952 from Irish Transport and General Workers' Union re bonus to men employed on Council's Direct Labour Housing Scheme.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY, 1952

Present: Councillor W. Clarke (Presiding), J. Everett, T.D.,  
E. Kane, J. Brennan, P. Doyle, A. Finlayson, J. Farrell.

Apologies for non-attendance, owing to indisposition were received from Councillor J. Olohan (Chairman) and C. W. Hudson (Vice-Chairman).

The County Manager and Town Surveyor were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th January, 1952 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY: Read letter of 5/2/1952 from the Chairman of the Council thanking the members for their kind resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his uncle.

Read letter of 21/1/1952 from Mr. R. Kavanagh, Harbour View, Wicklow, thanking the Council for their kind resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his mother.

It was Proposed by: Councillor E. Kane,  
Seconded by: Councillor J. Everett, T.D.

Resolved: That we hereby offer our sincerest sympathies to Mr. James McDonald, Main Street, Wicklow, in his recent bereavement, occasioned by the death of his sister.

E. S. B. CHARGES: Read following letter of 14/1/1952 from the Mayor of Limerick:-

14th January, 1952.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence, I enclose copy of the minutes of the meeting of representatives of local authorities which was held at Arus na Cathrach, Limerick, on Saturday, 17th November, 1951, in regard to electricity charges.

I also attach copy of a schedule which was circulated at the meeting. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter before your Council at the earliest opportunity. Should the Council agree with the policy outlined in the Minutes, I would ask them to pass a resolution similar to that adopted at the meeting regarding the holding of a Public Inquiry, and transmit a copy to the Minister for Industry and Commerce, and a copy to me for my information.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The County Manager summarised for the Meeting the contents of the Minutes referred to in the letter. After discussion it was:

Proposed by: Councillor E. Kane  
Seconded by: Councillor P. Doyle

Resolved: That we call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to hold a Public Inquiry for the purpose of investigating the present scale of charges of the Electricity Supply Board.

CONTRIBUTION TO I. T. A. Read following letter of January, 1952 from the Irish Tourist Association:-

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January, 1952.

To/  
Town Clerk,  
Each Urban District Council

A Chara,

I am directed to request that you be good enough to include in your Rates Estimate for the coming financial year a sum for Tourist Promotion and Development.

By virtue of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, the Local Authorities are empowered thereby to enter into an agreement to pay to an approved body such as the I. T. A. a local contribution for the purpose referred to. The Act provided for payment of such contributions, as follows:-

In the case of County and County Borough Councils - The proceeds of a Rate of One Penny in the £. - (amended by the Tourist Traffic Act, 1939, to Threepence in the £ in the case of County Boroughs).

In the case of Borough and Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners - The proceeds of a rate of Threepence in the £

As you are aware, the I. T. A. is a long-established National Organisation democratically controlled, through its Council of Directors, by representatives of the various Local Authorities. During all the years of the growth of our tourist trade (since 1925) the support and co-operation of these Authorities has enabled the Association to play a major part in developing that trade, now our second-largest export business, the value of which has been officially estimated at between £25/£30 million annually.

By comparison the Association's over-all revenue is meagre, apart from which its general expenses have risen steeply over the past few years, due to depreciation in money values and consequent increased costs. In the circumstances my Directors would welcome a larger contribution than heretofore by your Council so as to provide the Association with the means it seeks to further its objects e.g., amongst other activities, the establishment this year of additional Information Bureaux in Ireland in conjunction with Fegre Failte, a body set up by the Minister for I. and O. and in which the I. T. A. has equal representatives with the I. T. B.

A copy of this circular is being sent to your County Manager, with a request for his support. In the event of having to forego the pleasure of a personal visit I should deem it a favour if you would kindly bring this matter to the notice of your Council members at the appropriate meeting. Thanking you in anticipation.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The Council directed that the matter be deferred to the Estimates Meeting.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND: A copy of the Report of the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland held in Arklow on the 25th - 27th September, 1951, was submitted to the Meeting. Councillor Finlayson, who attended the Conference as one of the Council's representatives, stated that he considered that the Conference was very successful and that very good work was being done by the Association.

Noted.

LETTER FROM MR. C. J. MASTERSON: Read following letter of 11/1/1952 from Mr. C. J. Masterson:-

11/1/1952

Dear Sir,

I was put ashore in your town between 20 to 21 years ago from the ship

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Norwegian, S.S. Sorland and was carried up the street in the ship bed to the fever Hospital. Well as you have read about the ship Enterprise just sunk how great I was to the nurses and Doctor and the Rev. of the church that I to day wish the Town and the friends I had made else the Wicklow times who was glad to let the people who I was and what I had, to wish them a happy New Year and wish I could come some day which I know I would be much well to me anytime.

So please let the town people know I am well and please let the Wicklow times know and asked them to send paper to me and I will be more than glad to know my wish has to the people of the town. If you received this I will send my photo of me and my daughter.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. C. J. Masterman.

Noted.

MARKETS: Read following letter of 21/1/1952 from Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce:-

21st January, 1952.

re/ Markets

A Dhaoine Uaisle,

I am directed by the Wicklow and District Chamber of Commerce to suggest that you consider the feasibility of arranging for the holding of a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly produce market.

Formerly weekly markets were held in the Town but they were allowed to lapse. It is now considered, however, that these markets should be revived. In this connection I am to suggest that you might find it possible to make portion of the Town Hall premises available for Market purposes.

Misc, le meas, etc.

The Town Engineer submitted an Estimate of £135 for the provision of the necessary equipment and the carrying out of essential repairs to the portion of the Town Hall premises which could be used for Market Purposes.

After discussion it was decided to inform the Chamber of Commerce that the existing accommodation would be made available and that the Chamber could deal with the question of providing the necessary equipment. In this connection it was suggested that the members of the Chamber of Commerce should be asked to inspect the relevant portion of the Town Hall premises.

FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD - MISS M. HAMILTON: Read following letter of 8/1/1952 from Miss M. Hamilton, Main Street, Wicklow:-

8th January, 1952.

Dear Mr. O'Kelly,

In answer to your letter received yesterday morning relative to Field. We are not in a position at present to give any decision on the matter, but will do so later on.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. M. Hamilton.

After discussion the Council directed that Miss Hamilton and Mrs. Angela Doyle - from whom no reply had been received - be requested to submit before the next meeting definite replies to the Council's letters regarding the proposed leases for periods of 31 years.

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**HOUSING SUBSIDY:** The County Manager informed the meeting that the Department of Local Government had forwarded a copy of the Housing (Loan Charges Contributions) (Amendment) Regulation, 1951. The Manager pointed out that the Council already had been circularised regarding the effects of the new Regulations. As had been indicated these new regulations would not cause any alterations in the amount of financial assistance to be afforded by the State in the case of slum clearance houses. In the case of non-slum clearance houses, however, an additional amount equivalent to a capital cost of £200 (i.e. £7. 0. 7. per annum) would have to be met from rent and rates. In this connection the Manager stated that a circular was about to be issued by the Department with regard to the application of the new regulations to cases of overcrowding. Noted.

**HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT:** Read following report of 5/2/1952 from Town Engineer:-

5th February, 1952.

Town Clerk,  
Wicklow.

re/ Wicklow Urban District Council - Ballynerrin  
14 Houses

Dear Sir,

The present position of these houses is:-

Expenditure - £15,893. 7. 2.

8 - Two-Storey houses completed.

2 - Bungalows (No. 1 Block). Skimming and plumbing completed; extreme plaster in progress to-day; out office to roof level.

2 - Bungalow (No. 3 Block); Timber (rafters, collars, etc.) laid on roof, dwarf walls built; window sills fixed; out office to 4 feet.

Employed: Tradesmen - 12 Labourers - 7.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

**LETTING OF HOUSE AT ST. LAURENCE'S PARK:** The Council were informed that Mrs. Helen Dunne, recently appointed tenant of a two-storey house at St. Laurence's Park, had relinquished her tenancy and that all current applications had been forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health for his recommendations.

Read following report of 31/1/1952 from Acting Chief Medical Officer:-

31st January, 1952.

A Chara,

I have examined the applications for the vacant house at St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, and I would place them in the following order:-

1. Brenda Morgan, Friarshill, Wicklow. Husband, wife and one child occupy a house consisting of three rooms and a kitchen. The bedrooms in this house are badly ventilated and sanitation is unsatisfactory.

2. Christopher Sillery, 6 Castlefield Wicklow. This man lives with his parents in a Council cottage. Total occupants - 5.

3. Edward Hanlon, 28 Glenview Rd., Wicklow. Husband, wife and child are sub-tenants in a Council cottage. Total occupants - 5.

4. Mrs. K. Kennedy, 41 Glenview Rd., Wicklow. Mrs. Kennedy and her two children live in a Council house. Total occupants - 7.

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5. George F. Willis, 3 New Street, Wicklow. This man's housing conditions are fair. He complains that the rent is excessive.

6. Michael Finlay, High Street, Wicklow. This man occupies a good house.

Patrick Byrne, High Street, Wicklow. Applicant single. James Tynan, Main Street, Wicklow. Gone away from this address.

The following applicants are resident outside the Urban District:-  
William Sutton, Ballynerrin Upr., Wicklow. Michael Franey, 11 St. Brigid's Tce., Rathdrum. James O'Donoghue, Croneroc, Rathnew. J. J. Driver, Mountlusk, Rathdrum. Catherine Kehoe, 8 Ballynerrin Upr., Wicklow. Denis O'Carroll, Sea Road, Kilcool.

I would like to draw your attention to the standard of these applicants. As it would appear that there is very little urgency in the re-housing of any of these applicants, I would suggest that perhaps if this house is re-advertised, there might be applications from more desirable persons.

Misc, loans, etc.

After discussion the Council unanimously recommended that (1) Brendan Morgan be appointed tenant of the vacant two-storey house at St. Laurence's Park and (2) In the event of No. 10 Dunbar Terrace becoming vacant Christopher Sillery be appointed tenant of such house.

Read letter of 14/1/1952 from Mr. Patrick Doyle, New Street, Wicklow, pointing out that he would not be in a position to get married before the 26/1/1952 and requesting the Council to appoint him tenant of the third last bungalow. The Council unanimously recommended that Mr. Doyle be appointed tenant of the bungalow. In this connection it was stressed that Mr. Doyle would be prepared to pay the rent from the date on which the house would become available for occupation.

**TENANCY OF NO. 5 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:** The Council were informed that Miss Margaret Kenny tenant of No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, had indicated that she would be relinquishing her tenancy within the next few weeks. The following applications in respect of the house at St. Patrick's Avenue were submitted to the meeting:-

1. Peter J. O'Keefe, Verrington, Wicklow.
2. James A. Kavanagh, "The Ivies", Wicklow.
3. William John Ryan, Cross Street, Athenry, Co. Galway.
4. D. O'Carroll, "St. Brigid's", Sea Road, Kilcool, Co. Wicklow.

The Council unanimously recommended that Mr. Peter J. O'Keefe be appointed tenant of No. 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, when it would be vacated by Miss Kenny.

**8 FIVE-ROOMED HOUSES** Read following correspondence relative to 8 five-roomed houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow:-

5th February, 1952.

re/ 8 Five-Roomed Houses, Ballynerrin.

Dear Sir,

As instructed I am making arrangements for the installation of wash basins and hand rails (iron). The wash basins are on order and the plastering of piers will be finished as soon as plasterers are available from the 14 houses.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne,

TOWN SURVEYOR.

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23rd January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 9th instant received and noted.

Before giving my consent to the Scheme I shall be glad if you kindly let me have the following information:-

1. The road at the back entrance - will this road be made level with my back garden, as I consider it about one foot over it at the moment.
2. Garage - Where will this be situated, and also dimensions. If garage is unsuitable will the tenant be allowed to build own garage?
3. I understood that newly built houses were allowed a remission of rates for a number of years. Full information is required on this point.
4. What is the all in cost of the house with the necessary work accomplished?
5. Can the tenant pay the proposed annuity quarterly or half-yearly as in other building schemes?
6. Will the property be subject to Income Tax on the termination of the payment of the annuity?

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Richard Woodrooffe.

31st January, 1952.

re/ 8 Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

A. C. ...

In reply to your letter of 30th instant in above I desire to reply as follows:-

1. The finished level of this road will be about 12" lower than at present
2. It was proposed to erect 8 garages in one unit on the South (or "Upper") side of the new accommodation road at the rear of the 8 houses (about opposite Nos. 4 and 5)

Misc, Le nces,

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne,

COUNTY ENGINEER.

12. 1. 1952.

A. C. ...

The proposed Purchase Scheme submitted for observation is very disappointing to say the least of it. I understand that when Council houses are being purchased by tenants, a reduction in rent would be effected, to effect the responsibility for repairs. In this scheme, however, it looks as if the annuity will be more instead of less.

If your Council can produce no better scheme I fear it will not appeal to the tenants.

I would be glad of the amenities promised, before taking over possession, would be carried out without further delay. Thus:-

1. Wash basin in Bathroom.

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2. Handrails on the steps.
3. Finishing of the front wall and etc.
4. Turning place for the cars.
5. Erection of garage.

Le nces, re/

Sgd. Michael O'Beirn.

16th January, 1952.

A. C. ...

re/ Purchase Scheme for Houses at St. Patrick's Avenue.

Thank you for your letter of the 9th instant conveying your Council's proposals with regard to a Purchase Scheme for houses at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow.

As a tenant of one of these houses I wish to state that I consider it premature to discuss the terms of a Purchase Scheme until such time as the long-promised improvements in connection with the completion of the houses have been carried out.

The tenants have been assured on many occasions that the following matters would receive early attention, viz:-

- (a) Provision of wash-basins in bathrooms
- (b) Provision of a hand-rail on dangerous steps
- (c) Provision of garages.
- (d) Provision of a turning point on 12' wide cul-de-sac frontroad from which it is presently impossible to remove a car without grave risk of damage to itself and other parked vehicles.

(e) Completion of front entrance piers and proper fixing of front gates,

(f) Provision of a rear access roadway.

Your letter of the 9th instant re-iterates that the above works will be carried out. Despite the representations already made by the tenants, both individually and collectively, and the assurances given to them, your Council's failure over many months to carry out even one of these necessary improvements is giving rise to some scepticism in the minds of the tenants as to your Council's ultimate intention with regard to effecting any improvements on existing conditions.

Under the circumstances, I wish to inform you that I would not be prepared to consider seriously the terms of a purchase scheme until such time as the improvements listed have received attention.

Whether a Purchase Scheme is eventually agreed upon or not, I consider that the tenants of houses letting at the figure of 32/10 per week cannot be regarded as unreasonable in expecting that the amenities already mentioned should be provided as a matter of course. It can at least be argued that occupants of the "Normal Needs" houses, let at a considerable lower rent, enjoy a decided advantage over the tenants at St. Patrick's Avenue, in so far as they have a normal and safe approach to their front doors, and a roadway upon which a car may be turned or otherwise removed without undue inconvenience or risk.

Misc, Le nces,

Sgd. Andrew J. Crotty.

The County Manager stated that details of the proposed Purchase Scheme had been submitted to the Department of Local Government but that a reply had not yet been received. The Manager pointed out that it was doubtful whether the Department would approve of the erection of the garages by the Council.

With regard to Mr. Woodrooffe's queries the County Manager stated that (1) the remission of rates would not be allowed in respect of Houses erected by a

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Local Authority. (2) That the tenants could pay the annuity quarterly or half-yearly provided that it would be paid in advance. (3) That the property would be subject to Income Tax at the termination of the payment of the annuity.

With reference to the provision of a turning point for cars on the 12' wide front road the Town Engineer was directed to submit his report and recommendations regarding the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

SHOP AT MAIN STREET - MESSRS KAVANAGH BROS.

Read following letter of 31/1/1952 from Messrs Kavanagh Bros., Main Street, Wicklow:-

January, 31st 1952.

Dear Sir,

As we propose building a new shop adjoining our premises in Main Street, I would be obliged if you would place particulars enclosed before the Council at their next Meeting for their inspection and consideration. Some time ago we received a request from the Council to improve in some way, the unsightly wall between our shop and Messrs Sheane's Foundry. This proposed shop would replace the wall referred to and (I am sure) would greatly add to the appearance of the area. The materials used would be similar to that used in our present shop. In fact it is a reproduction of same. Skilled labour would also be employed. These plans submitted are open to any alteration deemed necessary by the County Surveyor or Town Planner and as we are anxious to commence work as soon as possible we are trusting that this meets with the approval of all concerned.

Faithfully yours,

Sgd. Thomas Kavanagh.

The plan was submitted to the meeting. The Town Engineer stated that there was no objection to the proposal. The Council unanimously recommended that permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts be granted to Messrs Kavanagh Bros.

LEASE TO ACE PRODUCTS LTD.

Read following letter, dated 25/1/1952 from Messrs S. S. & E. Reeves & Sons 51 Merrion Square, East, Dublin:-

25th January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

We act for Ace Products Limited, who hold their premises under Lease dated 23rd August, 1949 at the yearly rent of £6. 10; 0. for a term of 31 years from 25th March, 1949.

We have been in communication with Messrs. McCarroll & Co. over the surrender of the present lease and grant of a new lease to the Company, and it was suggested that we should communicate with you direct in connection with the matter. We shall be obliged if you will consider the matter, and let us know whether the Council would be prepared to accept a surrender of the present lease and grant a new lease to the Company for a term of 31 years or whatever longer term the Council can grant. If the Council agree to this, would the lease be at the present rent of £6. 10. 0. or would the Council look for an increase?

We shall be glad to hear from you in the matter.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter dated 4/2/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.:-

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4th February, 1952.

re/ Ace Products Ltd.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant we wish to inform you that if the Lease dated 23rd August, 1949 is surrendered the Council can grant a new lease of the premises for a term of 31 years.

Yours faithfully, etc.

After discussion it was decided to inform Messrs Reeves & Sons that the Council would be prepared to accept surrender of the old Lease and grant a new Lease for a term of 31 years. It was also agreed that the present rent of £6. 10. 0. would not be increased.

PROPOSED PAVILION AT NORTH PIER:

Read following letter dated 30/1/1952 from Town Engineer:-

30th January, 1952.

re/ Proposed Sports Pavilion at North Pier

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find sketch plan for proposed Sports Pavilion drawn on the lines of the proposal submitted by the Deputation which recently attended the meeting of the U. D. C. on behalf of the Regatta Committee.

I estimate that the cost of this structure will be £3,125.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Also read following letter from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Sailing Club:-

30th January, 1952.

re/ Proposed Pavilion at Sea Front (North Pier)

A Chara,

At our recent meeting on the 25th instant, it was agreed that the Wicklow Urban District Council be informed that the Wicklow Sailing Club is in complete accord with the proposal to erect a Pavilion on the Sea Front to accommodate the various Sporting Clubs connected with the Sea.

I am directed to assure your Council that our Club is prepared to assist such a proposal in every practical and reasonable manner.

Misc. matters, etc.

The sketch plan was submitted to and examined by the Council.

After discussion it was decided to forward the Sketch plan and to indicate the estimated cost of the proposed structure to the Wicklow Regatta Committee. It was agreed that when the matter would have been further considered by the Regatta Committee a special meeting of the Council could be convened for the purpose of enabling the Council to discuss with the Committee's representatives various matters relative to the proposal. It was also decided to request the Department of Local Government and the Irish Tourist Board to make special grant available towards the cost of the Pavilion.

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DRAIN AT FRIARS' HILL:

Read following letter of 26/1/1952 from Messrs Arthur Cox & Co.,  
Solicitors, Dublin:-

26th January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

re/ Drain at Friars' Hill

Referring to your letter of the 11th January.

It has occurred to us to enquire whether the Council is aware that the work done by Mr. Delahunt was not merely a sewer but was also a water main. This made a much bigger and wider trench necessary so as to contain both services. 58 yards of the section was through rock. Mr. Delahunt is not seeking any profit. Perhaps you would be kind enough to consider these points further.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Read following letter of 5/2/1952 from Town Engineer:-

5th February, 1952.

re/ Friars' Hill Sewer

A Chara,

The watermain referred to in the letter of the 26th instant from Messrs Arthur Cox was laid in the same trench as the sewer and was 4 inches diameter 58 lin. yds. The pipe was laid so close to the sewer that it should not have been necessary to make a much wider trench as suggested. As I have pointed out in previous reports the costings for the work carried out are in my opinion altogether excessive.

58 lin. yds. of 4 inch water main at that time ought to have been laid for a cost of not more than £65. 0. 0.

Misc, losses, etc.

The Council were informed that no reply had been received from Mr. C. O'Reilly, B.Arch., M.R.I.A.I., Architect for the Classic Building Company, to whom a letter had been written in connection with the Company's proposal to erect four bungalows at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, and in which letter it was explained that since certain difficulties had arisen with regard to the making of connections with the drain at Ballynerrin and Friars' Hill the Council would not be in a position to give the necessary permission regarding the use of their mains until such time as these difficulties would have been resolved.

After discussion, during which Councillor E. Kane informed the County Manager that he was still prepared to contribute £60 towards the cost of purchasing the drain and watermain from Mr. Delahunt, it was decided (1) To inform Messrs Cox & Co. that the estimated cost as submitted by the Town Engineer of providing appropriate length of sewer and watermain was £185 and (2) To request Mr. C. O'Reilly to forward his observations concerning the matters referred to in the Council's letter.

EMERGENCY PUMPING AT WATERWORKS:

Councillor E. Kane stated that in view of the likelihood of the implementation of the regional water supply scheme being deferred for a very considerable time it was desirable that the Council should take steps to improve the existing emergency arrangements at the Waterworks. In this connection he suggested that the level of the field at Marlton should be lowered with a view to increasing the storage capacity. After discussion it was decided that Mrs. Richards again be approached through the Solicitors with regard to the sale of the field at Marlton to the Council. The Town Engineer was also directed to submit a report indicating the estimated cost of the improvements suggested by Councillor Kane.

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SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE:

The Council were informed that the following additional amounts would be required by the Council in respect of their services for 1951/52:-

Roads - £30. (The Town Engineer estimated that the cost of repairs to Castle Street would be £150 instead of the previous estimate of £120).

Advertising - £30 (This additional amount was necessary because of increased advertising expenses etc.).

It was Proposed by: Councillor J. Brennan  
Seconded by: Councillor E. Kane.

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the expenditure by the County Manager of a sum of £60 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates 1951/52 in respect of the following services:-

(1) Roads - £30; (2) General Urban Purposes (Printing, Stationery and Advertising) £30.

REPAIRS TO CASTLE AVENUE:

The Council were informed that the following letter had been handed in just before the meeting:-

5th February, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence regarding the condition of the roadway known as Castle Avenue, in front of our houses, we shall be glad if you will bring this letter, and the previous correspondence, before the meeting of your Council to be held tonight.

The condition of this supposed roadway is becoming worse from week to week, as traffic over it increases. The ground is of the roughest sort, full of holes and waterlogged. It is now positively dangerous and should be regarded as a matter requiring immediate attention to prevent some possible accident, for which the Council will be held responsible.

There is only one light on this roadway, which runs from the concrete road to the Summerhill road, in a diagonal course, with the result that the light is not effective at several points.

Approaching the Summerhill end there are dangerous curves where the roadway is so narrow that there is barely room for a car, and a person walking or wheeling a pram, has to retreat to a wider part to find safety.

In addition to the adults residing on this roadway there are 18 children all under the age of 12 years.

We earnestly hope that your Council will give this matter their sympathetic consideration.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. William Conway, Charles Byrne, Gerald Vickers  
Michael H. Hingsworth, Frank Aherne, John Egan

The Town Engineer stated that the E. S. V. grant would not be sufficient to enable the Council to concrete the whole of Cooper's Lane. The Engineer stated, however that the corner would be widened at the Summerhill end and that he would take steps to carry out cleaning operations and essential repairs to that portion of Cooper's Lane.

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PROPOSED SHOP SITES AT BALLYNERRIN:

The Town Engineer submitted a plan showing two sites for lock-up shops at Ballynerrin (off St. Laurence's Road). The respective areas were (1) 220 sq. yds. and (2) 266 sq. yds. After discussion the Council decided that in view of the fact that the proposed shop sites adjoined the plot already leased by the Council to Ace Products Ltd. for industrial purposes they would not be suitable sites on which to erect shops. Accordingly the Council directed that the persons who had made enquiries regarding the availability of shop sites at Ballynerrin be informed that no such sites were available for leasing. The Council also recommended that suitable shrubs or trees be planted on the sites selected by the Town Engineer.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT NORTH QUAY:

The Town Engineer submitted a map indicating the situation of the proposed Public Convenience at the North Quay, Wicklow. Following a discussion relating to the suitability of the site selected it was agreed that a Public Sanitary Convenience be erected on the site as indicated on the Town Engineer's map and that the Wicklow Harbour Authority be requested to provide a Public Convenience in the vicinity of the Packet Pier. The Council were informed that Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. would contribute £25. towards the cost of a new urinal and would be responsible for the demolition of the existing structure.

BONUS - DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING SCHEME:

Road letter of 31/1/1952 from the General President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:-

31st January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

We understand that the second lot of houses being erected under your Direct Labour housing scheme are now almost completed, and we should be obliged if you would kindly let us know, by return of post, when the bonus due to our members concerned will be paid and the amount thereof.

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter until such time as the Housing Scheme would have been finally completed and the total costs ascertained.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN WAGES - CLEANSING STAFF:

Road following letter of 1/2/1952 from the General President, Irish Transport and General Workers' Union:-

1st February, 1952.

r/ Wages - Cleansing Staff

Dear Sir,

We desire to request that at their next meeting your Council would favourably consider increasing the wages of the cleansing staff by 15/- per week from the date of application. We make such application in view of the ever increasing cost of living which is rendering it impossible for our members to maintain themselves and their dependents in any degree of comfort on their present wage of 91/-. Accordingly, we trust that your Council will give the application its consideration.

Awaiting your reply,

Yours faithfully,

IRISH TRANSPORT & GENERAL WORKERS' UNION.

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The Council were informed that if the full increase were granted the amount involved would represent a rate levy equivalent to 7d. in the £. The Council directed that consideration of the application be deferred to the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION AT SEA FRONT:

The Council were informed that no replies had been received from Mr. James Harrington, 58 Jamestown Road, Inchicore, Dublin, and Mr. Patrick Mooney, 6 Scarpint Terrace, Bray, who had been invited to arrange for the placing of chairs for hire at the Sea Front, Wicklow during the Summer season. NOTED.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME - WINTER 1951/52:

The Council were informed that at the suggestion of the Department of Social Welfare quotations had been obtained for the supply of firewood blocks for the purposes of the Council's Cheap Fuel Scheme, Winter 1951/52. It was also pointed out to the Council that the quality of the turf now being supplied by Mr. Peter Malley was unsatisfactory. Moreover, Mr. Malley would require £3. 12. 6. per ton in respect of further supplies of turf compared with prices of £3. 2. 6. and £3. 7. 6. per ton for turf supplied earlier in the Winter season. The following quotations were submitted to the Meeting:-

PER TON

T. Doyle, Ballymanus, Glencaly,	£3. 5. 0.
J. Devlin, Ashford.	£3. 7. 6.
P. Malley, Kilpeddar.	£3. 7. 6.
D. H. Haskins & Son Ltd., Wicklow.	£3. 12. 6.
John Deans Ltd. Glencaly,	£3. 15. 0.
A. Ferrar, Rathdrum.	£4. 0. 0.

After discussion the Council recommended that the quotation of T. Doyle, for supply of firewood blocks at £3. 5. 0. per ton be accepted. It was stressed that hardwood blocks should be provided in lengths of 10' (approx.).

APPLICATION FOR LEASE - WILLIAM TOFT & SONS LTD.:

Road following letter, dated 2/2/1952 from William Toft & Sons Ltd.:-

February, 2nd 1952.

Dear Sir,

Would your Council grant me a lease of the piece of ground on the Murreugh adjoining the Royal Pavilion which I have bought.

I wish to use the ground in conjunction with the running of our amusements in the Pavilion. I would not be erecting permanent buildings or walls on the site.

The area required would be 60 feet from the Pavilion wall towards the old boat house and a line with the Pavilion wall in Strand Street and Sea Front.

After discussion, during which the County Manager pointed out that it would be very undesirable for the Council to grant a lease in this case and that it would be more appropriate to grant a licence, it was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor for their advice. £5. per annum was suggested as a possible suitable rent or fee. The Council and the County Manager agreed that it was desirable to facilitate the applicant in every possible way whilst at the same time safeguarding the interests of the Council.

MATERIALS FOR ROAD-MAKING:

Road following letter of 1/2/1952 from C. E. O., Technical School, Wicklow:-

1st February, 1952.

A Chara,

I understand that your Council has, at present, a quantity of stones and building

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debris from the Old Gaol, lying at the Black Castle, Wicklow.

As your members are probably aware, it is proposed to build a new Technical School in Wicklow town, and it is hoped that the project will be commenced in the near future.

My Committee would be grateful if your Council would kindly make available to them approximately 100 lorry loads of the stones and rubble referred to above, this material being required for road-making and general levelling purposes on the school site.

The Committee is not in a position to take delivery of the material at present as the school field is presently let for grazing and the tenant's Agreement does not expire until 4th April, next. It would be appreciated if the quantity of material asked for could be reserved until we are in a position to take delivery of it. Arrangements for the haulage of the material would, of course, be the responsibility of my Committee, if your Council agrees to making it available.

Miscellaneous, etc.

The Council unanimously recommended that the requisite amount of material be made available to the Vocational Education Committee.

#### BOILER GRATES INSTEAD OF RANGES:

Read letter of 29/1/1952 from Messrs J. Millar and J. O. Neiland, to whom buildings at St. Laurence's Park, had been allocated by the Council, requesting the Council to install boiler grates instead of ranges and undertaking to defray any additional expenditure involved. The Council recommended that the boiler grates be installed.

#### FENCING AT CASTLE STREET:

Read letter of 5/2/1952 from James Hill, Castle Street, Wicklow, requesting the Council to carry out repairs to the fence at the front of his house at Castle Street. The Town Engineer stated that he proposed enclosing a larger area than that which was originally fenced and that the alterations would result in a larger plot being attached to Mr. Hill's house. The Engineer also stated that the work would be carried out as soon as possible.

#### G. A. A. PLAYING PITCH AT MURROUGH:

Read letter of 4/2/1952 from Secretary, St. Patrick's G. A. A. Club, Wicklow:-

4/2/1952.

Dear Sir,

At a Meeting of the above, the condition of the playing pitch which is used by our Club, was discussed. The position is that now the road side of the pitch is rapidly becoming unplayable and we respectfully submit a plan of what we require in order to have a regulation pitch.

We are quite prepared to do all the work necessary if the Council would kindly put up wooden railings where suggested. The pitch is being destroyed by traffic and encroachment of burnt area.

I might point out that the original road way was approximately 12 feet wide and it is now 22 feet wide. As you can see this roadway is steadily eating in on the pitch and we would suggest that the railing be moved from its present position to edge of original road.

The original pitch is 84 by 140 yds. and as we have been promised more matches on the Murrough we would appreciate it very much if you could see your way to help us in this very important and urgent matter.

Yours respectfully, etc.

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The Council approved of the carrying out of the suggested alterations.

#### PUBLIC LIGHTING - DUNBUR ROAD:

Read letter of 4/2/1952 from Mr. G. Nichols, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, suggesting that the Council should provide two additional public lights along Dunbur Road. Consideration of the matter was deferred to the Annual Estimates Meeting.

It was agreed that the question of providing an additional public light at Wentworth Place should also be adjourned to the Estimates Meeting.

#### TOWN PLANNING APPLICATION - D. NUZUM:

Drawings and specification relating to proposed alterations to shop at Main Street, Wicklow, for D. Nuzum, Esq. were submitted to the Meeting. The Council recommended that permission under the Town and Regional Planning Acts be granted in this case.

#### PLOT AT ST. LAURENCE'S PARK:

Read following letter of 4/1/1952 from Messrs Malachy Dunne and Timothy Kelly:

Sir,

Directly behind our houses at 14 and 15 St. Laurence's Park is a piece of ground fully fenced and apparently waste, if no further use to any one we would gladly accept it if within reason.

Signed: Malachy Dunne,  
Timothy Kelly.

As particulars regarding the plot of ground in question were not available the Council decided that they were not in a position to deal with the application, which was deferred.

#### LEASE TO THOMAS HANNON:

Read following letter of 2/2/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.:-

2nd February, 1952.

U. D. C. TO Thos. Hannon.

Dear Sir,

We enclose expired lease you sent us, together with draft map received from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.

If you compare the map on old Lease with draft map you will find that portion in front of house lettered C-D, the portion at East side lettered E-F and the portion of garden at south side lettered A-B do not form part of plot demised by old Lease.

Does the Council wish to lease the plot as shown on draft map?

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council were informed that apart from the rent payable under the expired lease the following annual amounts were also payable in respect of the premises at Castle Street, Wicklow:-

ANNUAL RENT	MEMO IN RENTAL
£0. 6. 0.	Right of Way
£0. 1. 0.	Railing
£0. 1. 0.	No memo

After discussion it was agreed that these three annual payments together with

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the rent of £0. 15. 0. payable under the old lease should be merged in the new Ground Rent of £2. 10. 0. per annum. It was also decided to inquire from the Council's Solicitors whether the Council would be justified in assuming that the area shown on the Town Engineer's draft map did not include property to which the Lessee would not be entitled.

*C. W. Hudson*  
4/3/52

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

29th February, 1952.

To/  
Each Member of the Council

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 4th March, 1952 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

Sean S. O'Ceallaigh  
CLEIREACH AN BHAILE.

A G E N D A

- (1) Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 5th February, 1951 (copy herewith)
- (2) Letter from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd. re appointment of nominee to attend the twentysixth General Meeting of the Company.
- (3) Letter of 11/2/1952 from Catholic Womens' Federation of Secondary Schools Union re Seaside Behaviour.
- (4) Correspondence re proposed public sanitary convenience for North Quay, Wicklow.
- (5) Letter of 8/2/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. re proposed purchase of portion of field at Marlton Road, Wicklow.
- (6) Letter of 21/2/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. re application from William Toft & Sons Ltd. re lease of plot at Sea Front.
- (7) Letter of 18/2/1952 from Department of Local Government re proposed improvements at St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow.
- (8) Letter of 11/2/1952 from Irish Tourist Board re proposed Sports Pavilion at Wicklow.
- (9) Report re tenancy of fields at Dunbur Road. (Tenants: Mrs. Angela Doyle and Mr. H. Hamilton).
- (10) Letter from Messrs Arthur Cox & Co. re Drain at Friars' Hill, Wicklow.
- (11) Letter from Town Engineer re proposed alterations to G.A.A. pitch on the Murrrough.
- (12) Circular of 19/2/1952 from Department of Local Government re Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 (1952/53 Programme)
- (13) Housing progress report from Town Engineer.
- (14) Circular N. 2/52 of 18/2/1952 from Department of Local Government re Direct Labour Housing Scheme.
- (15) Circular HI/52 of 18/2/1952 from Department of Local Government re payment of subsidy in respect of new houses provided for families displaced from Local Authorities houses by the operation of Housing Eye-Laws.
- (16) Selection of Tenant for No. 16 Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (17) Overdraft Accommodation - Capital Account.
- (18) Date of Annual Estimates Meeting, 1952.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH MARCH, 1952

Present: Councillors: C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding),  
 E. Kane, W. Clarke, P. Doyle, J. Brennan, A. Finlayson, and  
 J. Everett, T.D.

The County Manager and Town Engineer were also in attendance.

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of meeting held on the 5th February, 1952, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

SITES FOR SHOPS: The presiding Chairman was informed that at the Meeting held on the 5th February, 1952, the Council decided that there were not any suitable sites on which to erect shops available at Ballynerrin and that the two applicants (viz. Messrs R. Woodroffe and R. Bell) had been informed accordingly.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD. - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE: The Chairman Councillor J. Olohan, was unanimously appointed to attend and vote at the twentysixth General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.

LETTER RE SEASIDE BEHAVIOUR: Read following letter, dated 11th February, 1952, from Hon. Secretary, Catholic Women's Federation of Secondary Schools Union:-

11th February, 1952.

Dear Sir,

The development of the tourist trade is bringing visitors of many nationalities to Ireland, and as one of the most Catholic Countries in the World it should be our pride to set a standard for seaside behaviour;

Now is the time for our coastal Authorities to formulate rules for the use of their beaches, and my Committee would suggest that the regulations should govern the following:-

1. Facilities for dressing, for example, separate free shelters for men and women; also private bathing boxes which could be chargeable.
2. A definite standard of bathing costume, for example, the regulation swimming Club costume.
3. The same standard of costume for sun-bathing.
4. Adequate toilet facilities.

I would ask you to please bring these suggestions before your Local Authority for careful consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. Maeve Donovan,

Hon. Secretary C.W.F.

NOTED.

PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT NORTH QUAY: Read following letter of 12/2/1952 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor:-

12th February, 1952.

re/ Public Sanitary Convenience

A Chara,

I received your letter of the 30th ult., and as requested enclose you herewith

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my client's cheque for £25 being amount which my clients agreed to contribute towards the cost of erecting new Urinal at North Quay.

I would be thankful if you would let me have receipt as my clients will require same.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read following letter of 18/2/1952 from Town Engineer:-

18th February, 1952.

re/ Public Convenience at North Quay, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I beg to report that in accordance with agreement reached at the Meeting of the Urban District Council on 5th instant, I proceeded to layout and build the public convenience at the North Quay. However, Mr. R. B. Haskins of the firm of Messrs D. H. Haskins & Son called my attention to the undesirability of constructing a convenience in the position as arranged, in so far as he intends, at some future date, to open the gateway from his premises on to the Quay.

Mr. Brazil, his Solicitor, also informed me that Mr. Haskins would strenuously oppose the structure. I consider that the position is ideal but I cannot dispute with Mr. Haskins as he states that he intends to open a gateway. There would be, of course, quite sufficient room for a gateway elsewhere in a more convenient position. The only other spot that I can think of as being fairly suitable is shown on the map attached herewith.

I would like to have authority as soon as possible to proceed with the work.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read following letter of 20/2/1952 from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Authority:-

February, 20th, 1952.

Town Clerk,  
 Town Hall,  
 Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to inform you that they are prepared to contribute the sum of £75. 0. 0. to have lavatory erected in vicinity of Packet Pier.

Yours faithfully,

R. Conway,  
 Secretary.

After discussion it was agreed that Councillors W. Clarke and A. Finlayson together with the Town Engineer should meet representatives of the Wicklow Harbour Authority on the North Quay for the purpose of selecting the most suitable site and that work on the erection of the Urinal should be commenced as soon as possible.

WATERWORKS - PURCHASE OF FIELD AT MARLTON ROAD: Read letter dated 8/2/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

8th February, 1952.

re/ Mrs. Richards, Ballyhenry

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst. we are instructed by our client to inform you that she is prepared to sell the entire field, which is held in fee simple

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free of rent, for the sum of £200, or she will sell the portion of same in the Urban Area for the sum of £100.

Our client has asked us to mention that house is expecting to receive Paying Order for the rent.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll & Co.

Read following letter of 4/3/1952 from Town Engineer:-

4th March, 1952

re/ Wicklow U. D. C. - Watersupply (Improvement).

A Chara,

By excavating that portion of Mrs. Richardson's field at Marlton Road which is within the Urban District, an additional storage of about 200,000 gals. would be made available. Whilst this amount represents only about 2½ days of maximum supply to the town, it might be a very useful quantity to have on hands for rationing out during an extreme drought. The part of this field, however, outside Urban area is much wider and would give much greater capacity.

In addition to ordinary preliminary excavation, of course, it would be necessary to stone up the bottom and sides of the excavated area and extend and repair the existing dam.

I estimate cost of all the work at £520 (five hundred and twenty pounds).

Mise, le meas, etc.

After discussion it was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke; Seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved:-

"That we approve of the purchase of the field at Marlton Road, Wicklow, measuring two acres, no roads, and seven perches, from Mrs. Richards, and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, we approve of the borrowing of the sum of £200 from the Council's Treasurer for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquisition.

PLOT FOR AMUSEMENTS AT SEA FRONT: Read following letter dated 21/2/1952 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co:-

21st February, 1952.

re/ William Toft & Sons Ltd.  
Application for Lease

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 8th instant to hand, from which we infer that the Council is prepared to grant a licence to the Applicant.

A licence can be granted by the Council annually or the licence can provide for an automatic renewal with a provision that the Council can take over the premises on giving notice (period of notice to be fixed) to licensee of intention to do so, expiring at the end of any year.

Any conditions as to rent, user of premises, erection of walls, or paling to enclose premises, etc., etc., which the Council will require inserted in the licence will require to be decided upon.

The Town Surveyor should also prepare a map of the premises in respect of which the licence is to be granted.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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The Council were informed that Messrs Toft & Sons Ltd. had been requested to indicate (1) what amount they would be prepared to pay to the Council annually for a licence to place amusements on the site in question (2) What structure (if any) they propose to erect (3) What type of amusements they propose to provide (4) the period of the year for which they propose to take licence. The Applicants had also been requested to submit descriptions of all stores which they proposed to place on the site. After discussion it was decided to defer further consideration of the matter until a reply would have been received from Messrs Toft & Sons Ltd.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: Read following letter dated 18/2/1952 from Department of Local Government:-

18th February, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 7th December last regarding the proposed improvement of St. Patrick's Road, Wicklow, out of monies to be raised by way of loan from the Council's Treasurer and to state that the scheme has been approved.

A completed form of application for a loan of £1,500 for a period not exceeding 7 years together with a certified copy of the Council's Resolution authorising the borrowing and an up-to-date statement of the Council's indebtedness might now be furnished.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Members of the Council indicated that the cost of the proposed improvements appeared high and after discussion it was agreed that the County Manager and the Town Engineer should review the estimate submitted for the purpose of ascertaining if the cost of the work could be reduced.

PROPOSED SPORTS PAVILION: Read following letter dated 11/2/1952 from General Manager, Irish Tourist Board:-

11th February, 1952.

Dear Sir,

re/ Proposed Sports Pavilion at Wicklow.

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant from which it is noted that the Council has adopted a Civic Improvement Scheme and have prepared plans for a proposed sports pavilion at an estimated cost of £3,125.

The Board is very glad to learn of the Improvements Scheme and hopes that your Council will be in a position to proceed with the construction of a sports pavilion at an early date. It is regretted that the Board has no funds at its disposal from which a grant towards the cost of this project could be given.

I am to explain for your information that under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1939 advances made to the Board under Section 16 are required to be expended on works, investments or loans of a profit-earning character. The effect of this means that such capital sums as might be advanced together with interest thereon would be repayable to the Exchequer over a period of years, and the Board was not empowered to issue monies by way of grant for resort improvement purposes.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. M. K. O'Doherty  
GENERAL MANAGER.

Read letter dated 1/3/1952 from Hon. Secretary, Wicklow Regatta Committee:-

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1st March, 1952.

re/ Proposed Sports Pavilion

A Chara,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 6th ult. enclosing Sketch Plan for proposed sports pavilion at the sea front.

The plan and your letter was discuss at a recent meeting of the above Committee, and it was decided to ask your Council to receive a joint deputation, representing the above and the Wicklow sailing and swimming clubs, as these two clubs have expressed their willingness to co-operate.

Knowing that the officials and members of your council have many engagements to fulfil I will thank you to advise me of a date and time suitable to receive the deputation.

Mise, le meas,

Sgd. J. D. Haughton,  
Hon. Sec.

After discussion it was decided to inform the Committee that the Council would be prepared to discuss matters relating to the proposed pavilion with representatives of the Regatta Committee, Wicklow Sailing Club and Wicklow Swimming Club at a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Friday, 14th March, 1952, at 7-30 p.m.

FIELDS AT DUNBUR ROAD: The meeting was informed that no further communication had been received from Mrs. Angela Doyle and Mr. H. Hamilton in connection with the Council's proposal to grant leases to these persons in respect of fields held by them from the Council at Dunbur Road, Wicklow. After discussion it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

DRAIN AT FRIARS' HILL: Read following letter dated 19/2/1952 from Messrs Arthur Cox & Co., Solicitors, Dublin:-

19th February, 1952.

A. J. DELAHUNT re DRAIN AT FRIARS' HILL

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 7th inst., Mr. Delahunt instructs us that he will accept the offer of £185 made by you, provided the amount is paid immediately.

He instructs us that this is a good deal less than what should have been paid to him, but he is prepared to accept it provided the matter is closed up immediately.

Presumably you will wish some form of agreement executed. Please let us have draft for our approval.

Yours truly, etc.

After discussion, during which Councillor E. Kane indicated that Messrs John Kane would contribute £60 towards the cost of acquisition it was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That we approve of the expenditure of £185 in respect of purchase of 58 lin yds. (approx.) of sewer and watermains at Friars' Hill, Wicklow from Mr. A. J. Delahunt and we hereby consent to the expenditure of this sum in excess of amount provided for Sanitary Services in the Estimates for 1951/52.

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G. A. A. PITCH AT MURROUGH: Read following letter dated 25/2/1952 from Town Engineer:-

25th February, 1952.

re/ Murrough

A Chara,

I have inspected the proposal re the removal and re-siting of the railing against the G.A.A. "Pitch" on the Murrough.

First of all I should like to say that it is deplorable that damage has been done by the carting of the "Red Ore" from the Chemical Works through both the G. A. A. and the "Soccer" playing space: the original cart track was about 12 feet in width - it is now spread out and covered with thick layers of ore to a width of 24 feet which is a trespass. Apart from this the ore is dropped on all the route down to the Packet Pier and is a definite nuisance to the Public Health.

I interviewed the G. A. A. Secretary; he would prefer that the existing railings be not moved in, as the pitch is too narrow even as it is and he agrees with me that it is the "road" should be moved out beyond the rails and away from the pitch altogether towards the railway. Attached is a rough sketch of the position with my suggestions indicated thereon. I estimate the cost of the proposed new road diversion at £869.

The length of the diversion would be 380 lin. yards and I propose a width of 12 feet. The work could be carried out in grouted tarmac but concrete, of course, would be a better job. A concrete road 12 feet in width would cost £1,450.

Yours faithfully, etc.

After discussion the Council decided that in view of the cost involved the Council would not be in a position to provide a new road but it was agreed to accede to the G. A. A. Club's original request viz. to alter the situation of the paling on the eastern side of the pitch and thereby increase the area of the playing enclosure.

Read following letter dated 4/3/1952 from Brother Augustine of the De La Salle Brothers:-

4--3--52.

To the Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

The members of the Urban District Council and also the people of Wicklow are aware that it is customary for the Brothers to run football and hurling leagues for the schoolboys of the town. The part of the Murrough we use is that small plot of ground stretching from the Marine to the G.A.A. pitch at the Vartry River side. This plot is substandard size, but it is very suitable for a boys' pitch. I would be very grateful if the Urban Council would kindly give priority to our boys and reserve this little plot for them.

I understand that there is no question of a lease or a rent, arising here, but I trust that you will give my application every consideration.

Is mise, le meas,

Sgd. Brother Augustine.

GRANTED.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, 1949 Read Circular W.202/1/4 of 19/2/1952 from the Department of Local Government requesting the Council to arrange to have prepared and submitted a draft programme of the works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949 which the Council considered could and should be executed by them during the year ending 31st March, 1953.

The Council were informed that details of proposed works to be carried out

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under the Act at an estimated cost of £4,535 had been submitted to the Department in 1951, but that no grant had been made available. Grants totalling £2,750, however, had been given to the Council in the years 1949/50 and 1950/51.

The Council recommended that some of the proposed works shown on the 1951 list be deleted from the revised schedule to be submitted in respect of 1952/53, which revised schedule, however, should provide for works at (1) Colley Street, Ball Alley, Market Street, etc. and (2) Kilmantin Hill.

HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT: Read following report, dated 4/3/1952 from Town Engineer:-

#### 14 Houses Ballynerrin

The present position in regard to this Scheme is:-

Employed: Trades - 11. Labour - 7.

8 - Two Storey houses completed and occupied.

Bungalows: No. 1. Block (Two houses) work finished except for fencing, front paths and walling.

No. 2. Block (Two houses) all work finished except for painting (final coat), pebble dashing, fencing, paths and front walls.

No. 3 Block (Two houses) skimming of ceilings and walls in progress.

All out-offices built ready for dashing. At the April meeting, I should be in a position to submit to you: final costs of the Scheme.

Sgd. J. T. O'Byrne  
Town Surveyor.

At the suggestion of Councillor J. Everett T.D. the Council directed that reports should be prepared by the Rent Collector in respect of complaints received from Tenants relative to housing repairs and that such report should be submitted to the Council.

The Council was informed that the monies available for repair and maintenance of the Council's houses - including the allowance of £100 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimates for 1951/52 already had been expended.

DIRECT LABOUR HOUSING SCHEMES: Read relevant extracts from Circular N.2/52 of 18/2/1952 from the Department of Local Government reminding Housing Authorities of the content of previous Circular letters regarding the procedure to be observed in the formulation and carrying out of housing scheme by Direct Labour or labour contract. The Circular emphasised that housing authorities should satisfy themselves in every instance that work proposed to be undertaken by direct labour could be executed by this method at a cost which would bear comparison with prevailing tender prices for comparable work in the area and also that the work would be completed within a reasonable period. Where, therefore, any reasonable doubt arose as to the advantages of a direct labour scheme from the separate aspects of cost and speed, housing authorities should consider the advisability of inviting tenders, including an estimate from their own Direct Labour Organisation. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had invited tenders in 1948 prior to making their decision to proceed with the work by means of the Direct Labour method.

HOUSING SUBSIDY: Read following Circular 41/52 of 18/2/1952 from the Department of Local Government:-

18th February, 1952.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to this Department's

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Circular Letter H.5/50 of the 9th February, 1950, relative to the rehousing of sub-tenants of Council houses and to state that he will be prepared to consider applications for payment of subsidy under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932, at a rate not exceeding 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the appropriate loan charges in respect of new houses provided for families displaced from local authorities' houses by operation of the bye-laws under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts. This concession will apply only in respect of sub-lettings made up to and including the 31st January, 1952. The existing statutory preferences applicable to the selection of tenants as well as other requirements which normally govern the payment of subsidy and the amount of such subsidy will, of course, still apply. Sub-tenants of Council houses coming within the scope of the bye-laws will not, therefore, be entitled by reason of the provisions of this Circular letter to any priority other than that which the circumstances of the case would justify in accordance with the Housing (Management and Letting) Regulations, 1950.

This concession is given in order to help housing authorities to relieve unavoidable overcrowding which, owing to special circumstances, has occurred in the occupation of their houses and it is not to be regarded as condoning the practice of sub-letting in contravention of the terms of letting agreements. In any case in which a sub-tenant is removed from a Council house by the operation of the bye-laws steps should be taken by the housing authority to ensure that further sub-letting does not take place in that house.

In order to deal effectively with this matter, it will be necessary for housing authorities to proceed in accordance with bye-laws made under section 20 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, 1919, and to amend any such byelaws if they do not contain adequate provisions for the displacement of overcrowded families by operation on which the payment of 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% subsidy is conditional. Any proposals to amend such byelaws or to make new byelaws should be communicated to this Department.

Misc, le meas etc.

The County Manager informed the meeting that the Department of Local Government and the Council's Solicitors had been requested to indicate whether the Council's Bye-Laws would apply to cases of overcrowding in Council houses. Replies had not yet been received.

TENANCY OF NO. 16 CASTLE STREET: The Assistant Chief Medical Officer placed the applicants for tenancy of No. 16 Castle Street, Wicklow, in the following order:-

- (1) Kevin Quinn, 16 Castle Street, Wicklow
- (2) J. Keogh, Quarantine Hill, Wicklow.
- (3) John McCormack, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (4) James Fitzgerald, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (5) Kathleen Kennedy, Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- (6) James Ronan, Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- (7) Albert E. Howes, Castle Street, Wicklow.
- (8) James Tynan, Monkton Row, Wicklow.
- (9) James Lawlor, High Street, Wicklow.

The Council unanimously recommended that Kevin Quinn - who has a wife and five children and who had been living in No. 16 Castle Street, for 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years as a sub-tenant - be appointed tenant of the vacant house.

Arising out of a discussion regarding the general condition of Council houses the Council directed that the Rent Collector be requested to submit a report on houses which were not being properly kept by their tenants.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION: The meeting was informed that the Council's Capital Account had been overdrawn to the extent of £895 and that temporary overdraft accommodation would be required pending the receipt of final instalments of grant and loans. It was proposed by Councillor W. Clarke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and resolved:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction for overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £4,000 on Council's Capital Account during the quarter ending 31st March, 1952.

DATE OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING: The County Manager informed the meeting that Friday the 28th March, 1952 had been fixed as the date of the Annual Estimates Meeting. Ordinarily the Meeting would take place on 30th March but as this date falls on Sunday in the present year it had been necessary to arrange for the holding of the meeting on an alternative date.

NOTED.