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being prominently located, (2) would be associated with the existing Memorial, and (3) would be more availed of by the public than if situated elsewhere.

Should your Committee consider the buildings and site indicated suitable I would be happy to prepare sufficient details to enable the approximate cost to be calculated.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Note: The attached drawings are not to scale and are intended as a representation only.

Following discussion it was suggested that the local Branch of the Tourist Association might wish to have a Bureau available during the Tourist Season and that it might be possible to provide such accommodation in conjunction with the provision of accommodation for the "Great Eastern" model and other items of nautical interest. Following discussion it was decided to communicate with the Wicklow Tourist Association in connection with the matter.

Ad. Husson
5/5/53.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
12th March, 1953.

To the Chairman and
Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON THE
31ST MARCH, 1954

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details are given of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending on the 31st March, 1954. The Estimates will be considered at the statutory Estimates Meeting which this year will be held on Monday, 30th March, 1953.

The total expenditure is estimated at £30841 and total receipts at £13510. The net amount to be levied from rates, therefore, is £17331.

The expenditure under the four main accounting headings is given hereunder, with the corresponding figures adopted for 1952/53 shown in paranthesis:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>NETT Expenditure</u>
Roads	£1476 (£1152)	£70 (£70)	£1406 (£1082)
Sanitary Services	£4158 (£3812)	£212 (£182)	£3946 (£3630)
Housing	£12127 (£12139)	£10343 (£10352)	£1784 (£1787)
General Urban Purposes	£13080 (£11893)	£2885 (£2874)	£10195 (£9019)
	£30841 (£28966)	£13510 (£13478)	£17331 (£15518)

Credits of £479 are available and after the application of these the net amount required is reduced to £16852.

A rate of 1d. in the £ would produce £40. 18. 8. in the coming year (as compared with £40. 1. 2. in the present year), and the net requirements of £16852 would require a rate of 34/4d. in the £, an increase of 2/9d. over the rate for the present year which is 31/7d.

The increase in the estimated expenditure in the coming year is explained in detail later. Briefly, however, the additional outlay is due mainly to the following causes:- County Council Demand, which shows an increase of £1080; wages increases account for over £160 and in addition provision has been made for additional lighting. (£78); street decoration for An Tostal £120; Housing repairs £100 and contribution to the Water Safety Committee of the Irish Red Cross (£40).

When the Estimates were being considered last year the Council had before them an application for wages increase, but it was deferred pending an indication as to whether there would be a general revision of wages rates throughout the country. Lately as a result of decisions of the Labour Court and negotiations between the Union and employers such increases were granted, and consequently the Council in November last had to agree to a revision of wages which became effective from October, 1952. In the attached Estimates due provision has been made for the increased cost resulting from this revision.

ROADS: The same provision as last year has again been made for the Council's contribution to Employment Schemes, viz. £75. In the

present year a grant of £300 was obtained and this was used in improving the road near the Black Castle, widening of corner at junction of St. Patrick's Road and St. Laurence's Road and improving paths at Castle Street.

The amount included for ordinary Road Maintenance is £579. The increase of £92 over the estimate for the present year is attributable to wages revision.

For Special Works £280 has been included and this corresponds to the amount allowed by the Council in the present year. The Town Surveyor has submitted an estimate for new Road Works which would cost £1,983. It was felt that this would be an undue amount to provide in any one year. It would require a very substantial rate increase and accordingly it was decided to include the same amount for Special Works (£280) as was allowed last year. The following are the works which the Surveyor recommends should be carried out:-

(1) Quarantine Hill & two branches to the South Quay: Tar Surface Dressing	£84. 15. 0.
(2) Old Dunbur Road; Upper Colley St. & Colley Row Tar Surfacing (Note: portion of the Old Dunbur Road requires steam rolling)	£126. 0. 0.
(3) Fairview Road: Tar Surfacing (This road has not been Tar Surfaced for 12 years)	£133. 0. 0.
(4) Glenview Road: Tar Surfacing ditto	£75. 0. 0.
(5) Strand Street Upper & Lower: Repairs, patching and surface dressing	£145. 0. 0.
(6) Bond St. - Tar Surfacing & extension of surfacing to Sawmills Weighbridge	£190. 0. 0.
(7) Greenhill Road: Tar Surfacing, repairs, patching and drainage	£226. 0. 0.
(8) Friars' Hill: Tar Surfacing to junction with Rathnew Road	£97. 10. 0.
(9) New Park Road (From Fitzwilliam Rd. to St. Laurence's Road) Tar Surface Dressing	£130. 0. 0.
(10) St. Laurence's Road: Tar Surface Dressing	£110. 0. 0.
(11) Bachelors' Walk do.	£90. 0. 0.
(12) Bachelors' Walk Footpaths: Tarmac	£75. 0. 0.
(13) Brickfield Lane; Patching, strengthen and Tar Surface Dressing	£55. 0. 0.
(14) Church Hill & Church Road: Tar Surface Dressing and patching on Hill (where required)	£105. 0. 0.
(15) Convent Road (Hill) Tar Surface Dressing	£125. 0. 0.
(16) Ballynerrin from Sullivan's Lane & U.D.C. Bounds at Ballynerrin Upper. This road requires to be steamrolled and tarred, and is in very bad condition.	£216. 0. 0.
	<u>£1983. 5. 0.</u>

The Council having considered the foregoing list of works may determine the items in the estimate which should be given priority, and which might be carried out at a cost of £280. Some of these works moreover, might be undertaken with the aid of the Employment Schemes Grant.

Provision has been made for loan charges of £212 on the Capital Costs of Improvements at St. Patrick's Road. Last year the amount provided was £187, but it was contemplated that the loan charges

for an entire year did not have to be met. The arrangements for the loan have now been completed and the work has started.

During the year the Council gave very full consideration to a proposal for laying a new concrete Road-way through the Murrough as far as the entrance to the Dublin & Wicklow Chemical Works. The cost of this road is estimated at £2450 and the Chemical Company agreed to give a contribution of £700 towards the cost. A loan charge of £204 is included in the attached estimates. This would be the annual charge on a loan of £1750, repayable over 15 years. Arrangements for the borrowing have recently been concluded.

The County Council, however, is prepared to give a contribution of £600 towards the cost of this work, but unfortunately legal difficulties have been met in connection with the matter. Consequently in preparing the Estimates it was felt credit could not be taken for this contribution which would have reduced the capital cost and the loan charges.

SANITARY SERVICES

Water Supply: During the present year it was necessary again to resort to special pumping arrangements in order to maintain an adequate water supply. The impounding of a stream at Marlton and pumping water back to the Reservoir for filtration has enabled the Council to overcome the difficulties of water shortage. In 1952 much dry weather was experienced and since the beginning of the present year the rain-fall has been negligible. In consequence the Town Surveyor had to arrange to start pumping as from the middle of last month. He anticipates that in the coming year the Pumping will cost up to £240 and provision has been made for this in the attached Estimates. This pumping arrangement will have to be continued until the water supply is augmented by recourse to a Regional Scheme. Further progress with the details for the Regional Scheme was not made in the present financial year as the Electricity Supply Board decided to investigate the possibilities of using Lough Dan for Hydro-Electric Development. It is now understood, however, that the Board will shortly be in a position to determine if they will proceed with the proposed Hydro Electric Development. The latter proposal would materially affect the design of the Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Domestic and Street Scavenging: There is an increase of £34 due to wages revision. No provision has been made for a Domestic Scavenging Service in these Estimates. The matter was very fully considered by the Council last year and it was found that the provision of a Domestic Scavenging Service would cost 1/6d. to 2/- in £. the matter was indefinitely deferred.

Burial Grounds: The Demand from Wicklow & Rathdrum Joint Burial Board for the maintenance of the Cemetery at Merrymount shows an increase of £25 on that for 1952/53.

Public Lighting: Last year the estimate for public lighting was increased by £50 and as a result new lights were provided at St. Patrick's Road, Marlton Road, Rocky Road, Wentworth Place, Cooper's Lane and Dunbur Road. The same amount (£460) is again included. Recently a application was received for new light at New Park Road but it was found that the charge for installation and lighting would be £78. The matter was deferred pending consideration of the Estimates. This sum of £78 has now been included.

Water Safety: The Irish Red Cross Society some time ago asked that the Council might agree to give a contribution towards the training in Water Safety. The Society already has provided instructors at the Sea-side Resorts in Wicklow County. The Council agreed to consider the matter further in conjunction with the Estimates. A sum of £40 has been included as a contribution to the Society.

HOUSING:

For repairs to Council houses the Surveyor has submitted an Estimate of £750. The amount allowed by the Council for the present year was £650.

The Council's Housing Scheme at Ballynerrin was completed in April last. The number of houses now owned by the Council is 266. The loan Charges for housing show no appreciable change from the provision made for the present year.

The Council in the past few years has made 13 loans to persons building their own houses. The loan charges are fully met by the repayments from borrowers and the scheme involves no charge on the rates.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

Town Hall Expenses: This item shows a reduction of £40 as special provision was made for repairs in the present year. The repair work will be completed by the end of the present financial year.

Tourist Development: Last year it was agreed to allow £47 as a contribution to the local Tourist Development Association. It was decided that there would be a better chance of securing special publicity for Wicklow and the adjoining district if the arrangements were left to the local Organisation.

Corporate Estate Maintenance: There is an increase of £21 due to wages increase.

Foreshore Maintenance: £174 is included to meet the cost of urgent repairs; the sum allowed in the present year was £164. A Scheme for major protection work at the foreshore has already been submitted to the Local Government Department and it is hoped that a Special Grant will be obtained in the coming year.

Tree Planting: For this purpose £38 has again been included. During the current year trees have been planted at the entrances to the town, along the Rathnew Road and Marlton Road. Trees were also planted at the Murrough. In addition fruit trees were supplied to Council tenants. The contribution made by the Council towards this tree planting Scheme only meets part of the cost of work undertaken by the local Organisation. The balance is raised by voluntary subscriptions.

Band Performances: A sum of £35 has again been included as a contribution towards the cost of the local band. During the tourist season last year the Band gave performances at the Sea Front.

An Tostal Decorations: It was indicated some time ago by the Local Government Department that local authorities might incur expenditure not exceeding a rate of 3d. in £ on the decoration of their districts, in connection with An Tostal. The Council thus far, has not determined a Scheme for decorating the town but it was decided to review the matter when the Annual Estimates were presented. A sum of £120 has consequently, been included in the attached Estimates. If any work of this nature is to be undertaken it is suggested that instead of outlay on bunting and decorative lighting etc., some type of improvement which would be of a permanent nature would be more desirable, e.g. recently the Council considered a proposal that a special structure might be provided for exhibiting the model of the steam ship the "Great Eastern" and other items of nautical interest.

County Council Demand: The Demand for County Services shows a very marked increase; The amount of the increase is £1080. 6. 5., which is equivalent to a rate of 2/2d. in £. The following table shows how the Demand for 1953/54 compares with that for the present year:-

Item	1953/54	1952/53	Increase or Decrease
Main Roads	£1440	£1500	£60 (Dec.)
Public Assistance	£2908	£2399	£509 (Inc.)
Mental Hospital	£1139	£1282	£143 (Dec.)
Health Services	£686	£831	£145 (Dec.)
General Purposes	£1168	£274	£894 (Inc.)
Separate Charges	£432	£407	£25 (Inc.)

The main increases are for Public Assistance and General Purposes. The increases under the heading of Public Assistance is due in great part to the rise in costs of treating patients in County Institutions, in external Hospitals and to additional outlay on medicine and drugs. Of General Purposes the increase is attributable to costs of Scholarships, Vocational Education and Fire Brigades. Last year there were credits available which served to offset increases in the costs of County Services but similar credits are not available in the present year.

GENERAL:

The Estimates which are now presented would require a rate of 34/4d. in £, which is an increase of 2/9d. over the rate in the present year. It is unfortunate that the County Council Demand has shown such a marked rise as this is an item which the Urban Council cannot alter in determining the rate for the coming year. The Estimates, however, include, as already mentioned, provision for certain new works which the Council may decide to amend or defer.

The Town Clerk again, as in former years, has given very valuable assistance in the preparation of these Estimates. All the relevant records required for the purpose have been kept in a very thorough manner and the Council's accounts have been capably dealt with by him. It should also be mentioned that all the other officers and employees of the Council have discharged their respective duties in a diligent and satisfactory manner.

To the Chairman and members of the Council I desire to express sincere appreciation of the assistance and guidance so freely given throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

M. FLANNERY

COUNTY MANAGER

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1953/1954

EXPENDITURE

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
	£	£
<u>URBAN ROADS:</u>		
Special Grant Works (Contribution to Employment Schemes)	75	75
Ordinary Road Works - (Wages £471; Materials £108)	579	579
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc	280	280
Station Approach Road(Maintenance)	30	30
Salaries	96	96
Loan Charges:		
1953 St. Patrick's Rd. Improvement	212	212
1953 Concrete Road at Murrough	204	134
TOTAL	£1476	1406
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Salaries	535	535
Water Supplies (Wages £492: Materials £128:	620	620
Water Supplies - Pumping Scheme	240	240
Sewerage (Wages £55; Materials £22)	77	77
Public Sanitary Convenience	20	20
Scavenging (Street and Domestic- Wages)	639	639
Burial Grounds	150	150
Public Lighting	460	460
Do. (Additional light at New Park Road)	78	-
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	40	-
<u>LOAN CHARGES:</u>		
1935 Sewer and Water Extension	67	67
1937 Waterworks Improvements	273	273
1898 3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	46	46
1922 5% (3½%) Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	510	510
1948 Extension of Sewers (Dunbur Rd)	142	142
1950 Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road)	166	166
1954 Regional Water Supply	10	-
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	46	46
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton (Waterworks Reservoir)	39	39
	£4158	4030

HOUSING SERVICES:

Housing of the Working Classes

Maintenance and repair
Salaries (Town Surveyor and
Overseer part)
Rent Collector's Poundage
Printing, Stationery and ad-
vertising
Insurances
Rates on Council Houses

Estimated by
Manager

Adopted by
Council

Loan Charges:

1932 10 Houses Scheme
1934 28 Houses Scheme
1937 28 & 10 Houses Scheme
1938 120 Houses Scheme
1937 120 Houses Scheme
1940 120 Houses Scheme
1940 34 Houses Scheme
1942 34 Houses Scheme
1947 80 Houses Scheme
1898 3 1/4% Stock - Dividends,
Sinking Fund, etc.
1948 80 Houses Scheme

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

Loan Charges

1934 Loan
1948 Loan
1949 Loan
1950 Loan

TOTAL

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Town Hall Expenses
Tourist Development
Demolition of Ruinous buildings
Acquisition of derelict sites
Corporate Estate Maintenance
(Wages £99; Materials £50)
Foreshore Maintenance
Tree Planting
Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges
Band Performances
Milk and Dairies Acts
Ant. Tostal Decorations

School Meals:

Cost of Food
Administration
All tments

£750

£95

£331

£45

£99

£2370

£233

£639

£29

£152

£2572

£103

£974

£84

£65

£20

£2620

£12127

650

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2370

233

639

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152

2572

103

974

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2620

72

240

480

154

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£60

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£20

£149

£174

£38

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£160

£72

£298

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72

298

£1184

1013

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (CONTD.)

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
c/f.	£1184	1013
Salaries	£941	891 ✓
Rate Collector's Poundage	£362	362 ✓
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corporate Estate)	£90	90 ✓
Superannuation (Rate Collector)	£350	350 ✓
Audit Fees	£46	46 ✓
Legal Expenses	£120	120 ✓
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	£120	120 ✓
Rents on Council's Property	£50	50 ✓
Rates on Council's Property	£251	251 ✓
Insurance on Council's Property	£14	14 ✓
Public and E.L. Insurance	£76	76 ✓
Office Expenses	£50	50 ✓
Discount on Rates	£67	67 ✓
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	£180	180 ✓
Fuel Schemes for necessitous persons	£1050	1050 ✓
Bank Interest	£10	10 ✓
Election Expenses	-	- ✓
Rent of Pound	£39	39 ✓
Miscellaneous	£40	40 ✓
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1938 Foreshore Works	£70	70 ✓
1946 New Footbridge	£74	74 ✓
1898 3¼% Stock - dividends, sinking Fund, etc	£123	123 ✓
<u>County Council Services</u>		
Main Roads	£1440	1440 ✓
Public Assistance	£2908	2908 ✓
Mental Hospital	£1139	1139 ✓
Health (County)	£686	686 ✓
General Purposes (County)	£1168	1168 ✓
Separate Charges (Inc. Library)	£432	432 ✓
TOTAL	£13080	12869
GROSS TOTAL	£30841	

R E C E I P T S

	Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
<u>ROADS</u>		
State Grants - Estate Duty	£40	40
C.I.E. Contribution - Maintenance of Station Approach Roads	£30	30
TOTAL	£70	70
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>		
Domestic Scavenging	£80	80
Water Rents	£110	110
State Subsidy to Loan Charges (Sanitary Services)	£22	22
TOTAL	£212	212
<u>HOUSING SERVICES</u>		
<u>Housing of the Working Classes:</u>		
State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre 1948 Schemes)	£2380	2380
Do. New Schemes	£344	344
Subsidy to Interest Rates	£290	290
Rents inclusive of Rates	£6327	6327
<u>Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts</u>		
Repayments of Instalments (Old Loans)	£64	64
Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)	£938	938
TOTAL	£10343	10343
<u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u>		
<u>State Grants:</u>		
Bounty in lieu of Rates	£70	70
Railway and Harbour Charges	£120	120
School Meals	£80	80
Recoupment of losses on allotments	£290	290
Fuel Scheme	£500	500
<u>Other Receipts:</u>		
Fuel Scheme - Repayment by recipients and recoupment from County Council	£538	538
Corporate Estate Rents	£1190	1190
Town Hall Letting (Branch Library)	£26	26
Licences and Fees	£3	3
Refund of fees by Officers	£19	19
Refund part rent of pound - Wicklow County Council	£19	19
Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges	£20	20
Miscellaneous	£10	10
TOTAL	£2885	2885
GROSS TOTAL	£13510	

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1953/54

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Nett Expenditure
Roads	£1,476	£70	£1,406
Sanitary Services	£4,158	£212	£3,946
Housing Services	£12,127	£10,343	£1,784
General Urban Purposes	£13,080	£2,885	£10,195
	£30,841	£13,510	£17,331
Deduct Credit			479
Total Requirements to be met by Rate levy			£16,852
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces			£40. 18. 8.
Rate in £ to meet total requirements of £16852			34/4d.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES FOR 1953/54

Total Valuation as per Valuation List			£10632. 3. 0.
<u>Valuations</u>			
Buildings	£9599. 6. 0.		
Less Reductions under Housing Act, & Etc. ...	£350. 8. 0.		£9248. 18. 0.
<u>Land</u>	£813. 12. 0.		
Less occupied by Council for Housing and other purposes	£63. 10. 0.		
Less reduction of two-fifths for rating purposes as per Section 21 (2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946, i.e. two-fifths of £750. 2. 0.	£300. 0. 10.		£450. 1. 2.
<u>Land used as Railways</u>	£50. 5. 0.		
Less reduction of two-fifths for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act 1946	£20. 2. 0.		£30. 3. 0.
<u>Railways</u> (rated on full valuation)			£12. 0. 0.
<u>Half-Rents</u>	£144. 10. 0.		
Less reduction of one-half for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and 2nd Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946	£72. 5. 0.		£72. 5. 0.
<u>Yards</u>			£11. 0. 0.
Total Valuation effective for rating purposes ...			£9824. 7. 2.
Rate of 1d. in £ produces			£40. 18. 8.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH MAY, 1953.

Present: Councillors: W. Clarke and subsequently C. W. Hudson (Presiding), J. Everett, T.D., P. Doyle, J. Rourke and A. Finlayson.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, and Acting Town Clerk, J. J. Hurley were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meetings held on 30th March, 1953 (Estimates) and 7th April, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That we extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Sean McBride, S.C., T.D., in his recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his mother".

Councillor W. Clarke (Presiding) and the County Manager on behalf of the staff associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in respectful silence, all members standing.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson (Presiding) and resolved:-

"That we extend our deepest sympathy to the parents of the late Mr. Wm. Sargent, who met his death in the recent Motor Cycle Races at Wicklow".

The County Manager on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the above resolution which was passed in respectful silence, all members standing.

TENDER FOR CLEANING FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD:

Friars' Hill,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your advert. in the Wicklow People to clean and plough the Glen Field at Dunbur. This field is very bad. I will agree to do the job for £130.

Yours truly,
R. Dickenson.

Friars' Hill,
Wicklow.
15/4/1953.

Dear Sir,

As I see your advert. in the Wicklow People for tenders to plough clean the Glen Field at Dunbur. This field is in a very bad way. It will take a long time and a lot of money to do it. As I supply the free milk in Wicklow it is very hard to keep a dairy going on a 11 month and put up with auction every year. Now if you agree to let me this field for 10 years on a 11 month taking for £30. per 11 month, I will clean, plough and fence and keep it in order, you to get the grant and hand it over to me. I will also agree that if this field is not kept to your order I will hand it over to you on demand.

Yours, truly, R. Dickenson.

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Acceptance of tender of £130 from Mr. R. Dickenson approved. Town Surveyor to prepare specification for work and submit it to Agricultural Officer (Mr. Finnegan) for his views. Time limit for cleaning to be embodied in specification.

PUBLIC LIGHT AT COLLEY ROW: Read following letter from residents of Colley Row:-

March, 8th, 1953.

To/
The Chairman and Members of
Wicklow Urban District Council.

Dear Sirs,

For the third time, we, the Tenants of Colley Row, Wicklow, apply to have a Public Light supplied in the vicinity of our houses. Most of the tenants in this area are Old Age Pensioners. The Road approaching the houses is bad, rocky, and dangerous, even in daylight, but after dark, these old people simply cannot leave their homes at all as they could not be expected to use the road in safety in the dark. On the other occasions when we applied for this light, it was deferred, possibly because so many other lights were needed in the town, but this year, we sincerely hope that the Council will find it possible to consider us, as we are genuinely at great inconvenience, and at night, in serious danger of accidents through want of this light.

Another very small matter we would mention is connected with the road. When some time ago, it was repaired, a strip of it was left undone, which being now on a lower level than the main portion has formed a "shore" or "gully" which conveys all the water from the higher levels, down around our houses. As this would be very easily remedied, perhaps something would be done about it also, as it is very inconvenient in wet weather.

We trust that the Council will find it possible to give our application favourable consideration, particularly regarding the light, and remain,

Yours faithfully,

S. Ruane, Margaret Kinsella, C. Byrne,
K. Sutton, Annie Malone, Thomas Neill,
Mary Cunningham, John Dunne, E. Malone,
Ellen Malone.

Town Clerk to obtain quotations from E.S.B. and submit it to next meeting.

HIGH STREET - RESURFACING: Read following letter from residents of High Street, Wicklow:-

April, 23rd, 1953.

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned being resident and rate payers in and about High St. strongly object against the way the street was resurfaced. We invite the members of the U.D.C. to see for themselves the way childrens' clothes have been ruined by tar flowing in the gullies.

Signed: Rose Timmins, Mrs. Noctor, Annie Vickers,
Mrs. T. Lawlor, Mrs. H. Dunne, K. Dunne,
Mrs. Flynn, E. Porter, Mary Jameson,
M. Crean, P. Kavanagh, M. Morris,
B. V. Culleton, Mrs. M. Finlay,
Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Angela Doyle,
Nancy Doyle

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Read following report from the Town Surveyor:-

4th May, 1953.

re: High Street - Tarring

A Chara,

With reference to this matter may I respectfully point out that the work was carried out in an efficient manner and in accordance with the ordinary recognised practice and is in my opinion well done.

It would be impossible to fully forecast all the vicissitudes of weather conditions which sometimes affect the settling of the tar binder; the physical conditions also on this Street such as the steep slope to the sides and on the Hill might draw off some of the material to the water channels. The presence of liquid tar sometimes attracts the younger members of the community who delight in dabbling around in it, but ordinary care by the Public will not result in any unpleasant results.

Due attention to any "bleeding" due to continuous hot weather will be attended to.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne.

NOTED.

The Town Clerk was instructed to bring the condition of the foot-path in front of dead wall to the Notice of the Town Surveyor.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES INSURANCES: Read following letter from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.:-

28th April, 1953.

A Chara,

We have pleasure in sending herewith for the information of your members copy of the Report of the Directors of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., together with the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

The twentyseventh Ordinary General Meeting of the members of the Company will take place at the Registered Offices of the Company, 1, 2 & 3 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, on Thursday, 7th May, 1953, at 3.30 O'clock p.m.

In the event of your Council having appointed a Nominee to attend the meeting we shall be obliged if you will forward to him the extra copy of Balance Sheet enclosed.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

GRANT FOR FORESHORE WORKS: Read following letter (Ref. L.206/1) from the Department of Local Government:-

23rd April, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to previous correspondence in regard to the carrying out by the Wicklow Urban District Council of emergency protection works on the foreshore at Wicklow, the cost of which is estimated at £3,800, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he has obtained the approval of the Minister for Finance to the allocation of a grant of proportion of the cost of the scheme, and the grant will be made available on the following conditions:-

(1) The maximum grant payable will be £1,900 or 50% of the cost and proportionate payments therefrom will be made in respect of expenditure on the works as certified from time to time.

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(2) The Wicklow Urban District Council will undertake

- (a) to contribute the balance of the cost;
- (b) to carry out the works, and
- (c) to accept responsibility for their future maintenance.

Employment of labour on the scheme will be subject strictly to the conditions set out in the Memorandum SGA/213/EU of the 15th November, 1946, subject to such regulations as may be issued from time to time.

Particular attention is directed to the instructions in the memorandum regarding the furnishing of returns, the requisition of instalments of grants, departure from approved works and the keeping of a record of detailed particulars as indicated, of the expenditure on each separate work. It is also a strict condition that the local authority will furnish punctually the particulars required by the forms issued from time to time by this Department in regard to the employment and expenditure on the scheme.

(3) The making of payments from the grant will be subject in other respects to strict compliance with all requirements of the Department as regards details of the scheme, supervision and execution of the work, etc.

(4) Arrangements should be made for the commencement of the work as soon as possible.

I am to request you to confirm that the Council are prepared to comply with the conditions set out above.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Read following report from the Town Surveyor:-

4th May, 1953.

re: Foreshore - Repairs and Reconstruction 1952/53

A Chara,

In reply to your query in letter of 29th ult. with which you enclose copy of communication from Department dated 23rd ult. may I refer to my report, detailed estimate and plans submitted to the Council in August, 1952, and approved and ordered to be forwarded to the Department.

An Estimate of £137,669. 16. 0. was made at that time for protection works to be carried out along the Foreshore to a distance of about 650 lin. yds. immediately, north of the end of the present promenade.

In addition, I recommended that for a distance of 400 to 500 lin. feet a series of about 80 concrete blocks, chained block to block, should be constructed without delay so as to protect the beach as it existed pending the major works being completed. Estimated cost of that emergency proposal was £3800 and it is presumed that the proposals set out in the Department's letter are based. This type of protection has already been successfully carried out on this beach. The flexibility of its structure allows the block units to sink into the shingle, some evenly, others unevenly, other irregularly until a form "set" is arrived at in the hard sub-stratum of the under beach.

The waves, during storm, break over and between the blocks, expending potential energy and are broken down in velocity and strength. Eventually, when the chained block line takes its permanent position well down in front and along the beach, the full effect is observed.

It is recommended that this part of the proposal be carried out as soon as possible whilst awaiting the decision on the major proposals for the protection sea wall etc.; its effectiveness can be expected to extend over many years with normal conditions and annual care.

It must be clearly understood, however, that this block construction is not intended to prevent waves breaking over and behind the

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line, or cutting along the beach to the north towards the Chemical Works; those waves will into the already damaged edge of the grass Murrough which must be restored and built up by such works as already set forth in my detailed report referred to above.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'Byrne.

It was decided to again approach the Department of Local Government with a view to obtaining a Grant without contribution from the Council. In this connection it was decided to also refer to the possibility of the works being performed under the Local Authorities Works Acts.

SERVICE IN THE DEFENCE FORCES: Read following letter from the Department of Local Government (Ref. E.L. 3/53):

22nd April, 1953.

Service in the Defence Forces

A Chara,

1. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to previous circular letters regarding the granting of concessions in the making of appointments under local authorities to persons who served in the Defence Forces or the Auxiliary Defence Services during the Emergency and to state that a scheme of concessions for soldiers of the Permanent Forces who enlist in the period from the 1st January, 1951 to the 30th September, 1953, has been approved by the Government in relation to certain Civil Service appointments. The Government has also decided that local authorities be requested to give corresponding concessions. Accordingly I am to enclose a copy of a scheme of concessions in relation to open competitions for certain offices for which the Minister for Local Government is the appropriate Minister which has been prepared to enable local authorities to give effect to the Government's decision.

2. The scheme of concessions should be operated in relation to any appropriate open competitions advertised by local authorities after the date of this circular letter.

3. To give effect to the age concessions outlined in the scheme the Minister has made Regulations (copy attached) permitting certain ex-soldiers who are candidates in open competitions for appointment as Clerical Officers and Library Assistants to make the appropriate deductions from their ages. The provision in the existing general qualifications for these offices whereby candidates with service in the Defence Forces may make the deductions from their ages provided for in Regulations made by the Minister for Local Government should be constructed as referring to the attached Regulations as well as the Regulations made on the 14th May, 1947. In view of the higher upper age limits prescribed for the other offices to which the scheme of concessions relates and the fact that the upper age limit for enlistment in the Permanent Forces is at present 28 years, it has not been deemed necessary to make the Regulations applicable to those offices.

4. The concessions to be allowed in respect of subordinate employment under local authorities are at present under consideration in the Department and it is intended to communicate with local authorities in the matter in due course.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

HOUSING SUBSIDY: Letter 29/4/1953 from Department of Local Government enclosing Housing (Loan Charges)(Contribution Amendment) Re-

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gulations, 1953. The County Manager explained that the affect of these Regulations on normal housing i.e. $\frac{1}{3}$ Subsidy would be that between 2/- and 3/- per week extra per house would have to be found from either Rent or Rates. On houses entitled to $\frac{2}{3}$ subsidy, of which there would likely be very few in future, the loan charges would be about the same as in previous schemes.

NOTED.

PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD - WAKE TO HAUGHTON: Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting the following letter from Council's Solicitor and report from Town Engineer were read:-

8th April, 1953.

re: Transfer of Plot - Wake to Haughton

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 2nd inst.

The Council can agree to the proposed assignment herein, but should do so on condition that no structures should be erected on the plot in question.

We enclose the map you sent us.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCarroll & Co.

16th April, 1953.

A Chara,

At the last meeting of the Council it was noted that Mr. J. Haughton asked permission to purchase portion of the plot of ground at Dunbur Road, east side, owned by Mr. Wake (originally O'Connor Small Dwellings Act) and I was directed to look into the matter of leasing the corner at the junction of the 2 roads.

The matter was before the Council in regard to this corner some 12 months ago also, and I then submitted estimates but no provision was made by way of Funds. It was also doubtful as to whether the Council of the Urban or of the County should do the work. Possibly the greater benefit is on the County but I should like a ruling on it and also whether in fact I can proceed with the work which I estimated to cost £44. in block concrete.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'Byrne,

NOTED.

It was decided that the best procedure to adopt would be for Mrs. Wake to surrender and new lease to be made out to both Wake and Haughton.

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

"That we approve of lease of plot at Dunbur Road to Mr. Haughton on condition that it be used for gardening only and that no structures whatsoever be erected thereon".

The Town Clerk meantime to get in touch with The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, intimating that Wicklow U.D.C. considered that the question of the dangerous corner was more a matter for the

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County Council and requesting him to submit the Town Surveyor's estimate and report to the next meeting for consideration.

MEETING FOR MAKING OF RATE: The Council decided to fix Monday, 18th May, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. for the meeting for the making of the rate for Financial Year ending 31/3/1954.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The County Manager submitted to the meeting the Schedule of Uncollected Rates for year ended 31st March, 1953. Each item on the Schedule was examined by the Council. The County Manager pointed out that £108. 11. 7. was irrecoverable and that £485. 7. 0. was being carried forward as arrears into the Warrant for 1953/54. The County Manager explained that out of the total Warrant for 1952/53 (Viz. £13686. 18. 1.) 96.4% had been collected, .8% was irrecoverable and 2.8% temporarily uncollectable.

The Council paid tribute to the excellent work carried out by the Rate Collector during the year.

NON-DOMESTIC WATER CHARGES: The Council decided that the scale of charges for non-domestic consumers of water should stand at the same rates as are operating at present.

DEFENCE COMMITTEE FOR ANDREO GEOFFROY: Read following letter from Defence Committee for Andreo Geoffroy dated 10/4/1953.

10th April, 1953.

The purpose of this letter is to express the sincere thanks of Andreo Geoffroy and his friends to all the Irish Councils which have passed resolutions of sympathy with him and to all those who have helped in their endeavour for his release, and also to convey some information concerning recent developments in the case.

It is now nearly eighteen months since Geoffroy was sentenced to death for the alleged betrayal of two British Agents, Redding and Abbot, who landed at Locquire in February, 1942, from a boat which was to take back to England two members of the French Resistance, Carre, and de Vomecourt (the former of whom was secretly working for the Germans). Geoffroy was condemned to death on the ground of Redding's suspicion that he had betrayed him and Abbot to the Germans; but his innocence of any complicity in their arrest was proved over six months ago by the evidence of the Abwehr Officer, Erich Borchers, and of Eckert, the German Officer who actually carried out their arrest. Since then Mathilde Carre has been questioned, and has sworn an oath before the Military Tribunal that the Germans had arranged the landing of the agents through the transmitter controlled by Borchers and were waiting to arrest them; de Vomecourt confirmed this when confronted with her. Moreover, Redding himself has now been interviewed by Mr. Henry Wales of the "Chicago Tribune" Office, 15 Rue de Marignan, Paris, (who is taking an active interest in the case) and has admitted (1) that Mathilde Carre told him and Abbot when they landed that the Germans knew they were coming, and (2) that Geoffroy at first refused to take them in, saying that the Germans would be sure to come and find them. Had Redding made this clear in his evidence at the trial, the Tribunal would have had no excuse for sentencing Geoffroy.

In spite of all this, however, Geoffroy is still confined in the condemned cell at the Prison de la Santé (CAM 2/21, 42 Rue de la Santé, Paris 14). Alone in this small dark cell he had to spend 23½ hours out of the 24 (he gets only half an hour's exercise daily) his hands and feet are heavily fettered. It is reported that President Auriol is unwilling to sign the cancellation of his sentence while the case is under examination, and that, unless it is given priority, this examination may drag on for three or four years. But if he is kept much longer under the present appalling conditions, Geoffroy's health, already weakened by lack of adequate food and exercise would be irretrievably ruined.

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The action already taken by the Irish Councils on Andreo Geoffroy's behalf has been of inestimable value. Since the continued detention of a man whose innocence has been established is a violation of elementary human rights, it would be of still greater value if they and other public bodies in Ireland would now follow this up by passing resolutions bringing the case to the attention of the Secretary, Human Rights Convention, Geneva, Switzerland (the Convention is in session there this month).

Signed: Dr. Noelle Davies

NOTED.

TRAFFIC ON PARNELL BRIDGE: The Council discussed the question of motorists and cyclists crossing Parnell Bridge. It was eventually decided that a notice should be erected prohibiting such vehicles from using the Bridge.

HOUSING SITES AT NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL: The Town Clerk was instructed to communicate with the County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee and ask if sites for private building were available and, if so, that they might be advertised.

HAMILTON'S FIELD: The Town Clerk was instructed to look into the position regarding recovery of possession of Hamilton's field.

WATER SUPPLY: Read following report from Town Surveyor:-

4th May, 1953.

A Chara,

May I report that the springs at the Waterworks are now extremely low, and even though the Marlton Stream is very satisfactory for the time of year, a grave warning to the public users of the supply is necessary, so that very careful conservation of the water is exercised immediately and, so that hardship in regard to shortage of water may be avoided later in the season.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. O'Byrne.

It was decided that leaflets and notices be issued as customary.

WALLS AND FENCING AT CASTLE STREET: Read following report from the Town Surveyor:-

2nd May, 1953.

re: Walls and Fencing at Castle Street

A Chara,

1. Estimate for digging and laying concrete kerb and tarmac on path at "McPhails" Houses, Castle St:
34 lin. yds. £26. 0. 0.
2. Concrete wall at "Coady's Bank" 30 lin. yds. x 4ft. high
(a) Concrete Wall (9") £42.
(b) Post and wire fence £22. 10. 0.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was decided to defer the question of wall at "Coady's Bank" The laying of concrete kerb and tarmac on path at McPhail's houses Castle St. was agreed to and the Council unanimously agreed to allow excess expenditure of £26. for this purpose in accordance with Section 25 of County Management Act, 1940.

INSTALLATION OF BOILER GRATE: The Town Clerk submitted correspondence from Mr. J. Ryan, 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow, objecting to one of

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the conditions under which the Council will allow the installation of a boiler grate viz: "That the grate, when installed, becomes the property of the Council". Mr. Ryan, in an interview with the Town Clerk, stated that he did not think this condition should apply especially in his case as he was paying an economic rent of 33/- per week.

The Council confirmed that the condition would have to stand.

HOUSING REPAIRS - COMPLAINTS: Read following letter from Mrs. M. Vickers, tenant of Council house at No. 4 Castle Avenue:-

21/4/1953

Dear Sir,

I am to ask you if you would get the fencing in the back of my garden settled, as the children can go from garden to garden, and we have the garden set and it getting ruined and I would be very grateful to you if you would do something for me. I am also asking you if you could do anything about the range, as it has us smocked out for the past three years. I am tired reporting it. Hoping you will look into this for me.

Yours faithfully,

M. Vickers.

This matter to be treated as urgent and attended to immediately.

Read following letter from tenant at Convent Road:-

4/5/1953

Dear Sirs,

I wish on behalf of the undersigned to draw your attention to the state of the embankment surrounding the County Council houses opposite the cottages on the Convent Road.

This place is a positive eye sore being all torn down by children playing there. A telegraph pole is in danger of being undermined by them and also it is a den of rats.

We hope the Council will see their way to remedy this matter, as we are all rate payers, and this locality seems to get very little attention.

Signed: Eugene Conway, Patrick Olohan,
Catherine Dunne, Patk. V. Clarke,
Patrick McGrainor, Mrs. Eliz. Byrne,
Miss Inez Ryan, Patrick Byrne.

Town Surveyor to submit report for next meeting.

FENCE AT MURROUGH - FOOTBALL PITCH: The Council were advised that a wooden fence to be erected as directed at the Murrough would cost approximately £40.

It was decided that the maximum sum which the Council would allow for the erection of a fence here would be £15. The matter to be looked into by the Town Surveyor.

RENT COLLECTOR'S REPORT - HOUSES UNOCCUPIED:

5th May, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I wish to report the following cases of tenants being absent from their houses for a period:-

(1) Mrs. Ellen Whittaker, tenant of No. 2 the Murrough. This woman has being in England for the past eight months, she went on holidays to her daughter, last year and has not yet returned. The rent is paid each week by a niece of hers.

(2) Mrs. Rose Morgan, tenant of No. 14 Castle St. Mrs. Morgan is a very old woman, she went to England in February of this year and

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has not returned since. The rent is paid each week by a niece of hers.

Both houses are unoccupied.

Yours faithfully,

L. O'Toole,

RENT COLLECTOR.

Town Clerk to endeavour to obtain the addresses of these tenants and inform them that unless they had resumed occupancy within 14 days Notice to Quit would be served.

CENTRAL LIBRARY - ESSEX: Read following letter dated 9/4/1953:-

9th April, 1953.

Dear Sir,

My Department maintains, year by year, a large collection of Holiday Guides from all the coastal and inland resorts, for the use of members of the public, by whom they are much appreciated.

The Public Library service offers the most economical means of making a few copies of each Guide available for a very large number of people, and I shall be pleased if you will kindly ensure that my name is placed on your mailing-list for up to eight copies of your Guide, for use at the Central Library and Branch Libraries, serving approximately 2000,000 people.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. J. Chamberlain,

Borough Librarian.

REPORTS FROM ROADS OVERSEER: Read following reported dated 5/5/1953:-
5/5/1953.

Sir,

I wish to report that two of the trees have been broken, that were planted along the Marlton Road, by someone unknown at present. And this has been done on the 4th May, 1953, as I had the Waterworks Assistant looking after the trees when going and coming from his work at Waterworks.

I recommend the guards be informed before any more trees are broken. There were twenty trees planted along this road this year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. O'Toole.

The Council took a very grave view of this matter. Town Clerk to inform the Gardai.

Agreed on 2/6/53

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 18TH MAY, 1953

Present: Councillors: C. W. Hudson (Vice-President)
Presiding, A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Rourke,
J. Everett, T.D., and J. J. Hurley, Acting
Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE FOR 1953/54: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle, and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following rate and Assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow liable thereto, and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us viz:-

Municipal rate for the services of the year ended 31st March, 1954, of Three Hundred and Ninety Eight pence in the pound made up as follows:-

Urban Roads	...	...	...	33	pence
Sanitary Services	...	...	...	93	"
Housing	...	...	...	41	pence
General Urban Purposes	...	...	...	41	"
County Council Services	...	...	...	190	"
				398	pence

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 1953/54 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 31/3/54.

RATE WARRANT: It was proposed by Councillor A. Finlayson, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to warrant in respect of 1953/54 to be issued to Mr. James T. Murphy, Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District.

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

C. W. Hudson
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2nd JUNE, 1953

Present: Councillors C. W. Hudson (Presiding) E. Kane,
A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Rourke.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery; Town Surveyor, J. T. O'Byrne, and Acting Town Clerk, J. J. Hurley, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Meetings held on 5th and 18th May, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

HAMILTON'S FIELD: Read following letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors:-

9th May, 1953

Dear Sir,

In reply to your query of the 8th inst. the late Mr. Hamilton died on the 21st July last and proceedings cannot be taken until one year has elapsed from that date.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

LIGHT AT COLLEY ROW: Following quotation received from the E.S.B.:-
21st May, 1953.

Public Lighting - Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter dated 7th instant in above regard, we wish to inform you that a 200 watt lantern and bracket will be supplied and erected on Pole No. 164 Colley Row free of initial cost to the Council.

This lamp will be lighted and maintained in operation from $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after sunset each evening until midnight during the year ending 31/3/54, at a charge of £5. 4. 0. per annum.

On receipt of your Council's acceptance of this quotation arrangements will be made accordingly.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council agreed that the light should be erected and approved of the excess expenditure over and above that included in the Estimates in accordance with Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940.

LIGHT AT NEWPARK ROAD: Read following report from the Town Surveyor:-
2nd May, 1953.

A Chara,

As instructed I attended at E.S.B. re light at New Park Road. It is regretted that no reduction in the estimate of cost can be made for this light to the Council. It is suggested that a further application be made in September next.

J. T. O'Byrne.

It was decided to review the position in September.

CORNER OF JUNCTION OF SEAVIEW ROAD NEAR SUMMERHILL: Read following letter from Wicklow County Council:-

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13th May, 1953

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I wish to state that Wicklow County Council at the meeting held on the 11th instant, approved of the County Council carrying out the work of easing the corners referred to in your letter. The County Engineer has been instructed to arrange to have the work carried out.

It is presumed that your Urban District Council will exclude from the Lease to Mr. Haughton the portion of land required for the road widening.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

SILVER STRAND ROAD: The Town Surveyor reported that had started work on this Road.

NOTICE AT SUMMERHILL: Following discussion the Town Surveyor was instructed to erect a notice at Summerhill on the following lines "Drive Slowly - Steep Hill and Double Bend".

PROSPECTIVE HOUSING SITES AT NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL: Read following from County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee:-

26th May, 1953.

A Chara,

Your letter of 8th inst. enquiring about housing sites adjoining new technical school at Wicklow was considered by my Committee at its meeting on 19th inst.

The Committee has decided that the question of the disposal of surplus land, if any, could not be considered until the building has been completed.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

EMBANKMENT AT CONVENT ROAD: Read following report from Town Surveyor:-

27th May, 1953.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of 8th instant with which you enclosed copy of letter you received from residents of the Convent Road, Wicklow, regarding the state of the embankment in front of their houses, I write to say that I have examined same and it is quite true that the place is in a bad condition.

Portion of the concrete wall which supports the railing surrounding one of the Council houses is being rapidly undermined by children playing there each day. A telegraph pole is in danger of being affected by the same reason.

I think if a concrete wall were constructed to an average height of about 6' so as to prevent access by children, it would be a great help. The distance involved would be about 25 yds. and would cost £65.

The remainder of the wall which is partly in stone and clay could be repaired further down towards the crossroads and fenced up in such a way so as to prevent children walking along it. The additional cost would be £24. 10. 0.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was decided that members of the Council inspect this site with the Town Surveyor.

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TENANTS ABSENT FROM COUNCIL HOUSES:

No. 14 Castle Street: Read following letter from Mrs. E. O'Reilly on behalf of Mrs. Morgan:-

26/5/1953

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 12th May regarding the house at No. 14 Castle St, I wish to state that Mrs. Morgan will be returning to Ireland in September, as I cannot find it possible to take her home before this date.

Could it be possible to transfer the house to Mrs. James Hanlon who is her nephew and would look after her when she returned.

Trusting you will be able to help.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Town Clerk reported that Mrs. Molloy, Mr. Morgan's niece, had since removed all the furniture and handed over the key on behalf of Mrs. Morgan. It was decided to advertise the house for letting.

No. 2 Urban Villas: Read following letter from Mrs. Fullalove:-

15/5/1953.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th re my mother, re occupying her house at 2 Urban Villas, on or before the 23rd instant.

I regret to inform you that my mother will be unable to do so, owing to been confined to her bed, through illness, I am enclosing a letter from the doctor attending my mother.

If my mother has made a breach in her Tenancy Agreement, through leaving her house unoccupied, it has not been through any fault of her own, as she intended to return to the house some time ago. But was prevented from doing so, through been taken ill, but she hopes to return as soon as her doctor thinks she is fit enough to travel. Trusting you will give my mother your consideration.

Yours sincerely, etc.

Read following Certificate enclosed with above letter:-

15/5/1953.

Dear Sir,

This lady came over here for a holiday and when here was taken ill with coronary disease, as a result of which she has been in bed for some time. She is unable to return to Ireland before the 23rd instant, but as she is improving in health and has every hope of returning in the future I trust you will show consideration for her and not serve a Notice to Quit at this time.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to Dr. Monger asking if he could give some indication as to when Mr. Whittaker could return.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 1953, at 7-30 p.m.

VACANT HOUSES: The Town Clerk reported that there were 2 houses vacant viz:-
10 Castle Park - rent 14/3 per week
3 Bungalow, Castle Park - rent 14/3 per week.

Having considered reported dated 29/5/1953 from County M.O.H., the Council recommended that the houses be let as follows:-

No. 1 on Doctor's recommendation, Mr. Christopher Doyle, 7 Castlefield to be given No. 3 Bungalow, Castle Park.

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No. 3 on Doctor's recommendation, Mr. Edward Hanlon, 38 Glenview Road, to be given No. 10 Castlepark.

The house was allotted to Mr. Hanlon instead of Doctor's No. 2 selection, Mr. Breslin, on the grounds that he has more children.

SWIMMING CLUB: Read following letter from Wicklow Swimming Club:-

12th May, 1953.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the above Club I hereby apply to the Wicklow Urban District Council to have the swimming platform re-erected on the New Pier, Wicklow.

In view of the fact that the swimming season is now at hand I would be very much obliged if you would put the matter before the Council and with their consent arrange to have the platform erected as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

W. Fallon, Hon. Secretary.

The Council decided to erect the Diving Board as Agents for the Swimming Club, provided the Club obtained the consent of the Harbour Board.

APPLICATION FROM MR. WRIGHT FOR PLOT: Read following letter from Mr. F. Wright, Dunbur Road:-

11th May, 1953

Dear Sir,

In order to extend my gardening interests I beg to submit an application for an additional portion of your lands adjoining Dunbur Road.

The enclosed sketch will fully explain my requirements and be readily understood by the Council members. If the plot is granted I would immediately pay the rent assessed for present year, and I will supply and erect a secure wire fence right across the field so that no other person would have access to this lower portion. All I ask the Council to do is to supply and fix the entrance gates for which I would supply a suitable chain and padlock.

The total area of the plot is just under an acre - 120 yds x 40 yds. The neighbouring bungalow owners are anxious that I should fence all the way across so that wandering or rather trespassing live stock during the winter months will be kept from their boundary fences. Of course I do NOT include your vacant "building site" as it may be required by you at any moment.

Yours faithfully,
F. Wright

The Town Clerk was instructed to invite offers for the field by advertisement on the Notice Board and inform Mr. Wright of the Notice. Tenders to be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

RESOLUTION FROM LETTERKENNY U.D.C. RE REMUNERATION OF JUDICIARY: Read following resolution dated 13th May, 1953:-

"That we the members of the Letterkenny Urban District Council view with amazement and indignation, the recommendation of a Select Committee of An Dail, representative of all political parties that very substantial increases in salary be granted to members of the Judiciary at a time when much reluctance is shown in conceding the modest claims of lower paid grades in the Civil Service and when the State is already almost crippled by taxation.

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We call upon the Government to refuse implementation of this recommendation, in view of the declared promise of the Minister for Finance to bring into effect a vigorous policy of economy in the administration of Public Departments.

We direct that copies of this resolution be sent to An Taoiseach The Minister for Finance, the Minister for Justice and all Local Authorities".

ADOPTED.

WICKLOW REGATTA COMMITTEE: Read letter dated 1st June from Wicklow Regatta Committee:-

1st June, 1953.

A Chara,

At a Committee meeting of the above held on the 15th ult. it was unanimously agreed to request the County Manager and your Council to make arrangements to proceed at the earliest possible date to improve and develop the site at the gas works.

The Committee recommend that the work should be carried out in accordance with the plan prepared by Mr. J. Butler, Architect.

We are fully aware that the contribution made by this Committee will fall far short of the cost of completing the work, however, we are anxious that a start should be made with a view to obtaining the best possible appearance with the money available.

Needless to remark any individual or combined effort made by officials or members of the Council to obtain a grant or loan towards the cost of this project, will be appreciated by this Committee, and we believe by the public in general.

Mise, le meas.
J. D. Haughton, Hon. Sec.

It was decided that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Councilor Kane and officials of the Council meet representatives of the Regatta Committee to discuss the matter.

LEASE - WICKLOW MINERAL WATER CO: Read letter 1/6/1953 from E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor:-

1st June, 1953

Dear Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence with the Urban Council and their solicitors, I have been asked to obtain the formal consent of the Council for the Assignment of the Lease from R. T. Killian, J. P. Nolan and Reps. L. Sutton to R. H. Black and J. R. Bradshaw, to be endorsed on the lease. Will you please let me know who will execute the endorsement.

Yours faithfully, etc

Assignment of interest approved as suggested.

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATION: Read following letter from John Hopkins, Glebe Cottage, Wicklow:-

Wicklow

Dear Sir,

I should like permission to erect a small shed and greenhouse in the approximate position marked on the enclosed sketch plan.

Each would be built as a lean-to. One on either side of brick wall 9 feet long.

Together they would cover a ground space of 9' x 12' and would be classed as temporary buildings. Hoping for a favourable reply,
Yours faithfully, John Hopkins.

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Approved - provided Town Surveyor has no objection.

APPLICATION FOR GRAZING OF PLOT: Read following letter 1/6/1953 from Thomas Doyle, Strand Street:-

1/6/1953

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for the grazing of a plot of grass known as Murphy's Slang on the Marlton Road.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was decided to let this plot as meadowing. Town Clerk to invite offers by advertising same on Notice Board.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT 8 STRAND STREET: Read following letter from Thomas Byrne, Strand St., Wicklow:-

7 Strand St.,
31/5/1953.

Councillors,

I am writing to you to know if you will give me permission to repair a house at 8 Strand St. which is condemned for repairs and sanitary arrangements. The owner of the house is willing to sell it to me. I am holding the key of it at present.

The house I am in at the present time has 3 families in it and no sanitary arrangements. I know that condemned houses have been bought and repaired a sort of a way, just to set them at a high rent, without asking permission from the Council or anybody else. That, I can assure the Council is not my intention. I want to do the house for myself, most of the Councillors know that I understand what is to be done and how to do it.

I intend putting 2 more apartments to it which will make 6 apartments altogether. Before I would enter the house it could be inspected by the Council or anybody else and I am sure it would be passed as first class. I would like to mention that the roof is in perfect condition which is the main thing, it needs a good bit of repairs inside to floors and ceilings. I understand all that and can assure the Council it will be done to their satisfaction.

Trusting this will not take up too much of your valuable time and hoping for a favourable reply,

Yours faithfully, etc.

Town Surveyor to make a report to next meeting of the Council.

REPORT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITOR: The report of the Local Government Auditor, Mr. J. E. Curran, dated 30/3/1953 on the Council's Accounts for years ending March, 1950, 1951 and 1952 was read and explained by the County Manager.

Noted. Town Clerk to circulate copies to members.

REMOVAL OF RANGE - MR. RYAN: A lengthy letter dated 29/5/1953 from Mr. Ryan, 5 St. Patrick's Avenue, was read, protesting against the Council's decision that should he instal an open fire grate it would become the property of the Council.

Noted. Town Clerk to inform Mr. Ryan that the decision already given would not be altered.

ALTERATIONS TO SHOP AT SUMMER HILL - MR. FINLAYSON: Read letter dated 2/6/1953 from Mr. P. Finlayson:-

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2/6/1953.

Dear Sirs,

Please find enclosed plans of alterations and additions which I propose to carry out at my shop premises at Summer Hill, Wicklow.

Thanking you,

Patrick Finlayson.

The Council stated that there was no objection provided the Town Surveyor approved.

PATH AT HIGH STREET: Read report dated 2/6/1953 from Town Surveyor:-
2nd June, 1953.

A Chara,

As you requested I examined this path - to concrete this path, which I understand is alongside the high wall at the rear of the premises recently acquired by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

The cost in concrete would be approximately twenty-two pounds.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The Council decided that it would later consider the possibility of including this work in an Employment Scheme.

SMALL BEACH AT SOUTH QUAY: During a discussion it was mentioned that quite a large number of children used this beach for bathing and it was felt that something should be done to clean it up. In this connection the question of extending the sewer further out was considered and it was decided to ask the Town Surveyor to submit an Estimate for same.

DUMPING AT THE MURROUGH: It was observed that quite a large amount of dumping was taking place at the Murrough and that the principal offenders was Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.

The Town Clerk was instructed to obtain a report from the S.S.O. and also get in touch with the firm mentioned.

The Town Clerk reported that it had come to his notice that broken bottles etc. left by campers using the Murrough, was causing injury to youngsters using these ground for football matches etc.

The Council decided that it did not wish to discourage camping in this area but that the S.S.O. should be instructed to warn campers not to leave any refuse on the grounds.

WALLS AT CASTLEFIELD: The Town Surveyor reported that work was progressing satisfactorily on second wall at Castlefield. The County Manager explained that portion of the cost of this wall would be met from E.S.V. Grant and a balance of approximately £50 from Revenue.

CONCRETE ROAD AT MURROUGH: The Town Surveyor reported that the new concrete road at the Murrough was now finished with the exception of providing clay along the sides of same. The work would be completed for the estimated figure of £2,450.

ST. PATRICK'S ROAD: The Town Surveyor reported that this work was almost completed and would be within the estimate of £1,100. The possibility of removing the corner at Abbey Garage was mentioned by Councillor Kane. The Town Surveyor stated he had inquired into this but, as advised by Mr. Hopkins, Solicitor, the premises concerned were in Trust and the subject matter of a Chancery Action, the consent of the High Court would have to be obtained. This job was considered very satisfactory.

PATH AT CASTLEFIELD: Read following letter dated 28th May, 1953, from Mr. James Hill:-