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28th May, 1953.

Dear Gentlemen of the Council,

I am reminding you of the path where we are flooded every time it rains and I would be very thankful to you if you would do something about it.

Yours etc.

The Town Surveyor reported that he had been speaking to Mr. Hill and had arranged to give him some flag stones.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Council
held on 23rd ~~July~~ 1953
JUNE

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), P. Doyle, A. Finlayson, J. Rourke & J. Everett, T.D.

An apology for non-attendance was received from the County Manager.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and resolved:-

"That hereby appoint Councillor W. Clarke as Chairman of the Wicklow Urban District Council for the ensuing year and until his successor is lawfully appointed and takes up office as such".

Councillor W. Clarke signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and thanked the members for the great honour they had bestowed on him by again electing him as their Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

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

The Chairman formally declared that Councillor C. W. Hudson had been duly appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The Council expressed the wish that Mr. Hudson would soon recover from his illness and be with them again.

RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: It was unanimously decided that the outgoing members of the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board should again be appointed viz:-

Councillors J. Olohan, C. W. Hudson, J. Brennan, E. Kane, A. Finlayson, P. Doyle and J. Rourke.

Wicklow Council
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH JULY, 1953

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meetings held on 2nd June, 1953 and Annual Meeting held on 23rd June, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTING OF FIELDS: Arising out of the minutes of the June monthly meeting the Town Clerk stated that he wished to make a report on the two fields which the Council had decided to advertise for letting. After a discussion with the Allotments Inspector he had learned that the field at Dunbur Road would be required for Allotments in the 1954 Season and, accordingly, he had decided not to advertise it without reporting the matter to the Council. Mr. Henry Jameson had, meantime, offered £4. for the grass on this field. The field at Marlton Road, known as "Murphy's Slang" had been advertised for meadowing but no tender had been received. Mr. Thomas Doyle was looking for the field for the grazing of a pony.

After discussing the matter at length the Council decided as follows:-

(1) field at Dunbur Road to be retained for Allotments and Mr. Jameson's tender for grass to be accepted.

(2) field at Marlton Road to be let to Mr. Thomas Doyle on a weekly basis; Town Clerk to arrange a reasonable weekly rent with Mr. Doyle.

TOWN PLANNING - RECONSTRUCTION OF PREMISES: Read following letter from Town Engineer:-

2nd July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your instructions re Mr. Patrick Finlayson, Summerhill and his intention to reconstruct his shop premises thereat and build a new house, I consulted with Mr. Finlayson, Senior, and arranged that the necessary specifications would be submitted by him before final approval would be given.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Await documents.

HOUSE AT NO. 8 STRAND STREET: Read following letter from Town Engineer:-

2nd July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

As instructed I inspected the house at No. 8 Strand Street, Wicklow, owned by T. Byrne of No. 7 Strand Street (see his letter 31/5/53)

A very good job of reconstruction has been done by this man on this house and he has agreed to carry out all my instruction including the plastering in rere of house, internal plastering, new floors, eaves gutters, repairs to roof and chimneys, etc. and provision of water supply and sewerage and outoffices.

I arranged to inspect this house finally at the end of a month but I do think that the proposal should be approved of by the Council.

Yours faithfully, etc.

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Proposed repairs approved.

NOTICES AT SUMMERHILL RE TRAFFIC: Read following letter from Town Engineer:-

2nd July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

With reference to proposals discussed at the June meeting of the Council to have notices erected at Summerhill indicating the danger to children due to heavy motor traffic, I have carefully observed the positions and I have arranged that three sign posts with appropriate signs thereon be erected.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Noted and approved. Decided to put up another two notices in this vicinity.

EXTENSION OF SEWER AT SOUTH QUAY: Read following letter from Town Surveyor:-

2nd July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the small beach at the South Quay used by children for playing and whereon there is situated the outlet of a main sewer, I consider that this sewer should be extended seawards so that it would be delivering into a point near low water.

The cost in concrete pipe is estimated at £78 for a distance of 35 feet. It would be necessary, of course, to surround the pipe in concrete and it would be necessary to obtain permission of the Harbour Commissioners, but I have no doubt that there would be no objection on this particular point from that Body.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was decided to adjourn this matter as no provision had been made in the Estimates.

HOUSING - TENANCY OF MRS. WHITTAKER: Read following letter from Dr. Monger, Taffs Well, Nr. Cardiff, Wales:-

14/6/1953.

Dear Sir,

re: Mrs. Whittaker, 2 Urban Villas, Wicklow, now with her daughter at Taffs Well

I have already written to you concerning this patient, and I am writing now to say that she hopes to return to her home in Wicklow towards the end of July, when her daughter will accompany her.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was decided to adjourn this matter to next meeting.

BYE-LAWS - HOUSES LET IN SEPARATE TENEMENTS: The Town Clerk state that he had circulated copies of the Bye-laws to the Councillors.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the Draft Bye-Laws now submitted in relation to houses divided into Tenements".

TOWN PLANNING - SMALL GREEN HOUSE AND SHED: Read following letter from the Town Surveyor:-

2nd July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

With reference to request from Mrs. Hopkins, The Glebe Cottage, for permission to erect a small green house and shed, I have inspected this place and see no objection to the erection of a small garden structure.

Yours faithfully, etc.

APPROVED.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Town Clerk submitted Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/3/1953 which were explained by the County Manager. Noted.

WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS - CONTRIBUTION TO LOAN CHARGES: Read following letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners:-

16th May, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I herewith enclose a Paying Order for the value of £25. 0. 0. being first half year's instalment on outstanding loan. I am to inform you that at the Wicklow Harbours Commissioners Meeting held on the 14th April, it was decided that the Commissioners would not be in a position to pay more than £50. 0. 0. per year owing to the expenses that will be incurred in connection with the repairs to be carried out at Wicklow Harbour.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. Conway.
Secretary,

Noted.

REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE POLES AT FITZWILLIAM SQUARE: Read following letter from Department of Posts & Telegraphs:-

16ad Meitheamh, 1953.

A Chara,

Telephone Poles at Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow.

We have looked into the question of removing the two telephone poles at Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, about which you wrote to us on the 24th March. Whilst the removal of the poles will cause considerable inconvenience from an engineering point of view the Department is, however, willing to meet the wishes of your Council in the matter. The estimated cost of the work involved is £198. 0. 0. and on receipt from you of an undertaking to bear the actual cost which might be more or less than the sum quoted, the work will be put in hands as early as practicable.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was decided to request the Postal Authorities to remove the poles at their own expense.

VACANT HOUSES: 10 CASTLE ST AND 7 CASTLEFIELD: Read following report from County M.O.H:-

26th June, 1953.

re: Vacant House at No. 10 Castle St., Wicklow.

A Chara,

There are sixteen applicants for this house; three are transfers one a lodger in a non-Council house, and three lodgers in Council houses. Of this latter group one - William O'Brien, 46 Glenview Rd. is living in circumstances of gross overcrowding. He did not, however, apply for previous houses advertised recently.

I recommend as follows:-

1. Mary Jameson, 48 Castle Street. Jointly No. 2 Thomas Murphy, Quarantine Hill, John Keogh, 1 Quarantine Hill, James Fitzgerald, 4 Castle Street; Brendan Jacob, 45 Castle Street.

6. Denis Brien, 5 Lower Strand Street.

The housing condition of above are as follows: Mary Jameson - Family seven. two rooms, stairs dark; dangerous; dilapidated. roof and woodwork bad. Light and ventilation bad. No light, water or sewerage. All possible defects. Unfit and overcrowded.

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Thomas Murphy: Family seven. Rooms three. Roof bad. Built against slope. Airless. Woodwork and floors poor. Chimney cracked. Unfit.

John Keogh: Family nine. Rooms five. Very dilapidated. Floors and woodwork bad. Roof poor. Unfit.

James Fitzgerald: Family seven. Rooms three. Water but no sewerage. Roof bad at back. Woodwork bad. Walls bad. Shore running through house. Dilapidated. Unfit.

Brendan Jacob: Family four. Rooms two. Walls, woodwork and floors bad. No water or sewerage. Roof poor. Unfit.

Denis Brien: Family six. Roof fair. No eave runs. No water or sewerage. Woodwork fair. Walls and plastering poor. Unfit. Normally should be demolished but in view of its situation, I recommend that repair notice be served on the owner.

6th July, 1953.

Vacant House at 7 Castlefield, Wicklow.

A Chara,

6 application; of these two are transfers and one is from a man 9 months in the area whose house is not unfit. Of the remainder I recommend as follows:-

Jointly No. 1 Thomas Murphy, Quarantine Hill, James Fitzgerald 4 Castle Street. Both houses are unfit and overcrowded.

3. Robert M. Byrne, Monkton Row. Family 2, rooms 4, total in house 11.

The Council may wish to consider this house in conjunction with 10 Castle St., Thomas Murphy and James Fitzgerald were placed jointly second for this and a detailed report on their housing conditions was given in my letter regarding the applications for 10 10 Castle St.,

Mise, le meas,
D. F. McCarthy.
C.M.O.

The Council recommended that the above houses be let as follows:-

10 Castle Park - Mrs. Mary Jameson, 48 Castle Street.
7 Castlefield - Mr. John Keogh, 1 Quarantine Hill.

The Council recommended that appropriate action be taken to ensure that 48 Castle St., and 1 Quarantine Hill would not be re-let.

Read following report from Town Engineer:- 4th July, 1953

Council house at No. 7 Castlefield - Late Tenant Murphy

Dear Sir,

This house is now vacant and I have inspected it. It is in a deplorably dirty condition and I consider at least that 2 rooms, kitchen scullery and stores should be cleaned down and the walls coated two coats distemper; woodwork to receive 2 coats and ceilings twice whitened. The hallway to be cleaned down and walls distempered and ceiling twice whitened.

I estimate the cost to be £15. I think it would be desirable to have this work done immediately.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Clerk stated that this house got into such a state of disrepair by reason of the fact that the late Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy were invalids and depended on the neighbours for a number of years & look after them.

Repairs and renovations to 7 Castlefield (cost £15) approved.

The Council decided to hold a special meeting on 22/7/1953 at 7

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p. m. to discuss the question of housing conditions in the Urban District fully and consider the feasibility of a new housing scheme.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Read following letter from Wicklow Regatta Committee:
4th July, 1953.

re: Proposed Development at Sea Front

Dear Sir,

On the consideration by the Committee of your letter of the 2nd ult. it was agreed that if it would be possible to proceed in the very near future with the development of that portion of the site not subject to any encumbrances that the Committee would welcome such a course.

If however, there is a likelihood of any lengthy delay an alternative scheme might be considered. Members of your Council, who are also members of this Committee will discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Council.

Thanking you for your kind and prompt attention to this matter

I remain,

Yours faithfully,
J. D. Haughton,
HON. SEC.

After a lengthy discussion the Council decided to meet members of the Regatta Committee on Sunday, 12/7/1953 at 10-30 a.m. at the Murrough to discuss various sites for the erection of a Swimming Pool.

WICKLOW REGATTA - USE OF MURROUGH: Read following letter from Wicklow Regatta Committee:-
20th June, 1953

Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by my Committee to apply for the use of the Murrough for one month commencing on the 18th July. Trusting you will see your way to concede to our request.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Permission granted, general fee to be charged.

RESOLUTION FROM COBH U.D.C. RE OLD AGE PENSIONS: Following resolution received from Cobh U.D.C.:-

"That in view of the high cost of living, the Government would consider increasing Old Age Pensions.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to all Urban and County Councils.
Adopted.

IMPROVEMENT OF AMENITIES: Read following letter received from Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce:-

11th June, 1953.

A Chara,

In the course of a discussion at the annual meeting of the above Chamber on 9th inst. members expressed a desire to see the amenities which Wicklow as a seaside place, possesses, developed to a much greater degree, and to take part in achieving this end.

It was suggested that the Council, as our premier municipal body, might convene a meeting of representatives of the following bodies to discuss ways and means to bring this about, with particular reference to the development of the Murrough, sea front and Black Castle vicinity, viz - Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, Wicklow Tourist Association, Wicklow Regatta Committee, Wicklow "Trees for Ireland" Association and our own chamber. In the meantime, the Chamber

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decided to invite our townspeople to write in submitting suggestions as to what they would think was the best means to develop and improve these amenities, and to offer a prize from their funds for the best suggestion. These replies will be laid before this conference as a basis to help discuss the matters.

It is the earnest hope of the Chamber that by this means there would be a co-operative effort, in which the townspeople as a whole would also join, to benefit and improve the town, and attract more and more visitors to spend their holidays here. May we, therefore, take it that the Council will take the initiative in this matter and hope that all our people will lend a helping hand?

Mise, le meas,

P. J. Noonan
Secretary.

It was decided that a conference on the subject should be held between the various interests, including the Council, such Conference to be arranged between the Town Clerk and Hon. Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The middle of September was mentioned as the most convenient time for such a Conference.

SEALING OF LEASES: Sealing of Leases, Counterpart and Memorial, Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd. were deferred to next meeting of the Council to enable the Town Clerk to peruse the Leases more fully with special reference to covenants in relation to building.

Sealing of Deed of Assignment - Wicklow Mineral Water Co. It was proposed by Councillor J. O'Rourke, seconded by Councillor A. Finlayson and resolved:-

"That Council's Seal be affixed to Deed of Assignment - R.T. Killian, Gertrude Sutton and James P. Nolan to R. H. Black and John R. Bradshaw, trading as Wicklow Mineral Water Co. to which the Council have leased the said property".

HOUSING REPAIRS: Read following letter from Mrs. Mary Connor, 48 Castle St., Wicklow:-

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council,

I wish to draw your attention to the condition of the windows of my house, I have reported it on several occasions and no notice has been taken. 8 panes are cracked almost open with the winter frosts so will something please be done for me soon and have new glass put in.

Yours truly etc.

The Town Clerk pointed out that under Section 10 of Rent Agreement tenant was responsible for broken glass. NOTED.

Read following letter from Mr. James Kelly, 5 St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow:-

Dear Sir,

I was recommended for a new range about eight years ago. Mr. O'Toole the Town Sergeant and an Inspector were going round looking at the ranges. Ours is in a terrible state, we cannot bake or do anything with it. The Inspector took the name and address and told us we wanted a new range. That is about eight years ago and we have heard nothing about it since. I hope you may do something about it, and I would be grateful.

James Kelly.

The Town Clerk stated that he had received this letter too late to look into the matter.

Referred to Town Clerk and Town Surveyor.

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TEMPORARY DWELLING: Letter 24/6/1953 from Wicklow County Manager re control of Temporary Dwellings was deferred to next monthly meeting of the Council.

*Donegal a. Clarke
10th August 1953*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

HELD ON 22nd JULY, 1953

Present: Councillors W. Clarke, Chairman (Presiding)
A. Fitzlason, J. Everett, T.D. and J. Rourke

The Acting Town Clerk, J. J. Hurley and Town Surveyor, J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., were also in attendance.

The Town Clerk explained that the County Manager was ill and could not attend the meeting. In view of this the Chairman stated that they could only discuss the question of housing on a preliminary basis with a view to having their intention outlined for a future meeting when the County Manager would be present.

The Council decided to review the housing position under three headings as follows:- (a) Number of houses required; (b) type of house and (c) sites.

(a) Number of houses required: Taking into account the number of applications for recent vacant council houses the Council considered that at least 30 houses, at a reasonable rent, would be required.

(b) Type of House: It was agreed that the type of house required would have to be considered carefully, economy being the prime factor. In this connection the possibility of dispensing with bath-rooms, parlours, gardens and utilising sites with little or no development was mentioned. At this stage the Chairman stated that he objected to the Town Surveyor being employed to design houses and that an outside Architect should be engaged. He would hand in a Notice of Motion to this effect before the conclusion of the meeting.

The Town Surveyor pointed out that he had been engaged as part of his work in the design and supervision of housing schemes in the Urban District for 23 years; he also mentioned that his basic salary with the Council was only about £80 per annum.

(c) Sites: After a discussion it was suggested that suitable sites in connection with the proposed scheme might be found in the following areas:-

Bond St; Strand Street upper and lower; High Street; Friars' Hill; Castle Street; Fitzwilliam Road; New Park Road; Chapel Rd; Ball Alley; Murrough and Marlton.

At this stage the Town Clerk read an extract from letter of 15/7/1953 from Wicklow & District Chamber of Commerce respectfully suggesting that no further houses be erected on the Murrough owing to its unlimited possibilities for development as an amusement centre.

WATER SUPPLY: Arising out of the discussion on housing the question of the town's water supply was mentioned and it was felt that something would have to be done due to the rapid growth of the town and the increased demands for non-domestic purposes.

The Town Clerk was instructed to put the matter on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES AND REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS: The Town Clerk read Circular (No. H.6/53) of 11th July, 1953 from Department of Local Government stating that the Minister was prepared to consider proposals for sale of Council houses and setting out standard minimum terms and conditions to be observed when formulating such proposals.

The Council noted with satisfaction the terms of the Circular and instructed the Town Clerk to include same on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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CORNER AT JUNCTION OF SEA VIEW ROAD AND DUNBUR ROAD: The Chairman mentioned and the Council discussed the dangerous corner at junction of Sea View Road and Dunbur Road on which work had recently been carried out by the County Council. The Chairman felt that the footpath should have been brought in closer to the new wall. The Town Surveyor stated that the construction as carried out was not unusual practice for road junctions but that he would look into the matter further.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER: Read following letter dated 21st July from Mrs. K. Byrne, 9 Convent Road:-

Dear Sir,

21st July, 1953.

I wish to apply to the Council for a transfer from the above house, owner, Mrs. Margaret Darcy, The Mall, to a Council house at 17 St. Laurence's Park, tenant: John O'Brien. My reasons are that I do not find this house suitable for my requirements. My water supply and W.C. are outdoor and as I am living alone with the exception of one child I do not find this convenient. My husband is a butcher working in England at present and makes me an allowance of £7. per week. The tenant of the Council house, John O'Brien, is also anxious for a transfer to this house as he has pigs and fowl that he is not allowed to keep in a Council house and has to pay for the use of a yard elsewhere. Mrs. Margaret Darcy is also prepared to let this house to him if the transfer is allowed by the Council.

My rent book can be had at Mrs. Margaret Darcy, The Mall, for inspection for my period here if required.

Trusting this will meet with your kind consideration and approval.

Mrs. Kitty Byrne.

APPROVED.

APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL ROOM: Read following letter from Mrs. M. Kinsella, 20 Castle Street:-

21st July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to see if the Council would consider building a room on to my house as two bedrooms are not enough for my family. I am prepared to pay a rise in rent. If you would consider the matter I would be very grateful.

Yours faithfully,
Marie Kinsella,

Referred to Town Surveyor.

TOWN PLANNING: Application from Mrs. Murphy, St. Laurence's Park, for permission to repair her house at Marlton Road.

The rough plan and specification submitted by Mr. J. Hughes on behalf of Mrs. Murphy, was considered too brief and the Town Clerk was instructed to request her to submit proper plans and specification when the matter would be looked into.

WICKLOW SWIMMING CLUB: It was mentioned that Wicklow Swimming Club were endeavouring to erect a dressing room at the end of the New Pier and were anxious to know if the Council would help them in the matter. The Town Clerk stated that he did not think the Council had power to do so.

The Town Clerk was instructed to request the Swimming Club to submit details.

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NOTICE OF MOTION: The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Wm. Clarke:-

"Take notice that I or somebody on my behalf will move at the next meeting of the Council that the services of an Architect be employed to survey sites and design houses as the Council may decide".

*William A. Clarke
10th August 1953.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
31st July, 1953.

To the Chairman and Each Member 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, 4th August, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present, the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 10th August, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. This is the usual procedure in the case of the August monthly meeting.

1. Confirmation of minutes of meetings held on 7th July, 1953 and (Special Housing Meeting) held on 22nd July, 1953 (copies herewith)
2. Consider Notice of Motion handed in at meeting on 22/7/1953 by Councillor Wm. Clarke:-
"Take Notice that I, or somebody on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the services of an Architect be employed to survey sites and design houses as the Council may decide".
3. Affix Seal of the Council to the following documents:-
(a) Surrender of Old Lease (2) Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.
(b) New Leases (2) Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd.
(c) Leases (3) Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd.
4. Result of meeting 12/7/1953 between Council members and members of Wicklow Regatta Committee.
5. Consider Temporary Allowance (1953) to Officers (10%)
6. Letter 16/7/1953 from Department of Local Government re Emergency Protection Works at Foreshore, Wicklow.
7. Letter 23/7/1953 from Department of Local Government advising provisional Grant of £350 from the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote, 1953/54.
8. Letter 28/7/1953 from Department of Local Government enclosing Housing (Reconstruction Grants) Regulations, 1952.
9. Letter 11/7/1953 from Department of Local Government re (1) Sale of Urban Houses and (2) Review of Existing Rents.
10. Letter 25/6/1953 from Wicklow County Manager enclosing letter 19/6/1953 from Department of Local Government re Temporary Dwellings.
11. Letter 15/7/1953 from Wicklow Chamber of Commerce re direction signs and also motor cyclists using promenade at Sea Front.
12. Any Other business requiring urgent attention.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 10th AUGUST, 1953.

Present, Councillors:- W. Clarke (Presiding) A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Rourke, E. Kane and J. Everett, T.D.

The Deputy Co. Manager, Mr. K. J. Brangan; Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Acting Town Clerk, Mr. J.J. Hurley were also in attendance.

Before proceeding with the business on the Agenda the Council expressed the hope that Mr. M. Flannery, Co. Manager and Mr. C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, would soon be able to return to work.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: It was proposed by Cllr. J. Everett T.D., seconded by Cllr. W. Clarke and

RESOLVED "That we extend our deepest sympathy to Cllr. P. Doyle in his recent sad bereavement occasioned by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Henley." *Minutes of Meetings 7th and 22nd July 1953 were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.*

PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF ARCHITECT FOR HOUSING

Read the following letter from Cllr. C. W. Hudson:-

10th August, 1953.

Dear Mr. Hurley,

I must apologise for my absence from meeting tonight. I am not yet "Fighting Fit" but hope to be able to attend next meeting of the Council.

I see by Agenda that a Notice of Motion will come before the meeting "That the services of an Architect be employed to deal with U.D.C. housing matters". Personally I oppose any such appointment, as it is unnecessary. In my opinion at the moment it would be criminal to add another shilling or two to our present high rate. I consider the councillors have enough intelligence to decide on type of house we want, and also where same should be sited, and instruct our Engineer in these matters. If there is anything wrong with our Housing Schemes in the past the councillors who passed plans etc., without then condemning same should taken the blame, as we, and not the Engineer, have the last say in such matters.

Yours sincerely,

Read the following Notice of Motion handed in by Cllr. W. Clarke at Council meeting on the 22nd July, 1953,

"Take notice that I, or somebody on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council that the services of an Architect be employed to survey sites and design houses as the Council may decide"

It was proposed by Cllr. Clarke, seconded by Cllr. J. Everett, T.D.

"That the services of an Architect be employed to survey sites and design houses as the Council may decide"

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Finlayson, seconded by Cllr. E. Kane,

"That the services of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor, be retained, as heretofore, for housing"

The amendment was then put to the meeting and the Vote resulted as follows:- For - Cllrs. A. Finlayson and E. Kane: Against - Cllrs. W. Clarke, P. Doyle, J. Rourke and J. Everett, T.D.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost by 4 votes to 2.

There being no further amendment the original motion was then put to the meeting, and the Vote resulted as follows:- For - Cllrs. W. Clarke, P. Doyle, J. Rourke and J. Everett, T.D. Against - Cllrs. A. Finlayson and E. Kane.

The Chairman declared the motion carried by 4 votes to 2.

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The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Cllr. A. Finlayson and accepted by the Chairman:-

"I, A. Finlayson, hand in Notice of Motion, that I, or somebody on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council to rescind the Resolution passed at meeting 10th August, 1953, to appoint an Architect"

LEASES - AFFIXING COUNCIL'S SEAL:

It was proposed by Cllr. A. Finlayson, seconded by Cllr. P. Doyle and

RESOLVED "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to Surrenders endorsed on Leases dated 12th December, 1916, and 20th August, 1935, Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd"

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. A. Finlayson and

RESOLVED "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to two Leases, Counterparts and Memorials, Wicklow U.D.C. to Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd., these Leases being in lieu of Leases dated 12th December, 1916, and 20th August, 1935, now surrendered"

It was proposed by Cllr. P. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. A. Finlayson and

RESOLVED "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to three Leases, Counterparts and Memorials submitted, Wicklow U.D.C., to Wicklow Fertilizers Ltd"

WICKLOW REGATTA COMMITTEE: Meeting 12th July, 1953, between Council members and members of Wicklow Regatta Committee. The Council decided to defer further discussion on this matter pending the attendance of the County Manager.

TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE (1953) TO OFFICERS: The Town Clerk explained that the above increase could be applied as follows:- Town Clerk and Clerk Typist, who were in receipt of £60 per annum increase previously could now be increased to £90 per annum; Town Surveyor 1/12th of existing Salary (maximum with Co. Council and Urban Council not to exceed £75 increase) All others 10% of basic salary. The effect of the increase would be as follows:-

Town Clerk: J. J. Hurley Acting for 6 months	£15. 0s. 0d.
New Town Clerk " 6 "	15. 0s. 0d.
Town Surveyor (if qualified)	7.12s. 3d.
Rent Collector (10% on £34)	3. 8s. 0d.
Rate Collector	32. 0s. 0d.
Clerk Typist	30. 0s. 0d.
Total.	£103. 0s. 3d.

The Town Clerk pointed out that consequential on the adjustment of the Townclerkship due to Mr. O'Ceallaigh's resignation at the beginning of the year there would be enough saving to meet the above increase this year. It was also pointed out that the Roads and Waterworks Overseers were salaried employees but would not seem to come under the above as they had received independent increases in December, 1952. Mr. Jolley the Veterinary Inspector did not qualify as he did not come under the appropriate Minister.

The Council agreed to the increases as outlined by the Town Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr. J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Cllr. P. Doyle and

RESOLVED "That Temporary Allowance (1953) be allowed to the Council's staff as outlined by the Town Clerk and estimated to cost £103 per annum"

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EMERGENCY PROTECTION WORKS - FORESHORE:

Read the following letter from Department of Local Government:-

16th July, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter dated the 10th instant and previous correspondence relative to the financing of the Emergency Protection Works to be carried out on the Foreshore at Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the matter has been again considered. I am, however, to inform you that while it is agreed that the Council have already incurred considerable expenditure on foreshore protection works the Minister is of opinion that the grants allocated towards the cost have been at all times generous. I am to add that the grant of £1,900 for the works now to be undertaken has been calculated on the same basis as previous grants and is the maximum which can be made available.

Mise, le meas.

The Town Clerk was instructed to again write the Department intimating that the Council still considered a grant of 100% should be given for these works.

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1953/54

Read letter 23rd July, 1953, from Department of Local Government intimating that a provisional grant of £350 had been allowed under the above Vote, Council's contribution to be £35.

NOTED: To be used on Road Works as detailed in the Estimates for 1953/54.

HOUSING (RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

Read letter 28th July, 1953, from Department of Local Government enclosing Housing (Reconstruction Grants) Regulations, 1952, which were explained by the County Manager.

NOTED.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES - REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS:

Further consideration of letter 11th July, 1953, from Department of Local Government in connection with above was deferred pending the attendance of the County Manager.

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS: Letter of the 25th June, 1953, from the County Manager in connection with above was deferred pending his attendance.

DIRECTION SIGNS ETC

Read the following extract from letter 16th July, 1953, from Wicklow Chamber of Commerce:-

"At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night reference was made to the fact that the sign board indicating the direction to the Sea Front had been removed from Fitzwilliam Square, and had not yet been replaced. It is felt that this sign board was very useful, and the members expressed a hope that the Council would be able to have it replaced quickly. A member also drew attention to the fact that motor cyclists have been using the prom. As the members deemed this a most dangerous practice they would wish that the Council would have notices, similar to those at Parnell Bridge, erected in order to stop cycling of any kind, particularly in the summer season when so many children are to be found along the prom.

NOTED: Sign at Fitzwilliam Square to be replaced and appropriate signs to be erected at the promenade to prevent cyclists using same.

SANITARY SERVICES:

The Town Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Rent Collector that Mr. Edward O'Brien, 22, Kilmantin Road, Wicklow, was keeping two pigs at rear of above address. He (Town Clerk) had written Mr. O'Brien on the 31st July warning him that he must remove the pigs before the 8th August, otherwise he would be compelled to issue a Notice to Quit. Mr. O'Brien called on the 7th August and explained that if he disposed of the animals within the next two to three months he would suffer serious loss. Under the circumstances he wished the matter brought before the Council.

NOTED; Permission granted subject to Mr. O'Brien giving an undertaking that the nuisance would not recur.

Cllr. J. Everett, T.D., stated that before the close of the meeting he thought it was only proper that a vote of thanks should be extended to the Garda Síochána for the efficient and courteous manner in which they handled the huge crowds during the recent Regatta.

The Council wholeheartedly agreed with Mr. Everett's remarks and the Town Clerk was instructed to write the Superintendent.

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*Wm. Glavin
1st Sept. 1953*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

28th August, 1953.

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, 1st September, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

John J. Hurley,
ACTING TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on the 10th August, 1953, (copy herewith).
2. Consider Notice of Motion (as advised on 19/8/1953) handed in by Cllr. A. Finlayson at meeting on 10/8/53 as follows:-
"I, A. Finlayson, hand in Notice of Motion that I, or somebody on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the Council to rescind the Resolution passed at meeting on the 10th August, 1953, to appoint an Architect"
3. Consider the following items adjourned from previous meetings pending the attendance of the County Manager:-
(a) Water Supply
(b) Circular 11/7/53 from Department of Local Government re Sale of Urban Houses and Review of existing Rents.
(c) Report re meeting with members of Wicklow Regatta Committee on 12/7/53.
(d) Letter 25/6/53 from Co. Manager re "Temporary Dwellings"
4. Letter 21/8/53 from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect re alterations to house at Marlton Road.
5. Application from Mr. Edward Hynes, Market Square, Wicklow, for Loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acq) Acts.
6. Letter 26/8/53 from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, on behalf of Miss Wall, re six sites at Castle Street, Wicklow.
7. Application from Mrs. Byrne, 19, St. Laurence's Road, for leave to transfer with Mrs. Kelly, Fairview Road.
8. Letter 18/8/53 from Mr. L.J. Smith re provision of Waste Paper Baskets.
9. Notices of intention to apply for Dance Licences received in respect of (a) Royal Pavilion, The Murrough, Wicklow and (b) The Mall Ballroom, Main Street, Wicklow.
10. Advise Council of Appointment of new Town Clerk to take up duty on the 28th September, 1953.
11. Any other matters requiring urgent attention.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1953

Present Councillor Wm. Clarke (Presiding), A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Rourke, E. Kane and J. Everett, T.D.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 10th August, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

NOTICE OF MOTION: Councillor A. Finlayson withdrew his Notice of Motion handed in at meeting on 10/8/1953.

The County Manager explained that the difference between fees payable for Housing as between an Architect and Town Surveyor would be approximately £6. per house more for an Architect. Travelling and subsistence expenses, might, however, also have to be allowed. The position of Architect would have to be filled through advertisement.

The County Manager suggested, and the Council agreed, that a preliminary report on sites should be obtained before the Council commit themselves.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES - REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS: Read Circular No. H. 6/53 of 11th July, 1953 from Department of Local Government setting out standard minimum terms and conditions for guidance of housing authorities wishing to formulate schemes for sale of Urban houses.

The County Manager explained at length the conditions outlined in the Circular and gave examples of the method of arriving at sale prices of houses in various schemes. It was also explained to the Council that where tenants did not avail of purchase schemes it was open to the housing authorities to review rents with special reference to the cost of maintenance since some were fixed.

The Town Clerk was instructed to submit a copy of the Circular to Councillors and prepare a report for the next meeting.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT: Read report as follows:-

Provision of Swimming Pool and Alternative Scheme of Improvements at the Sea Front.

On Sunday morning of 12th July, 1953, the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow Urban District Council, together with officials of the Council met members of Wicklow Regatta Committee for the purpose of discussing a scheme of improvements at the sea front in Wicklow.

A scheme for improvement works already had been submitted by Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, Dublin, but on examination it was found that difficulties and delay would probably arise in connection with the site. It was found there were a number of interests involved in this site, viz: Wicklow Urban District Council, Department of Industry and Commerce and possibly the Harbour Board. Owing to the delay which it was expected would arise in the carrying out of any projects on this site it was decided that the possibility of using an alternative site should be jointly examined by the Council and the Regatta Committee. This Committee already had made £500 available for civic improvements and it was expected that in the coming years it would be possible to provide further funds for this purpose. On the 12th July a number of sites were inspected and it was agreed that the most suitable site for a swimming pool would be on the bank of the Leirrim River above Parnell Bridge and approximately opposite the County Council weighbridge. A site on the other side of the river, adjoining Bachelors' Walk was also examined but it was considered that there would be difficulties and additional expense in laying out a pool at this place, especially in grading the approach from.

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Bachelors' Walk. It was finally agreed that Mr. Butler, Architect, and the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, would examine the proposal for providing a swimming pool at the place it was originally considered was the most suitable, and that they would submit a preliminary report on the subject.

The Town Surveyor stated that he would meet the Architect within the next few days.

The question of a Grant was mentioned but it was realised that application could not be made until plans etc. were prepared.

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS: Read Circular No. L. 4/53 of 19/6/1953 from the Department of Local Government re temporary dwellings and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948. In explaining the Circular the County Manager mentioned the following, in addition to other matters arising out of same:- (a) That instead of prohibiting the erection of Temporary Dwellings Councils should adopt a system of Licensing. (b) Bye-Laws can be adopted under Section 30 of the Act.

The Town Clerk was instructed to include on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council the intention to consider a Resolution adopting Section 34 of the Sanitary Services Act.

TOWN PLANNING: Read letters 5th and 21st August, 1953 from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, enclosing plans and specification of proposed reconstruction of Mrs. R. Murphy's house at Marlton Road.

The Council strongly recommended the acceptance of same under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: Application of 20th August, 1953, from Mr. Ed. Hynes, Market Sq., Wicklow, for loan of £1,600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts, for purchase of house (No. 3 from Golf Links Gate - east side) at Dunbur Road, built by Messrs Finlayson Bros.

The Council being satisfied as to Mr. Hyne's ability to repay, recommended a loan equal to 80% of market value of the houses as determined by the Town Surveyor, subject to a maximum of £1,600.

SITES AT CASLT-E STREET: Read letter 26/8/1953 from Mr. A. Cullen:-
26th August, 1953.

re: Miss Wall - Premises in Castle St., Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I wish to say that I act for Miss Wall and had dealings several years ago with your Council concerning the acquisition of numerous buildings, the property of my client, by your Council.

I wish to point out that my client was not paid in respect of six sites including plots of ground attached situate at Castle Street. The matter was under discussion several years ago, but it was difficult to get progress made.

I understand that a reference was made to same at a recent meeting of your Council and I would now be obliged if your Council would take up the question of paying my client for the ground acquired.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Clerk stated that he had been looking into the matter but it was so long ago it was very difficult to ascertain the position with any degree of accuracy.

Town Clerk to request more detailed information from Mr. Cullen and meantime to look into the matter further.

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APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER: Read following letter:-

19 St. Laurence's Road,

Dear Sir,

As I Sarah Byrne wish to exchange with Mrs. Kelly, Fairview Road, from 19 St. Laurence's Road, please oblige.

Mrs. Sarah Byrne.

16 Fairview Road,
Wicklow.
27/8/1953.

Dear Sir,

With reference to house No. 19 St. Laurence's Road, I would be very grateful if you would consider me a suitable tenant for same as Mrs. Byrne has agreed to transfer with me for house at No. 16 Fairview Road.

The reason for my anxiety to live on said road is that I am 74 years and in failing health and I would be near my three daughters in case of illness. At the moment I live completely on my own. My daughters all have families which makes it impossible for me to live with them, so living near them is the next best thing, as I am sure you will understand. I sincerely hope you will consider my case.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Susan Kelly.

The Town Clerk stated he had investigated this matter and learned that Mrs. Byrne would be vacating 19 St. Laurence's Road shortly. The Town Surveyor and the Waterworks Overseer, were anxious that Mr. Ed. Kelly, 4 St. Kevin's Tce. an employee at the Council's Waterworks, be transferred to this house owing to its proximity to the water-supply tank, enabling him to keep away on same as children were continually playing in this vicinity.

The Council agreed that Mr. Ed. Kelly should be transferred to this house when it becomes vacant and the usual 50% increase in rent not to be made owing to the special circumstances of the case.

WASTE PAPER BASKETS: Read following letter from Mr. L. J. Smith:-

18th August, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I raised the matter of the provision of waste-paper baskets in Wicklow with your predecessor Mr. Kelly, and he looked upon my suggestion favourably, and undertook to have it considered by the Council.

I believe the provision of waste paper facilities is a matter of urgency and would give the public an opportunity of eliminating this nuisance.

It is to be hoped that the Council will give the matter of the provision of waste-paper baskets their active consideration and thus provide an amenity which is to be found in most seaside resorts.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council instructed the Town Clerk to look into the matter of cost etc.

DANCE LICENCES: The Town Clerk stated that Notices of Intention to apply for Dance Licences were received from the following:-

- (1) Mr. Thomas McAulay, Summer Hill, Wicklow, in respect of the "Royal Pavilion", The Murrrough, Wicklow.

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- (2) Mrs. Esther O'Toole, Main St., Wicklow, in respect of "The Mall", Ballroom, Wicklow.

The Town Clerk stated he had received reports from the County Fire Officer in both cases. He recommended the following in respect of the Royal Pavilion (a) approved panic bolts be fitted to all exit doors and present door fastenings removed. (b) two 2 gallon soda-acid fire extinguishers be installed.

A report from the Health Inspector, Mr. P. Duffy, in respect of the same ballroom stated that an additional W.C. should be installed for ladies.

There were no adverse reports in respect of "The Mall" ballroom.

No objection provided the recommendations of both the County Fire Officer and the Health Inspector in respect of the "Royal Pavilion" are carried out.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK: The County Manager reported that in accordance with a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commission, Mr. D. J. O'Connor, Town Clerk, Ceannanus Mor, had been appointed Town Clerk to Wicklow Urban District Council. Mr. O'Connor would be taking up duty on the 28th instant.

The Council and the County Manager paid tribute to the Acting Town Clerk, Mr. J. J. Hurley, for the efficient and courteous manner in which he carried out his duties. Mr. Hurley suitably replied.

VACANT HOUSES: In accordance with recommendation of County M.O.H. vacant houses at Monkton Row (former tenant: Mr. John Dunne) was let to Mr. Robert Byrne, Monkton Row.

The Town Clerk reported that a house at 3 Castle Park (tenant: Mr. S. Bingham) was about to be vacated. The Council decided to allow Mrs. E. Reilly, 1 St. Kevin's Tce. to transfer into 3 Castle Park; no. 1 St. Kevin's Tce. to be advertised.

FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD: Read following letter dated 31st August, 1953 from Mr. F. Wright:-

31st August, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit to your Council an application for use of their field on Dunbur Road from which I now understand existing plot-holders are to be removed to adjoining lands. The area under cultivation is just a fraction over two acres statute measure so when fixing the rent I ask the Council to take into account the fact that - regardless of expense - the field will be well cultivated and freely supplied with farmyard manure and lime. I would be responsible for all fencing but it would be a great convenience to me if the Council could possibly see their way to supply and erect a suitable entrance gate from Dunbur Road.

I most particularly request a definite ruling by the Council members at their meeting to-morrow evening as during September I would carry out much necessary work without in any way interfering with the present occupiers.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Clerk was instructed to advertise this field for letting.

COMPLAINT RE COUNCIL HOUSE: The Chairman stated that he had received a serious complaint from Mr. Dickenson, St. Dominick's road with reference to dampness. The Town Surveyor stated that it could be caused by lack of ventilation.

Town Surveyor to inspect.

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RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY: Read letter dated 26th August, 1953, from Councillor P. Doyle, thanking the Council for their resolution of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his brother-in-law.

*Wicklow Gazette
6th October 1953.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
2nd October, 1953.

To/

The Chairman and Each Member of the
Wicklow Urban District Council:

Dear Sir,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 6th October, 1953 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. O'CONNOR
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 1st September, 1953 (copy herewith)
2. Letter from County Wicklow Swimming Association re scheme for improvement of swimming facilities.
3. Consideration of report on conference organised with a view to the development of the amenities of Wicklow as a tourist centre.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government re grant for Emergency Protection Works on Foreshore at Wicklow.
5. Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. re Stamp Duty - Sale of Council Houses.
6. Consideration of tenders for letting of Dunbur Road field (letting 11 months).
7. Applications for renewal of Cinema Licences.
8. Consideration of adoption of Section 34 of the Sanitary Services Act, 1948
9. Letting of vacant houses at No. 4 St. Kevin's Tce., and No. 1 St. Dominick's Road, Wicklow.
10. Consideration of report on sale of Urban Houses (Special Report and copy of Department's Circular of 11th July, 1953, are attached.
11. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 1953

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

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Acting Town Surveyor, Mr. R. Fenlon and Town Clerk, D. O'Connor, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 1st September, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

AN TOSTAL: Before commencing with the business of the meeting it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman to convene a meeting of Wicklow An Tostal Council on Friday, 9th October, at 8 p.m. The Town Clerk was welcomed to the meeting at this stage also.

IMPROVEMENT OF SWIMMING FACILITIES: Read following letter from County Wicklow Swimming Association:-

13th September, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Some time ago the Wicklow Regatta Committee very generously handed over the sum of £500 to the Wicklow Urban Council and it would appear according to reports in the newspapers that the contribution was intended to help finance a scheme for the improvement of swimming facilities and the development of a piece of ground in the harbour area.

This Committee are particularly interested in Wicklow harbour as in our opinion that with very little outlay in the right direction it could be converted into one of the most suitable centres for the holding of competitions such as the Leinster and County Wicklow Championships. Needless to remark, as illustrated on the occasion of the County Championships held in your town recently, such events are of a financial benefit to the people in the area in which they are held.

We have been informed unofficially that the grant was made by the Regatta Committee is likely to be spent on a project which will not improve facilities in the Harbour area. Should this information prove to be correct we appeal to you to reconsider the matter and should you be interested in receiving a deputation from this Association we shall be only too happy to meet you.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to meeting to be held on Friday, 16th October, 1953, which had been convened by a conference of voluntary and civic organisations in the town with a view to the development of the amenities of Wicklow as a tourist centre.

EMERGENCY PROTECTION WORKS - FORESHORE: Read letter dated 1st September, 1953, from Department of Local Government:-

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1st September, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo relative to the carrying out of emergency protection works on the foreshore at Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the matter has been again considered but as pointed out

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in previous correspondence the grant of £1900 for the works now to be undertaken is the maximum that can be made available.

As regards grants for works under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949, I am to refer you to this Department's letter of the 15th March, 1950 in which it was indicated that works of coast protection are not considered suitable for these grants. The amount which was made available in 1950 was allocated as an exceptional measure.

The Council discussed this matter fully and directed in view of the high cost of the scheme and the extent to which this scheme would relieve the unemployment position that the Minister be requested to make a 75% grant towards the cost of this work.

RESOLUTION FROM ARKLOW U.D.C. RE STAMP DUTY: Read the following copy of Resolution from Arklow U.D.C.:-

"That this Council considers that the Stamp Duty should not be payable on the Sale Price of Council Houses purchased from Urban Housing Authorities by the occupying tenants, and we strongly urge that if new amending legislation is necessary to exclude such transactions from Stamp Duty, the Minister for Local Government should arrange for its introduction immediately. We also urge that the Minister should arrange with the Incorporated Law Society or other bodies concerned for the determination of a reasonable basis for the charging of fees on such transactions".

Copies of this resolution to be sent to all public bodies to the Minister for Local Government and to the Secretary of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt this resolution.

LETTING OF DUNBUR ROAD FIELD: Following two tenders were received:-

11th September, 1953.

Dear Sir,

Dunbur Road Field for Cultivation - 2 Acres

With reference to my application to the Town Council and to your advertisement on the Council's "Notice Board", I now beg to submit my offer of £2. per acre - £4 in all - for use of the portion of the field already under cultivation of the Allotment Holders; that is excluding the portion reserved from building purposes. In making this offer I am taking seriously into account the fact that the field has been under potatoes continuously for five years. This necessitates a fairly large outlay for manures for one or more seasons.

Yours faithfully,

F. Wright

Marlton Road,
Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I hereby tender for field at Dunbur Road for con-acre for 11 months at the sum of £6.

Yours truly,

James Dickenson.

It was proposed by Councillor Rourke, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed:-

"That we accept the tender in sum of £6 of Mr. James Dickenson for letting for 11 months period from 1st November, 1953, of field containing approximately 2 acres at Dunbur Road, Wicklow".

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RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: The Council was informed that the required fee had been paid in both cases and the reports from the County Fire Officer were read.

Proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Finlayson and resolved:-

"That we approve of the fixing of the Council's Seal to the Licences under the Cinematograph Acts in respect of Rialto Cinema and Abbey Cinema, Wicklow, subject to compliance with the County Fire Officer's requirements".

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF SECTION 34 OF SANITARY SERVICES ACT, 1948

Proposed by Councillor Finlayson, seconded by Councillor Rourke and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for the making of an order whereby it shall be provided that Section 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948, shall be put into operation in the urban sanitary district of Wicklow".

VACANT HOUSES AT NO. 4 ST. KEVIN'S TEE. AND NO. 1 ST. DOMINICK'S RD.

17 Application; of these two were in respect of transfers. The Acting Chief Medical Officer recommended as follows:- (1) Wm. O'Brien, 46 Glenview Road: (2) Jas. Fitzgerald, 4 Castle St.,

The Council recommended that the above houses be let as follows:-

Thomas Kelly be granted transfer from No. 4 to No. 1 St. Dominick's Road.
No. 4 St. Dominick's Road - Jas. Fitzgerald, 4 Castle St.
No. 4 St. Kevin's Tee. - Wm. O'Brien, 46 Glenview Road.

At this stage it was directed that the question of appointing an Architect for housing purposes should be expedited as much as possible.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT ON SALE OF URBAN HOUSES: A report dated 24th September, 1953, upon the lines set out in the Circular letter (No. H.6/53) from the Department of Local Government had been prepared and circulated to the members. It was agreed to defer consideration on this subject pending clarification of the position in connection with Stamp Duty (See Arklow U.D.C resolution). It was further agreed that, when a decision is taken in this matter the tenants of the houses concerned should be circulated upon similar lines as contained in the report.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Councillor Everett referred to the absence of reports from the Town Surveyor in connection with matter raised at the previous meeting viz: Swimming Pool; Complaint re Council house (Dickenson). After a discussion the County Manager intimated that arrangements would immediately be made to have the latter reported on immediately by the Deputy Surveyor.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WICKLOW GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM: Councillor Rourke proposed and Councillor Hudson seconded a vote of congratulations to the Wicklow Senior Football Team on winning the County Senior Final on Sunday. The Chairman and all members present associated themselves with the vote.

CORNER IMPROVEMENT AT DUNBUR ROAD: The Chairman referred to the imminent danger occasioned to traffic by reason of the recent alterations to the corner at the junction of Dunbur Road and Seaview Road. The matter was discussed at length after which it was directed that the views of the Council be conveyed to the County Engineer with a view to having the margin of the footpath moved back from its present position.

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LETTER FROM WICKLOW TOWN A.F.C.: The following extract was read from letter 2nd October, 1953 from Wicklow Town A.F.C.:-

"At present the soccer pitch is out of commission, and if the Council were in a position to supply clay (free of stone) and/or turf mould, it would greatly help in getting this ground back into use. The club has not the necessary funds for carting, but the members are prepared to do the necessary work, if they had the clay.

Our two recent matches were played on the hurling pitch. Last April-May no objection was raised to the use of this pitch for some of the more important league and cup matches, and members of the local G.A.A. club could see no reason why these games should not be played there."

With reference to first paragraph it was agreed to endeavour to obtain a supply of clay and turf mould for the pitch from the County Council centres and from Bray. No objection was raised to the arrangement set out in the second paragraph provided the interested parties arrived at an amicable arrangement to avoid clashing of fixtures

REPORT FROM WATERWORKS OVERSEER: A report dated 6th October, 1953, was read referring to the need for curtailment of the town's water supply and suggesting that the water be turned off at nights. The Deputy Surveyor suggested turning off the water supply between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6-30 a.m. The Council discussed this matter fully and recommended a minimum lay-off period within these hours. Notices to be served on consumers.

REQUEST FOR RESTORATION OF LIGHTING UNIT: The undernoted letter was read:-

5th October, 1953.

Gentlemen,

re: Request for restoration of Lighting Unit

I would like to draw your attention to the lack of adequate public lighting in the vicinity of my premises at Abbey Street.

The lighting unit adjoining the said premises was cut off during the emergency and has not been brought into use since then.

In view of the nature of the business carried on, the restoration of this light would be a consideration advantage, and I would accordingly request you to have it brought into use as formerly.

Thanking you in advance for your early attention to this matter,

Yours faithfully,

Elizabeth Fallon.

8 It was decided to defer this matter for consideration to the Estimates meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Rourke raised the question of providing a Zebra crossing at the junction of St. Patrick's Road and Abbey Hill. The Council decided to have this done.

The question of the restoration of the footpath at Fitzwilliam Road was referred for attention.

It was agreed to have the gates at the lower end of Dunbur Tee. removed as they are unsatisfactory in their present state.

Councillor Everett referred for attention the matter of painting Council houses which he pointed out was to be undertaken during September. It was decided that the work be undertaken at an early date.

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The Manager informed the meeting that the Waste Paper Baskets were made by Hammond Lane Foundry at a cost of approximately 55/- each. The matter was deferred further pending receipt of a reply to a query on the subject from Bray U.D.C.

Councillor Rourke queried a vacancy on Fire Brigade Staff. As no vacancy was notified the question of a new appointment was deferred.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
30th October, 1953.

To the Chairman and Each Member of the
Wicklow Urban District Council:

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd November, 1953, at 7-30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

D. J. O'Connor
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

- ✓ 1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 6th October, 1953 (copy herewith).
- ✓ 2. Letter from Hammond Lane Industries Ltd. re galvanised wire litter baskets.
- ✓ 3. Application from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club for distribution of loose soil on playing pitch at the Murrough.
- ✓ 4. Application for Housing Letting Grant (Housing Amendment Act, 1948).
- ✓ 5. Letting of vacant houses at 34 St. Laurence's Park and 38 Glenview Road, Wicklow.
- ✓ 6. Correspondence from An Bórd Fáilte re Tourist Traffic Act, 1952.
7. Any Other Business.

W.A.G.
3/10/53.