

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
27th November, 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, 1st December, 1953, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

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D. J. O'CONNOR
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 3rd November, 1953 (copy herewith).
2. Letter from Department of Local Government re 6 houses at Castle Street, Wicklow.
3. Letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council, re correspondence from National Monuments Advisory Committee and An Bord Fáilte.
4. Correspondence from E.S.B. re Public Lighting.
5. Letter from Wicklow Town A.F.C. re The Murrough, Wicklow.
6. Fixing date of Annual Fowl Market.
7. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER, 1953

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), J. Rourke, A. Finlayson, P. Doyle, J. Everett, T.D.,
Councillor C. W. Hudson had indicated his inability to attend per 'phone call to Town Clerk.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, D. J. O'Connor

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 6th October, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT RE COUNCIL HOUSE (DICKENSON): Arising from minutes a report was submitted from the Town Surveyor in the matter of alleged dampness at this house. In the course of his report the Town Surveyor stated that he had inspected this house and had found no evidence of dampness, however, he stated that he would carry out further inspection and submit a report in the matter.

GALVANISED LITTER BASKETS: The undergiven quotation was submitted from Hammond Lane Industries Ltd:-

15th October, 1953.

Dear Sirs,

We thank you for your esteemed enquiry of the 12th inst. and have pleasure in submitting hereunder our quotation as requested:-

Galvanised Wire Litter Baskets, measuring 13" high x 12" wide x 6" back to front, the wire used in the frame is $\frac{1}{4}$ " and the baskets are constructed from 12G. wire 1" sq. mesh, all spot welded, the bottoms are fabricated from $\frac{3}{8}$ " mesh 14G wire. @ 10/6d. each.

Terms:- nett monthly account. Carriage free to your warehouse.

Should you require a large number of these baskets we could possibly reduce our price slightly.

Yours faithfully,

Hammond Lane Industries Ltd.

After a discussion it was agreed to purchase six baskets by way of a trial. It was directed that permission be sought from the E.S.B. to affix the baskets to their electric standards throughout the town and that an appeal be issued to the townspeople to co-operate in this effort of keeping the streets of the town free from litter.

G.A.A. PITCH AT MURROUGH - DISTRIBUTION OF SOIL: The following extract was read from letter dated 13th October, 1953, from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club:-

"Owing to the bad condition of the pitch we wish to make application for soil to be placed on the pitch in order to improve the sod."

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to distribute loose soil equally between the Soccer pitch and the G.A.A. pitch over a period of time until requirements are satisfied.

APPLICATION FOR A HOUSING LETTING GRANT (HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1948)

An application from Andrew D. Finlayson, Main St., Wicklow, for a grant under Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, in respect of a house at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, which was completed in 1950/51, was placed before the meeting. Accompanying the application was a certificate from the Town Surveyor stating that he had inspected the plans and saw no objection to the authorising of the letting grant thereon. The particulars appearing on the application were read to the meeting, which stated, inter alia, that the premises are let at £10. per month, the tenant also paying rates (valuation £13. 10. 0.). The Manager stated that the Minister may recoup an amount not exceeding two thirds of the grant made by the Council and he pointed out further that the house could not be sold for a period of 15 years nor could a remission of rates operate during the currency of period over which the grant would be advanced (i.e. 10 yrs.) After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Rourke, seconded by Councillor Doyle and agreed:-

"That subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government a grant of £400 be made to Andrew D. Finlayson in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948. Approval to the excess expenditure incurred is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940"

VACANT HOUSES AT NO. 34 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK AND 38 GLENVIEW ROAD:

13 Applications; of these one was in respect of a transfer (Patrick Doyle, 12 St. Laurence's Park to 34 St. Laurence's Park). The Acting Chief Medical Officer recommended as follows:-

- 34 St. Laurence's Park:
- (1) Maurice O'Brien, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
 - (2) Jas. Kelly, Marine, Murrough, Wicklow.
 - (3) Christopher Jameson, 3 Kilmantin Hill,
 - (4) William Phillips, 17 Convent Rd., Wicklow.

- 38 Glenview Road:
- (1) Patrick Kavanagh, High Street, Wicklow.
 - (2) Thos. Corkish, 8 Fairview Road, Wicklow.
- 3 others.

In view of the gross overcrowded conditions of the undermentioned and also having regard to the reasonably good state of repair of the houses occupied by the persons whom the Acting Chief Medical Officer recommended, the Council recommended that the above houses be let as follows:-

Patrick Doyle to be granted transfer from No. 12 to No. 34 St. Laurence's Park.

No. 12 St. Laurence's Park - C. Jameson, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow.
No. 38 Glenview Road - Thos. Corkish, 8 Fairview Rd, Wicklow.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM AN BÓRD FÁILTE RE TOURIST TRAFFIC ACT, 1952:

Read the undernoted letter from An Bórd Fáilte:-

24th October, 1953.

re: Tourist Traffic Act, 1952

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., and to express the keen interest of the Board in your Committee's proposals for the development of Wicklow as a tourist resort.

In order to save the members of your Committee the inconvenience of a journey to Dublin to discuss the formation of the proposed company the Board is prepared to arrange for the appropriate Officer to attend your next Committee Meeting, if so desired. On notification of your agreement to this effect, the necessary arrangements will be made.

In the meantime, I am enclosing herewith for your information a booklet entitled "More and More Tourists", which outlines the facilities available under the above-mentioned Act for the development of tourist resorts, together with the relative forms.

For your information I am enclosing also an Explanatory Statement (LDC/L) relating to the provision of grants by the Boards towards the expenses of formation of local development companies, together with a specimen form of application for such grants (LDC/2)

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed to convene a meeting for Monday, 16th November, at 8-15 p.m. in Town Hall, Wicklow, for the purpose of meeting an officer of An Bórd Fáilte and also for the purpose of forming a Tourist Company with a view to obtaining assistance under the Tourist Traffic Act, 1952, for the development of Wicklow as a tourist resort.

TENDERS FOR EXTERNAL PAINTING OF 60 COUNCIL HOUSES: Two sealed tenders submitted to meeting:-

- (1) Andrew J. Finlayson, Main St. £448. (using Harrington's 'Uno' undercoating; Harrington's 'Uno' hardgloss).
- (2) Joseph Sweeney, Lr. Monkton £460. (using 'Duradio' undercoating; and hardgloss).
Row, Wicklow.

It was agreed unanimously to accept the lowest tender (A. J. Finlayson - £448) provided it conformed to the Specification and requirements of the Town Surveyor).

APPLICATION FOR S.D.A. Acts Loan - DANIEL R. NUZUM: An application for a loan of £1400 under the S.D.A. Acts from E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, on behalf of Mr. D. R. Nuzum, Fitzwilliam Sq., Wicklow, in respect of a house at Hillcrest, Dunbur Road, Wicklow, was placed before the meeting. The Manager informed the Council that as a loan had previously been advanced in respect of this house (Loan of £450 to Alphonsus O'Connor in 1939 - loan redeemed) a second advance could not be made. Agreed.

EMERGENCY PROTECTION WORKS - FORESHORE: The Council again discussed this matter and expressed regret that the Department had not given any indication of an increase in the Grant allocated (i.e. £1900 or 50% of total estimated cost of the work), since last meeting. The members felt that the proportion of the cost to be met from rates would place an undue burden on the Urban community having regard to the low product in the Urban District and also stressed the high employment content which this work would require. The members of the Council suggested that the Department should consider the making of an additional Grant from the new Fund, which is being set up by the Government, described as the National Development Fund, as they felt that the question of coastal erosion should be given favourable consideration for Grants from this Fund. It was agreed to write to the Department further in this light.

SWIMMING POOL: The Wicklow Regatta Committee had written to the Council enclosing a plan of the proposed swimming pool which had been prepared by Mr. J. P. Butler, M.R.I.A.I., and Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E. The plan was submitted to the meeting. After an examination of the plan and following a lively discussion it was agreed to approve of the plan as submitted and to convey this approval of the Council to the Regatta Committee with a request that the plan be made available to the meeting of the Wicklow Tourist Development Committee scheduled to take place on Monday, 16th November in the Town Hall at 8-15 p.m.

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OLD VOCATIONAL SCHOOL - LEASE: The undernoted resolution was adopted by the Council on the proposition of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Rourke:-

"That in view of the pending transfer of the Vocational School from the present buildings at the Mall, Wicklow, to the new buildings at Station Road, Wicklow, we request the County Council to examine as soon as possible the future uses of the premises at the Mall which are held on lease from the Urban Council, and we consider that they should be continued to be used for public purposes such as a Public Library, Museum, Offices for the Committee of Agriculture and facilities for a Gymnasium".

PUBLIC LIGHTING: In the absence of Councillor Hudson the Chairman queried the possibility of extending the hours of lighting to 12-15 a.m. or 12-30 a.m. instead of midnight as operating at present. It was agreed that no useful purpose would be served by having this done as it would mean a consequential corresponding delay in the hours of "lighting-up" which would not be desirable in the late Winter months.

Councillor O'Rourke pointed out that there was no light at Power's Garage, Market Square. As there was no money available for this work the matter was deferred. Councillor Rourke also requested to carry out an exchange of lights from Castle St. to Black Castle gate. It was agreed to have this done.

A direction was given to request the E.S.B. to renew certain bulbs and reflectors on lamps throughout the town.

CORNER AT DUNBUR/SEA VIEW ROAD: The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

31st October, 1953.

A Dhuine Uasail,

With regard to the easement and improvement of the junction of "Sea View" Road with the main Wicklow Silver Strand Road at Dunbur and on which you ask me to submit a report, I would like to clear up the misunderstanding of the position.

The two corners were set back about 20 feet from their original position fronting Dunbur Road by building the walls bounding the gardens of Mr. Haughton and Mr. T. Murphy. It was not considered necessary to alter the curvation of the footpaths. Two important improvements have therefore been effected by the work (1) an improvement in the sight distance for cars coming out on the main thoroughfare and (2) a tendency to slow up traffic approaching the main route from the side road. If the radius of curvature on either, or both of those footpaths were to be increased, then the sight distance corresponding to such radii would have to be made greater and additional garden space required.

In general I very respectfully suggest that, having regard to the amount of traffic using this bye-road, and taking the case on its merits, it would hardly be justifiable to expend any further funds at present on this work and I hope that the Urban District Council will conform with my views.

J. T. O'Byrne,
COUNTY ENGINEER

The members discussed the matter fully and requested that the Town Surveyor might arrange to ease the footpaths slightly however contrary it might be to the technical aspects of the improvement work carried out. The Town Surveyor agreed to comply with the Council's wishes and it was that the Chairman, County Manager and Town Surveyor would meet at the site to decide on the easement which could be made.

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LEASE TO WICKLOW FERTILIZERS LTD. (SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD.):

Proposed by Councillor Rourke, seconded by Councillor Everett, T.D. and agreed:-

"That permission be granted to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to the making of them, as Lessees, of a sub-Demise to the National Bank Ltd. of the premises comprised in the Lease of 10th August, 1953, from Wicklow U.D.C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. as part of the security provided for the financial arrangements being made between them and their Bankers".

WALL AT CONVENT ROAD: The following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

3rd November, 1953.

re: Roads: Wall at Convent Rd.

A Chara,

I inspected this wall which adjoins the Housing Scheme in front of the Convent Road Terrace and I was accompanied by Councillor Doyle and Rourke and the Town Sergeant. It was decided that the wall be built and extended from the corner to meet the existing masonry wall and to have the latter dubbed up with cement mortar - the total to cost between £40 and £50.

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J. T. O'Byrne
TOWN SURVEYOR

A discussion on this subject ensued resulting in an agreement to have the work discharged and approval to the excess expenditure involved being given on the proposition of Councillor Rourke, seconded by Councillor Everett, T.D.

PLANTING OF TREES: The Town Surveyor submitted a report as follows:-
3rd November, 1953.

re: Tree Planting

A Chara,

As this would appear to be the time for considering the planting of trees, I would advise the Council to make such arrangements for the layout of the plot in front and rere of St. Patrick's Terrace, Ballynerrin. It was always the intention that a large belt of trees should be planted on this plot for two purposes: (1) to break the wind and weather conditions experienced in that area and (2) in order to define definitely the division between the two types of Housing Schemes.

Mise, le meas, etc.

No decision was taken in the matter as it was agreed to await the outcome of the "Trees for Ireland" Committee meeting to be held on Friday, 6th November, before taking a decision in the matter.

OTHER BUSINESS: An application from Patrick Dunne, Glenview Road, for permission to open the pailing at his house to permit the entry of a pony and cart was deferred to enable a report to be obtained from the Rent Collector.

Thos. Doyle, Strand St., applied to the Council for a reduction in rent in respect of the plot at Marlton Road which he holds for grazing of a pony on a weekly basis, in view of the restricted extend of grazing during the Winter months. It was unanimously agreed to reduce the rent from 3/6d. per week to 1/6d. per week.

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An application from Elizabeth Clarke, 1 St. Laurence's Park, to have the house at St. Laurence's Park registered in her name as a result of the previous tenant, Mr. George O'Brien, (father to the applicant) having left that address, was read. It was agreed to accede to this request.

Arising from the submission of the report of the Waterworks Overseer, the Town Surveyor indicated that he would not yet be prepared to risk giving a 24 hour water supply. He intimated that he would arrange to do so when circumstances permitted.

The County Manager stated, when Councillor Rourke queried the position re field at Dunbur Road tenanted by H. Hamilton (deceased) that the matter was presently in the hands of the Council's Solicitors.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: Councillor Everett, T.D., voted sympathy to the Chairman and to the relatives of the late Fr. Clarke, P.P., Tereure. Councillor Doyle, Finlayson and Rourke associated themselves with the vote of sympathy as did also the County Manager on behalf of the staff.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Clarke, thanked the Manager and members for their expression of sympathy.

Councillor Everett, T.D., proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Dr. T. O'Higgins. Councillor Clarke seconded. The votes were passed in silence.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER, 1953

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), J. Rourke, A. Finlayson, and P. Doyle. Councillor C. W. Hudson indicated his inability to attend.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, D. J. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting held on 4th November, 1953, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - 6 HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET:

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was read:-

3rd November, 1953.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 17th September, 1953, regarding the proposed acquisition of six houses at Castle St., Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that the Surveyor's estimate of the cost of reconstructing the houses is considered too low. No provision has been made in the estimate for the installation of ranges or grates, repairs to chimney stacks and roof timbers, or other contingencies which would require to be covered by a fairly substantial sum. The sagging of ceilings indicates that major repairs to roof timbers may be necessary, and it is possible that the walls are badly cracked underneath the plaster. As there is no damp proof course there is every likelihood that the walls will be damp even if the houses are reconstructed. Having regard to the age and condition of the houses, the maintenance of the houses would entail heavy annual expenditure.

In all the circumstances the purchase and repair of the houses is not considered an economic proposition and the Minister is not prepared to approve the Council's proposals in the matter.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the estimated cost of the reconstruction, as prepared by the Town Surveyor and submitted to the Department, was £451. After discussion it was agreed to request the Town Surveyor's to prepare a revised estimate for the work; examine the cost in the light of the Department's observations and submit an estimate of the rent of the houses to next meeting, having regard to the revised estimate for reconstruction and the obtaining of a short term loan (10 yrs.) from the Council's Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE RE ROUND MOUNT, WICKLOW: The undernoted letter from Wicklow County Council was read:-

11th November, 1953.

A Chara,

At a recent meeting and inspection of monuments at Wicklow Town by members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee of the County Council and representatives of An Bord Failte, the Round Mount was considered as an ancient monument worthy of attention. At the request of An Bord Failte an estimate is being prepared for the clearance of weeds and overgrowth on The Mount and the cutting down of a number of

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trees. The whole site would be dug over from the top and left until spring for the sowing of grass seed. A line of steps would be cut into the side of the Mount with timber battens for stabilisation and if necessary an amount provided for a handrail.

The access to the Mount is along a small private avenue, to the two houses situated just below the Mount and the owner of the lands to the north of this access, Mr. Oswald Reeves, has agreed to transfer a strip of approximately 45 square yds. as access across his land provided the following improvements are made to safeguard his property from trespass:-

- (1) The fencing on the south side to be strengthened or renewed completely.
- (2) Gateway to be moved 2'0" due west of its present position, re-set with new posts.
- (3) Between east gatepost and old fence to houses, a new wicket and bow gate is to be erected.
- (4) Fencing to a 3'6" wide access path across land now owned by Mr. Reeves, on the western side of path and up to where pathway arrives at the base of the mount.

An estimate for these works is also being prepared.

Mr. Reeves is anxious in giving rights of access to dispose of the lands altogether and is prepared to sell it for £12 plus legal costs. An Bord Failte have enquired from the County Council if the Council would be prepared to purchase this land in order to effect the access on the understanding that the sum plus legal costs of transfer were recouped by An Bord Failte. It appears, however, that the County Council would not have the power to acquire this land under the National Monuments Act but that the land could be acquired under the provisions of Section 48 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948. As the Urban District Council is the Sanitary Authority for the district, I am to enquire if the U.D.C. would be prepared to purchase the land subject to the condition that the cost of purchase plus the legal cost of transfer were recouped by An Bord Failte. I am to request you to bring this matter to the notice of the Urban District Council at the next meeting as An Bord Failte are anxious to have a decision on the matter as soon as possible.

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After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and agreed:-

"That we approve of the acquisition of access to the historic site known as the Round Mount, Wicklow, subject to the costs involved in acquiring the plot for access path and of necessary works being recouped by An Bord Failte as set out in the communication of that Body".

CORRESPONDENCE FROM E.S.B. RE PUBLIC LIGHTING: The undergiven letters from the E.S.B. were noted:-

23rd November, 1953.

Dear Sir,

re: Public Lighting, Wicklow.

Referring to your letter dated 6th instant in above regard, and in particular to the matters contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 thereof, we have been advised by the Board's District Engineer that defective public lamps are replaced regularly.

It would appear that the existing public lighting fittings must shortly be replaced as they have reached the end of their useful life. It is our intention to submit, as soon as possible, our proposals for the replacement of the existing public lighting installation by a new and improved installation. Due to pressure of work it has not been possible to deal with this matter sooner.

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With regard to the transfer of lamp mentioned in the concluding paragraph of your letter the District Engineer states that this work will be effected on a service repair basis when your Council's order has been received by the Board's Area Electrician.

Yours faithfully, etc.

9th November, 1953.

re: Public Lighting, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 6th instant concerning the proposed erection of galvanised litter baskets on the Board's network standards and the replacement of bulbs and reflectors on certain public lighting fittings throughout the town of Wicklow.

We are requesting the Board's District Engineer to furnish a report in regard to the fittings which require new bulbs and reflectors and shall write you further on hearing from him.

The matter of attaching litter baskets to net-work poles is one for the attention of the Board's District Engineer to whom this matter is now being referred and it is presumed that he will communicate with you direct in this regard.

Yours faithfully, etc.

LETTER FROM WICKLOW TOWN A.F.C. RE MURROUGH, WICKLOW: The following extracts were read from a communication dated 8/11/1953:-

"You will recall that your Council placed hundred of tons of soil on the Gaelic pitch less than two years ago, and this pitch is at present in excellent playing condition and does not require further soil. Your engineer could investigate this.

Before the U.D.C. meeting on 6th October, I explained in a letter addressed to Mr. Hurley, how the soccer pitch had become unplayable and that it was necessary for my club to use the other vacant pitch for the time being".

"League matches will bring in rent to the Council amounting to £6. 10. 0. and the remaining matches will bring in approximately another £2. 10. 0. The large pitch is only used by the G.A.A. on a couple of Sundays during the summer".

After a lengthy discussion, during which it was stated that there was no reason why the Council should give a prerogative in the lettings to any particular code of game and further that it was the aim of the Council to get both pitches into good condition, it was agreed to request the Honorary Secretaries of both parties to meet the Town Clerk at some suitable date with a view to arriving at an amiable settlement.

WATERWORKS OVERSEER'S REPORT: Read report of Waterworks Overseer's undernoted:-

1st December, 1953.

Dear Sirs,

The level of the water in reservoir is now 9' 3" below overflow.

The full service of water to the town at night was resumed on Saturday, 28th November, 1953.

Two men are now engaged scraping and cleaning filter beds.

Yours, etc.

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A further letter from Mr. De Courcy in connection with correspondence received from Town Clerk regarding absence on sick leave was also noted.

FIXING OF DATE OF ANNUAL FOWL MARKET: It was unanimously agreed to fix Wednesday, 16th December, 1953, as the date for the Council's Annual Fowl Market.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF MURROUGH FOR CAMPING: The following application was read from St. Francis' Boys' Guild, Glasgow:-

19th November, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged if you would forward me information about the Murrough, Wicklow Town for camping purposes.

I should like it for the following date:- 13th July, 1954 until 29th July, 1954. This is our annual camp and approximately 60 boys would be under canvas.

If you could give me cost of ground and if water and sanitary arrangements are available.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully, etc.

Having discussed the matter and considered a report from the Town Sergeant it was agreed to grant permission for the dates in question. A fee of £2. to be charged.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS: The following letter was read from the Secretary to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners:-

28th November, 1953.

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw your Council's attention to the high charges made for supplying fresh water to small coasting vessels at the Port of Wicklow. Vessels of this size generally take from 200 to 300 gallons of drinking water are charged £1. 0. 0. and large ships of 600 to 800 which take on board 3 and 4 tons of water are only charged £2. 0. 0. The rate at Arklow charged for supplying small coasting vessels is 5/- and I would suggest that our small Irish vessels be supplied with drinking water for 10/-.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman to request the Town Surveyor to submit an estimate for the provision of 1 1/2" gun-barrell pipe from the watermain to the site at the Quay in this connection and to ascertain whether the Harbour Commissioners would be prepared to bear the cost in the event of this work being discharged.

ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM MEETINGS: A letter of explanation from Councillor O'Leary for his continued absence from Council meeting, which was due to illness, was read. It was agreed to excuse Councillor O'Leary's attendance and it was also stated that Councillor Brennan's absence was attributable to family bereavements and the Council accordingly accepted this reason for absence with an exhortation that Councillor Brennan submit this reason in writing.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: A synopsis of a Circular (H.9/53) of the 19th November, 1953, from the Department of Local Government, regarding works which might be undertaken with the aid of grants from the National Development Fund, which has been recently set up by the Government, was

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given to the Council by the County Manager. It was agreed to obtain a report from the Town Surveyor setting out works which would rank for a grant, in the light of the contents of the Circular, and submit to a further meeting.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE LEGAL COSTS AND STAMP DUTY - SALE OF URBAN COUNCIL HOUSES:

21st November, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 7th October, 1953, on the question of Stamp Duty and legal fees in connection with the sale of Urban Dwellings, and to inform you that proposals for the revision of the rates of Stamp Duty payable on the purchase of dwellings would be appropriate to a Finance Bill rather than to housing legislation. I am to point out that the existing rate would not exceed 10/- per cent on a purchase price of up to £500 and would be approximately 1 per cent on a price of up to £1,000. In these circumstances, the Minister is of opinion that the existing rates of duty should not adversely influence prospective purchasers of dwellings which are the property of urban authorities, especially in the case of older houses where the purchase price would be considerably below these figures.

With regard to the payment of legal fees on such transactions, I am to point out that the scale of fees charged is governed by the Solicitors Remuneration General Orders. The Minister would be prepared to transmit to the Incorporated Law Society any proposals which local authorities may wish to make in the light of their experience of purchase schemes generally. Any such proposals should be accompanied by a statement as to whether full scale fees are charged in the disposal of local authority dwellings where there is common title and a standard lease.

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The expressed desire of the Council was to have a standard scale of fees in respect of Legal Costs for transaction of this nature, determined by the Minister. It was unanimously agreed to make further submissions to the Minister in this connection and also to submit that the Minister for Local Government should arrange with the Minister for Finance for the introduction of appropriate legislation for the revision of the rates of Stamp Duty. On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to circulate the tenants regarding the provisions of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, as approved by the Council, with a view to ascertaining the number of tenants desiring to avail of the scheme.

VACANT HOUSE AT NO. 2 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: "Better-Class" Houses Rent 32/10d. (incl. rates) Two application received (one outstanding):-

- (1) William Mongey, 16 High St., Wicklow.
- (2) James J. Anderson, Glenealy, Co. Wicklow.

Following discussion the Council unanimously recommended that William Mongey be appointed tenant of Council house at No. 2 St. Patrick's Avenue, at the same rent as heretofore (i.e. 32/10d. including rates).

OTHER BUSINESS: An application from Patrick Dunne, Glenview Road, to have the Council revise their decision not to permit of the opening of the palling at his address to facilitate the entry of a pony and cart, was read. After a discussion and in view of the observations of the Town Surveyor, it was agreed to endorse the decision to refuse permission in this matter.

The Chairman sought the views of the Council regarding defraying the outstanding expenses incurred by An Tostal Council during the 1953 Festival, by the Urban District Council. He stated that the expenses amounted to £42 (approx.) relating to printing and advertising expenses. In the absence of the relevant Department Circular, governing the incurring

of expenditure by local authorities in this regard, the matter was deferred.

The Chairman also directed that the immediate attention of the Gardai should be drawn to the question of trespass by stock at Dunbur Road. It was unanimously agreed to protest to the Garda authorities in the strongest possible terms in this regard.

It was the wish of the Chairman to again advertise sites at the Murrough, Wicklow, which are suitable for industrial purposes with a view to obtaining enquiries from interested parties. This was unanimously agreed to.

A report from the Town Surveyor, regarding the condition of the road at High Street and the existence of steps on the footpath which were regarded by the Council as being dangerous, was requested for the next meeting.

Councillor Finlayson referred to the desirability of providing a wooden seat on the present concrete surround at the Abbey tree. An estimate from the Town Surveyor was requested for the next meeting. It was also unanimously agreed to request the County Council to provide extra seating accommodation at Marlton Road and near the Rectory on the Rathnew Road.

Other matters raised included: (1) directing the attention of the Town Surveyor to the re-adjustment required to the footpath at Main Street (2) directing the attention of the Veterinary Inspector to the absence of accommodation for stock owned by George Dawson, Castle Street.

William G. G. 11th Jan. 1954

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
 Wicklow,
 31st December, 1954.

To:

The Chairman and Members of the
Wicklow Urban District Council

A Chara,

The monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council should be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 5th January, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. After consultation with the Chairman it has been considered advisable to adjourn this meeting until Monday, 11th January, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. when the Agenda will be considered.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK (per M. Kavanagh)

A G E N D A

- ✓ 1. ✓ Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 1st December, 1953. (copy herewith).
- ✓ 2. ✓ Resolution from Limerick Corporation re Importation of Russian Timber.
- ✓ 3. Report from Town Surveyor re works which might be undertaken with the aid of grants from National Development Fund.
- ✓ 4. Consideration of revised estimate for the reconstruction of 6 houses at Castle Street.
- ✓ 5. ✓ Application from Mr. D. R. Nuzum for building site at "Bog Field", Dunbur Road, and in this connection consider application from Mr. Nuzum for loan of £1600 under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
- ✓ 6. ✓ Defraying of Expenditure - An Tostal 1953.
- ✓ 7. ✓ Affixing of Seal to Assignment - Joseph O'Connor and Others.
- ✓ 8. ✓ Circular from Department of Local Government (H. 11/53) re Housing Bye-Laws.
- ✓ 9. ✓ Circular from Department of Local Government (H.10/53) re Loans from Local Loans Fund.
- ✓ 10. ✓ Notification of Supplementary Allocation - E.S.V. 1953/54.
- ✓ 11. ✓ Letting of vacant house at No. 5 St. Kevin's Tce., Wicklow.
- ✓ 12. Report from Town Surveyor re provision of pipe-line at Wicklow Harbour.
- ✓ 13. Report from Town Surveyor re steps at footpath at High Street.
- ✓ 14. ✓ Letter from Coras Iompair Eireann re rail siding at North Quay, Wicklow.
15. Any Other Business.

William A. Galt
27 Feb. 1954

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 1954

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

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flaherty, Town Surveyor Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, D. J. O'Connor.

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

Before commencing with the business of the meeting Councillor Hudson submitted a petition to the meeting requesting the provision of a bus service for school going children from Barndarrig, Marlton, Ballynerrin, etc., attending school in Wicklow Town. It was pointed out to the meeting that a diversion of an existing Wicklow-Dublin bus to cater for the areas at morning and evening time would suffice. The Council agreed to afford every support to the petition which would be submitted to Coras Iompair Eireann. It was also agreed to request the School Managers to make representations.

RESOLUTION FROM LIMERICK CORPORATION RE IMPORTATION OF RUSSIAN TIMBER:

A resolution from Limerick Corporation calling upon all local authorities not to purchase Russian timber or allow it to be used on houses built for them after 1st January, 1954, was unanimously adopted.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND: The Town Surveyor submitted the following report regarding works which might be undertaken with the aid of grants from National Development Fund:-

8th January, 1954.

re: National Development Fund: December, 1953.

A Chara,

I submit hereunder a list of items which might be considered for schemes to be assisted by grants under the National Development Fund as notified to the Council by the Department of Local Government:-

1. (a) Water Supplies and Sewerage Schemes: It is considered that the primary sewerage scheme required in Wicklow is the laying of a new intercepting main along the South Quays which would be joined by a syphonic main from Leirim Place-Strand Street side, and would deliver to a syphonage pumping works near the old Mill and thence to Sea. An outline of this scheme was submitted by me to the Department through the Council as a post-emergency scheme in 1944. Estimated cost at present = £18,000.

(b) The link-up and providing of an intercepting main sewer for the houses on the Murrough and district; estimated cost £4,000.

(c) The provision of a new watermain for the residential and industrial district on the East side of the River; i.e. towards Murrough Old Marine Hotel and the Dublin Wicklow Manure Companies' factory. If the Murrough is to be provided with amenities for industrial development this main would be necessary. Estimated cost = £7,000.

2. Public Parks: It is suggested that the following might be considered:-

(a) Improvements at Black Castle area by laying out concrete walks seating accommodation, shelters, cloakroom accommodation and footbridge spanning the gorge from the main-land to the Black Castle island: Estimated cost = £3,500.

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(b) the provision of seating accommodation on the Sea-front; the concreting of the area surrounding the Old Boathouse and passage-ways leading to the rear of the Promenade; £2,800.

3. Foreshore Protection Works: The problem of the Foreshore Protection has been one which has perturbed the Urban Council for a great number of years. Plans, specification and estimate for a comprehensive scheme have already been submitted by me to the Council and forwarded to the Department of Local Government in 1952. This involved the reconstruction of the Prom Wall for a distance of approx. 700 linl. yds; the estimated cost is approx. £140,000. A scheme was also submitted in this connection which would be regarded as immediately necessary and involved the provision of concrete blocks at estimated cost of about £3,800.

4. Sanitary Conveniences: The provision of sanitary conveniences on the Murrough playing pitch is necessary and is estimated to cost £1,000.

5. Fair Greens: There does not appear that any works are required under this heading.

6. Derelict Sites: There are several derelict sites in the Town which might be listed under this heading. The question arises as to whether expenditure on such sites may be incurred which are not regarded as potential building sites. However, my estimate for clearing all sites generally in the Town is £1,000.

7. Playing Grounds: It seems to me that one of the most essential amenities required in Wicklow is the improvement of the very valuable ground known as the Murrough and which could be made available for sports of all kinds. The football playing pitch could be properly re-surfaced with suitable clay and sods and grass seeds. A cycling track could be provided in tarmac; dressing rooms are needed and, of course, the Council has already suggested the provision of Swimming Pools. I estimate the cost of these works at £11,400.

Total Estimate = £192,500

J. T. O'Byrne,
 Town Surveyor.

After a discussion the Council approved of the report, suggesting, however, the inclusion of two further sanitary conveniences at an estimated cost of £1,000 each and also the provision of a Museum, to contain a sanitary convenience, at the Halpin Monument at an estimated cost of £2,000. During discussion it was mentioned to the meeting that there was no indication of the amount of grant which might be made available from this source. It was further directed that details of the preliminary foreshore protection works, for which an estimate of £3,800 had already been prepared should be submitted immediately, with a request for priority.

SIX HOUSES AT CASTLE ST. - REVISED ESTIMATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION: Arising from a letter received from the Department of Local Government and presented to the Council at their last meeting, the following report from the Town Surveyor was read:-

9th January, 1954.

re Six Houses at Castle Street

A Chara,

Regarding letter from the Department in connection with proposed acquisition of 6 Houses at Castle Street, I submit hereunder additional items involved in the conversion of same which have been requested by the Department of Local Government:-

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1. Provision of ranges including connection to existing flue and making good to flue and to surround and back of fire open, and including provision of boiler with $\frac{3}{4}$ " F. & R. connection from new Roylet Tank and $\frac{3}{4}$ " connection to tank and scullery and make good to all supplies. £56. 0. 0. per house.
 2. Repairs to chimney stack including the provision of new lead flashing, pointing and rendering of stacks and concrete capping. Also include for all scaffolding. Extra £23. 0. 0. per house.
 3. Repairs and strengthening of main roof and 1st floor ceiling joists. Extra £36. per house.
 4. Re-slabing first floor ceiling and skimming of joists; also repair and strengthen as above. Extra £25. per house.
- Total = £140 per house over and above the figure already submitted to you.

J. T. O'Byrne.
TOWN SURVEYOR

It was explained to the meeting that having regard to the cost of purchasing the houses and the total estimated cost of repair (£591 per house) the weekly rent (inclusive of rates) on the basis of a 10 yr. loan from the Council's Treasurer, would be £1. 10. 10. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to form a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Everett, T.D., and the County Manager to meet Department officials in this connection on some suitable date.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITE TO D. R. NUZUM AND APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS:

Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, wrote on behalf of Mr. D. R. Nuzum applying for a lease of a building site at Dunbur Road formerly in occupation of Mr. Frederick Wright. The under report together with plan was submitted from the Town Surveyor:-

9th December, 1953.

A Chara,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. in connection with the plot of ground at the Bog Field, I desire to state:-

- (1) the plot is suitable as a building site.
- (2) normally its frontage is sufficient to permit of at least two better-type non-Council houses to be erected.

The plots on the opposite side are about 72'0" in frontage.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:-

"That we hereby grant for a term of 75 years a lease to Mr. Daniel R. Nuzum, Fitzwilliam Square, Wicklow, of a plot at Dunbur Road marked Site A in plan submitted to the Town Surveyor, at a yearly rent of £7. 10. 0."

Regarding Mr. Nuzum's application of the 18th December, for a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the Council, being satisfied as to Mr. Nuzum's ability to repay, recommended a loan equal to 80% of market value of the house, as determined by the Town Surveyor, subject to a maximum advance of £1600, on the proposition of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson, in respect of a house proposed to be erected by him at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

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DEFRAYING EXPENDITURE - AN TOSTAL, 1953: The Chairman pointed out to the meeting that a sum of £40 approx. remained unpaid by An Tostal Council in respect of advertising in connection with 1953 festival and he requested to be informed if the Urban Council would have power to assist in defraying the sum. The County Manager pointed out that a local authority could only expend money (not to exceed 3d. in £. in any year) on the decoration of their areas for such occasions.

AFFIXING OF SEAL TO AGREEMENT: It was proposed by Councillor O'Rourke seconded by Councillor Finlayson and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following agreements:-

- (a) Mr. Thomas Walls McAuley to Mrs. Elizabeth Kavanagh
- (b) Mr. Sidney F. Parker to Mr. Thomas Walls McAuley
- (c) Mr. Joseph O'Connor to Mr. Sidney F. Parker."

CIRCULAR RE HOUSING BYE-LAWS: Model Byelaws, accompanying Circular H.11/53 of 16th December, 1953, from the Department of Local Government were presented to the meeting. The County Manager pointed out that the model byelaws are closely resembled those adopted and recently submitted by the Council for the provisional approval of the Minister, that it would be advisable to adopt the Model Byelaws as submitted. This was unanimously agreed to. It was agreed to have the model byelaws printed and circulated, and beformally adopted by the Council as soon thereafter as possible.

CIRCULAR RE LOANS FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND: Read the following Circular from the Department of Local Government:-
Circular No. H.10/53. 11th December, 1953.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that the Minister for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Local Loans Fund Act, 1935, has given a direction under Section 12 of the Act fixing at $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 1st January, 1954.

Mise, le meas, etc.

Noted.

NOTIFICATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION - E.S.V. 1953/54: Under date of 10th December, 1953, the Council was written informing them of a supplementary allocation, under the E.S.V. 1953/54 Scheme, of £700 subject to a local contribution of £70. It was unanimously agreed to provide the local contribution under the terms of Section 25 of the County Management Act, 1940. The Town Surveyor submitted the following report:-

11th January, 1954.

re: Supplementary Grant £700

A Chara,

I would offer the suggestion that this grant might be used in providing concrete footpaths at Bath Street, Bond St., and Strand St. Lower, and also reconstructing the road in concrete leading to Sea Front at Clarke's Corner. A small portion of the road leading to the Harbour opposite the Wicklow Saw Mills premises might perhaps be also undertaken.

Mise, le meas, etc.

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It was agreed to carry out these works in addition to the following:-

- (a) Limewashing of rear of houses at Morton's Lane
- (b) Provision of handrail and steps at Morton's Lane/Fitzwilliam Road.
- (c) Pathway at High Street.
- (d) Footpath at Lower side of Castle St.
- (e) Corner at Castle Street.
- (f) Monkton Row and Castle Street - provision of road gully
- (g) Drainage at Kilmartin Hill.

Town Surveyor to prepare estimate for submission to the Department.

VACANT HOUSE AT NO. 5 ST. KEVIN'S TERRACE: The Acting Chief Medical Officer recommended as follows:-

- (1) Thomas Murphy, Quarantine Hill, Wicklow.
- (2) Patrick Kavanagh, 21 High St., Wicklow.
- (3) Mary Redmond, 19 Monkton Row, Wicklow.
- (4) John O'Neill, 4 Castle St., Wicklow.
- (5) Thomas Doyle, 19 Castle St., Wicklow.

The former tenant has unsuccessfully applied for re-occupation of the house. In view of the circumstances of the undernamed, who already occupied a Council house, the Council recommended for tenancy of this house, on compassionate grounds - Arthur Jameson, 25 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow. It was further agreed to offer the tenancy of 25 St. Laurence's Park to the persons recommended by the Medical Officer in the order of priority as submitted by him.

REPORT FROM TOWN SURVEYOR RE PROVISION OF PIPE-LINE TO WICKLOW HARBOUR:

Read the following report from the Town Surveyor:-

9th January, 1954.

A Chara,

With reference to request from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to provide a watermain to a proposed hydrant near the corner of the Harbour Commissioners' Stores, I write to say that the distance involved be approx. 50 ft. from the end of our main.

I would not recommend the provision of 1½" G.B. piping in that area on account of the danger from damage and corrosion under excessive traffic and mineral matters, nor would I recommend an asbestos main.

I estimate the cost of laying a 4" cast iron with hydrant to be £78. 0. 0.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was agreed to refer the report to the Harbour Commissioners with a request that they indicate their preparedness to meet the full cost of the work.

RAIL SIDING AT NORTH QUAY, WICKLOW: A letter was read from the Traffic Manager of Urrus Lompair Eireann suggesting a resumption of a conference for the proposed provision of a rail siding at North Quay, Wicklow. A copy of a letter from the County Manager in reply thereto was also read, pointing out that the Council had no interest in the prospect other than providing a way-leave over their property and that it seemed a matter for negotiation between the three interested parties, viz: C.I.E., Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., and Wicklow Harbour Commissioners. After a discussion it was agreed to forward a copy of the correspondence to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners and to obtain their views on the subject.

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TOWN PLANNING: (1) Application accompanied by plans and specification submitted by Mr. A. J. Crotty, Technical School, Wicklow, for permission to erect a bungalow at Newpark Road, Wicklow. The undernoted report was submitted from the Town Surveyor:-

9th January, 1954.

A Chara,

"I see no objection to this provided that:-

- (a) it is not on the site which is the property of the Wicklow U.D.C.
- (b) that it is not erected in such a way as to interfere with overhead E.S.B. wires;
- (c) that it is entirely detached from site along this road now occupied by Mr. Finlayson and
- (d) that the front building line shall not be nearer the centre of the road boundary ditch than 30 feet.

Mise, le meas, etc.

That application was approved on the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Hudson.

(2) Application for permission to repair chimney at Pim's premises, 22 The Mall, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor reported that there was no objection provided the Urban Council and County Council were preserved free from all claims in connection with the matter. Approved.

APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE OF TENANCY: The Council recommended that Mr. A. E. G. Howes of 37 Glenview Road and Wm. O'Brien of 4 St. Kevin's Tce., be permitted to exchange tenancies, having discussed their applications.

SALE OF INTEREST IN PREMISES AT "HILLCREST", DUNBUR ROAD, WICKLOW:

Read the following letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors:-

7th January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Our client, Mrs. Julia Wake, has agreed to sell her interest in the premises "Hillcrest", Dunbur Road, Wicklow, held under Lease granted to Alphonsus O'Connor, dated 24th March, 1939, for term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1939, to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. B. Beatty of The Brambles, Wicklow.

Would you kindly let us have the consent of the Council to the proposed sale.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was unanimously agreed to grant the necessary consent on the proposition of Councillor Everett, T.D. seconded by Councillor Hudson.

LETTER FROM ST. PATRICK'S G.A.A. CLUB: Read the undergiven letter from the Chairman of the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club:-

31st December, 1953.

A Chara,

St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club at a specially convened meeting on 17th December to deal with the matter, discussed the Soccer Club's request for the use of the G.A.A. pitch, while its own pitch was being re-surfaced.

It was decided that it was not in the interest of Gaelic Games to accede to that request. The G.A.A. pitch will be needed early in the new year for Juvenile games, Secondary School games, and club practice games.

Because of remarks unsympathetic to the G.A.A. which were made at the last meeting of the Council, it was decided also to draw the attention of the Council to the following:-

(a) The G.A.A. never claimed a monopoly of the Murrough
(b) Gaelic games have been played on the G.A.A. pitch on the Murrough for more than sixty years. The Urban Council on various occasions sanctioned by word and deed this long-established custom and as recent as April, 1952, confirmed the right of St. Patrick's G.A.A. club to debar other associations from using the pitch.

(c) Being assured of its rights, St. Patrick's G.A.A. club re-surfaced the pitch at great cost to the club.

(d) St. Patrick's G.A.A. club never trespassed on the grounds of any other association. Other associations, however, during the past year, entered the G.A.A. pitch, dug holes in it, erected their goal posts, or cricket stumps, and played on it, without the consent of St. Patrick's G.A.A. club. These clubs merely obtain permission from an official of the Council.

A wise solution would seem that the G.A.A. pitch be improved by the Council during the close-season for Gaelic games and that the Soccer pitch be re-surfaced during the summer season.

Mise, le meas,

Edward Kavanagh, Chairman.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should arrange to distribute soil on the pitch used by the G.A.A. and that an official of that Club should indicate whereabouts on the pitch the soil could be most advantageously distributed. It was further agreed without dissent that each club should use only the pitch which heretofore has been customarily used by them.

COMPLAINT RE RANGE AT 34 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK: Mr. Patrick Doyle tenant of 34, St. Laurence's Park, wrote complaining of a faulty range at his address. The Town Surveyor reported stating that he inspected the appliance and found it satisfactory. After a lengthy discussion in the course of which it was stated that this tenant had provided a Truburn Cooker at his own expense in a Council house previously occupied by him, it was agreed to provide a Truburn appliance, having considered all the circumstances, and that the tenant pay the difference in cost between the existing range and the new, to be recouped over a period of one year.

OTHER BUSINESS: Before concluding the business of the meeting Councillor Everett raised the question of the legal costs in connection with the Tenant Purchase Scheme which had been recently circulated to the tenants. The County Manager intimated that the Solicitor would be requested to quote a lump sum in this connection with a request for a departure from the standard scale of fees. It was also agreed that the Scheme would be further examined with a view to ascertaining what the effect of reducing the interest rate by $\frac{1}{2}\%$ would be.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
29th January, 1954.

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, 2nd February, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 11th January, 1954, (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Arklow U.D.C. re reduction of interest rates for loans obtained from Local Loans Fund.
3. Resolution from Athlone U.D.C. re interference with Radio reception.
4. Formal adoption of Bye-laws with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by the Working Classes (copy herewith).
5. Letting of vacant houses at (a) No. 11 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Park and (b) 25 St. Laurence's Park.
6. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re pipe-line to Wicklow Harbour.
7. Town Planning application - Messrs David Allen & Sons.
8. Sealing of Agreement - Andrew J. Finlayson with Wicklow U.D.C.
9. Application for consent to execute Assignment of premises at Monkton Row Lower, Wicklow - Killian, Bradshaw and Another.
10. Any Other Business.

Wicklow 2nd March 1954

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 1954

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

In attendance: The Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and the Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, had written regretting his inability to be present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on 11th January, 1954, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM ARKLOW U.D.C. RE REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATES: A resolution from Arklow U.D.C. calling upon the Government to give a subsidy from the Central Fund to permit of loans being advanced at a rate of interest of 2½%, from the Local Loans Fund to erect houses which could be let at a reasonable rent, was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION FROM ATHLONE U.D.C.: Athlone U.D.C. transmitted a copy of a resolution requesting the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to introduce legislation compelling owners of machinery and plant to eliminate the interference caused from this source. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

BYE-LAWS IN RESPECT OF HOUSES INTENDED FOR OCCUPATION BY PERSONS OF THE WORKING CLASSES: Copies of Draft Bye-laws had been circulated to the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett, and resolved:-

"That we hereby approve of the Draft Bye-laws now submitted, in respect of houses intended for occupation by persons of the Working Classes and thereto affix our corporate Seal".

VACANT HOUSES AT NO. 11 AND 25 ST. LAURENCE'S PARK: The Acting Chief Medical Officer recommended as follows:-

- (1) Maurice O'Brien, Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
- (2) William Phillips, 17 Convent Road, Wicklow.

Following a short discussion the Council unanimously agreed to let the houses to the above named in the order of priority as set out by the Medical Officer.

LETTER FROM WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS RE PIPE-LINE: The following letter dated 20th January, 1954, from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners was read:-

20th January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 12th January and other correspondence in connection with supplying ships with water at Wicklow Harbour, I am to inform you that I placed your letter and copy of Town Surveyor's letter before Harbour Commissioners at their meeting on the 20th January, and I am to inform you that Wicklow Harbour Commissioners would be prepared to pay half the cost of laying of a 4" cast iron main with hydrant to a position at North West corner of Harbour store on conditions that the Wicklow Urban Council would supply harbour Commissioners with fresh water for the sum of £5. 0. 0. per year and the Commissioners would then all the water ships required.

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I presume the estimate would also provide for the supplying of a length of hose to reach on board of ships.

The Harbour Commissioners will glad to have the Wicklow U.D.C. observations in connection with this matter at an early date.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. Conway
Secretary.

It was unanimously agreed to defer the matter for consideration to the Estimates Meeting.

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATION - MESSRS DAVID ALLEN & SONS: The following letter of application was received, dated 13th January, 1954:-

Dear Sir,

We send herewith plan showing where we propose to erect an advertisement panel measuring 14 feet 6 inches x 11 feet on the side wall of Messrs Garrett Byrne's premises at the corner of Main Street.

The panel will be metal faced with a 7" moulding. It will be a neat structure similar to the modern construction being erected by this Company in other towns.

We should be pleased to learn that there is no objection to our proposal.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Town Surveyor had indicated that he would not be prepared to approve of recommending permission in this case and the Council unanimously agreed to refuse permission. A discussion regarding other hoardings followed and it was agreed to have the matter investigated.

SEALING OF AGREEMENT - ANDREW J. FINLAYSON WITH WICKLOW U.D.C.: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement - Andrew J. Finlayson with Wicklow U.D.C. - in connection with his contract for external painting of Council houses".

ASSIGNMENT OF PREMISES AT MONKTON ROW - KILLIAN BRADSHAW AND ANOTHER: The following letter from Mr. E. J. H. Hopkins, Solicitor, was read:-

21st January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Wicklow Mineral Water Co. carry on business at Monkton Row Lower, Wicklow, on premises held from the Council under Lease dated 5th December, 1950, to Messrs R. T. Killiam, L. J. Sutton and J. P. Nolan.

Subsequently the Leases interest was acquired by Mr. John R. Bradshaw and Mr. R. H. Black.

Mr. Bradshaw now wishes to execute a voluntary Assignment of his interest to his wife, and I shall be obliged if you will let me have the Council's consent thereto.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The consent of the Council to the proposed Assignment was unanimously given.

STATION ROAD MAINTENANCE- RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT: Under date 20th January, Coras Iompair Eireann wrote to the Council as follows:-

Dear Sir,

The Agreement between your Council and my Board in respect of the

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maintenance of the approach road to Wicklow Station dated 9th October, 1946, will expire on the 31st July, 1954. I should be glad to have the approval of your Council to extend Clause 3 of this Agreement and the other relevant Clauses for a further period of four years at the rate of £30. C. O. p.a. payable half-yearly as provided for in the present Agreement.

Yours faithfully,
D. Herlihy
Chief Engineer

The Town Surveyor stated that this road should be surfaced tarred this year before July 31st at an estimated cost of £165, and that the Council could thus maintain it for a further period of four years at £30 p.a. The Council agreed to subject the renewal of the agreement to the C.I.E.'s preparedness to have the surface dressing, suggested by the Town Surveyor carried out.

RAIL SIDING AT NORTH QUAY: The Wicklow Harbour Commissioners wrote stating that they would feel obliged if the County Manager could arrange a conference between the interested parties as soon as possible. It was agreed to defer this matter pending the availability of the Manager, who would be engaged for some months in the matter of preparation of estimates for the several rating authorities.

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF A SHOP - MR. J. D. HAUGHTON: Consideration of application of Mr. J. D. Haughton dated 9th January, 1954, accompanied by sketch plan, for permission to erect a shop at his premises at Sea View Road, Wicklow, held under lease from the Council dated 9th August, 1946, was deferred to the next meeting of the Council to be held on 2nd March, 1954, pending the attendance of the Manager.

LEASE OF BUILDING SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD TO D. R. NUZUM: The undergiven correspondence was read from Mr. D. R. Nuzum:-

26th January, 1954.

Dear Sir,

In connection with my application for a site for building purposes at Dunbur Road and to the Council's decision to allot to me site A as indicated on the map submitted by the Town Surveyor in the Bog Field, I now to request that my application be considered for the leasing of site B thereat on similar conditions.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and agreed:

"That we hereby grant for a term of 75 years a lease to Mr. Daniel R. Nuzum, Fitzwilliam Sq., Wicklow, of a plot at Dunbur Road, marked Site B on plan submitted by Town Surveyor at a yearly rent of £7. 10. 0."

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The question of providing additional public lighting at the new Technical School was deferred to the Estimates Meeting.

PROTEST TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: It was agreed, without dissent, on the proposition of Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Clarke, (Chairman), to protest to the Minister for Education, in the strongest possible terms, regarding the circumstances surrounding the appointment of a Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of the new Technical School and to the delay on the part of the Department of Education in replying to a communication addressed to them by the Vocational Education Committee also on this subject. The Council made this protest as an authority whose members have representation on the Committee for Vocational Education.

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CHANGING NAME OF STREET: The following letter from Mr. Campbell, Teac Muire, was read:-

28/12/1953.

Dear Mr. Clarke,

In appreciation of the Marian Year event intended incidentally to promote peace, your Council will, I hope, authorize the name:

Via Marian or Bothar Muire

for this road by the Abbey in which my house is.

I believe it would be a delectable choice of name appealing to the Council.

Faithfully yours, etc.

READ.

OTHER BUSINESS: Approval to the application of Mr. James Doyle, consequent upon the death of his mother, to have the house recorded in his name, was given.

Permission was also given for an exchange of tenancy between Mr. Christopher Jameson, 12 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, and Mr. Edward Hanlon, Castle Park, Wicklow.

Before concluding the business of the meeting Councillor Clarke (Chairman) referred to the superannuation allowance of A. Clarke, former member of outdoor staff. The Clerk was directed to express the views of the Council to the Department on this subject.

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*Daniel Clarke
2nd March 1954*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
26th February, 1954.

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, 2nd March, 1954, at 7-30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

- ✓ 1. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd February, 1954, (copy herewith).
- ✓ 2. Consideration of tenders for letting of field of 9½ acres (approx.) at Dunbur Road (recently reclaimed).
- ✓ 3. Application of Mr. J. D. Haughton for permission to erect a shop at his premises at Sea View Road, Wicklow, held from the Council under lease dated 9th August, 1940.
- ✓ 4. Revision of Salary Scale of Town Clerk.
5. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 2ND MARCH, 1954

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Chairman), C. W. Hudson, A. Finlayson, J. Everett, T.D., and J. Rourke.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne and Town Clerk, Mr. D. J. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on 2nd February, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

TENDERS FOR LETTING OF FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD: Three tenders were received for the letting of 9½ acres of land at Dunbur Road for conacre to 1st November, 1954, viz:- (a) H. W. Hopkins - £90; (b) James Dunne - £9 per acre (£85. 10. 0.) and (c) Robert Dickenson - £50. The Council accepted the tender of Mr. H. W. Hopkins, Wentworth Place in sum of £90, being the highest tender received, subject to the usual conditions, on the proposition of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson.

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF SHOP - MR. J. D. HAUGHTON: Mr. J. D. Haughton applied for permission to erect a shop at his premises at Seaview Road demised to him by lease dated 9th August, 1940, from the Council. The County Manager pointed out to the meeting that the property was leased for use as a dwelling only and that it would not be desirable to approve of the application as it might embarrass the Council at a later stage by establishing a precedent of this kind, since the locality was primarily a residential one. He pointed out further that the erection of a small shop of the character proposed by Mr. Haughton would affect the property values of the houses erected with the aid of advances made by the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and that it was the duty of the Council to ensure that the value of any dwelling erected on their lands should be maintained. It was mentioned that the terms of the Agreement operating in respect of houses owned by the Council precluded the existence of any shop. After further discussion it was unanimously agreed to convey the views of the Council, as expressed by the County Manager, to Mr. Haughton.

REVISION OF SALARY SCALE OF TOWN CLERK: On the proposition of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson, the Council unanimously agreed to give effect to a salary scale of £400 x £20 - £550 in respect of the office of Town Clerk, Wicklow, with effect as from 1st January, 1953, in lieu of the existing scale of £300 x £15 - £450. Authority for the expenditure involved was given under Section 25 of County Management Act, 1940.

STATION APPROACH ROAD MAINTENANCE: The following letter from Coras Iompair Éireann was read:-

26th February, 1954.

Dear Sir,

re: Approach Road to Wicklow Station

I am obliged for yours of 3rd February, 1954. My Board has decided not to renew the Agreement with the Wicklow Urban District Council for the maintenance of this road, which expires on the 31st July, 1954.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

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TOWN PLANNING APPLICATION - MR. D. R. NUZUM: Application dated 16/2/1954 from Mr. D. R. Nuzum, accompanied by plans and specification for Town Planning permission to erect a bungalow at Summer Hill, Wicklow, were submitted to the meeting.

Approval was given unanimously subject to any conditions imposed by the Town Surveyor.

KIOSK AT EAST PIER: Mr. Edward Kavanagh, Castlefield, Wicklow, submitted the following letter of application for permission to erect a kiosk at the East Pier:-

1st March, 1954.

A Chara,

Enclosed is sketch of wooden sectional kiosk proposed to be erected on plot rented by me from the Harbour Commissioners at East Pier for the sale of Ices, Minerals and cigarettes during Summer months. I would like you to submit same to Council at monthly meeting for their approval.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was decided to refer the application to the Harbour Commissioners for approval with a request to have the application resubmitted to the Council with a view to obtaining approval under the Town and Regional Planning Acts.

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK OF WORKS: Arising from the protest made to the Minister for Education at the last monthly meeting of the Council in connection with the circumstances surrounding the appointment of a Clerk of Works with regard to the erection of a new Technical School the following letter was read from the Minister's Parliamentary Secretary:-

6th February, 1954.

A Chara,

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th February which I have brought to the attention of the Minister for Education.

The Minister will make enquiries into the question you have raised regarding the appointment of a Clerk of Works in connection with the erection of the Wicklow Technical School.

Mise, le deighmheinn, etc.

NOTED.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT: The suggestion of the Arklow U.D.C. contained in the undernoted letter, with regard to the co-ordination of the efforts of the various interested parties in Wicklow and Arklow for the purpose of publicising Wicklow and Arklow as Tourist Resorts was unanimously adopted:-

1st March, 1954.

A Chara,

At the February meeting of the Arklow Urban District Council, on the proposition of Councillor P. Kavanagh, it was unanimously decided that the Town Clerk of Arklow contact the Town Clerk in Wicklow and inform him that the Urban District Council of Arklow suggests that a joint Body comprising of the Arklow Urban District Council, Arklow Tourist Association, Wicklow Urban District Council and Wicklow Tourist Association be formed for the purpose of publicising Arklow and Wicklow as tourist resorts.

Mise, le meas, etc.

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OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL: The Chairman pointed out to the meeting that the now disused Vocational Education School in Main St., offered ideal facilities for a Boys' Club and Branch Library. He mentioned that it had been proposed to dispose of the building to the Urban Council for a nominal figure but that this proposal was subject to the sanction of the Minister for Education. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Chief Educational Officer with a view to ascertaining when sanction to the proposed disposal would be accorded and to defer consideration of the future uses to which this building would be devoted pending developments in this light.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY: The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the widow and relatives of the late Chairman, Mr. J. Olohan, which was seconded by Councillor Hudson. Councillors Everett, Finlayson and Rourke associated themselves with the vote. Mention was made of the late Mr. Olohan's fairness, kindness and consideration during his term of office as Chairman of the Council and of his devotion and service to town and people. The County Manager, on behalf of the staff, joined in this message of sympathy.

As a mark of respect, the meeting then adjourned without transacting any further business.

William Clarke
12 April 1954