

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

19th March, 1954.

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

ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON
THE 31st MARCH, 1955.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In the attached tables details are given of the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the year ending on the 31st March, 1955. The Estimates will be considered at the statutory Estimates Meeting which this year will be held on Tuesday, 30th March, 1954.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £31646 and total receipts at £13789. The net amount to be levied from rates, therefore, is £17,857.

The expenditure under the four main accounting headings is given hereunder, with the corresponding figures adopted for 1953/54 shown in parenthesis:-

<u>Service</u>	<u>Gross Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Nett Expenditure</u>
Roads	£1445 (£1406)	£60 (£70)	£1385 (£1336)
Sanitary Services	£4268 (£4030)	£269 (£212)	£3999 (£3818)
Housing	£12322 (£12027)	£10530 (£10343)	£1792 (£1684)
General Urban Purposes	£13611 (£12859)	£2930 (£2945)	£10681 (£9914)
	£31646 (£30322)	£13789 (£13570)	£17857 (£16752)

Credits of £471 are available and after the application of these the net amount required is reduced to £17386.

A rate of 1d. in the £ would produce £41. 4. 4. in the coming year and the net requirements of £17386 would require a rate of 35/2d. in the £, which would be an increase of 2/- over the rate for the present year which is 33/2d.

Whilst the increase in the Estimated Expenditure for the coming year is explained in detail later, it is found that the main item responsible is the County Council Demand. This Demand shows a rise of £529 which is equivalent to a rate of 1/1d. in the £. Some of the other items causing the increase are:- Housing Repairs £100; provision of new sewerage outfall at Harbour £78; provision of new watermain at Harbour £39; Increase in Burial Board Demand £27; Additional public lighting £25; Water safety contribution £40.

ROADS: In the attached estimates the same provision as last year has again been made for the Council's contribution to Employment Schemes. viz: £75. In the present financial year a state grant of £350 was notified in October last. Later, however, the Department of Local Government indicated that an additional grant of £700 would be given provided that the Council contributed £70 extra. The Council agreed to make the additional contribution in order to avail of the latter grant. With the original grant the Council decided to carry out the following works:- Improvements to Convent Road, Cooper's Lane and Castle Street. The second grant was assigned to the following works:-

Footpaths at Castle Street and High Street; improvement of corner at Castle Street; provision of road gullies at Monkton Row and Castle Street; drainage at Kilmantin Hill and improvements at Morton's Lane/Fitzwilliam Road.

For ordinary Road Maintenance the provision made is £579 which is similar to that allowed in the present year. This outlay is included to cover the cost of ordinary road repairs. In recent years the Council has allowed £280 for Special Works on roads such as tar spraying and re-surfacing, and the same amount has been included in the attached Estimates. The Town Surveyor, however, has submitted an estimate under this heading amounting to £1557. The list of works he has recommended is as follows:-

1. Fairview Road: Tar surface dressing	£146. 0. 0.
2. Glenview Road: Do.	£85. 0. 0.
3. Strand St. Upr. and Lower: Repairs, patching and surfacing dressing	£172. 0. 0.
4. Bond Street: Tar surfacing and extension of surfacing to Saw Mills Weighbridge	£215. 0. 0.
5. Greenhill Road: Tar surfacing, repairs, strengthening, blinding	£94. 0. 0.
6. Friars' Hill: Tar surfacing to junction with Rathnew Road	£105. 0. 0.
7. Old Dunbur Rd: Upr. Colley St. and Colley Row - Tar surface portion of the Old Dunbur Rd. requires steam rolling	£150. 0. 0.
8. New Park Road (from Fitzwilliam Rd. to top of St. Laurence's Road - tar surface dressing)	£122. 0. 0.
9. Bachelors' Walk - Tar surfacing	£99. 0. 0.
10. Bachelors' Walk - Footpaths (tarmac)	£82. 0. 0.
11. Brickfield Lane - Stengthening patching, surfacing	£150. 0. 0.
12. Convent Road (Hill) Tar surfacing	£137. 0. 0.

In submitting this list he states that the condition of certain roads in the Urban District is bad, owing to the fact that insufficient funds had been available to keep them in good repair and he has stressed it would be necessary to provide tar surface dressing for them as otherwise there would be danger of serious deterioration.

If, however, the Council were to provide from next year's rates the entire sum shown by the Town Surveyor the increase in rate would be very substantial; a rate of 2/6d. in £ would be required, in addition to the sum of £280 which is being included in the Estimates. It is suggested that, as in previous years, the Council might examine the foregoing list of works and determine the items which should be given priority, and be carried out by means of the £280, together with such Government Grants for Employment Schemes, as may be obtained.

The loan charges to meet the cost of improvement to St. Patrick's Road amount to £205; this is a slight reduction on last year's figures (£212).

Last year £134 was allowed to meet loan charges on the new concrete road at the Murrough. This, however, would only cover such charges for a half year on the Capital cost of £1750. Later, however the County Council agreed to give a contribution of £600 towards this work and this has resulted in a reduction in the loan charges. Consequently the loan charges for this Scheme in the coming year will be £129, which, in fact, is somewhat slightly less than the provision made last year.

A member of the Council's staff retired in the present year and provision is to be made for a retiring allowance of £71, under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, 1948.

SANITARY SERVICES:

Water Supply: The provision made for the waterworks corresponds to that allowed for 1953/54. The Town Surveyor considers that it will be necessary to continue the special pumping arrangements from the stream at Marlton and a sum of £240 has been again included to cover the cost. As mentioned when submitting the Estimates last year it was necessary to have recourse to this arrangement in order to overcome the difficulties of water shortage, which would otherwise arise. It seems moreover that this is an arrangement which will have to be continued until the proposed Regional Scheme will be available to augment the insufficient supply from the existing source. As indicated to the Council at recent meetings it was not possible to make definite progress with the installation of the Regional Water Supply as the E.S.B. contemplated using Lough Dan for hydro-electric development. Recently, since definite information could not be obtained from the Board as to the date by which they would proceed with their Scheme, the Council's Consultant, was asked to prepare a modified Regional Scheme based on Vartry River, which could later be linked up with Lough Dan if the E.S.B. did not carry out their Scheme, or could be connected with the Storage Reservoir provided by the E.S.B. in the event of the hydro-electric development being undertaken. The designing of the Regional Scheme has become a complex matter owing to the many difficulties involved, but it is hoped that it may be possible to make definite progress with the Scheme in the coming financial year. It will be appreciated that the resolving of the many difficulties which have been met has entailed much delay.

WATER SUPPLY TO HARBOUR: During the present year the Harbour Commissioners asked that a water main might be installed at the Harbour for the purpose of providing supplies for ships. The Council had some doubt as to whether this should be regarded as their responsibility, seeing that it was intended only to provide a facility for the Harbour Commissioners. It was decided to defer the matter until the Estimates Meeting and in the Estimates provision now has been made for an outlay of £78, subject to a contribution of half the cost (£39) from the Harbour Authority. It should be mentioned that there will be no commensurate yearly income to the Council which would offset the cost of this installation if it be approved.

SEWERAGE: The provision for ordinary maintenance (£77) is the same as in the present year, but £78 has been included to meet the cost of a new outfall sewer at the South Quay. This is a matter which was under consideration by the Council some time ago and it was decided to defer it until the Estimate Meeting.

DOMESTIC AND STREET SCAVENGING: The sum included is £640 which corresponds to the amount approved for 1953/54. In the Estimates no provision has been made for a General Domestic Scavenging Service, which again has been recommended by the County Medical Officer. It will be recollected, however, that the provision of a general household refuse collection service was very fully considered by the Council about two years ago and it was found that the cost to the rates would be about 1/6d to 2/- in the £. In these circumstances the Council felt that this provision should be deferred.

BURIAL GROUNDS: The Demand from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the maintenance of the cemetery at Merrymount, Rathnew, shows an increase of £27 than that for 1953/54. The amount required for the coming year is £177.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Under this heading £46 is again provided for the existing service. During the year, however, the Council considered that it might be necessary to provide some additional lights. For this purpose an additional outlay of £25 is shown and this would enable the Council to provide five additional lamps at situations which the members would think they would be most essential.

HOUSING: The nett cost of the Housing Service for the coming year is estimated at £1792 as compared with £1684 in the present year. The difference is due to additional provision made for Housing repairs.

For 1953/54 the Council allowed £650 for repairs. It has been found, however, that this sum is not at all adequate. Consequently it is felt that for the coming year the provision under this heading should be increased by £100.

The number of houses owned by the Council is 266; the loan charges show no appreciable change on the amounts allowed for the present year.

In July of last year the Department of Local Government outlined, for the convenience of Housing Authorities, the minimum terms and conditions under which they thought Urban Council houses might be disposed to occupying tenants. A Special Scheme was then prepared and was examined by the Council some months ago. Later the details of the Scheme were circulated to the tenants with a request that they might indicate if they were interested in purchasing the houses which they occupied. So far no information has been received as to whether they would/interested in purchasing, but it should be mentioned that it was not possible to supply definite information as to the legal costs which would arise in connection with the purchase. In accordance with the terms of the Scheme the Capital value of 198 of the houses for purchase purposes would vary from £240 to over £400, depending on the date of erection. The houses erected in recent years would be valued at £1040 for the purpose of the Purchase Scheme.

Recently a grant of £40 per annum, for a period of 10 years, has been made under the Housing Act, 1948, in respect of a house which has been built for letting. Whilst in the Estimates £40 has been included it will be noted that there will be State recoupment of £26 so that the the net cost to the Council is £14.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: The total number of loans thus far made by the Council under these Acts is 15. The loan charge payable by the Council are recouped in full from the repayment made by borrowers.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

Tourist Development: For the present year the Council allowed £40 as a contribution to the local Tourist Development Association. A similar sum has been included for 1954/55. The Council felt that better publicity and tourist arrangements for contacting visitors could be made if such work were left to the local organisation. It was found, however, that special sanction from the Department of Local Government would be necessary to any such arrangement. Recently the Department pointed out that central publicity arrangements would be likely to be more beneficial than individual publicity efforts by local authorities and indicated that a contribution to a local organisation should be conditional on no diversion of any part of the funds which the local authority might otherwise have made available to the Tourist Association, being made. In these circumstances it is felt that for the coming year the Council would require to obtain special Department approval before assigning the rate levied under this heading to the local association.

Foreshore Maintenance: For maintenance work at the Foreshore, £150 is again included. It will be recollected that when seeking grants in recent years for Foreshore Works the Central Authorities drew attention to the necessity for provision each year for maintenance of the existing protection works. The Council has been pressing for special grants for urgent protection works for many years past, and when it was indicated that special grants might be made to local authorities from the National Development Fund the Council's application was again renewed, in fact it was urged that special priority might be given to this type of work.

Tree Planting: A sum of £38 is again included. During the present year the local association has continued with the planting schemes which were started a few years ago, and it is expected that in the coming years the effect of these measures to beautify the town and surroundings will be extended. It should be mentioned that the Council's contribution has only met in part the cost of the work which has been undertaken by the local Voluntary Organisation and that much assistance has been received from other sources and the donors are to be commended for their civic spirit.

Band Performances: Last year the Council allowed £35 as a contribution towards the cost of maintaining the local Band which during the tourist season has given performances at the Sea Front. The same amount has been again included for the coming year.

An Tostal Decorations: Local Authorities may incur expenditure on the decoration of the districts for An Tostal. In the event of the Council deciding to make any special arrangements of this character, a sum of £40 has been included.

SCHOOL MEALS: The provision made under this heading corresponds to that allowed in the present year. The total cost of School Meals is £232 of which £80 is recouped from State Funds. The average number of children availing of meals is 90.

Allotments: The outlay on Allotments is £298, is almost recouped in full from State Grants. The number of allotments in the present year is over 50.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: The expenditure on the supply of fuel for necessitous households is again estimated at £1050. Practically the entire cost is recouped from State Funds and by the County Council (the latter Body meets the cost in respect of Public Assistance recipients). The number of households benefiting under this Scheme vary from 180 to 200 per week.

Acquisition of Derelict Sites: For this purpose £50 is being included. It is proposed that Derelict Sites might be acquired for housing purposes wherever possible, but if the Council proceeds with a Scheme for the clearing of unsightly areas there will be some sites which could not be used for housing and consequently the cost of acquiring them could not be charged against a Housing Scheme. No provision under this heading was made last year.

County Council Demand: The Demand for County Services again shows a steep rise. The increase is £529, which is equivalent to a rate of 1/1d. in the £. Last year the Demand went up by 2/2d. in the £. The following table shows how the Demand for 1954/55 compares with that for the present year:-

	1954/55	1953/54	Increase or Decrease
Main Roads	£1563	£1440	£123 (Inc.)
Public Assistance	£2906	£2908	£2 (Dec.)
Mental Hospital	£863	£1139	£276 (Dec.)
Health Services	£1240	£686	£554 (Inc.)
General Purposes	£1097	£1168	£71 (Dec.)
Separate Charges	£633	£432	£201 (Inc.)

It will be noted that the major increase in the Demand are under the headings of Health Services and Separate Charges. The additional outlay on the health service is due to the necessity to make provision for new schemes under the Health Act, 1953, in the coming year.

The rise in separate charges is mainly due to the costs of a malicious injury claim. The Court award in this instance is leviable as a County At Large charge. The loan charges on the new Vocational School at Wicklow also accounts for part of the rise in the cost of Separate Charges.

GENERAL: The Estimates now submitted for your consideration would require a rate of 35/2d. in the £, which is an increase of 2/- over that levied in the present year. As already mentioned, however, the major item responsible is the County Council Demand which accounts for 1/1d. of the increase. The details have been given of a number of new items which the Council may consider should be amended or deferred.

It is only fitting that I should pay tribute to the manner in which the Town Clerk (Mr. O'Connor) and all the other officials of the Council have discharged their duties in the past year. They have all given excellent service which is resulting in a satisfactory standard of performance generally. Once more I would wish to convey to the Chairman and members of the Council my sincere appreciation of the assistance and advice they have afforded in connection with all aspects of administration during the present year.

Yours faithfully,

M. Flannery

WICKLOW COUNTY MANAGER

Salaries		
Water Supplies (Wardens 4192)		
Materials 2130		
Provision of Pipe-line to		
Wicklow Harbour	78	
Water Supplies - Pumping Schemes	240	
Drainage (Wardens 455; Materials 42)	77	
Extension of Outfall Main at St.		
Quay	78	
Public Sanitary Conveniences	20	
Scavenging (Street and Dock		
Wardens)	410	
Gravel Grounds	177	
Public Lighting	460	
Additional Lighting	25	
Water Safety: Contributions to Irish		
Water Works Society	40	
1914 Sewer Extension	83	
1917 Water Improvement	265	
1896 Sewer - Dividends, Sinking		
Fund etc.	46	
1922 Sewer - Dividends,		
Sinking Fund, etc.	510	
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbar Rd.)	138	
1930 Extension of Water Supply		
(Dunbar Road)	163	
1934 Regional Water Supply	11	
1951 New Watermain at North Quay	45	
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton		
(Waterworks Reservoir)	36	
Total	2425	

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ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1954/55

URBAN ROADS:

Special Grant Works (Contribution
to Employment Schemes)
Ordinary Road Works -
(Wages £471; Materials £108)
Special Works - Tar Spraying etc.
Station Approach Road (Maintenance)
Retiring Allowance
Salaries
Loan Charges:
1953 St. Patrick's Rd. Improvement
1953 Concrete Road at Murrough

Total

SANITARY SERVICES:

Salaries
Water Supplies (Wages: £492
Materials £130)
Provision of Pipe-line to
Wicklow Harbour
Water Supplies - Pumping Scheme
Sewerage (Wages £55; Materials £22)
Extension of Outfall Main at South
Quay
Public Sanitary Convenience
Scavenging (Street and Domestic
Wages)
Burial Grounds
Public Lighting
Additional Lighting
Water Safety: Contribution to Irish
Red Cross Society

LOAN CHARGES:

1935 Sewer and Water Extension
1937 Waterworks Improvement
1898 3½% Stock - Dividends, Sinking
Fund etc.
1922 5% (3½%) Stock - Dividends,
Sinking Fund, etc.
1948 Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Rd.)
1950 Extension of Water Supply
(Dunbur Road)
1954 Regional Water Supply
1951 New Watermain at North Quay
1952 Purchase of Field at Marlton
(Waterworks Reservoir)

Total

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	
75	75
579	579
280	280
10	10
71	71
96	96
205	205
129	129
£1445	1445
535	535
622	622
78	-
240	240
77	77
78	-
20	20
640	640
177	177
460	460
25	-
40	5
63	63
265	265
46	46
510	510
138	138
163	163
10	10
45	45
36	36
£4268	4052

HOUSING SERVICES:

Housing of the Working Classes

Maintenance and Repair
Salaries (Town Surveyor and
Overseer - part)
Rent Collector's Poundage
Printing, Stationery and Ad-
vertising
Insurances
Rates on Council Houses
Housing Letting Grant

Loan Charges:

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

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan
1948 Loan
1949 Loan
1950 Loan

Total

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

Town Hall Expenses
Tourist Development
Demolition of Ruinous buildings
Acquisition of Derelict Sites
Corporate Estate Maintenance
(Wages £100; Materials £50)
Foreshore Maintenance
Tree Planting
Fairs, Markets and Weighbridges
Band Performances
Milk and Dairies Acts
An Tostal Decorations

School Meals:

Cost of Food
Administration
Allotments

Estimated by Manager	Adopted by Council
£	£
750	650
95	95
335	335
45	45
99	99
2425	2425
40	40
233	233
639	639
29	29
152	152
2572	2572
103	103
974	974
84	84
65	65
20	20
2620	2620
72	72
240	240
480	480
250	250
£12,322	12222
68	68
40	20
5	5
50	50
150	150
150	150
38	38
5	5
35	35
1	1
40	—
160	160
72	72
298	298
£1112	1052

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GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES (CONTD)

C/f	1112	
Salaries	996	
Rate Collector's Poundage	418	
Rent Collector's Poundage (Corporate Estate)	91	
Superannuation (Rate Collector)	350	
Audit Fees	46	
Legal Expenses	120	
Printing, Stationery and Ad- vertising	135	
Rents on Council's Property	50	
Rates on Council's Property	270	
Insurance on Council's Property	14	
Public and E.L. Insurance	76	
Office Expenses	50	
Discount on Rates	67	
Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates	180	
Fuel Scheme for Necessitous persons	1050	
Bank Interest	10	
Election Expenses	-	
Rent of Pound	39	
Miscellaneous	40	
<u>Loan Charges:</u>		
1938 Foreshore Works	-	
1946 New Footbridge	72	
1898 3 1/4% Stock - Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.	123	
<u>County Council Services:</u>		
Main Roads	1563	
Public Assistance	2906	
Mental Hospital	863	
Health (County)	1240	
General Purposes (County)	1097	
Separate Charges (Inc. Library)	633	

Total

Gross Total for all Services

Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
1112	1052
996	996
418	418
91	91
350	350
46	46
120	120
135	135
50	50
270	270
14	14
76	76
50	50
67	67
180	180
1050	1050
10	10
-	-
39	39
40	40
-	-
72	72
123	123
1563	1563
2906	2906
863	863
1240	1240
1097	1097
633	633
£13611	13551
£31646	£31,270

R E C E I P T S

ROADS:

State Grants - Estate Duty
C.I.E. Contribution - Maintenance
of Station Approach Road

Total

SANITARY SERVICES:

Harbour Commissioners contri-
bution to provision of pipe line
Domestic Scavenging
State Subsidy to Loan Charges
(Sanitary Services)
Water Rents

Total

HOUSING SERVICES:

Housing of the Working Classes
State Grant: Subsidy under 1932 Act
(pre 1948 Scheme)

Do. New Schemes
Subsidy to Interest Rates
Rents inclusive of Rates

State Recoupment of Housing
Letting Grant

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts

Repayment of Instalments (Old
Loans)

Repayment of Instalments (New
Loans)

Total

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES:

State Grants:

Bounty in lieu of Rates
Railway and Harbour Charges
School Meals
Recoupment of losses on allotments
Fuel Scheme

Other Receipts

Fuel Scheme - Repayment by re-
cipients and recoupment from
County Council

Corporate Estate Rents
Town Hall Letting (Branch Library)
Licences and Fees

Refund of fees by Officers
Refund part rent of pound -Wicklow
County Council

Contribution by Harbour Authority
to Harbour Loan Charges

Miscellaneous

Total

Gross Total for all Services

Estimated by Manager £	Adopted by Council £
50	50
10	10
£60	60
39	-
85	85
20	20
125	125
£269	230
2380	2380
344	344
290	290
6382	6382
26	26
64	64
1044	1044
£10530	10530
70	70
115	115
80	80
290	290
500	500
538	538
1210	1210
26	26
3	3
19	19
19	19
50	100
10	10
£2930	2980
£13789	13800

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ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1954/55

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Nett Expenditure
Roads	£1,445✓	£60✓	£1,385✓
Sanitary Services	£4,268 (4,052)	£269 (230)	£3,999 (3822)
Housing Services	£12,322 (12,222)	£10530✓	£1,792 (1692)
General Urban Purposes	£13,611 (13,551)	£2930 (2980)	£10,681 (10,571)
	£31,646 (31,270)	£13789 (13,800)	£17,857 (17,470)
Deduct Credit ...	...	...	£471 (531)
Total Requirements to be met by Rate levy ...	...	...	£17,386 (16,939)
Municipal Rate of 1d. in £ produces ...	£41. 4. 4.	34/3.	
Rate in £ to meet total requirements of £17,386 would be 35/2d in £.			

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VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES FOR 1954/55

Total Valuation as per Valuation List	£10,648. 8. 0.
<u>Valuation:</u>		
Buildings ...	£9,618. 1. 0.	
Less Remission under Housing Acts	£294. 1. 4.	£9,323. 19. 8.
Land ...	£807. 2. 0.	
Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes	£74.10. 0.	
Reduction of two-fifths for rating purposes as per Sec. 21(2) and Second Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946,		
Two-fifths of £732. 12. 0.	£293. 0.10.	£439. 11. 2.
Land used as Railways ...	£50. 5. 0.	
Less: Reduction of two-fifths for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and Second Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946	£20. 2. 0.	£30. 3. 0.
Railways rated in full		£12. 0. 0.
Half-Rents ...	£148.10. 0.	
Less: Reduction of one-half for rating purposes as per Section 21(2) and Second Schedule of Local Government Act, 1946	£74. 5. 0.	£74. 5. 0.
Telegraphs		£1. 10. 0.
Yards		£11. 0. 0.
Total Valuation effective for Rating Purposes ...		£9,892. 8.10.
Rate of 1d. in £ produces ... £41. 4. 4.		

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING:

HELD ON 30TH MARCH, 1954.

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

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

EXAMINATION OF ESTIMATES: On the suggestion of the Chairman it was
agreed to examine each item on the Manager's Explanatory Tables,
copies of which had been circulated, as was the procedure in previous
years.

EXPENDITURE:

Roads: Following a detailed examination of the recommendations of
the Town Surveyor, the Council decided to carry out the following
special roadworks:-

Road	Estimated Cost
Glenview Road (tar surface dressing)	£85. 0. 0.
Bond Street (tar surfacing and extension of sur- facing to Saw Mills Weighbridge)	£215. 0. 0.
Old Dunbur Road, Upr. Colley St., and Colley Row. Tar surface portion of Old Dunbur Rd. requires steam rolling	£150. 0. 0.
Bachelors' Walk - Footpaths (tarmac)	£82. 0. 0.
Convent Road (Hill) - Tar surfacing	£137. 0. 0.
	£669. 0. 0.

It was agreed that the following monies would be available
for these works:-

Amount provided in Estimates for Special Road Works	... £280
E.S.V. Grant 1954/55 (Estimated Grant £300)	
(Local Contribution £75)	... £375
	£655

The figure adopted by the Council in respect of road expenditure
was similar to the amount proposed by the County Manager - £1445

SANITARY SERVICES:

Amount proposed by County Manager	... £4268. 0. 0.
Amount adopted by Council	... £4052. 0. 0.

The reduction of the £216 was made by deleting the following:-

(a) Provision of pipe-line to Wicklow Harbour	... £78. 0. 0.
(b) Extension of outfall main at South Quay	... £78. 0. 0.
(c) Additional Public Lighting	... £25. 0. 0.
(d) Reduction of £35, in respect of contribution to Irish Red Cross Society	... £35. 0. 0.
	£216. 0. 0.

In connection with (a) above, the Council were strongly of the
opinion that the entire cost of providing this service should be
borne by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

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Housing:

A reduction of £100, on the figure proposed by the Manager (£12,322) in respect of Housing Services, was made under the sub-heading of Maintenance and Repair of houses. This was the only ad-justment.

General Urban Purposes:

The following redactions were made in the items under General Urban Purposes:-

Tourist Development	...	...	£20.
An Tostal Decorations	...	...	£40.
			£60.

RECEIPTS:Contribution by Harbour Authority:

It was agreed that the annual contribution of the Harbour Authority towards loan charges was inadequate and a sum of £100 (i.e. an increase of £50) was included in the receipts under this heading. It was decided to communicate with the Harbour Authority and to request them to increase their annual contributions by £50.

Adoption of Estimates: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:

"That having examined the Estimates prepared and submitted to us for consideration we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1955, as set out in tables A, B, and C, thereof and that we determine the rate set out in Column 8 (eight) of Table C of the Estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 34/3d. in the pound, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1955."

MANAGER CONGRATULATED: The Chairman and members paid tribute to the manner in which the Estimates had been submitted to them by the Manager.

APPLICATION FOR WAGES INCREASE: An application for an increase in wages of 10/- per week for members of the outdoor staff was submitted to the meeting. It was pointed out that the rate of wages paid by local authorities must relate to the local comparable rate obtaining and was further governed by the cost of living index figures issued by the Government Information Bureau from time to time. Evidence from both these sources would render an increase at this stage as unjustifiable.

RENEWAL OF LEASES: The County Manager stated that he felt that the arrangement presently operating regarding the renewal of surrendered or expired leases, whereby, the rental at the date of surrender or expiry was increased by 25%, should be reviewed as in his opinion the increase effected at present was not adequate. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to increase these rents by 50% in future cases.

DATE OF APRIL MONTHLY MEETING: Monday, 12th April, was agreed upon as being a suitable date for the April Monthly Meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*Decided by the Council
12th April 1954*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

2nd April, 1954.

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, 6th April, 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 March, 1954. (copy herewith).
2. Application to Minister for Local Government for confirmation of Housing Bye-Laws.
3. Circular re Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Valuations) Act, 1954.
4. Letter from Wicklow County Council re filling of vacancy on County Library Committee.
5. Casual Vacancy on Urban District Council.
6. Sealing of Lease - U.D.C. to Nuzum.
7. Application for erection of kiosk at East Pier.
8. Reconsideration of letting of "Bog Field" to Mr. A. Finlayson.
9. Letter from Hammond Lane Metal Co. re Old Guns at Wicklow (Murrrough).
10. Letter from An Comhairle Ealaoin, Dublin re displaying paintings of contemporary Irish Artists, in the offices of Local Authorities.
11. Application for Town Planning permission - erection of two bungalows at the "Bog Field", Dunbur Road, Wicklow, by Messrs Finlayson Bros.
12. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTESMONTHLY MEETING:HELD ON 6TH APRIL, 1954

In attendance: D. J. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday 12th April, 1954, at 7-30 p.m.

*William Clarke
12th April 1954*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTESMONTHLY MEETINGHELD ON 12TH APRIL, 1954

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

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 (a) Monthly meeting held on 2nd March, 1954 (b) Estimates Meeting held on 30th March, 1954 and (c) monthly meeting held on 6th April, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF HOUSING BYE-LAWS: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Rourke and resolved:-

"That we, the Council of the Urban District of Wicklow, hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the Bye-Laws made in respect of houses for occupation by persons of the Working Classes, which were formally adopted by the Council on 2nd February, 1954, and due notice of intention to apply for confirmation having been given".

The Bye-laws were then duly sealed.

TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF VALUATION: Circular letter G.5/54 dated 13th March, 1954, setting out the salient provisions of the Local Government (Temporary Reduction of Valuation) Act, 1954, was read. The County Manager explained to the members the effect which the implementation of the Act would have and instanced examples to clarify the financial concessions contained therein. The Council members welcomed the introduction of this Act.

VACANCY ON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE: The undernoted letter from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council, was read:-

9th March, 1954.

A Chara,

The County Library Committee at their meeting held on the 23rd February, 1954, recommended to the County Council the election of Mrs. Dawson, Wicklow, as a member of the County Library Committee in the place of the late J. Olohan. I should be obliged if you would inform me if your Council agrees to this recommendation of the County Library Committee.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The members, having considered the recommendation of the County Library Committee to appoint Mrs. Dawson to the vacancy, un-animously agreed to this arrangement on the proposal of Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Hudson.

CASUAL VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF U.D. COUNCIL: In accordance with the provision of Section 42(1) of the Local Government Act, 1941, it was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

"That the casual vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. Olohan, be filled by co-option at the next meeting of the Council".

Arising from this matter the members requested that a

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statement setting out, in tabulated form the attendance of the members at the meetings during the previous twelve months be circulated with the minutes and agenda for the next meeting.

U.D.C. to D. R. NUZUM: It was proposed by Councillor Hudson, seconded by Councillor Finlayson and agreed:-

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the Lease (in duplicate) and Memorial - Wicklow U.D.C. to D. Nuzum - in connection with the leasing of a plot at Dunbur Road, marked Site B on plan submitted by Town Surveyor and containing 1270 square yds. or thereabouts statute measure, for use as a building site".

KIOSK AT EAST PIER: The following letter from the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners was read in regard to the application of Mr. E. Kavanagh for permission to erect a kiosk at East Pier:-

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 4th inst. in connection with application of Mr. Ed. Kavanagh, Castlefield, Wicklow for permission to erect a wooden kiosk on his holding at the Quarry near East Pier, Wicklow.

I am requested by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to inform you that have approved of his application to erect a wooden kiosk on his holding at Quarry near East Pier, subject to the approval of the Wicklow Urban Council which will given under the Town and Regional Planning Acts to the proposed erection.

Enclosed plan and letter as requested.

Yours faithfully,
R. F. CONWAY
Secretary.

It was unanimously agreed to permit of the erection of a temporary structure during the currency of the summer months of the present year provided that the proposed erection is executed to the satisfaction of the Council.

LETTING OF BUILDING SITES TO MR. A. FINLAYSON AT DUNBUR ROAD: Lease Wicklow U.D.C. to Andrew D. Finlayson dated 27th May, 1952, was placed before the meeting. The County Manager explained to the meeting that it had been mistakenly thought that the provision in the lease, whereby a rental of £4. 7. 6. became chargeable in respect of each of eight building sites contained in the plot, as endorsed on the lease, in lieu of 1/- per plot as presently obtaining, had become operative. It had since been established, however, that this provision would not take effect until 25th March, 1955. The County Manager detailed the circumstances attending the transfer of these sites and mentioned that the Council at a meeting in April, 1952, rescinded a resolution passed in April, 1951, which, in fact, occasioned this present oversight. He pointed out to the members that the dwellings should be completed within a period of three years dated from 25th March, 1952, in accordance with the terms of the lease, and that to date no such commencement had been made.

At this stage Councillor Everett intervened to state that no indication had been given that interference with property adjoining the "Bog Field" would result from this letting and he strongly opposed such interference. It was explained that the map endorsed on the lease did indicate the inclusion of land tenanted by Miss D. Wall. Councillor Everett then moved that the resolution of 1/4/1952 granting this lease be rescinded and that the plot known as the "Bog Field" alone should be leased. The motion, however, was not seconded. A lengthy discussion ensued, during which the Chairman reiterated that in accordance with the provision of the lease the dwellings must be completed on or before

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27th March, 1955, and that the matter would accordingly be then reviewed by the Council. It was agreed, Councillor Everett dissenting, to defer further consideration on this subject pending the expiration of this period, and further, that the rent payable by Miss D. Wall, in respect of the field tenanted by her and bordering the Bog Field, be adjusted pro rata, to the reduction in acreage, occasioned by the granting of this lease.

OLD GUNS AT MURROUGH: The undergiven letter from Hammond Lane Metal Co. was read:-

20th March, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Further to the writer's visit and conversation with your yesterday regarding the Old Guns at Wicklow, we would be pleased to know if you want to dispose of these.

As explained, the heavy cost of reducing these to usable scrap size would mean, that as scrap they would not be worth a very large sum. We would, however, be prepared to submit a quotation for their removal if you so desire.

Yours faithfully,
THE HAMMOND LANE METAL CO. LTD.

Following a short discussion the Council decided not to dispose of these guns.

LETTER FROM AN CHOMHAIRLE EALAION: Read the undernoted letter:-

20th February, 1954.

A Chára,

As you may know, an Chomhairle Ealaion, which was set up under the Arts Act, 1951, has as its objects the stimulation of public interest in the Arts, the promotion of the knowledge and practice and the improving of the standards of the Arts in Ireland.

At a recent meeting the Council decided that very great results would accrue if the Public Authorities, in the first instance, set a good example and furnished those portions of the interiors of their public offices which are most frequented by the public with good pictures by present-day Irish artists. As a practical help towards the carrying out of this Policy, the Council decided that it would bear half the cost, up to £50, on its part, i.e. up to a total cost of £100, for the purchase of an approved picture by an Irish living artist for the furnishing of the rooms and offices of any Public Authority as stated. It is the view of the Council that a picture must be considered as much a part of the furnishing of a house or office as any of the other more utilitarian objects.

You are requested to have this matter considered at your earliest convenience.

Mise, le meas,
Patrick J. Little.

It was decided not to take any action in this matter as no provision had been made in the current Estimates.

RESOLUTION FROM TRALEE U.D.C.: Resolutions from Tralee U.D.C. in connection with (a) the introduction of legislation to terminate the use of travelling shop and (b) the holding of a Parliamentary Investigation into the management of the allocation of monies by An Bord Fáilte for the promotion of tourism, were both noted.

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OLD TECHNICAL SCHOOL PREMISES: The undernoted letter, from the County Vocational Education Committee was read:-

9th March, 1954.

A Chara,

In reply to your enquiry of the 4th inst., concerning the future use of the Old Technical School premises at The Mall, Wicklow, I wish to inform you that my Committee at its meeting held on 23rd ult., decided to dispose of the premises to you r Council in consideration of a nominal payment of £5.

The consent of the Minister for Education to this propose has been requested, and I will inform you of the Minister's decision on the matter as soon as it is received.

My Committee declined to put forward any suggestions as to what use might be made of the premises.

Mise, le meas,
A. Ó Crotaig.

NOTED.

In this regard also a letter was received from the Office of Public Works, on behalf of the Department of Social Welfare, requesting to be informed whether a suitable room in this building would be available for letting as a Social Welfare office and the terms on which it could be rented. Consideration was deferred pending receipt of an indication from the Minister for Education in the light of the information conveyed in the letter received from the Vocational Education Committee (set out above).

BUS SERVICE FOR SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN: The following correspondence was received from Road Passenger Section of C.I.E:

9th March, 1954.

A Chara,

With further reference to your letter of the 13th January last, addressed to the Traffic Manager, and our representative's call on you, I have pleasure in advising you that while it has not been found practicable to meet all the requirements of children attending School in Wicklow, it is proposed to operate a service from Wicklow to the Beehive at 3.40 p.m. commencing on the 22nd inst. This will provide a return service for the great majority of the children, who can avail of the first service from Arklow in the morning, and will, I feel sure, relieve very considerably any hardship that may exist at present.

Mise, le meas, etc.

NOTED.

APPLICATION FOR LAYING OF OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE: An application for the laying of an overground telegraphic line at St. Laurence's Road/New Park Road dated 1/4/1954 accompanied by a sketch plan was submitted to the meeting. It was agreed to give the permission sought.

Arising from this application reference was made to a previous application from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to erect an underground telegraphic line with one pole at the south side of Fitzwilliam Square. It was agreed that the views of certain residents should be obtained before the erection of the pole is put in hands.

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PATHWAY AT URBAN VILLAS: Arising from a complaint received from the tenants of six houses at Urban Vilas concerning the condition of the pathway leading to the front gates of their houses, the attention of the Town Surveyor was directed to this matter.

STORE ON SOUTH QUAY: The undernoted application was submitted to the meeting:-

6th April, 1954.

re: Store on South Quay

A Chara,

In connection with above, I would be deeply grateful if you would favourably consider my application for use of this premises as a store for a 14' dinghy which I possess. The period over which I would require the use of these premises would be from mid April until the end of June, i.e. a period of approximately 10 weeks. I would be prepared to pay a sum of 2/6 per week which I understand is the rate obtaining for the rental of motor garages in the town. I might mention that the boat is insured and I will also be prepared to indemnify the Council against any damage or loss to this premises during my period of tenancy, if granted.

Mise, le meas,
Harry W. Jordan.

The Council unanimously granted permission upon the terms set out in the letter for a period of 10 weeks.

CLOSING OF ROADS - WICKLOW RACES: The County Council submitted for consideration to the U.D.C. the times of closing of the roads in connection with the following road races. The times were as follows:

Thursday, 6th May, 1954	from 5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.
Friday, 7th May, 1954	from 5.30 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.
Saturday, 8th May, 1954	from 2 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.
Thursday, 8th July, 1954	from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Friday, 9th July, 1954	from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
Saturday, 10th July, 1954	from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Council unanimously agreed to the proposed hours of closing.

ELEVEN MONTHS LETTING - MR. M. OLOHAN: The Council unanimously recommended that Mr. Matthew Olohan be granted an 11 months tenancy, commencing on 1st May, 1954, in respect of field at St. Patrick's Road, at a rent of £6. 15. 0. per annum (inclusive of rates).

PLOT OF GROUND AT BALLYNERRIN, WICKLOW - ACE PRODUCTS LTD: The meeting was informed that in November, 1951, Ace Products Ltd. were granted a lease of a plot of ground at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £12. 10. 0. for the purpose of erecting a dwelling house and factory, which erection was to be completed within three years from that date. In this connection the following correspondence from Ace Products Ltd. was read:-

5th April, 1954.

re: Plot of Ground at Ballynerrin, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th March we wish to advise you that due to circumstances beyond our control we have been obliged to shelve for the present our plans for the development of site at Ballynerrin.

Although we have a definite programme drawn up for this site any immediate action in this connection is not likely.

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Should the Council require the site for any priority scheme we shall be only too glad to co-operate with them by surrendering the lease.

We take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for the kindness, consideration and courtesy they have always extended to us.

Yours faithfully,
Ace Products Ltd.

It was agreed to defer the matter for reconsideration pending the expiration of the period of three years as mentioned in the lease.

TENANCY: NO. 7 ST. BRIDE'S ROAD: Read the undergiven report from the Rent Collector:-

12th April, 1954.

Dear Sir,

re: No. 7 St. Bride's Road.

With reference to previous correspondence in connection with the above house, I wish to report that Mr. E. McEvoy has returned from hospital and is now residing in the house. He has offered to pay off the arrears of rent at £1. per week. The amount due for week ending Saturday next, is £8. 6. 8. You will recall that I mentioned in my previous letter that Mr. James Kelly, step-son of Mr. McEvoy is still the official tenant of the house. Mr. Kelly has been residing in England for the past eight years. I also mentioned that Mr. McEvoy took into live with him a Mr. Patrick O'Neill and his wife, they have been residing in the house during the time Mr. McEvoy was in hospital. I also suggested that Mr. Neill would be a more suitable person to have as tenant of the house, provided the tenancy of Mr. James Kelly was terminated.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was agreed that the tenancy of Mr. James Kelly be terminated. It was also agreed that the offer of Mr. McEvoy to clear the arrears by £1 per week be accepted. The Council, however, did not make a recommendation regarding appointment of tenant.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Council agreed that the Council's Solicitor should be instructed to take immediate action regarding recovery of field at Dunbur Road from Miss G. and M. Hamilton, Main St., Wicklow.

Councillor Everett queried the filling of a temporary vacancy on the outdoor staff occasioned through the illness of a member of the permanent staff. After a discussion it was decided that future vacancies of this type should be referred to the Council. In this present case it was directed that the probable duration of Mr. D. Hanlon's illness be ascertained and that the matter be again referred to the Council at their next meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

William Clarke
4/5/1954 CHAIRMAN

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

30th April, 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, 4th May, 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 adjourned monthly meeting held on 4th April, 1954. (copy herewith)
2. Sealing of Licence - The Electricity Supply Board with The Wicklow Urban District Council - in connection with the affixing of litter baskets to E.S.B. standards.
3. Filling of Casual Vacancy.
4. Consideration of record of attendances of members at meetings (appended to Agenda).
5. Fixing of date of Rates Meeting.
6. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH MAY, 1954

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson and J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor.

In attendance: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager and J. J. Hurley, Acting Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 12th April, 1954, were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

BUILDING SITES - BOG FIELD: Read following letter dated 4th May, 1954, from Messrs Finlayson Bros:-

Dear Sir,

Arising out of the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday, 12th April last, I wish to refer to the discussion which arose, relative to the lease of the building sites on the Bog Field, Dunbur Rd., granted by the Council to me in 1952.

One Councillor made very definite objections to the terms of the lease and the Chairman intimated that had he been aware that portion of adjoining land had included in the site granted he would not have signed it.

It would be a matter of extreme distaste to me to go ahead with my plans to building on this site and feel, as a contractor and as a Councillor, that I had not the good will of my fellow townsmen and Councillors.

I had made my application for the building site and I had accepted the terms laid down by the Council in that lease in good faith. The lease with map attached, was accepted, signed and sealed unanimously.

I would be greatly relieved to know so far as my dealings with the Council and my project to add eight more houses to the town are concerned, if I had as public an expression of my fellow Councillors' good will and acceptance of the lease as was given to the objections at that meeting.

It would make it extremely difficult and unpleasant to proceed in face of these objections which have been given such wide publicity when all through in this business I had acted in perfectly good faith.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council stated it was under a misapprehension when the lease in this case was completed as, if it had been understood at the time that Miss Wall's lease was affixed it would not have granted the lease to Messrs Finlayson Bros. In the meantime the Council assured Mr. Finlayson that any comments made at the previous meeting were not directed towards him for the acceptance of the lease and that the matter now rested in his hands as to whether he would proceed to occupy the plot in question. Meantime, if Mr. Finlayson uses the plot, Miss Wall's agreement to be adjusted accordingly.

LITTER BASKETS: Read letter 3/4/1954 from Electricity Supply Board enclosing licence (in duplicate) in connection with fixing of litter baskets to the Board's poles in the Wicklow Urban District.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and unanimously resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Licence from Electricity Supply Board authorising the erection of waste paper baskets on the Board's poles in the Wicklow Urban District".

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The Council's Seal was affixed to the Licence (in duplicate).

LIST OF ATTENDANCES: As requested by the Council at its previous meeting the Town Clerk submitted a list of attendances at Council meetings over a period. When perusing the list the attendance of the following members were noted:-

Councillor J. Brennan: Councillor Brennan had attended none of the 21 meetings listed but it was pointed out by the Town Clerk that his reason for non-attendance was accepted by the Council at a meeting on 1st December, 1953 "with an exhortation that Councillor Brennan submit this reason in writing". Although requested by the Town Clerk to do so Councillor Brennan had not written.

Councillor E. Kane: It was noted that Councillor Kane had been absent from seven meetings (including Annual Estimates Meeting in March) from and including October, 1953, to March, 1953. Councillor Kane had, however, attended the April monthly meeting.

It was decided to obtain legal advice in both cases.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle seconded by Councillor J. Rourke and unanimously resolved:-

"That Mr. James Clarke, Monkton Row, Wicklow, be elected to fill the vacancy on the Wicklow Urban District Council occasioned by the death of Councillor J. Olohan, such vacancy having been duly declared at the April monthly meeting of the Council".

MEETING FOR MAKING OF RATE: The Council decided to fix Monday, 24th May, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. for the making of the Rate for year ended 31st March, 1955.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The Schedule of uncollected rates was examined and explained by the County Manager.

The Collection, 92.93% was not considered satisfactory when compared with collections of 95% in the preceeding three years and it was noted that the sum of £337. 19. 6. collected immediately after the close of the year would, if collected in time, have left the collection normal.

ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS - RENTS: The Town Clerk reported a collection of 99% on Artizans' Dwellings rents which was considered very satisfactory.

SYMPATHY: Read letter 13/4/1954 from Mrs. D. Olohan, The Mall, Wicklow, expressing thanks for Vote of Sympathy passed on the death of her husband, Councillor J. Olohan.

REFUND - W. VICKERS: Read letter dated 30/4/1954 from Mr. W. Vickers, Kilmartin Hill, Wicklow:-

30th/4/1954.

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for rebate of rent on field at Greenhill Road which was taken from me from 1/1/1954. I held this field on eleven months letter for the sum of £19. 10. 0. from 1st May, 1953.

Yours truly,
William Vickers.

NOTED.

DERELICT SITES: Read following letter dated 26th April, 1954, from Wicklow District Gas Co:-

Dear Sir,

With reference to your notice dated 23rd ultimo requiring the abatement of nuisance at Lower Strand Street, Wicklow, we have to inform you that we have agreed to sub-let the property concerned. The

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agreement with the lessee will provide for his building a wall in accordance with your requirements. Under these circumstances we trust that you will find it possible to overlook our failure to complete a wall within 34 days stipulated in the notice. The necessary lease will be prepared as soon as possible but, naturally, the lessee can hardly be expected to build the wall until the necessary document is signed.

We should be obliged if you would let us have your formal agreement to the above.

Yours faithfully, etc.

It was decided to extend the time required for building wall to not later than 30th June, 1954.

VACANCY ON STAFF - A. CLARKE'S RETIREMENT: Read following letter dated 3rd May, 1954, from Town Surveyor:-

Dear Sir,

With reference to the question of the Council's Road Staff and your enquiries herein, I write to say that when Andrew Clarke, one of our employees, became ill, I made enquiries from Mr. O'Toole, Overseer, and as a result I filled, what was understood to be, a temporary vacancy by engaging Jas. Hanlon. As Andrew Clarke is now retiring on superannuation and as Jas. Hanlon has given very satisfactory service and is a good workman, I recommend that he be employed permanently in the position vacated by Andrew Clarke.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council recommended the appointment of Mr. Jas. Hanlon in Mr. A. Clarke's place.

VACANCY ON STAFF - MR. D. HANLON'S ILLNESS: The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. James Kelly was employed temporarily in Mr. D. Hanlon's position. Mr. Hanlon expected to return shortly.

NOTED.

TOWN PLANNING: Read following letter dated 28th April, 1954, from Mr. Wm. Clarke:-

Dear Sir,

I would like to notify you that I am about to complete the building of the boundary wall in front of my premises at Seaview Road. Because of the amount of trespassing I find it will be necessary to continue this wall right around to my boundary on the north side.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Permission granted.

Read letter dated 3rd May, 1954 from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne:-

Dear Sir,

re: Boathouse at South Quay

A plan of this structure is submitted herewith for formal approval please.

I regret that inadvertently it was not submitted to you before this; it was, however, examined and approved by the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners which Body has very kindly dedicated the site for this building at the South Quay on Harbour Board property, and a lease has been drawn up for the acquisition of the plot of ground in accordance with the approval of the Department of Industry & Commerce.

Yours faithfully, etc.

Permission granted.

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TRANSFER OF TENANCY: Read letter undated from Mr. John Hill, 24 Wolfe Tone Square, Bray, stating he had left Walter Hill in charge of Council house at No. 2 St. Bride's Road, Wicklow, and that he did not intend returning.

The Council decided to make Mr. Walter Hill the tenant of this house and meantime the Town Clerk to get formal authorisation of the transfer from Mr. John Hill.

TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSE: Read letter 27/4/1954 from Mrs. E. Kelly, requesting Council's permission to vacate house at 29 St. Laurence's Park, Wicklow, for 2 to 3 months whilst on holidays in England. Permission granted - key to be desposited with Town Clerk.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND: Presented official report of the 40th Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

NOTED.

SWIMMING PLATFORM: Read following letter dated 3rd May from Secretary, Wicklow Swimming Club:-

Dear Sir,

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

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

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully, etc.

APPROVED.

ALTERATIONS TO PALING: Read letter (undated) from Mr. Patrick Dunne, 32 Glenview Road, Wicklow, requesting permission to make an opening in paling at above address to admit his cart which, he alleged, was being broken up on roadway. Mr. Dunne also intimated that he had been refused permission previously owing to the untidiness of his garden. However, this was now rectified and he hoped permission would be granted.

The Council stated that it had no objection subject to the Engineer, Collector and Sub-Sanitary officer being satisfied.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT QUAY: Read letter 3rd May, 1954, from Mr. E. Kavanagh, 6 Castlefield, Wicklow, on behalf of the fishermen, asking if the Council would consider erecting a Public sanitary convenience at the South Quay, in the vicinity of the life-boat house, to facilitate the fishermen and others using the Quay.

The Council decided that this was a matter for the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

WICKLOW HARBOUR - COMPLAINTS: Read letter 29th April, 1954 from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, complaining:-

(a) That stones taken from the Abbey River by the Council when cleaning same were never removed and were, consequently, being thrown into the river causing siltage.

(b) Unisightly dump at rear of Council houses at the Murrough a lot of the refuse from which is finding its way into the River.

It was decided to submit the matter to the Town Surveyor and request his report.

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WICKLOW HARBOUR - LOAN: Read letter 28/4/1954 from Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners advising that the Commissioners would pay £100 instalment for the year 1954 on outstanding loan.

NOTED.

GREEN HILL ROAD: Read memorial dated 31/3/54 from residents in the Green Hill Road area deploring the condition of this roadway and asking that something be done to improve its condition.

It was decided to refer this matter to both the County Council and the Town Surveyor.

WATERWORKS: Read report 4/5/1954 from Waterworks Overseer.

Noted. Employment of temporary man granted, subject to approval of Town Surveyor.

HOUSING: The Town Clerk was instructed to enquire from Mr. Butler, Architect, the position regarding plans for new houses.

The Council also asked if the Town Surveyor would give an estimate of cost of an additional two rooms to house at Castle Street occupied by Capt. W. Kinsella and family. The County Manager pointed out, however, that he did not think the Council could carry out such alterations in existing premises.

BLACK CASTLE: Councillor Finlayson intimated that portion of the cliff near the Black Castle had become dangerous.

Town Clerk to look into the matter.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS ACT: The question of £500 in trust to the Council from the Wicklow Regatta Committee was discussed and it was felt that some effort should be made to avail of same. The Town Clerk to look into the matter and the question to again be raised at next monthly meeting.

The meeting then concluded.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
19th May, 1954.

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

A Chara,

A special meeting for the making of the rate for the Financial Year 1954/55 will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 24th May, 1954, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING:

HELD ON 24TH MAY, 1954

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Presiding), P. Doyle, J. Rourke and J. Clarke. Councillor J. Clarke signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Corporate Office.

In attendance: D. J. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE FOR 1954/55: It was proposed by Councillor J. Rourke seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:-

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

Municipal Rate for the services of the year ended 31st March, 1955, of Four Hundred and Eleven pence in the pound made up as follows:-

Urban Roads	...	...	...	34 pence
Sanitary Services	...	...	...	93 pence
Housing	...	...	...	41 pence
General Urban Purposes	...	...	...	42 pence
County Council Services	...	...	...	201 pence
				411 pence

And that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed accordingly to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1954/55 and that the necessary Notice be published forthwith".

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate Book for the year ending 31/3/1955.

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

"That the Council's Seal be affixed to warrant in respect of 1954/55 to be issued to Mr. James T. Murphy, Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District".

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

Before the close of the meeting Councillor J. Clarke was welcomed to the meeting and the Town Clerk was congratulated on his recent marriage.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th May, 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, 1st June, 1954 at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

D. J. O'Connor

TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 4th May, 1954 and Minutes of special meeting held on 24th May, 1954.
- ✓ 2. Correspondence.
- ✓ 3. Letting of house at No. 4 Dunbur Terrace.
4. Any Other Business.

225 Councillor
C. Rourke. Sister
Psh. Everett.
Town Clerk.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1st JUNE, 1954

Present: Councillors W. Clarke (Chairman), A. Finlayson
J. Brennan, P. Doyle and J. Clarke. Councillor
C. W. Hudson indicated his inability to be present.

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: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 4th
May, 1954, and minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th May, 1954,
were taken as read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

VACANT HOUSE AT NO. 4 DUNBUR TERRACE: The Chief Medical Officer in
his report dated 20th May, 1954, placed the applicants for tenancy of
No. 4 Dunbur Terrace, in the following order:-

1. Susanna Gregory, 9 St. Bride's Road, Wicklow.
2. James Noctor, High Street, Wicklow.
3. James Redmond, 19 Monkton Row, Wicklow.
4. Edward Ryan, 3 Fitzwilliam Row, Wicklow.
5. Jeremiah Farrell, Main Street, Wicklow.
6. Kathleen Kennedy, 24 Kilmartin Road, Wicklow.
7. Anastatia Olohan, The Mall, Wicklow.
8. John O'Neill, 4 Castle St., Wicklow.
9. John P. Fitzgerald, 10 Dunbur Tee., Wicklow.

The details concerning each application were submitted to the
meeting and following discussion the Council unanimously agreed to
appoint Mrs. Susanna Gregory, 9 St. Bride's Road, Wicklow, as tenant.

AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S SEAL: It was proposed by Councillor Doyle,
seconded by Councillor J. Clarke and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Request for the
Transmission by Post of Warrants for Redemption Money in connection
with the Council's holding of £100 4s Land Bonds, series C.19151".

PUBLIC CLOCKS: Read the undernoted letter from Messrs Chas. H. Potts
& Co. Ltd., Leeds:-

11th May, 1954.

Dear Sir,

It may interest you to know that we have recently erected new
clocks at the Barronstrand Street Tower, Waterford and the Tholsel
Tower, Drogheda and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk.

We have to visit Dublin and Waterford, in the course of the next
few weeks and would be glad to make any inspection you may require,
preparatory to submitting estimates, without any obligation or fee.

Hoping to receive the favour of your kind reply and esteemed
commands.

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

LETTER FROM COUNCIL'S LEGAL ADVISER - ABSENCE OF MEMBERS FROM MEETINGS:
The undergiven letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.,
Solicitors, was read:-

24th May, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Further to our letter of the 10th inst and to our telephone

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conversation of today.

We confirm that under Article 12(9) of the Application of Enact-
ments Order, 1998, a member of a Council is liable to disqualification
if absent from six consecutive monthly meetings, except in cases of
illness or "for some reason approved of by the Council".

In our opinion the fact that the Council did not take steps to
fill the vacancy so declared is "a reason approved of by the Council".

Yours faithfully, etc.

NOTED.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING: It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of
the Council be held on Friday, 25th June, 1954, at 7-30 p.m.

ALTERATIONS TO RAILING: Arising from an application of Mr. Patrick
Dunne, 32 Glenview Road, Wicklow, made to the previous meeting of the
Council, for permission to make an opening in the paling at above
address, the following reports were submitted from the Town Surveyor
and Town Sergeant:-

11th May, 1954.

Dear Sir,

With reference to application from Mr. Patrick Dunne, 32
Glenview Road, Wicklow, for permission to open a gateway in the
paling at above address, I write to say that similar applications
were refused on previous occasions by the Council and rightly so.
It is not desirable to encourage the setting up of out-offices and
buildings such as are proposed to house horses and carts as in the
present instance, and it is unfair to adjoining tenant of Council
houses.

I would like to obtain the opinion of the Medical Officer, and
Health Inspector and the County Manager.

Yours faithfully,
J. T. O'Byrne
TOWN SURVEYOR.

14th May, 1954.

Sir,

In reference to your letter to me on the 10th inst. re Patrick
Dunne, No. 32 Glenview Road, (gateway) to garden, I wish to state
if the railing is removed it will leave the street unsightly to others
of the Council tenants, and should not be allowed to destroy the
railing there on by erecting gate in same.

I am, Sir,
Yours obedient servant,
Bartholemew O'Toole, Overseer.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed to refuse
permission.

Arising from this application the members discussed at length
the existing scavenging service. It was requested that a report be
obtained from the Town Sergeant and the Scavenging Overseer regarding
the presence of broken bottles in the vicinity of the communal abattoirs
at Ballynerrin. It was also directed that the attention of the
Health Inspector be drawn to the rat infection threat.

ERECTION OF OUT-OFFICE: The undernoted letter from Mr. Andrew Dunne
2 Castle Park, Wicklow, was read:-

2 Castle Park,
Wicklow,
June, 1st, 1954.