

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 25th May last. The total floor area of each house, including internal partitions etc. is 714sq. ft.

With regard to the lowest estimate received, i.e. £3,116. 4. 0. I wish to make the following comments:

1. A Contingency Sum of £100 . 0. 0. is included in this estimate. This sum may not be expended.
2. In general, the P.C. allowances included are generous and it is anticipated that a considerable saving may be effected on these items.

By various savings which may be made in these P.C. Sums, by omitting Contingency Sum and by other variations it is anticipated that a saving of at least £100. 0. 0. per house could be made. This would leave the revised cost of each house at approximately £1450. 0. 0. while still retaining the present floor area.

With regard to the Department's suggestion that the Council give consideration to the leasing of these sites for private building, it is felt that there will be no demand for building sites in this area.

If the Council wish, and I think it would be advisable, I am prepared to discuss the estimate received with Messrs McNulty & Gaughan with a view to effecting whatever reductions may be possible.

Yours faithfully,

The Council discussed this matter at length and finally it was agreed that the Architect might discuss the matter with the Contractors with a view to effecting any reduction which might be possible in the price which had been accepted for the erection of these two houses.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: A letter from the Department of Local Government dated 25th April, 1956, as set out hereunder, was read:-

25th April, 1956.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 9th April, 1956, relative to the foreshore protection works, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that he will raise no objection to the acceptance as recommended by the Town Surveyor and ordered by the Manager of the lowest tender in the sum of £4,192. 10. provided the Town Surveyor is satisfied as to the competency of the contractor to implement the contract and the Manager considers the sureties offered are adequate for its due performance.

A further communication will be addressed to you in regard to the payment of fees.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The Co. Manager stated that the matter was presently with the Council's Solicitors, and the Council urged that every effort be made to make an early commencement with the work.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LEASE - Mrs Josephine Byrne: The following letter dated 30th April, 1956, from Mr. A. Cullen, Solicitor, on behalf of the above was read:-

30th April, 1956.

re: Premises at Market Square, Wicklow.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Josephine Byrne, of Wicklow House, Market Square, is the owner of the property above mentioned. The premises are held under Lease for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1949. My Client now applies to your Council for a new Lease of the property and I would be obliged to hear from you thereon at your convenience.

Yours faithfully, Etc.,

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor J. Carroll, and resolved:-

"That a lease of that plot of ground situated at Market Square Wicklow known as Wicklow House leased to Mrs. Julia Hepenstall, under date 2nd August 1875, be granted to Mrs. Josephine Byrne, Market Square, Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1949 at a rent of £3 0. 0. per annum, subject to the Councils Solicitor advising that the matter was in order".

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LEASE - Mrs Margaret A Darcy. The undernoted letter dated 25th May, 1956 from Mrs Margaret Ann Darcy, Main Street, Wicklow, was read:

25th May, 1956.

Dear Sir,

Under the Will of my Mother, Mrs Elizabeth Doyle, I am entitled to the Lessee's interest in the above premises, which she purchased from Mr. William Sutton on the 24th September, 1936.

The Lease under which the premises are held was granted to Richard Ost on the 23rd July, 1874 for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1874 and same expired on the 25th March, 1949.

I now wish to make application to the Council for a new Lease of premises.

Yours faithfully,

It was proposed by Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. Carroll, and resolved:-

"That a lease of that plot of ground situated at Main Street, Wicklow, formerly leased to Mr. Richard Ost under date of lease dated 23rd July, 1874, be granted to Mrs. Margaret Ann Darcy, Main Street Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1949 at a rent of £1 17 6. per annum. Subject to the Council's Solicitor advising that the matter was in order"

MEMORIAL RE CONDITION OF ROAD AT STRAND STREET. A letter dated 30/4/1956 from the residents of Strand Street (Upper) was read, as set out hereunder:

30th April, 1956.

Dear Sir,

We wish to draw the Council's attention to the condition of the road and path at Strand Street, and we would be obliged if the necessary work be done otherwise there may be a bad accident.

Yours faithfully, ect.,

The Town Surveyor submitted the following report in connection with the matter.

5 June, 1956

re: Strand Street - (Upper).....

As requested by Council - inspected this Road - in very great need of surfacing and concrete walks - has not been surfaced for 15 years

Length about 160 L. yds.
 £448 Road in Tar grout and 2-inch stone
 £240 Path in Concrete.
 £688

- £668 -

J. T. O'Byrne.
 Town Surveyor

As no monies were available for carrying out the comprehensive repairs set out by the Town Surveyor, the members requested that the Town Surveyor be directed to submit an estimate for minor repairs to this road, such as filling holes, sweeping etc.,

DEFERRED CONSIDERATION RE RENEWAL OF 11 MONTHS TENANCY OF FIELD AT ST. PATRICK'S ROAD - Mr. M. Olohan

At the monthly meeting of the Council held on 1st May, 1956, Mr. M. Olohan applied for a renewal of the 11 months tenancy of the above field. A report regarding this letting, as set out hereunder, was read from the Town Clerk.

4th May, 1956.

Memo to County Manager:

re: Field at St. Patrick's Rd. - M. Olohan

Mr. M. Olohan applied to the May Monthly Meeting of the Council for a renewal of his eleven months tenancy of a field at St. Patrick's Road, in respect of which he has been paying a rent of £6. 15. 0. per annum for some years past. At that meeting it was mentioned that a rent of £6 15. 0. obtained (Rates: £3. 1. 8. in) 1955/56 - this was inadvertently quoted to the meeting as £6. 18. 9.)

Arising from a discussion which took place in relation to this application it was decided to defer the matter for consideration to the next monthly meeting and in the meantime the matter could be examined with a view to ascertaining whether the option was still operative. In this connection I have the following remarks to submit:-

This field containing 2 acres (approx) was purchased in 1947/48 for use as a building site from the applicant's uncle, now deceased. A Verbal agreement was reached at that time to the effect that the vendor would have an option in regard to the letting of this field to enable him to gain access to a field situated on the southern side of this field, also owned by Mr. Olohan, and to which there was no other means of ingress. A passage way or right-of-way was to have been given by the Council. However, it was never considered necessary to do this.

My information now is to the effect that the present applicant has recently sold this field to a person who has no need of this right-of-way, having closed the entrance to this field from the Council's land and is deriving use from an entrance on the road at Ballynerrin Upper. Accordingly, it would appear that this option is no longer operative or warranted.

D. J. O'Connor.
 Town Clerk.

The Council, after fully discussing the matter, decided to grant the tenancy of the field to Mr. Olohan for the present year, but that the matter would be reviewed at end of present term with a view to letting by public auction in the coming year.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS: The Co. Manager submitted the Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31/3/56, and explained the details relating to expenditure on the different services for the year. The Abstract was noted by the Council.

APPLICATION FROM SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD. FOR LEASE OF PLOT OF GROUND AT NORTH QUAY:

The following letter from Messrs Maurice E. Veale & Co., Solicitors, 6 Lr. Baggot Street, Dublin, on behalf on Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., was read:-

7th May, 1956.

re: Wicklow U.D.C. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
Triangular Plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

Towards the end of last year, we had correspondence with you in connection with the request by our Clients, Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited, to a small additional portion of ground, triangular in shape, appurtenant to the property demised to them under the Lease from the Wicklow Urban District Council dated the 10th of August, 1953.

You wrote to us on the 7th December last, stating that your Council wished to know the purpose for which our Clients proposed using the plot in question, and on the 29th of December, we replied to you stating that our Clients wished to use this plot of ground to lay out as a lawn in front of a new Laboratory building at the North Quay, Wicklow.

We should be grateful to know whether or not the Wicklow Urban District Council will grant a separate lease of this plot, and meanwhile, for your further information, we send you herewith a plan showing the plot in question.

We should be grateful to hear from you.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

A Report from the Town Surveyor recommending the granting of this lease was also read. The Council, after discussion, decided to defer the matter for the present, until such time as the Harbour Authority, had information available regarding proposals to construct protection work in this area.

Arising from this matter, one of the members referred to the unsatisfactory state of a plot at North Quay, which was held on lease from the Council by Wicklow Saw Mills Ltd, and it was agreed that the Company should be written to regarding the use of this plot.

APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE OF TENANCIES - 24 St Laurences Park/12 Glenview Road:-

Letters from (a) Mr. B. Higgins, 24 St Laurence 's Park, and (b) Mr. John Leonard, who had been recommended for tenancy of No. 12 Glenview Road, were read as follows

8th May, 1956.

Dear Sir,

I wish to make application for a transfer to 12 Glenview Road. The house has been granted to Mr. John Leonard Fitzwilliam Road, who would prefer my house. My house is too dear for me as I am only work-

ing from day to day I find it very hard to keep it out of arrears. I would be very grateful if you help me in this matter as I am paying this big rent and I have not the means to do so.

I remain dear Sir, hoping my application meets your approval.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr. B. Higgins.

8th May, 1956

Dear Sir,

I received your Notification appointing me tenant of vacant Council House at 12 Glenview Road.

As this house is one of the smaller type as you may know, it would leave me very little better off for space as I am at present with six in family, I wish to apply to the Urban Council to give me an exchange with B. Higgins, No. 24 St Laurences Park. He is willing to exchange with me for 12 Glenview Road, if it is convenient for you

Yours Truly,

John Leonard.

The rent Collector submitted a report recommending the granting of this exchange. Application granted.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS - D. Doherty: Letter dated 30th May, 1956, from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect as follows was read:-

30th May, 1956.

re: Alterations at Main Street, for D. Doherty Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith drawing showing proposed aluminium sun blind on shop front premises at the above. This blind is to be fixed 7'0" over footpath and is to be set projecting 5'0" over same on four aluminium brackets which are to be screwed to window frames and supported by four aluminium bars fixed to wall over and to brackets.

I shall be obliged to receive approval at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

A report from the Town Surveyor as set out hereunder was also read in connection with the matter:-

5th June, 1956.

re: Town Planning

Aluminium Sun Blind to Premises at Main Street (Haskins Bros) for D. Doherty.

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Plan Returned hereunder.

Discussed proposal with architect 7 feet only over path for a solid structure as indicated, in my opinion is rather low.

I suggested 8 feet minimum but architect and applicant suggest 7 feet 6 inches, which might be accepted. I called architects attention to danger of buses or loaded lorries hitting the Canopy. I warned

him not to erect until Council approved.

J. P. O'Byrne.

Town Surveyor.

The Co. Manager drew the attention of the Council to the fact that the proposed sun blind would be a permanent fixture and that it would project past the building line in the Main Street. The Council after discussion agreed to grant permission, subject to the condition that the structure would be immediately removed, should the Council so desire, and also that the opinion of the Council's Solicitor be obtained in the matter.

LETTER FROM AN BORD FAILTE RE CLARKE'S PLOT:

The undergiven letter, dated 22nd May, 1956 from an Bord Failte in reply to a letter addressed to them from the May monthly meeting was read:

22nd May, 1956.

FL/MG

Dear Sir,

I am to refer to your letter of 4th May regarding developments at Wicklow and to state that in view of other Board commitments it would not be possible at present to make available a grant for the development of Clarke's Plot.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

The Council directed that quotations should be obtained from Contractors for the surfacing of this area, and that the matter could be again discussed at the next meeting.

MONTHLY REPORT - TOWN SURVEYOR: The Town Surveyor's Report for the month of June was read to the meeting. The report read as follows:

5th June, 1956.

re: Town Surveyor's Report.

The usual Routine of Scavenging, Cleaning and Public Health proceeded efficiently with our permanent staff during the month. I want to draw the attention of the Council to the serious position of the water supply and the People should realise that only for very urgent purposes should water be used, - washing cars, watering gardens should certainly be deferred. I am sure the Council will be unanimous in giving this warning. I will get clean sand provided for the filterers during the coming month and the usual extra man will be employed.

Repairs to Ranges were carried out during the month and I have started repairs to floors in No. 2 St. Dominicks Road - No. 10 St. Laurences Park and No. 10 Kilmartin Road.

Yours Faithfully etc.,

The report of the Waterworks Overseer was also read. Arising from these reports, the serious condition of the water supply in the town was discussed, and as suggested in the reports, the Council agreed that the public should be requested not, under any circumstances, to waste water at the present time.

LETTING OF FIELD TO MR. DOBSON: Councillor Conroy again referred to a recent letting made by the Council of two fields at

Dunbur Road, to Mr. G. Dobson. It was agreed that a report should be obtained from Mr. O'Connor, former Town Clerk, regarding a tender which, Councillor Conroy, alleged had been submitted from a second person, for these fields.

STORE AT SOUTH QUAY: On request of Councillor Conroy, it was agreed that a report might be made to the next meeting of the Council regarding the use to which a store on the south Quay, was presently being put.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Hudson enquired if there would be any objection to one of the Council's tenants, parking a caravan on his premises, for the purpose of painting etc., the Council agreed, that provided the Town Surveyor advised that no damage would be done to the fencing at this premises, there would be no objection.

Councillor P. Doyle enquired as to the present position regarding the provision of Sanitary Accommodation at the Town Hall, and the members on being informed that the matter was with the Department, directed that a further reminder should be forwarded to the Department requesting early sanction in the matter.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Donegal 6/2/56

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
28th June, 1956.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 3rd July, 1956, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. Kavanagh.
Acting Town Clerk.

A G E N D A.

1. Confirmation of (a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th June, 1956 and (b) Annual Meeting held on 26th June, 1956.
2. Letter of 16th June, 1956, from Mr. D. J. O'Connor re Letting of fields at Dunbur Road.
3. Report re use of store at South Quay.
4. Letting of vacant Council House at Castle Street, Wicklow.
5. Consideration of tenders (if any) for surfacing of "Clarke's Plot" Wicklow.
6. Letter from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club re lease of field at Dunbur Road.
7. Extension of Public Lighting - August week-end.
8. Letter from Irish Red Cross Society - Water Safety Section, re: provision of life-buoys at the Seafront.
9. Sealing of Agreement - Wicklow U. D. C. to Wicklow Co. Council Weights & Measures Office.
10. Applications for camping sites on Murrough.
11. Any other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.MINUTESAnnual Meeting

Held on 26th June, 1956.

PRESENT: Councillors C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, Presiding, E. Kavanagh, E. Hynes, T. Byrne, P. Doyle, T. Conroy and J. Carroll.

IN ATTENDANCE: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, and Acting Town Clerk, Miss M. Kavanagh.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor T. Conroy, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and resolved:-

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

Councillor E. P. Hynes proposed Councillor J. Carroll for the office, but there was no seconder to this proposal. Councillor Carroll indicating that he did not wish to be nominated.

Mr. W. Clarke was duly elected Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh, and resolved:-

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

Councillor Hudson was duly declared elected, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and expressed his appreciation to the members for the honour they had bestowed on him in again electing him as their Vice-Chairman.

RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD: It was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That we hereby appoint the Chairman and the following six members of the Council to be members of the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board for the coming year:-

Councillors P. Doyle, T. Byrne, J. Carroll, T. Conroy, E. P. Hynes and E. Kavanagh.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: Councillor Carroll enquired as to the present position with regard to carrying out of the Foreshore Protection Works, and was informed that to date Messrs Kane Bros. had not signed the Contract, and until this had been completed the work could not be commenced. It was agreed that every effort be made to have the work put in hands at an early date.

Wicklow Urban District Council.

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
3rd, August, 1956

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, 7th August, 1956 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 13th August, 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

M. Kavanagh
.....
Acting Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes.
2. Deferred consideration of tenders for surfacing of Clarke's Plot, Wicklow.
3. Consideration of schemes proposed to be discharged under the Local Authorities (Works) Act.
4. Reports re provision of storage for fire unit.
5. Letter of 19/7/1956 from Department of Agriculture re reorganisation of veterinary services.
6. Letter of 18/7/1956 from Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board re extension of Rathnew Cemetery.
7. Letter of 23/7/1956 from Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland re Annual Conference to be held in Bray, on 18th to 20th September, 1956.
8. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re provision of life-buoys at Seafront.
9. Report of County Manager re letting of fields at Dunbur Road.
10. Sealing of Undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works, in respect of a loan from the Local Loans Fund.
11. Any other Business

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S.

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 3rd JULY, 1956.

PRESENT: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, (Presiding), Councillors T. Conroy, P. Doyle, J. Carroll, T. Byrne, E. Hynes and E. Kavanagh. Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, had indicated his inability to be present.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, and Acting Town Clerk, Miss M. Kavanagh.

Before commencing with the business of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor W. Clarke, expressed his appreciation to the members for granting him a leave of absence during his illness, and stated that he hoped he would now be able to attend the meetings more regularly. He also thanked the members for re-electing him as their chairman. He also desired to have his best wishes conveyed to the former Town Clerk, Mr D. J. O'Connor, who had left Wicklow, during his absence from the meetings.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of (a) Monthly Meeting held on 5/6/1956 and (b) Annual Meeting held on 26/6/1956, were taken as read, and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LETTER FROM MR. D. J. O'CONNOR RE LETTING OF FIELDS AT DUNBUR ROAD: Lengthy correspondence regarding the receipt and acceptance of tenders for the letting of this field was read from Mr. D. J. O'Connor, former Town Clerk. Mr. O'Connor in his letter explained to the best of his ability how a second tender received from a Mr. Robert Dickenson had been received by him, and had subsequently become mislaid in the office, and offered his apologies to the County Manager, the Council, and Mr. Dickenson for the inconvenience caused. It was agreed after lengthy discussion to accept Mr. O'Connor's apology, and to give an explanation to Mr. Dickenson regarding the non-consideration of his tender for the fields concerned.

Arising from this matter it was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and passed unanimously that in future all tenders received for the letting of lands should be submitted by registered post, or if they were handed in at the office, a receipt obtained for any such tender, and also that all tenders in this regard would be placed before a Council meeting unopened.

REPORT RE USE OF STORE AT SOUTH QUAY: A report regarding the use of this store, as set out hereunder, was read from the Acting Town Clerk:-

26th June, 1956.

re STORE AT SOUTH QUAY.

With reference to the query raised at the Monthly meeting of the Council held on the 5th June, 1956, in connection with the present use of the above store, I have made enquiries from the Town Sergeant, and I understand that at the moment there is a fire-brigade ladder, a tar-pot and empty tar drums in store thereat.

I also drew his attention to the statement made at the meeting that the store was being used as a garage, and he informs me that he himself on a number of occasions parked his own car in the store overnight.

The Chairman, on enquiry, was informed that the ladder was the extension ladder belonging to the Fire Brigade, and also that it was intended to use this store for the fire unit which would shortly be transferred to Wicklow. Reports which had been submitted to previous meetings of the Council from the County Fire Officer, were read in connection with this store. It was pointed out by the

County Manager that there was no alternative accommodation available for this fire unit, and consequently it was not desirable to let the store. The Council finally decided that in the event of the unit coming to Wicklow, a shed for the purpose of accommodating same might be provided in the County Council Yard, and that the store on the South Quay could then be advertised for letting. The Town Surveyor to submit an estimate of cost of providing this shed.

LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSE AT CASTLE STREET. Letter of 25th June, 1956 from the County Medical Officer was read as follows:-

Name	Details	Whether member of special class
G. Brian 11 St. Dominicks Rd.	Lodger, Urban District house Family 2. Total 14.	No
M. J. Dickenson Friars Hill	Family 5. (Child expected shortly) Rooms 2. Unfit and overcrowded No sanitation. Unfit in all respects	Yes
B. Jacob Castle Street,	Family 4. (child expected) Rooms 2. Unfit and overcrowded. No sanitation Unfit in all respects	Yes
John O'Neill Castle Street,	Family 4 Rooms 2. Unfit and overcrowded Unfit in all respects no sanitation.	Yes
John Quinn 28 Castle Street	Family 2. Rooms 2. 2 Months in area Needs repair.	No.
Jas. Redmond 19 Monkton Row.	Family 5. Rooms 2. Unfit and over- crowded. No sanitation	Yes
Patk. Roche Keatingstown.	Family 4. Rooms 3. House very damp Lives Rural area, works Urban.	No
Ed. Ryan 3, Fitzwilliam Rd.	Family 6. 3 rooms (one very small) plus lean-to roof fair, Ceiling bulging - needs repair. overcrowded.	No
Joseph Yeates, 5 Castle Street,	Family 4. (child expected) rooms 2 Unfit and overcrowded no sanitation unfit in all respects.	Yes

Of the five in the special class the houses occupied by Dickenson Jacob and Yeates are the worst. Of these 3, the person with the largest family is Dickenson and I recommend him, in accordance with Housing (Management & Letting) Regulations. I have not considered applications for transfer which are matters for the Authority, nor have I dealt with Mrs Fitzpatrick who lives and works in the Rural Area.

Misc, 1c meas, Etc

The Council recommended the granting of the tenancy to Mr. M. J. Dickenson, Friars Hill, Wicklow, who had been placed No. 1 on the Doctors list. The members were informed that there would be a delay of approximately six weeks before Mr. Dickenson could be re-housed as the Council were obliged under the Housing Acts, to secure the demolition of his present accommodation.

CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR SURFACING OF CLARK'S PLOT. Two tenders which had been received for the discharging of this work were opened by the County Manager as follows:-

Roadstone Ltd., Naas Rd., Dublin.	£387 17 6.
Southern Roads Co., Mount Merrion, Dublin.	£490 16 8.

It was noted that a sum of approximately £299 was available in the Civic Improvement Fund, which fell short of the amount of the lowest tender by £88. It was decided to refer the matter to the Wicklow Regatta Committee, who had been the original donors to the fund, and reconsider the tenders at the August Monthly Meeting.

LETTER FROM ST. PATRICK'S G.A.A CLUB RE LEASE OF FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD: The following letter dated 30th June, was read from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club:-

30th June, 1956.

re: Proposed G.A.A Sportsfield at Dunbur Road, Wicklow.

A Chara,

I refer to your letter of 25th ultimo addressed to the Council's Solicitor, and copy of which he forwarded to Mr. E. Kavanagh, Chairman of this club, for his observations.

I am directed by my committee to reply as follow:-

1. It was understood by the Committee of this Club, and by members of Wicklow Urban District Council, that the rent of £40 for the proposed field was inclusive of rates and the rent of £40 per annum was agreed to on that basis by our representative. In this connection I would like to point out that the rent of £40 per annum would probably be agreed if the lease were a long term one, not one for a period of 31 years only. In making this point I am bearing in mind the Council's decision made some time ago that on renewal of a lease the basic ground rent is to be increased by 50%, which in this case would on renewal in 31 years time, bring the figure of £40 to £60.
2. Regarding the clause in the draft Lease which would prohibit subletting, I would point out that practically every sports ground and playing pitch in Ireland is kept in condition by grazing of cattle and/or sheep. Surely a similar state of affairs should exist here in this case. Such a matter of sub-letting for grazing and Maintenance purposes should be with the persons controlling the grounds.

In the circumstances, my Committee respectfully asks that (1) the Council would clarify and confirm that the granting of the Lease is subject to an annual payment of £40 (including rates) and (2) that the clause in draft Lease should allow my Committee to let playing field for grazing purposes whenever such is necessary.

Thanking you in anticipation of your Council giving favourable and sympathetic consideration to this application.

Mise, le meas etc.,

The items in the lease which the Club objected to were (1) The rent of £40, should in their opinion include the payment of rates. In this connection the County Manager, stated that the Council did not grant leases for sums which included rates, and that in his opinion a rent of £40 for a field of 6.1 acres approximately was reasonable. He further stated that if the field was let for building purposes it would realise a rent of approximately £67, apart from the rates which would be forthcoming for such buildings.

2. The Club wished to have the covenant restricting the subletting of the field for grazing deleted from the lease. The members pointed out that as it was the practice in most Sports Fields in the Country, this might be arranged.

3. The club wished to obtain a lease for 75 years, as Councillor Kavanagh pointed out that this would entitle them to a grant from the Central Council. Again the Manager pointed out that the Council had no power to grant such a lease in this instance, as if such a lease were granted the Council would require buildings to a predetermined value to be erected within a specified period.

A prolonged discussion, ensued during which many views were put forward by the Chairman and members. Finally it was decided:

(1) That the rent of £40, excluding rates, should obtain in respect of this lease. (2) That the lease should not contain a covenant restricting sub-letting of the field for grazing and (3) That as the Council only had power to grant a lease for 31 years, in this instance that this should be the term of the proposed lease. It was also decided that these decisions should be conveyed to St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club, and in the event of their indicating their acceptance of these terms, steps would be taken to have the lease completed.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING - AUGUST WEEK-END: The Council agreed to provide all-night Public Lighting on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 4th, 5th, and 6th August, as requested by Wicklow Regatta Committee.

LETTER FROM IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY RE PROVISION OF LIFE BUOYS: The Co. Manager read an extract from a letter from the Water Safety Section of the Irish Red Cross Society, relating to the provision of life-buoys at the sea front, Wicklow. In this connection the undergiven report from the Town Surveyor was read:

27th June, 1956.

Life Saving Arrangements - Recommendation of the Irish Red Cross Society.

A Chara,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th instant regarding the provision of lifebuoys at Sea Front Wicklow.

Regarding the suggestion that lifebuoys be placed at 100yd. intervals between the packet pier and the west pier and along the Gas works Strand, this suggestion is one which should be referred to the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners.

Regarding the suggestion to place lifebuoys from the west pier along the beach I would recommend that 6 lifebuoys be placed at intervals between the west pier and the chemical works and that 3 life-buoys be placed between the Chemical works and the first cottage.

The estimated cost of these lifebuoys together with provision of ropes and poles is £47. 5. 0.

Mise, le meas, Etc.,

The Council expressed the opinion that it was essential that these life-buoys should be provided, and after discussion directed that the matter should be referred to the Harbour Commissioners for attention.

AFFIXING OF SEAL: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement dated 18th June, 1956 - Wicklow Urban District Council with Wicklow County Council in relation to premises at Main Street, Wicklow, to be used as a Weights & Measures Office at a rent of £2 15. 0. per month.

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Agreement.

APPLICATION FOR CAMPING SITES AT MURROUGH: Two applications, as set out hereunder, were placed before the meeting:-

26th June, 1956.

Dear Sir,

I have already applied for and been granted a site on the Murrough, Wicklow, for a small caravan for the Month of June,

I now wish to apply for same from 15th July, to the end of August.
Awaiting your reply, and thanking you.

Yours faithfully, Etc.

26th June, 1956.

Dear Sir,

Myself & some Friends would be very grateful if you could grant us permission to camp on the Murrough in Co. Wicklow during the first weeks in August.

There would be a party of not more than five of us & would arrive about August Week-end.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully,

Patrick O'Keefee

It was noted that Mr. Ruffli had already been given permission for the parking of a caravan for the month of June, permission given for period now applied for at the same rent which had already been fixed. In the case of Mr. O'Keefee, permission was also granted, a fee of 2/6 per week to apply.

SEALING OF LEASE - WICKLOW U.D.C. TO SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD.
It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Doyle and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial - Wicklow U. D. C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd, demising that plot of ground situate at North Quay, Wicklow, containing one rood statute measure, at a yearly rent of £9 12. 0.

The seal of the Council was duly affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial in this regard.

BREAKING OF BASIN IN PUBLIC URINAL ON NORTH QUAY: A report from the Town Sergeant stating that the closet basin in the Urinal on the North Quay had been broken and the bowl filled with stones. It was decided to refer this matter to the Harbour Commissioners as it was considered to be their responsibility.

LOANS UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: The County Manager summarised a number of circulars which had recently been received from the Department of Local Government in relation to an arrangement which had been reached whereby a local Authority could enter into agreement with specified Building Societies in relation to the granting of loans for the erection of dwellings. The Council requested that a Memorandum explaining the Scheme might be circulated to them, before such a scheme would be considered for adoption.

PLOT AT DUNBUR ROAD: The Co. Manager drew the attention of the Members to a complaint which had been received from Lt. Col. T.E.B. Beatty regarding the condition of a plot of ground adjoining his premises, and from which complaint it had been noted that the tenant of the plot on the South side had tilled part of the land beyond his boundary. It was directed that the vacant plot of ground should be advertised for letting.

REPORTS OF TOWN SURVEYOR AND WATERWORKS OVERSEER: The under-given reports from the Town Surveyor and Waterworks Overseer were read and noted.

3rd July, 1956.

Monthly Report - Roads, Town Surveyor's Department.

The various roads and footpaths and work thereon were satisfactorily maintained during the month as far as resources allow. The weeds and grass due to the change in weather needed more intensive attention, and an additional man was engaged for this purpose. Strand Street, however, was attended to and very well cleaned. The surface is in a fair condition but short of doing a good job of Tarmacadam on it, I would not recommend any further work thereon.

WATERWORKS- The water supply still continues to give cause for anxiety, and even the recent heavy rains should not encourage people to believe that the situation is satisfactory. We still have to face the very worst time of the year, namely August, September and October and nearly every year in recent times we have worried about the position right up to the middle or end of November. The Council should appeal to the people not to water gardens or cars, or to use the water for any other than the extremely necessitous domestic purposes. I engaged an extra man on the Waterworks for the purpose of cutting weeds, preparing filter beds, etc., and I intend getting in the usual amount of sand for the filters within the next month when Mr. D. Courcey is ready.

HOUSING: A Considerable amount of repairs has already been carried out as already indicated to floors, doors, etc. and in regard to plastering work, and we have eaten into our available funds rather much to the extent of £185. I have to reserve sufficient money for painting a certain number of houses this year, and also I must hold over some money for emergency repairs which might crop up during the winter months, consequently I must be very careful even to forego or postpone what might appear to be necessary repairs at the moment. Paint for approx. 60 houses has been ordered, but not yet to hand.

Town Surveyor.

July 2nd 1956.

Chairman & Members of Wicklow Urban Council. Mr. J. T. O'Byrne.
Gentlemen.

Reservoir is down 7' 7" this is very low for July. Recent rains made no impression, only for a few extra hours in pumping Stream at Marlton is back in same condition as before rainfall.

You must treat the position as serious and unless water is curtailed in some way there will be a serious shortage at end of Summer.

Nothing only very heavy rain over a long period will improve matters.

Give this matter your serious attention, as the sooner the Public realise the position, water must from now on be saved in every possible way.

We are at present overhauling New Filters placing new sand in same, owing to want of water we had to change sand in Filter.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

SOIL ON MURROUGH PLAYING PITCH The County Manager stated that a quantity of soil which had been deposited on the playing pitch on the Murrough customarily used by the De La Salle Brothers Boys still remains unspread. The Council decided that as it was anticipated

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that there would shortly be developments in this area arrangements could be made at a future date for the spreading of the soil.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The undergiven letters from (a) the Council's Solicitors and (b) from Messrs John Kane Ltd., were read, the members expressing dis-satisfaction at the delay arising in the carrying out of this work:

3rd July, 1956.

Dear Madam,

Referring to your inquiry concerning Contract documents in above, we wish to inform you that the Contract and other documents were handed to Mr. E. Kane on the 12th ult. to have sealed by Company.

Mr. Kane explained that one of the Directors was away and would return the following week-end, when the documents would be sealed, and handed back to us on Monday the 18th June, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne was present at this interview.

On the 26th idem not having received the documents we again wrote to Mr. E. Kane about the matter.

The writer spoke to Mr. Kane about matter on Thursday last, when he stated the documents had not been sealed and he would have them sealed on Friday.

We enclose letter received from Contractors today.

Yours faithfully etc.,

2nd July, 1956.

Dear Sirs,

re: Contract, Wicklow Urban Council - Concrete Blocks

In reply to your recent letter re above and to the writers conversation with your Mr. Brazil on the 27th June, we cannot sign the contract until the bond is complete.

We understand that this would possible be about the end of the present week and immediately we have information that it is complete we will sign the documents and leave them back with you.

We which to confirm the writer's conversation with your Mr. Brazil and Mr. J. T. O'Byrne in your office when we stated that there would be a delay of approx. six weeks on the delivery of the chain required for these blocks.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING. It was decided to fix Monday, 13th August 1956 as the date for the August monthly Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Carroll queried the present position regarding the Public Convenience at the Town Hall, and was informed that no reply had yet been received from the Department of Local Government.

Councillor E. Kavanagh referred to a plot of ground at the Black Castle, which had been fenced off for tree-planting, and requested that the fencing might be removed as the plot was being abused. It was agreed that this should be carried out.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Gas Carroll

Chairman

13th August, 1956.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING:

HELD ON 7TH AUGUST, 1956

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 13th August, 1956, at 7-30 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854

Gas Carroll

Chairman

13th August, 1956.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Adjourned Monthly Meeting.

Held on 13th August, 1956.

PRESENT: Councillors T. Conroy, E. Hynes, P. Doyle and J. Carroll in the absence of the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, from whom an apology for his inability to be present, had been received, Councillor Carroll was proposed and seconded to act as Chairman.

IN ATTENDANCE: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Acting Town Clerk, Miss M. Kavanagh.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3/7/1956, and minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7/8/1956, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR SURFACING OF CLARKE'S PLOT, WICKLOW:

A Letter dated 13/8/1956, from Wicklow Regatta Committee, in relation to this matter was read as follows:-

13th August, 1956

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of 5th ultimo regarding above subject, the matter was discussed at a meeting of this committee but a decision was deferred pending further investigation as to the suitability of a tarmac surface, where amusements would have to be erected at a later stage.

I shall be in a position to let you have a definite decision regarding allocation of monies from the Voluntary Civic Improvement Fund before the next meeting of your Council, in September.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The members decided to defer further consideration of this matter until the September monthly meeting. Councillor Conroy enquired as to why the seats which had already been provided with this money were not in position at present and it was agreed that the matter should be looked into.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHEMES TO BE DISCHARGED UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT.

A Report dated 1/8/1956 from the Town Surveyor, as set out hereunder was read;

1st August, 1956

re; Local Authorities (Works) Act, 1949.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter in above, I would suggest to the Council that the following schemes would be appropriate to such grant and might be carried out:-

1. Continuation and completion of the piping of the water channel on either side of the Convent Road leading to Mount Carmel and towards Sullivan's Lane..... £250
2. Continuation of the cleaning of the Abbey River in and from the Abbey Grounds (building small weirs, etc) and the outfall at Bachelor's Walk into the River Leirtrim near the footbridge, and the cleaning of the culvert. £400
3. Deepening of sides drains and water channels in certain places on Green Hill Road, together with tapping of springs in roadway and piping to sides. £150

Total £800.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The County Manager summarised for the members Circular of 16/7/1956 from the Department of Local Government in relation to this matter.

The Council unanimously approved of the schemes put forward by the Town Surveyor, and directed that they be forwarded to the Department for approval. Councillor Conroy requested that a scheme which would help to relieve flooding at the end of Summer Hill/Market Street, and which had been included last year might again be included this year, and this was agreed to.

REPORTS RE PROVISION OF STORAGE FOR FIRE UNIT: The under-given letters dated 23/7/1956 and 19/7/1956, from the County Manager and the County Fire Officer were read;

23rd July, 1956

re; Store for Fire Engine stationed at Wicklow.

A Chara,

Attached is copy report of 19th instant which has been received from the County Fire Officer regarding accommodation for storing the new fire engine at Wicklow. He points out that it is being arranged to transfer a self-propelled fire engine for use in the town of Wicklow and that the Urban District Council store on the South Quay would provide suitable accommodation for this appliance together with a large trailer pump and a wheeled fire escape. If this store were not to be available the cost of a new store would be £2,500

Seeing that the Urban Council has the responsibility in connection with the County Fire Service and that moreover the cost to them of providing a fire brigade has been very much reduced by reason of the fact that the cost of the brigade now is a County-at-large charge it would be most unreasonable to expect the County Council to incur the heavy Capital expenditure mentioned (£2,500) on a new building. It would be mentioned that it is open to the County Council at any time to terminate the arrangement whereby they at present administer the fire fighting services for Wicklow Urban Area. If this were to happen responsibility for a fire brigade which would fall on Wicklow Urban Council would be very much greater than it is at present.

Would you please submit these details to the Urban District Council at their next meeting.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

19th July, 1956.

re; Storage of Fire Engine at Wicklow

Dear Sir,

As you are aware the existing fire appliances in Wicklow consist of a large trailer pump and a wheeled fire escape, in the near future the self-propelled pump appliance now in Arklow will be stationed also in Wicklow.

The Wicklow U. D. C. store on the South Quay would provide suitable accommodation for all these appliances under one roof and situated near the centre of the town. However, I am given to understand that this store is to be let for other purposes and will not be available for a fire station. If this is so a new building will have to be provided with a floor area 45' x 12' and a clear height of 10'. I estimate the cost of such a structure will be approximately £2,500.

Under the circumstances I recommend that the Council should take all possible measures to obtain the use of the premises at the South Quay.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

A long discussion ensued, during which the County Manager explained the present arrangement which existed between Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council, in relation to the fire service. If a new store costing £2,500 were to be erected, the heavy Capital cost would have to be incurred by the County Council, and he pointed out further that the County Council were free at any time to discontinue this arrangement, and if this happened it would result in the Urban Council having a heavier expenditure to meet. The store owned by the Council at the South Quay, would be suitable for the housing of the unit, and would render unnecessary any need for extra expenditure. Some of the members pointed out that Wicklow Press has applied for the use of this store to extend their business. They stated that this firm was giving considerable employment in the town and if they were allowed to extend their business it would result in increased employment, particularly for young people, and they were of the opinion that the Urban Council should give them every possible assistance. Finally it was agreed that the County Manager and Councillor Carroll should inspect the store and premises concerned on Saturday morning 18th instant, and that the matter could again be discussed at the next meeting.

LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RE REORGANISATION OF VETERINARY SERVICES:

Letter dated 19/7/1956 from the Department of Agriculture as set out hereunder was read:-

19th July, 1956.

Sir,

With reference to your Council's temporary arrangements for the carrying out of the duties of veterinary inspector in the Wicklow Urban District, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to enclose copy of a letter which has been sent by this Department to the Wicklow County Council in regard to the reorganisation of local authority veterinary services in County Wicklow (excluding Bray Urban District) and the appointment of five part-time permanent veterinary inspectors. The reorganisation envisages the appointment of one part-time permanent veterinary inspector for a revised district comprising the dispensary districts of Annamoe and Wicklow (including Wicklow Urban District) and for this purpose it is proposed to have an order made by the Minister under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1955 amalgamating the existing post of veterinary inspector under the Wicklow Urban District Council for public health (meat and milk inspection) duties and duties under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1935 in the Wicklow Urban District with a new post of veterinary inspector under the Wicklow County Council for similar duties in the rural portion of the new Wicklow District and duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the whole district.

The Minister will be glad to learn as soon as possible whether your local authority agrees with this proposal.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant, etc.,

The County Manager summarised a letter from the Department of Agriculture setting out particulars of the new arrangements. He stated that a formula had been prepared by that Department for calculating the apportionment of the cost to be applied to each area. In accordance with this formula the amount to be contributed by Wicklow Urban District Council would be as follows:-

Population	£34
Production Dairies	£6
Slaughter Houses	£40.
	<u>£80</u>

The present salary being paid by Wicklow Urban District Council was £36, per annum. Consequently the operation of the new services would result in an increase of £44 on the Urban Council. But it was pointed out that the new arrangement would lead to better and more efficient inspection of slaughter houses etc. The members, after discussion, agreed, that before any definite decision was given the Department of Agriculture should be requested to recoup the Urban Council to the extent of 50% of the expenditure involved.

EXTENSION OF RATHNEW CEMETERY. A letter dated 18/7/1956 from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board was read as follows:-

18th July, 1956

re: Extension of Rathnew Cemetery.

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that it has become necessary to extend the Roman Catholic portion of the Rathnew Cemetery. The Board have been for some time negotiating with Mrs Tyndall, Merrymount, Rathnew, whose field adjoins the Cemetery. The field is approximately 5½ acres and has been examined by the Board members, the County Manager and the County Engineer and the County Medical Officer and is considered suitable for the extension.

The Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board have made an offer to Mrs. Tyndall of One Thousand pounds (£1,000) for the fee simple interest (freed from all encumbrances) for the land and the dwelling situated thereon, subject to approval of Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Urban District and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

It is expected that the annual loan charges for acquisition and layout of the extension would be about £240 of which about one-half (£120s) would be payable by your Council.

I would be obliged for the Council's approval to these proposals

Yours faithfully, etc.,

The Council after a short discussion unanimously approved of the proposal.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The undergiven letter dated 23/7/1956 from, Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was read;

23rd July, 1956

A Chara,

The 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities will be held in Bray on 18th to 20th September next, and I should like to inform you that any motions which your Council desire to have discussed thereat should reach me before 31st August, if possible. Motions received after 31st August may be too late for inclusion on the Agenda which must be sent out during the 1st week in September.

I should like to inform you also that the Minister for Local Government has agreed to receive the deputation from the Association on the 9th August to discuss the Resolutions of last year's Conference, and I shall forward to you copy of his reply to the various Resolutions immediately on receipt thereof.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

Councillors E. Hynes and T. Conroy were unanimously appointed as delegates to the Conference to be held in Bray, on 18th to 20th September, 1956.

PROVISION OF LIFE BUOYS AT SEAFRONT: Letter of 11/7/1956 from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, as set out hereunder was read:

11th July, 1956.

Dear Madam,

Referring to your of the 5th of July with County Engineers Report enclosed, suggesting that lifebuoys should be placed along the coast as far north as first Cottage. I am to inform you that your letter and County Engineers report has been placed before Harbour Commissioners at their monthly meeting.

It is the intention of Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to place Extra lifebuoys within the limits of Wicklow Harbour, and outside the limits of Wicklow harbour it will be the duty of the County Council and Urban Council to supply lifebuoys from new pier to first cottage.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

It was unanimously agreed that 3 lifebuoys should be provided between the South Pier and the Chemical Works. Further it was agreed that an appeal should be made to the public to hold in every possible way in ensuring that these lifebuoys were not damaged or interfered with. On the proposition of Councillor Conroy, it was considered advisable that they should be removed to storage during the Winter Months.

REPORT OF COUNTY MANAGER RE LETTING OF FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD:

The County Manager stated that the members were already familiar with the circumstances attending the receipt of tenders relating to the letting of this field. However, he wished to inform the members that the tender of Mr. Dickenson, which had been mislaid had now come to light, attached to another tender which this Mr. Dickenson had submitted in connection with the Allotment Scheme. The members expressed satisfaction that the tender had been found.

SEALING OF AGREEMENT - COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS. It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor Hynes and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to Undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of a loan of £5,000, from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of making advances to Borrowers under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the agreement.

GLEN FIELD: The undernoted report from Mr. B. O'Toole, Town Sergeant was read:-

10th August, 1956.

Mr. Scott says that owing to bad year on grass lands the ten acre field at Dunbur Road layed down in grass seed's should be grazed for a couple of week's and then where the grass seeds have missed be fine raked and re-sown with seeds.

Yours faithfully etc.,

A long discussion followed. Councillor Conroy stated that the field was in a bad condition and that in his opinion the direct re-seeding with grass seed had been a mistake. The County Manager stated that this field had been reclaimed and specially treated with lime etc., and the expert opinion obtained last year stated that to crop this field for a third successive year would endanger the soil. The Chairman pointed out that the best thing to be done now was to graze the field, as suggested in the report of the Town Sergeant.

for a couple of weeks, and that when this had been done, advice could then be sought as to what steps should be taken in the circumstances. Finally, this was agreed to on the proposal of Councillor Doyle, seconded by Councillor Hynes, Councillor Conroy dissenting.

WATER SUPPLY. A report dated 10/8/1956 from the Town Surveyor, stating that the position relating to the town's water supply was now very serious, and that arrangements would now have to be made to cut off the water each night from 9 o'clock p.m. until 7 a.m. The Council, while agreeing that this action would have to be taken if it was essential, requested that, if at all possible, and in view of the heavy rains over the weekend, the supply might be fully maintained during the remainder of the holiday season. Accordingly, it was agreed that a further report should be obtained from the Waterworks Overseer, before the curtailment of the water supply was put in hands.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: In reply to Councillor Doyle the County Manager stated that the Contract was presently being prepared by the solicitors in relation to the erection of the two houses at Castle Street, and it was understood that the work would shortly be commenced.

Reference was made by both Councillors Doyle and Carroll to prosecutions which were instituted against two traders in the town for obstructing the footpath and roadway at the Main Street. The County Manager stated that the Case was due to be heard on the 15th instant. The Street at the point in question was extremely narrow and obstructions placed thereat had caused considerable inconvenience, and could lead to serious accidents. The County Manager agreed with the members that the case should be used as an example and a warning to other traders against displaying their merchandise on the public streets, and that the Council's solicitors be informed accordingly.

Councillor Conroy requested that the members might be informed of all Manager's Orders made each month, and it was agreed that these could be circulated with the Minutes each month.

It was proposed by Councillor Hynes seconded by Councillor Conroy and passed unanimously:

"That the members of this Council deplore the sale of Irish lands particularly the recent sale of Killarney to foreign interests, and considers furthermore that legislation should be introduced by the Government with a view to controlling the sale of the lands of Ireland to aliens"

"That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate authorities, and to the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland."

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
31st August, 1956.

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 September, 1956 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas.

M. Kavanagh.

Acting Town Clerk.

A G E N D A.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 13th August, 1956 (copy herewith)
2. Application for approval under the Town and Regional Planning Acts for bungalow at High Street, for Mr. T. Kavanagh.
3. Application from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., for permission to erect bridge from factory to new store.
4. Renewal of Lease - Repts. T. Mc Call
5. Sealing of Lease, Counterpart and Memorial - Wicklow Urban District Council to St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club.
6. Sealing of Mortgage - Wicklow Urban District Council to The Commissioners of Public Works.
7. Sealing of Deed of Charge - Wicklow Urban District Council to The Hibernian Bank Ltd. - Loan of £545 for provision of Public Sanitary Convenience at Town Hall.
8. Report re unapproved absences from Council Houses.
9. Application for exchange of tenancies - James Kilty, 4 Kilmartin Road, and Mrs M. Brien, 25 Glenview Road.
10. Consideration of tenders for grazing of field at Dunbur Road.
11. Further consideration re; future use of store at South Quay.
12. Any other business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

M I N U T E S.

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4th SEPTEMBER, 1956.

PRESENT: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors C.W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman, E. Kavanagh, J. Carroll, P. Doyle, T. Conroy T. Byrne and E. Hynes.

IN ATTENDANCE: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, and Acting Town Clerk, Miss M. Kavanagh.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 13th August, 1956, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS - Mr. T. Kavanagh.

Report dated 3rd September, 1956 as set out hereunder was read from the Town Surveyor:-

3rd September, 1956

A Chara,

Reference yours in above in which you enclosed Plan to show Cross Section through High Street and Plot herein, I see no objections.

The floor level of the Bungalow as shown evidently has to be kept well up over the ground level in this plot (actually 6 feet at lower gable) so as to get a "surface fall" for the new 4 inch drain pipe into Urban Main in High St. The grade of the Pipe is given as 1 in 48 in accordance with Mr. Butlers levels but he should be able to get a fall of one in 40 which would be more desirable and with a very small adjustment in laying.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The Council recommended that approval be given subject to the applicant undertaking to carry out the alterations set out in the Surveyor's report.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS - SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS:

Under date 16th August, 1956, Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers applied for permission to erect a bridge between their factory premises and new store. In this connection the following report from the Town Surveyor was read.

3rd September, 1956.

A Chara,

re; Your letter enclosing plans showing proposed overhead structure across roadway at North Quay. I confirm that I see no objection to this, if carried out in accordance with the details submitted by that firm. However, as the road is really the responsibility of the Harbour Commissioners the views of that Body should also be ascertained. I have asked them (Shamrock Fertilizers) to communicate with the Harbour Board Secretary.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The Council, whilst approving of the erection of the structure, under the Town Planning Acts, decided that it was mainly a matter for the Harbour Commissioners and decided that it should be referred to that Body.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - REFS. T. MCCALL.

The Council were informed that at their monthly meeting held on 1st May, 1956, they had passed a resolution, granting a renewal of lease to Mr. Wm. Doyle, as representative of the late T. McCall, but that the Council's Solicitor had advised that Mr. Doyle be requested to prove

that he was solely beneficially entitled to the premises, before proceeding with the preparation of the necessary lease. Consequent upon these enquiries being made, the following letter, dated 20th August, 1956, had now been received from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.,

20th August, 1956.

Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter of the 4th May, last, enclosing copy of resolution passed by the Council granting a new Lease to Mr. William Doyle at an annual rent of £1. 13. 8.

The Solicitors for Mr. William Doyle have now sent us copy of Letters of Administration of the estate of Mrs McCall, deceased, which were granted on the 12th June, 1956.

Accordingly it will be necessary to have a new resolution passed by the Council granting a renewal of the old Lease in respect of these premises to William Doyle at an annual rent of £1. 13. 8. as the date of the resolution must be subsequent to the date of grant of Letters of Administration.

Yours faithfully, Etc.,

Members of the Council expressed the opinion that it was possible that there would be future difficulties in relation to these premises and it was decided to defer passing the necessary resolution until further enquiries had been made.

LEASE -- St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club: It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor E. Hynes, and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to lease, Counterpart and Memorial, dated 29th August, 1956, in respect of field at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, to be leased to St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club"

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial in this regard.

Arising from this matter Councillor Kavanagh enquired if the St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club would be entitled to a renewal of the lease at the expiration of the 31 years term, and it was pointed out that although it was the practice of the Council to grant renewal of leases, when leases expired, they could not commit their successors to such an undertaking. The County Manager suggested that the club should obtain legal opinion as to their position in the matter.

SEALING OF MORTGAGE - WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS:

It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and resolved.

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Mortgage - Wicklow Urban District to the Commissioners of Public Works - in respect of loan of \$5,000 from the Local Loans Fund, for the purpose of making advances to borrowers under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts"

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Mortgage Deed.

SEALING OF DEED OF CHARGE - URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO THE HIBERNIAN BANK - ERECTION OF PUBLIC SANITARY CONVENIENCE AT TOWN HALL.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor P. Doyle and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Deed of Charge - Wicklow Urban District Council to The Hibernian Bank Ltd - in respect of Loan of \$545 for provision of Public Sanitary Convenience at Town Hall"

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Deed of Charge.

UNAPPROVED ABSENCES FROM COUNCIL HOUSES:

Report dated 23rd August, 1956, from the Rent Collector was read as follows:-

23rd August, 1956.

Dear Madam,

I wish to report the following Council Tenants who are not residing in their houses:-

1. James Hill, Castle Street.

Mr. Hill, his wife and family are at present residing in England, and have been there for the past month or so. The house is furnished but unoccupied. The weekly Rent is 6/3 (exclusive). Rent is paid up to last Saturday.

2. Mrs Margaret Kavanagh, 8, Kilmantin Road.

Mrs Kavanagh went to England about two weeks back. The house is occupied by sub-tenants, Mr. Byrne, his wife and one small child. There is no relationship between the Family's. The weekly rent is 6/3 (exclusive). Arrears due to date is £1. 3. 9.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

The Council decided that the tenants should be written to enquiring if and when they intended to re-occupy these houses, and that the matter would then be re-considered at the next meeting.

APPLICATION FOR EXCHANGE OF TENANCIES:

The following letters from (a) Mrs Mary Brion, tenant of 25 Glenview Road, and (b) James Kilty, tenant of 4, Fairview Road, were read.

28 August, 1956.

Dear Sir,

I would be very thankful if you would allow me to exchange houses with Mr. James Kilty, No. 4, Kilmantin Road, Wicklow.

I am at present residing in one of the Council's three roomed houses at the above address, and have been there for the past fifteen or sixteen years. I am a Widow with three fully grown sons and two grandchildren living with me, and the house is much too small. I have also two married daughters at present residing in England and there is no place for them to stop when they come to visit me. I have been in very poor health for sometime and the Doctor says I would require a room to myself. I have spoken to Mr. Kilty and he states he is willing to exchange houses with me provided the Council are in agreement. I have made application previous to the Council for a transfer to a four roomed house.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

Gentlemen.

I James Kilty above address do wish for transfer from Fairview Rd. to Mrs Briens 25, Glenview Road, which I am willing to do.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

The Council approved of the applications, provided that Mr. Kilty actually went to reside at 25, Glenview Road, and that both tenants would be prepared to pay the increase in the rent in each case.

CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR GRAZING OF FIELD AT DUNBUR ROAD

Pursuant to advertisement, one tender for the grazing of this field was received and opened at the meeting. The tender read as follows:

Dispensary Lane
Wicklow
30, August, 1956.

To The Town Clerk of Wicklow.

I wish to "tender" for the "Glen Field" Dunbur for grazing. I tender the sum of £5. 0. 0. Thanking you

Yours Sincerely,

Wm. Vickers.

The Council recommended the acceptance of the tender in sum of £5.

In this connection also the following letter from the County Manager was read regarding the condition to this field.

28th August, 1956.

re; Field at Dunbur Road.

A Chara,

Mr. Scott, Chief Executive Officer, The County Agricultural Committee has indicated that he specially inspected this field in the past few days and found the grass to be in very good condition. He states that the grass has grown very well in recent weeks and that in his opinion the field should make a very good pasture in the coming year.

He recommended that it should be grazed immediately for a period of about one month.

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STORE AT SLOUGH QUAY.

The County Manager stated that with the County Fire Officer and Councillor Carroll, he had inspected this store on 18/8/1956. The store would appear to be the only place suitable for the storing of the fire-brigade unit and equipment. Councillor Carroll stated that in view of this fact, the Wicklow Press, were prepared to seek alternative accommodation for extending their business, rather than to burden the rate-payers with the expense of building a new store for fire-brigade purposes. The Council decided that the matter should be deferred to another meeting, and that in the meantime, a further report should be obtained from the County Fire Officer, and that efforts should be made to make some arrangement to the mutual satisfaction of both the Wicklow Press and the Council.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT:

Report from the Town Surveyor relating to (a) Painting of Houses and (b) Waterworks were read. It was noted that the town water supply was now in a satisfactory state.

COMPLAINTS FROM TENANTS:

A complaint dated 3/9/1956 from three tenants of Council houses at Castle Park was read as follows:

3rd September, 1956.

re; Two storied houses at Castle Park.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, wish to bring to your notice the inconvenience and discomfort suffered by us over the past five years, due to the fact that the rain pours in under the front and back doors to our houses. If the rain is beating on the front, the hall-way is flooded, with the result that the little room becomes quite damp, and if the rain is beat-

ing on the back, the back porch and part of the kitchen is soaked. On Sunday morning last we got up to find the back porch and part of the Kitchen covered in water, and we spent the morning mopping it up.

We shall be obliged if you will kindly have this matter remedied by having drop weather boards affixed to the doors as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

It was considered by the members that drop weather boards ought to be provided, if this would remedy the defect. But it was mentioned that a number of Council Houses, where flooding also occurred, would need the same treatment. Consequently it was decided that the Town Surveyor be requested to carry out an inspection of all Council houses where flooding occurred, and to submit a report and estimate in the matter. Particulars of complaints of this nature to be obtained from the Rent Collector.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Conroy suggested that a Clerk of Works might be employed on the scheme for the erection of 2 houses at Castle Street, but in view of the fact that this would result in a considerable increase in the rents of the houses, and as the Council's Architect would be responsible for the supervision of the work, this was not considered practical.

Councillor Carroll drew attention to the manner in which cars were parked in the Main Street, particularly on a Sunday night in the vicinity of Halpins Memorial. He pointed out further that as there was ample room for parking at Batchelors' Walk and Abbey Street, some effort might be made to prevent cars from blocking the Main Street. It was agreed that the Garda Síochána might be asked to help in this matter, and also that a notice might be erected on the railings at Halpins Memorial, to the effect that free parking space was available at Batchelors walk.

Councillor Conroy enquired if any information was available regarding the proposed factory on the Murrrough, but no information was available.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Wm and J. J. J.
2nd Oct. 1956.