

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
28th September, 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, 2nd October, 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 Monthly Meeting held on 4th September, 1956, (copy herewith)
2. Report dated 14/9/1956 from Co. Fire Officer re Store at South Quay.
3. Schemes for Guarantees by Housing Authorities of loans by Building Societies.
4. Letting Grant under Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948 - A. D. Finlayson.
5. Loan of £1,600 to Mr. E. Hynes under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
6. Letting of vacant Council House at 3 St. Patricks Avenue.
7. Sealing of Agreement and Bond - Foreshore Protection Works.
8. Renewal of Cinema Licences.
9. Any other business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.M I N U T E S.

Monthly Meeting

Held on 2nd October, 1956.

PRESENT. Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Everett, T.D., E. Kavanagh, T. Byrne, E. Hynes, J. Carroll, P. Doyle, and T. Conroy.

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 4th September, 1956, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

STORE AT SOUTH QUAY: The following letter dated 14/9/1956 from the County Fire Officer, was read:-

14th September, 1956.

Re; Store at South Quay.

A Chara,

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant I would suggest that under the circumstances fire brigade appliances could be stored as follows:-

Fire Escape, in the W.U.D.C. store at rear of the present fire station  
Trailer pump and hose Etc, in present fire station.  
Appliance ex Arklow, in Nissen hut in Jail yard.

The storage of fire brigade equipment in three different places is far from ideal and a Nissen hut does not provide suitable accommodation for a self-propelled fire appliance so I regard these suggestions only as a temporary measure until such time as better premises become available and of course subject to the sanction of the County Manager and the County Engineer.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

Councillor Carroll indicated that the Wicklow Press, who had applied for the use of this store for industrial purposes, wished to withdraw their application, and proposed that the store should be retained by the Council for fire brigade purposes. The members accepted this, and agreed that the store should remain in the Council's possession.

SCHEMES FOR GUARANTEES BY HOUSING AUTHORITIES OF LOANS BY BUILDING SOCIETIES:

The County Manager pointed out that particulars of the proposals in relation to this matter had been circulated to the members on 4/7/1956. He pointed out that the Minister for Local Government had requested that local Authorities would adopt an appropriate scheme, whereby persons wishing to obtain loans for building purposes, could borrow from Building Societies, and that the Council would act as guarantor in respect of loans granted in this manner. The Council requested that a scheme might be submitted to them for adoption at their next meeting.

LETTING GRANT UNDER HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1948 - Mr. A. D. Finlayson.

A letter dated 11/9/1956, from the Department of Local Government was read as follows:-

11th September, 1956.

A Chara,

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With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo regarding the application of Mr. A. D. Finlayson, Main Street, Wicklow, for a grant under Section 19 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1948, in respect of a house at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inform you that on submission of the relevant documents recoupment will be made to your Council subject to the conditions quoted in your letter under reply.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The County Manager stated that the house in question ranked for a grant of £40 per year for a period of 10 years, and that of this amount two thirds would be recouped by the Minister for Local Government, thus leaving a sum of £13 to be met by the Council. Provision had been made in the Annual Estimates for the payment of this grant. Noted.

LOAN OF £1,600 to Mr. E. Hynes under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts:

Councillor Hynes gave a lengthy explanation regarding the circumstances attending the obtaining of this loan. He stated that although the loan was obtained in his name, it was used by Messrs Ace Products Ltd, with whom he was associated, to purchase a house for the purpose of housing a member of their firm, and he stated further that at no time had he any personal interest in this house. The County Manager, at the request of the Chairman, set out the Council's position in the matter referring to correspondence which had occurred from time to time between the Council and Mr. Hynes. He pointed out that at no stage had the Council any dealings with Messrs Ace Products, Ltd., - the granting of a loan had been a matter between the Council and Mr. Hynes, as a private individual. He stated further that proceedings were being instituted to recover possession of the house. It was finally agreed that in the interests of the Council, the matter should be adjourned.

LETTING OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSE AT 3 ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE:

Four applications, as set out hereunder, were received for tenancy of this house:-

Thomas Hurley, 6 Church Street,  
Mrs A. Olohan, Kilmantin Hill,  
Robert Gibson, Market Square,  
John Ryan, Abbey Hill,

A lengthy discussion ensued, during which it was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh: "That Thomas Hurley be recommended for tenancy of this house", and it was proposed by Councillor Hynes, seconded by Councillor Byrne "That Mrs A. Olohan be recommended for tenancy of this house". Finally a vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For Mrs Olohan: Councillors Hynes, Byrne, Everett, Doyle, Conroy and the Chairman: 6

For Thomas Hurley: Councillors Carroll & Kavanagh: 2

Consequently it was recommended that Mrs A. Olohan, be appointed tenant of 3, St. Patricks Avenue, Wicklow, at a weekly rent of 33/7 (including rates).

SEALING OF AGREEMENT AND BOND - FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS:

It was proposed by Councillor Everett T. D., seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement and Bond - William Clarke Ltd. with Wicklow Urban District Council - in relation to Foreshore Protection Works at Wicklow".

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Agreement and Bond.

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCES: It was proposed by Councillor T. Byrne seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:

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"That we approve of the affixing of the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council to the renewal of Licences under the Cinematograph Act, 1909, in respect of Rialto Cinema and Abbey Cinema, Wicklow, subject to the conditions set out in the County Fire Officer's report"

The Council's Seal was duly affixed to the Licences relating to the Abbey and Rialto Cinemas, Wicklow.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSE:

The following letter from Mr. Jas. Hill, tenant of Council House at 3, Castlefield was read:

To Town Clerk.

I would be glad if you would ask your Council to grant me three months leave from my house. My wife who has been in poor health for some time came over to England for a change and is not so well at present and cannot come back for about three months. When I go back I will send you a doctor's note if you require it.

Sorry for all the trouble I have caused you as I did not understand the position.

James Hill.

Permission Granted.

RENEWAL OF LEASE - REPS. T. McCall:

The County Manager stated that following the decision of the Council the following letter was addressed to the Council's Solicitors, Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.,:-

5th September, 1956.

Re; Reps of T. McCall Deceased - Premises at Summer Hill.

A Chairde,

With reference to your letter of the 20th of August which was placed before a meeting of this Council held on the 4th instant I am to state that the Council decided to defer passing the necessary resolution in this regard until further enquiries had been made regarding the claim of Mr. W. Doyle to these premises. Accordingly I am to request that you would take the necessary steps to satisfy the Council that Mr. Doyle is solely beneficially entitled to these premises.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

In reply thereto Messrs McCarroll, had forwarded three letters received from Messrs Ross & Co., Mullingar, Solicitors for the Applicant, dated 25/6/1956, 24/7/1956 and 29/9/1956. The letter of the 29th September, 1956 read as follows:-

29th September, 1956.

Re; Mrs. Julia McCall, deceased.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst., the parties entitled to the Estate of the above deceased, are:-

1. The Administrator, William Doyle.
2. Mrs. Bridget Molloy.
3. Children of late Charles Doyle, deceased.

Mrs McCall was actually the owner of this house, although the late Thomas McCall was nominated as Lessee.

We still contend that the assets at date of death of said Thoman McCall did not exceed the value of £500 O. O. We have already

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 given details of the purchase price £375. O. O. The house on 26th October, 1943 was insured through the Agency of Mrs. Kathleen Kilcoyne (a niece of Thomas McCall, deceased) for a sum of £600. O. O. with £100. O. O. on contents. Even assuming that the Estate on this basis was worth £700. O. O. in October, 1943 (7 months after Thomas McCall's death) the net Estate would likely be about £600. O. O. of which sum Mrs. McCall as the Widow was entitled to £550. O. O.

Apart from the above considerations, she acquired full title by 12 years uninterrupted possession from his death and she herself would have been entitled to a new Lease. She remained on and paid a yearly rent after the Lease terminated up to the time of her death, at which stage there was no doubt she was fully entitled to ownership and the full tenant's interest.

Our client cannot understand the reluctance of the Urban District Council to grant him a new Lease. The sale of the premises has been held up and he cannot complete his administration.

Please let us hear further as soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully, etc.,

It was decided to adjourn the matter to the next meeting, and in the meantime Messrs McCarroll to be requested to submit their views on the contentions set out in the letters received from Messrs Ross & Co.

VETERINARY SERVICES:

Circulars from the Department of Agriculture relating to the re-organisation of Veterinary Services in Wicklow County had been before the August Monthly Meeting of the Council, and subsequent thereto the following letter had been addressed to that Department

16th August, 1956.

Re: Re-organisation of Sanitary Services.

A Chara,

I am to refer to your letter of the 19th July, 1956, ref 11/29/38 in connection with above. This Council discussed the matter very fully at their meeting held on the 13th instant.

In accordance with the formula used by the Department of Agriculture in determining the salary for new appointments, the Wicklow Urban District Council's portion of the proposed salary would be £80 a increase of £44 on the amount presently being paid. The Council considered that the increase was extremely high in the circumstances and I am to ask if your Department would consider giving a State Contribution of 50% of the proposed salary as in the case of Diseases of Animals Acts.

Accordingly it would be appreciated if the views of your Department were made available for submission to the Council before any decision is reached in the matter.

Misc, le meas, etc.,

The following letter dated 29/9/1956, had been received from the Department:-

29th September, 1956,

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 16th August about the arrangements for the appointment of a part-time permanent veterinary inspector under The Wicklow Urban District Council and the Wicklow County Council for the combined area of the Wicklow and Annamoe Dispensary Districts, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that no funds are available to this Department from which a contribution could be made to a local authority towards the remuneration of veterinary inspectors in respect of public health (meat and mild inspections) duties and

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 there is no statutory basis for the making of such a contribution.

Under Section 10 (4) (b) of the Local Government Act, 1955, the proportion of the remuneration of the veterinary inspector for the above-mentioned area to be recovered by the County Council from your Council is a matter to be settled by agreement between the two councils or, in default of such agreement, by the Minister.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Council were of the opinion that it was not necessary to provide extra veterinary services in the Urban Area, which it was noted would result in an increase in cost from £36 to £90, and agreed to adjourn the matter for the present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The County Manager drew the attention of the members to the condition of a tree at the entrance to the town, outside the premises of Messrs Coleborn & Hopkins. He stated that recently a limb had fallen on to the street, and it was feared that the tree would have to be completely removed. The Council considered that every effort should be made to preserve the tree, and that expert opinion might be obtained.

MARINE HOTEL:

It was agreed that the clause in relation to the use of the Marine Hotel premises for industrial purposes, which had been included in the recent letting of the premises to a Religious Order, might be removed.

Councillor Conroy enquired as to why the Town Surveyor's report relating to the Scavenging Service Etc., had not been received at recent meetings, and it was agreed that the report should be available at the next meeting.

Councillor Doyle stated that a range which had been removed from a Council House at Dunbar Terrace had not yet been removed to the Council's store. Arrangements to be made for this to be done.

In reply to a query from Councillor Carroll, the Chairman gave details of a Conference which had been held in the Town Hall, on Monday, 17th September, between representatives of local bodies and the Director of St. Patrick's Mines, Avoca.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

*B. C. J. J. J.*  
 6/11/56.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall  
Wicklow,  
2nd November, 1956

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

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The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 6th November, 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 Monthly Meeting held on 2nd October, 1956, (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Listowel Urban District Council re increase in E. S. B. charges.
3. Adoption of scheme for Guarantee by Housing Authorities for building loans. (Copy of scheme attached)
4. Letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, re renewal of Lease to Repts of T. McCall.
5. Letting of vacant Council House at 25 Glenview Road.
6. Auditor's Report (copy herewith)
7. Consideration of works to be discharged with the aid of Grant under E. S. V. Schemes.
8. Letter from Leinster Motor Club.
9. Fixing date for Annual Fowl Market.
10. Sealing of Assingment - Kathleen H. Quinn to Mr. Edward Lynch.
11. Engineer's Report.
12. Any other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.M I N U T E S.Monthly Meeting

Held on 6th November, 1956.

Present: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors C. W. Hudson, E. Hynes, E. Kavanagh, P. Doyle, T. Byrne, J. Carroll, T. Conroy and J. Everett, T. D.

In Attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Acting Town Clerk, Miss M. Kavanagh.

Before commencing with the business of the meeting, it was proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson, and passed unanimously, all present standing:-

"That we extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor, in his recent bereavement, occasioned by the death of his sister".

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 2nd October, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Resolution from Listowel Urban District Council A resolution received from Listowel Urban District Council protesting against the proposed increase in E.S.B. charges was unanimously adopted by the Council.

Adoption of Scheme for Guarantee by Housing Authority for Building Loans

The County Manager pointed out that this matter had already been before the Council, and a copy of the proposed Scheme had been circulated to the members. It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor T. Conroy and resolved:

"That we hereby adopt the attached Scheme under Section 10 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, 1956, for the guaranteeing by the Council of advances by Building Societies or Assurance Companies for the purchase or erection of a house, together with interest thereon"

Renewal of Lease to Repts T. McCall: It was pointed out that the application for the renewal of a lease in this instance had been before the members on several occasions, subsequent to the last meeting of the Council the undernoted letter had been addressed to the Council's Solicitors:

3rd October, 1956.

re; Renewal of Lease - Repts T. McCall.

A Chairde,

Your letter of the 1st instant with enclosures were submitted to the meeting of this Council held on the 2nd instant. The Council directed that you be requested to indicate if you consider that it is in order to grant a renewal of lease to Mr. W. Doyle as personal representative of the late Mrs J. McCall. This matter will be again submitted to the next meeting of the Council when it is hoped that a final decision will be reached.

Mise, le meas, etc.

In reply thereto Messrs McCarroll had written as follows:-

11th October, 1956.

Re; Repts of Thomas McCall, deceased.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of the 3rd instant to hand and we note what you say.

In our opinion the Council would be in order to grant a renewal of the Lease herein to Mr. William Doyle as administrator of Mrs Julia McCall, deceased.

Yours faithfully, esq.,

After a short discussion it was proposed by Councillor T. Conroy, seconded by Councillor J. Carroll and resolved:-

"That a lease of part of that plot of ground at Summer Hill, Wicklow, formerly leased to Mr. Patrick Hogan in 1881, be granted to Mr. Wm. Doyle, Marymount, Summer Hill, Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1955, at an annual rent of £1. 13. 8."

Letting of Vacant Council House at 25 Glenview Road: The report received from the County Medical Officer on the applications received was as follows:-

2nd November, 1956.

re: Vacant house at 25, Glenview Road, Wicklow.

A Chara,

Name	Details	Whether member of special class
Thos. Byrne, Railway Cott., The Murrrough	Family 2, lodger. 3 months married Total in house 8. Rooms 3. House fit but overcrowded.	No
James Canavan, 7, Bond Street,	Family 3. Rooms 3. Roof bad. Rain down. Woodwork dilapidated. Light and ventilation poor. Damp. No water or indoor sanitation. Stair Bad - dang- erous. Unfit.	Yes
George O'Brien, 11 St. Dominick's Rd., Wicklow.	Family 2. Lodger Urban District House. Total said to be 14.	no.
James Synnott, Monkton Row.	Family 2. Rooms 4 fair condition	no.
Joseph Yeates, 5, Castle St.,	Family 4 plus mother. Rooms 2. Roof bad. Rain down. Dilapidated plaster, woodwork and floor. Stairs bad. Walls cracked. No water or sanitation. Yard 12' x 12'. Unfit and overcrowded.	Yes.

I recommend Joseph Yeates. It may be that it is his mother is tenant, but in any event a condition of rehousing should be that the whole family moves and the house be left empty and demolished.

Re James Canavan, this house is also very unfit, but not overcrowded I am also doubtful of their provenance and whether the move to Bond Street was not one to get a Council house.

Misc, le meas, etc.,

The Council recommended that in accordance with the County Medical Officer's report Mr. Joseph Yeates be appointed tenant of the vacant house, on condition that his mother, Mrs Sarah Yeates, who presently resides with him at Castle Street, also agrees to vacate the house presently occupied by them.

In the event of their not agreeing to this condition, it was recommended that George O'Brien, 11 St. Dominick's Road, be appointed tenant of No. 25 Glenview Road.

Auditor's Report: A Copy of the report had been circulated to the members, and on examination was considered satisfactory.

E.S.V. Scheme: Report dated 4/11/1956 from the Town Surveyor was read as follows:-

4th November, 1956.

re: E.S.V. Road Grant £400 + £40  
(November, 1956.)

A Chara,

The amount of this allocation is not sufficient to allow a very large programme. I offer the suggestion to the Council that the following might be carried out:-

Concrete Footpaths at Castle Street	102. 0. 0.
do do Moretons Lane & part of New St.	200. 0. 0.
St. Kevins Road Surface	60. 0. 0.
St. Brides Road ditto	60. 0. 0.
Completion of portion Cooper Lane	18. 0. 0.
Total	<u>£440. 0. 0.</u>

The Council will remember the very comprehensive list of desirable works which I submitted to it at the 1956-57 Estimates Meeting. Most of these works involved Tar spraying which is not generally regarded as ranking for Grant but is considered as more appropriately "Maintenance".

I think the above items are a fair selection, however, as far as I can go with the amount available. I would have liked to have carried out the concreting of the portion of the Mass Path from New Park Road - but unless some of the above proposals are dropped I cannot include it. It would cost £152.

Misc, le meas, etc.,

The Council agreed, after discussion, to recommend the first five schemes submitted by the Town Surveyor, be discharged with the aid of this grant.

Letter from Leinster Motor Club: The following letter dated 23/10/56 was read from the secretary, Leinster Motor Club:-

23rd October, 1956.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our Motor Cycle and Car Races, we would thank you to convey to your Chairman and members of your Council our sincere appreciation of their co-operation in the past, and trust we may continue to have their goodwill in the future.

We are pleased to advise you that we have been granted permission by the two governing bodies, The Federation Internationale Motorcycliste, and the Federation Internationale Automobiles to hold these two races in 1957 - the motor cycle race on the 15th June, and the car race on the 13th July.

It is our intention to issue a Brochure, in conjunction with An Bord Failte, in connection with the races, and the amenities available for tourists in the vicinity of Wicklow. I should be glad to know if we may depend on having your support and co-operation in regard to the closing of the roads and the use of the circuit before the Club is committed to the expense entailed in promoting the races. An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully, Etc.,

The Council discussed the many aspects attached to the holding of these Races in Wicklow, and finally agreed that it should be indicated to the Club, that the Council would be again prepared to co-operate with them in holding these races next year.

Annual Fowl Market: Monday 17th December was fixed as the date for the 1956 Annual Fowl Market.

Sealing of Assignment - Kathleen H. Quinn to Edward Lynch: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Everett

and resolved:

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Assignment - Kathleen H. Quinn to Edward Lynch, in respect of plot situated at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."

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

Engineer's Report: The following report was read from the Town Surveyor:-

4th November, 1956.

Town Surveyor's Report.

1. During month October, 1956 the usual routine work on cleaning water tables and side edging and the scavenging was also attended to satisfactorily and Main streets on Sunday morning.
2. Painters, two in number, were engaged in completing 18 houses and are now engaged on a further six. The interruption of the annual programme of painting a certain number of houses each year was unfortunate and the results in not keeping to that system is now being observed in that several still remain untouched. Next year the Council should if possible get back to 'the programme'.
3. The new Public Convenience in the Town Hall - to replace original Library Premises is in progress and work is going on well.
4. Foreshore Repairs - The contract for the construction of concrete (chained) Blocks is well under way with the completion of 47 blocks. The weather has been very fortunate for the work.
5. The position now in regard to the water supply is fairly safe. The top water level below the overflow is 15'10" or about 5' higher than same time last year. However, this should not altogether be assumed to allow free use of water or wastage; it may be that before the end of the year the expected Autumn drought may set in so that the Council should advise the Public to be extra careful.
6. Plastering repairs were carried out to empty house No. 25 Glenview Road.
7. I regret to report 2 of concrete rails at Bachelor's Walk - also about 5 stakes and rails have been broken down and removed on the Boundary around football pitch on Murrrough - stakes around trees also on Murrrough were broken in 3 places and have been taken away. Repairs have been effected but the apparent complete lack of Civic pride or responsibility on the part of some citizens is appalling. One cannot imagine such vandalism being continued without the knowledge of many persons in the town but who are not prepared to make any objection to it.
8. The work undertaken on behalf of Bord Failte in restoring, pointing and making the walls and structures of the Black Castle proceeded during this month and was almost complete. Improvements to and on the approaches and steps are now very satisfactory. Some little extra work of pointing still to be done.

J. T. O'Byrne.

Town Surveyor.

The report of the Waterworks Overseer was also read.

The members referred to the item in the Town Surveyor's report relating to the damage caused to the fencing and railings on the Murrrough, and strongly condemned the actions of the persons responsible.

Sealing of Leases: The following Leases etc., were submitted for sealing:-

- (1) Lease to Mrs Margaret A. Darcy - Plot and Buildings at Main Street Lease for term of 75 years from 25/3/1949 at an Annual Rent of £1. 17. 6.
- (2) Lease to Mrs Mary Cashman - Plot and Buildings at Summer Hill, lease for term of 75 years from 25/3/1955 at an annual rent of £1. 4. 0.

(3) Lease to Mrs Elizabeth Malone, - Plot and Buildings at Summer Hill, Lease for term of 75 years from 25/3/1955 at an annual rent of £1. 13. 8

It was proposed by Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor C. W. Hudson and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Lease, Counterpart and Memorial in each case".

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

Any other Business: A letter dated 5/11/1956 from the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association was read as follows:-

5th November, 1956.

A Chara,

A meeting to wind-up the affairs of the Wicklow Branch of the Trees for Ireland Association took place on Tuesday, 30th ult.,

The committee decided that, out of the small sum of money on hands, trees should be purchased to replace those damaged on the Marlton Road site.

It was also decided to offer the sum of £10 to the Urban Council as a contribution towards the cost of replanting The Mall with flowering trees.

However, should your Council decide against the replacement of the trees on The Mall it is suggested that the money be used to replace with flowering trees, a few of the worst specimens in the gloomy collection at Bachelors Walk.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

The Council expressed appreciation to the Association for their donation, and considered that it would not be advisable to replant the trees at the Mall, but that some effort might be made to improve the trees at Bachelors' Walk.

Councillor Doyle enquired as to the present position in relation to the erection of 2 houses at Castle Street, and was informed that the Contractors had not yet completed the Contract for the work. It was agreed that the Council's Solicitors might be written to in relation to the matter.

Councillor Kavanagh raised the question in relation to the provision of a Christmas Tree in the Town. Whilst it was considered desirable that a tree should be erected, the County Manager pointed out that the Council had no funds available for this purpose. The Chairman stated that he was prepared to provide the tree, and possible some arrangements could be made with the County Council for its haulage to Wicklow, and whilst it was agreed that the cost of lighting could be charged to Public Lighting, some arrangements would have to be made to have the tree covered by Insurance. The possibility of making a public collection from the traders etc., in the town was also discussed.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

*Dominic Lavelle*  
4th Nov 56

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Town Hall,  
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30th November, 1956

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M. Kavanagh.  
Acting Town Clerk.

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1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th November, 1956.
2. Letting of vacant Council House at 8 St. Patrick's Avenue.
3. Surrender of field at Dunbur Road, (known as "Bog Field") by Mr. A. D. Finlayson.
4. Erection of Houses at Castle Street.
5. Consideration of additional schemes to be discharged under Grant from E.S.V. Schemes Vote.
6. Erection of Christmas Tree.
7. Public Lighting - Christmas Period.
8. Town and Regional Planning Acts - Wicklow Mineral Water Co.
9. Letter from Solicitors re Sale of Premises at High Street Timmons to Byrne.
10. Engineer's Report
11. Recommendation of Local Appointments Commission re appointment of new Town Clerk.
12. Any other Business.

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

Confirmation of Minutes: The minutes of monthly meeting held on 6th November, 1956 were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Letting of Vacant Council House at 8 St. Patrick's Avenue:

Three applications as set out hereunder were received for tenancy of this house:-

Thomas Hurley, Church Street,  
Felix McMahon, Bath Street,  
James Sinnott, Monkton Row.

The Council unanimously recommended that Thomas Hurley be appointed as tenant of 8 St. Patrick's Avenue. It was noted that it was stated that the house presently occupied by him was alleged to be in need of repair, and the County Manager pointed out that it would accordingly be necessary to have this house inspected, and if necessary a notice would have to be served on the owner to have the repairs discharged.

Surrender of Field at Dunbur Road - A. D. Finlayson.

The Circumstances attending the letting and Surrender of this field was put before the members. In this connection a report dated 20th November, 1956 from the Town Surveyor as set out hereunder was read:-

20th November, 1956.

re; Bog Field, Dunbur Road - Finlayson.

A Chara,

I inspected this field with Mr. B. O'Toole on 1st inst, I regret to say that the stones have not been removed as yet although they have been taken from the position in which they were originally and dumped in against the ditch. The open drain which was dug across the plot has not been filled in and the clay and debris (now covered with grass) are now lying along the side. The ditch between the upper field and the lower plot had been built up, but the gap and dykes at either side still hold an accumulation of clay over which the grass sod has now extended.

The field is in very bad condition with an over-growth of furze bushes.

I would suggest that the County Manager himself, if he would find it convenient, to have a look at the position, and I think he will agree that if the Council accepts its surrender at present, it would be immediately faced with expense.

I was accompanied on my inspection with Mr. O'Toole who should be asked to confirm this report, please.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

Mr. Finlayson had been written to stating that the Surrender of the lease could not be accepted until such time as he arranged to restore the field to a proper condition. The Council recommended that the Surrender of the Lease be accepted from 22nd March, subject to Mr. Finlayson complying with the requirements of the Council relating to the condition of the field. In the event of Mr. Finlayson failing to restore the field to the condition in which he got it, the County Manager pointed out that the Council would be obliged to carry out the works

set out in the Engineer's report, and to recover the cost from Mr. Finlayson. It was also agreed that when the field was again in the Council's possession that a Land reclamation Grant might be applied for.

Erection of Houses at Castle Street.

The undergiven letter dated 29/11/1956 from Mr. J. P. Butler, Architect, was read:

29th November, 1956.

re; 2 Houses at Castle Street, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst. I have discussed the commencement of this work with the Contractors on the 26th inst. It is expected that excavation for foundations will commence this week.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

The Council noted with satisfaction that the work of erection of these houses was due to commence during the current week. The question of arranging for the borrowing of a loan for this purpose arose, and the County Manager pointed out that under date 17/10/1956, the Minister for Local Government had sanctioned the borrowing of a sum of £3,000 for this purpose, from the Local Loans Fund. However, he pointed out that on 27/11/1956, a Circular, which he summarised for the members, had been received from the Department of Local Government, stating that it would be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister for Finance, to the borrowing of sums from the Local Loans Fund. The Council recommended that steps should be taken immediately to clarify the Council's position in relation to this matter.

E. S. V. Schemes - Additional Grant of £400.

It was indicated to the members that a communication had been received from the Department Local Government stating that an additional grant of £400, subject to a local contribution of £40 would be payable under this heading, thus bringing the total grant under this scheme to £800. The Town Surveyor submitted the following schemes which might be undertaken with the aid of these monies:-

1. Concreting of portion of Mass Path.
2. Concrete Footpaths at St. Kevin's Road.
3. Concrete footpath at St. Brides Road.
4. Concrete footpaths at Strand Street and Bond Street.

These schemes were approved by the Council.

The County Manager stated that under date 3/12/1956, notification had been received from the Department of Local Government to the effect that a grant of £500 had been made available under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, for the carrying out of the following works:

(2) Continuation of the cleaning of the Abbey River in and from the Abbey grounds re building small weirs, etc and the outfall at Bachelor's Walk into the River Leitrim near the footbridge, and the cleaning of the culvert - Flooding of roads.

(4) Storm Catch pit at County Fever Hospital gate - Flooding of Road.

The Council urged that every effort should be made to put these works in hands in order that the maximum amount of employment would be given during the coming weeks.

Erection of Christmas Tree:

The Chairman indicated that he had obtained a tree from the Forestry Department, and that arrangements could be made at a later date to have it hauled to Wicklow. The Insurance Co, had indicated that a premium of £1. 1. 0. would be payable for insurance cover on the tree. The Council unanimously approved of this expenditure.

Public Lighting - Christmas Tree:

The following letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board, in relation to the provision of all-night Public Lighting in Wicklow on 24th and 25th December:-

26th November, 1956.

re; All Night Lighting at Christmas Period.

Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant re the above. All night lighting will be provided on the 24th and 25th December at a charge of £3. 16. 0.

On receipt of your acceptance of the charge the necessary arrangements will be made.

Mise, le meas, etc.,

Approved.

Town & Regional Planning Acts - Wicklow Mineral Water Co.

Under date 21/11/1956, Wicklow Mineral Water Co., had applied for permission to build an extension to their premises at Monkton Row, Wicklow. The Town Surveyor's Report on the application read as follows:-

27th November, 1956

re; Town & Regional Planning  
Wicklow Mineral Co..

I regret that this drawing does not give sufficient information or details as to construction, type and strength of materials, dimensions, and I could not possibly make any recommendation to the Council. A properly dimensioned drawing should be submitted with detailed specification.

Signed: Town Surveyor.

The Council stated that they had no objection to the proposals, provided that the Mineral Water Co., complied with the Surveyors requirements.

Sale of Premises at High Street:

The undergiven letters from the Council's Solicitors and from the Town Surveyor were read:

30th October, 1956.

Premises High Street, Wicklow.

Dear Madam,

By Lease dated 9th December, 1941 the Council demised premises in High Street consisting of dwellinghouses, buildings and outoffices to the late Andrew Dunne, Deceased.

Two of the dwellinghouses were subsequently converted into one dwellinghouse by making an entrance on the ground floor and same are now rated as one hereditament Rate No. 129 S.D. Valuation £5.

The two houses have been sold and Purchasers Solicitor requires a letter that the Council has no objection to the alteration.

Would you kindly let us have the required letter of consent and oblige.

Yours faithfully, Etc.,

30th November, 1956.

A Chara,

With reference to the matter of the conversion of 2 dwelling

houses into 1 at High Street - the property of the late Andrew Dunne. I recall that this arrangement was originally done at the request of the Urban District Council after an inspection had been made by the Medical Officer of Health and as a result of a report which stated that the existing dwellings were sub-standard in size. On assuming that the dwelling which originally consisted of 2 houses will be sold and used as a single house I see no objection from the Council's point of view to the arrangement.

Misc, le meas, etc.,

The Council unanimously approved of the alterations which had been carried out.

Engineers Report:

Report dated 30/11/1956 from the Town Surveyor was read as follows:-

30th November, 1956.

A Chara,

Foreshore Protection Works

The contract work for the provision of 80 concrete chained blocks has now been completed. After finalising the accounts with the Contractor and providing for fees - Resident Engineer etc., there will be a balance remaining of approximately £150. This would be the difference between the total amount available (state grant £3,750 and local £1,200) and the ascertained final amount of expenditure. I would recommend to the Council to expend the balance on the Construction of 6 or 7 small size concrete blocks immediately north of the Promenade and also to carry out repairs to the old Promenade wall adjacent to the old life-boat house: the latter work would consist of "bagged" concrete as carried out during the present season at this point.

Flat Roof - Town Hall Premises.

It will be remembered that I reported some time ago on the necessity to carry out repairs on the concrete flat roof at the rear of the Council Chamber over the store. This roof is in an extremely bad condition and must be attended to immediately. Having sold an amount of iron scrap, as already indicated, we have approximately the sum of £35 or £40 on hands and it was agreed that we should put this money towards the repairs. I propose to hack out the cracks in the concrete and fill with tar pitch and sand. Incidentally one corner of the roof requires to be supported by a short length of iron girder. I would then cover the old roof with felt and a layer of fine Tar Macadam to a thickness of 2 inches: since writing above the stripping of ceiling has revealed a dangerous sag in concrete and joists - extra to repair £50.

The Windows facing the sea are in an extremely bad condition but I do not think we could afford to do anything with them at the moment.

Public Convenience - Town Hall

The Work on the Public Convenience is proceeding satisfactorily and should be completed in about 10 days. I have under observation the gable end of the Town Hall building and I am perturbed by the fact that the crack showing in the front wall has in my opinion considerably widened during the last few months. I considered that the matter was so serious that I ordered a Tie Rod to be sent on immediately and the cost of this will be approximately £5.

Housing

The painting of the houses is proceeding satisfactorily but as already indicated the exterior timber work and steel sashes of the houses were found to be in a very bad condition for the want of paint treatment, and I found it necessary to retain the painters some what longer than I had originally provided for. The amount allowed in the present year for housing repairs of course is not adequate but the available sum is further depleted by reason of the fact that unforeseen expenditure in repairs and cleaning to Council houses formerly occupied by the late Wm. Gregg and by a Brien family had to be carried out: also footpaths

were provided at St. Bride's Road. Consequently I find I shall have to restrict the amount of painting which I had hoped to carry out originally. I would estimate that approximately a sum of £75 should be provided for expenditure on housing repairs over the remainder of the Financial year.

Town Surveyor.

The different items set out in the report were considered by the Council as follows:-

Foreshore: The Council recommended that sanction be sought to the expending of the balance remaining from this grant, as suggested by the Town Surveyor.

Flat Roof - Town Hall Premises: The Council approved of the additional expenditure of £50 for the repairs set out in the Surveyor's Report.

Housing: Approval was given to an additional allowance of £75 under this heading in order that painting might be completed and urgent repairs carried out.

Appointment of Town Clerk. The County Manager stated that in accordance with the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, Mr. M. J. Cusack, Drumcondra, Dublin, had been appointed Town Clerk to Wicklow Urban District Council, and would take up duty on the 1st January, 1957. Tributes were paid by the Chairman, the County Manager and the members of the Council, to Miss Kavanagh for the manner in which she had discharged her duties whilst acting as Town Clerk.

Any other Business: A letter from Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Town Surveyor, expressing appreciation to the members of the Council for their sympathy on the death of his sister, was read:

The undernoted tenants applied for and were granted leave of absence from the Council Houses occupied by them:-

- (1) Mrs B. Corcoran, 45 Glenview Road,
- (2) Mrs H. Kavanagh, 5, Castlefield.

Sealing of Mortgage: It was proposed by Councillor C. W. Hudson, seconded by Councillor J. Everett T.D. and agreed:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Mortgage - Edward Lynch to The Educational Building Society, in respect of premises at Dunbur Road, Wicklow"

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

It was noted that the statutory date of the January Monthly Meeting would fall on Tuesday, 1st January, which is a Church Holyday. It was unanimously agreed that the meeting be held on Monday, 7th January, 1957.

This Concluded the business of the meeting.

*C. W. Hudson*  
7/1/57

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
28th December, 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, 1st January, 1957, You are requested to attend.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 7th January, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

M. Kavanagh.  
Acting Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th December, 1956, (copy herewith)
2. Resolution from Tralee Urban District Council.
3. Letter of 15th December, 1956, from the Department of Local Government re Pensions (Increase) Bill, 1956.
4. Report re tenancy of house at 25 Glenview Road.
5. Engineers Report.
6. Sealing of Lease - Wicklow Urban District Council to William Doyle.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1st JANUARY, 1957.

In Attendance: Miss M. Kavanagh, Acting Town Clerk.

In the absence of a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 7th. January, 1957.

*W. Hudson*  
*7/1/57*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
1st February, 1957.

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, 5th February, 1957, at 7-30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack  
TOWN CLERK

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held on 7th January, 1957, (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Clenakilty Urban District Council.
3. Correspondence re House at Dunbur Rd., Wicklow.
4. Application for tenancy of plot at Main St. - G. Murray
5. Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re road at North Quay.
6. Application for camping site on the Murrrough, Wicklow.
7. Report re parking of caravans at Strand St.
8. Correspondence re Loan - 2 Houses at Castle St.
9. Report re absence from Council house.
10. Engineer's Report.
11. Any Other Business.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES

ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH JANUARY, 1957

Present: Councillor C. W. Hudson, Vice-Chairman (Presiding), Councillors T. Byrne, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, J. Carroll, E. Hynes, E. Kavanagh, and J. Everett, T.D.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th December, 1956, and of Monthly Meeting convened for 1st January, 1957, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM TRALEE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL: A copy resolution from Tralee U.D.C., requesting that the Minister for Justice enact legislation to make it mandatory on Scrap Metal Merchants and other dealers when buying goods of any kind from juveniles, to have a written order from their parents or Civic Guards, to verify that such goods are not illegally procured or got in any improper manner, was unanimously adopted by the Council.

CIRCULAR LETTER OF 15TH DECEMBER, 1956, from DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE PENSIONS (INCREASE) BILL, 1956.

The County Manager explained that the intention of the Bill is to allow pension increases to certain state and local authority pensioners whose pensions do not fully reflect the "fourth round" increase in remuneration. Any increase granted under the terms of this circular letter should take effect from a date not before 1st August, 1956. Two members of the Council's staff would benefit by the increase. They are Mr. E. Kennedy (retired rate collector) and Mr. A. Clarke (retired labourer), and the annual increases would be £10. 1. 4. in the case of Mr. Kennedy and £7. 9. 4. in the case of Mr. Clarke. He mentioned that if the Council desired to pay the increases with effect from 1st August, 1956, the cost in the current year would be approximately £12.

The meeting unanimously decided to grant the increases with effect from 1st August, 1956.

REPORT RE TENANCY OF HOUSE AT 25, GLENVIEW ROAD: The County Manager stated that at a meeting of the Council held on 6/11/1956, it was recommended, in accordance with the report of the County Medical Officer, that Joseph Yeates be appointed tenant of No. 25, Glenview Rd., Wicklow, on condition that his mother, Mrs. Sarah Yeates, would move from their present accommodation at Castle St., to the vacant Council house. In a letter of 8/11/1956, Mr. Yeates indicated that his mother was prepared to comply with the Council's requirements. A report was received that whilst Joseph Yeates, his wife and family had moved to 25, Glenview Road, Mrs. Sarah Yeates had remained in Castle St. Notice to Quit was served on 29/12/1956.

A short discussion took place and the Council recommended to the County Manager that it might not be insisted on that Mrs. Sarah Yeates would move to 25, Glenview Road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: The Town Engineer's report for the month of December was read as follows:-

7th January, 1957.

The scavenging and road works were carried out satisfactorily during the month. Castle St., is showing signs of pot holes and two men are engaged in repairing these. A complaint was received regarding the condition of the roadway at the North Quay and this was attended to by repairing with stones and tar.

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**Waterworks:** The quantity of water in the reservoir for the time of the year is satisfactory, being about 18" below the overflow still. At the same time it is necessary to remind householders that all cases of wastage should be reported and the greatest care should still be taken having regard to previous shortages. At the present time we have two men engaged in washing and placing sand in the filter beds.

**Employment Schemes and Local Authorities Works Acts Schemes:** These works have proceeded satisfactorily in spite of inclement weather and concrete footpaths have been completed at Castle St., Black Castle Rd., St. Kevin's Rd., St. Bride's Rd., Moreton's Lane and High St., and almost finished on the Mass Path. There still remains to be done the footpaths at Strand St., Upr., and part of Bath St. We have 20 men employed - total, on this scheme and the L. A. Works Scheme. On the latter the Marlton River and branches rivers have been cleaned and the men are now engaged in the erection of weirs in the Abbey grounds to prevent the undercutting of the side walls during flood. A considerable quantity of sand and silt has been taken away from the mouth of this river where it crosses the main river at Parnell Bridge. The silting of the Lej<sup>am</sup> River is causing a backing up of the silt in the Abbey River, but I hope to be able to remove some of this out of the stream altogether.

**Public Convenience Town Hall:** The convenience is now almost completed with the exception of two basins, which have not yet been delivered.

**Town Hall Roof:** Owing to the unsatisfactory weather I deferred the laying of the final coat of tarmac on this roof, and it would be as well to leave it until March next. In the meantime when repairs were being carried out a considerable quantity of deteriorated timber was discovered where the joists entered the walls on the east end and these had to be removed and new joists and boarding inserted together with a steel beam. I decided then to take off all the old existing concrete completely which on examination was found to be leaking and unreinforced. The heads over all the windows had to be concreted and all seven windows will have to be renewed at a later date. Woodwork, sashes, and frames have rotted. With the additional timber/joists etc., there will be an expenditure of about £45 during the present year, in addition to the £92 already expended.

J. T. O'Byrne,  
Town Surveyor

Council expressed satisfaction at the progress of the E.S.V. and L. A. Works Act Schemes.

**Public Convenience - Town Hall:** The Town Engineer asked that the Council fix hours of opening for the Public Convenience at the Town Hall. The Council decided that the hours of opening for the present would be 9 a.m. to 8.15 p.m. and that they would be reviewed at Easter.

**Town Hall Roof:** Council agreed to the extra expenditure of £45 in addition to the £92 already incurred in the present year and to the deferring of work on the windows to a later date.

**SEALING OF LEASE - WICKLOW U. D. C. TO WILLIAM DOYLE:** It was proposed by Councillor J. Everett, seconded by Councillor T. Byrne and resolved:-

"That the seal of the Council be affixed to the lease, counter-part and memorial between Wicklow Urban District Council and Mr. Wm. Doyle, relating to a plot of ground and known as "Marymount" (No. 12) Summer Hill, Wicklow, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1955, at a yearly rent of £1. 13. 8.

The Seal of the Council was duly affixed to the lease, counter-part and memorial in this regard.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**EXTENSION OF RATHNEW CEMETERY:** The following letter from the

Rathnew & Wicklow Joint Burial Board was read:-

28th December, 1956.

re: Extension of Rathnew Cemetery

Dear Sir,

I have to inform you that Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board at meeting held on the 2nd November, 1956, passed a resolution subject to sanction of the Minister for Local Government recommending that the holding at Merrymeeting, comprising 5 acres, 3 roods and 5 perches (approx) and dwelling and out offices situated thereon, be purchased from Mrs. Bridget Tyndall, Merrymeeting, Rathnew, for the sum of One Thousand Pounds. (£1,000).

The Board further recommended that a loan of £2,000, spread over a period of fifteen years be procured from the Local Loans Fund for the purpose of meeting the cost of the property and the development of the site.

I shall be obliged to have the Council's approval in this matter.

Yours faithfully, etc.

The Manager explained that the annual loan charges would amount to £240 of which about £120 would be payable by the Wicklow Urban District Council.

After a short discussion the Council unanimously approved of the proposal.

**VACANCY COUNCIL HOUSE:** A letter from E. Ivy, for J. Hill and accompanying Medical Certificate was read as follows:-

34, Vernalls Rd.,  
Sherborne,  
Dorset.  
28/12/1956.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Mr. James Hill of No. 3 Castlefield, Wicklow, Eire, I enclose a Doctor's certificate to say Mrs. Hill is still not capable of running her home on her own at present. He still wishes to continue tenancy of the above address. Thanking you for your kind consideration in the past, I remain,

Yours respectfully, etc.

The Council agreed to a further and final extension of three months. Mr. Hill to be notified accordingly.

Letters from

**COMPLAINT RE HOUSING REPAIRS:** / Mr. M. Murphy, 6 Castle Park, Wicklow, and Mrs. E. Malone, 8 Castle Park, Wicklow, complaining of flooding due to rain coming in under the doors were read. In reply to a query from Councillor Conroy, the Town Clerk said that he obtained from the Rent Collector a list of complaints received in December re housing repairs and had passed the list to the Town Engineer for a report. The Chairman said that as the two complaints now received were not on the list they should be added to it. This was agreed to.

**FEES TO MR. JOHN P. BUTLER, ARCHITECT:** The Council approved of fees amounting to £11. 11. 0. to Mr. John P. Butler, Architect, being in respect of the following schemes:-

- (1) Plan (under the Vol. Civic Improvement Fund) for improvements at Clarke's Plot, The Murrrough £5. 5. 0.
- (2) Plan for structure and layout at Halpin's Memorial Plot to accommodate "Great Eastern" model £6. 6. 0.

Before concluding the meeting the Chairman and members welcomed the new Town Clerk, who suitably replied.

*Blahala 11/2/57.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## M I N U T E S.

## MONTHLY MEETING.

HELD ON 5th FEBRUARY, 1957.

PRESENT: Councillor W. Clarke, Chairman (Presiding), Councillors T. Byrne, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, J. Carroll, E. Hynes, E. Kavanagh, and J. Everett, T.D.

IN ATTENDANCE: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, and Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 7th January, 1957 were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM CLONAKILTY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL: A copy of a Resolution from Clonakilty Urban District Council was read as follows;

"That we the members of the Clonakilty Urban District Council request the Minister for External Affairs to take the necessary steps to have the bodies of the two Patriot Priests Fathers Dominic and Albert, who died in exile, returned to Ireland for re-interment in compliance with their dying wishes."

ADOPTED.

Correspondence re House at Dunbur Road: The following correspondence was read:-

17th November, 1956.

re; Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - Loan to E. P. Hynes.

A Chairde,

The County Manager has noted that at the Circuit Court on the 14th November, the Judge gave a Decree for Possession to the Council in respect of the Dwelling House at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, on which the Council had advanced a loan of £1,600 to Mr. E. P. Hynes.

The present position in connection with this loan is that Mr. Hynes owes the following re-payments to this Council.

1st April 1955	£53. 6. 8.
1st October 1955	£53. 6. 8.
1st April 1956	£53. 6. 8.
1st October, 1956	£53. 6. 8.

it will be noted that the amount due on foot of the loan at this stage is very substantial.

The house according to the information available to the Council has been let to Mr. Nagle, an Official of the National Bank, Wicklow as a dwelling at a rent of £2. per week. This rent would produce an yearly income of £104. which would not be adequate to meet the present charges on the house which are:-

Annuity	£106. 13. 4.
Ground Rent	6. 0. 0.
Rates	8. 5. 5.
Fire Insurance	1. 10. 0.
Total.	<u>£122. 8. 9.</u>

Moreover, there is a remission of two-thirds rates at present and when the rates will be leviable in full the total charges will be increased by £17. or more. Whilst under the present circumstances the difference between the yearly rental income and the total charges is £18. the difference when the remission of rates would expire would be over £35. The remission of rates expires on 31st March. It seems to the Council that it would be advisable to negotiate forthwith with the tenant of the house for an increased rent or alternatively

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to endeavour to dispose of the house. It is not clear if the Council are entitled to Vacant Possession, but the Manager thinks that such would be the case. The present tenant would have to seek alternative accommodation or to arrange to purchase the house.

The house could be sold out-right or it could be sold subject to the transfer of the existing Mortgage. Possible the latter might be the best course to adopt. The other possibilities viz increase of rent or sale for immediate payment would seem to present difficulties.

The County Manager would be glad to have a discussion with you in connection with these aspects of the matter. Unfortunately however, he will not be available next week but could discuss it with you on Monday the 26th November, at any time which would suit your convenience. In the meantime as the matter is urgent and you have been in touch with the company already you might please arrange immediately for Fire Insurance Cover with the Hibernian Insurance Company who previously had a fire insurance policy on the premises.

Pending a discussion in connection with this matter the Manager considers that you should write to the present tenant of the house informing him that the Council has obtained a Decree of Possession and state that you are however, prepared to consider "with out prejudice" an offer for the purchase of the house.

Alternatively it might be indicated that the Council might be prepared to consider a letting of the house to him provided that the rent of such letting was in the Councils view point adequate.

Mise, le meas, etc.

15th December, 1956.

re; Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.  
Loan to E. P. Hynes.

Dear Madam,

Further to yours of the 17th ult.

We have now had an opportunity of discussing this matter with Mr. P. J. Nagle on the lines set out in your communication.

Mr. Nagle informs us that his rent is not £2 a week, but £10 a month. In other words, it is £2. 8. 9. less than the Council's charges on the house, and Mr. Nagle states that he is prepared to pay this difference, and the matter would be reconsidered on the 1st of April, when the Council's charges would be increased, as the remission of rates period would have expired.

Accordingly we would be obliged for your instructions.

We have also been in touch with Mr. Ernest Keegan, Solicitor, 37, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, who is acting for the Liquidator of Mr. Hynes's Company, and he has sent us a cheque for £60 rent collected by him, on the understanding that we discharge the ground rent and rates.

Mr. Hynes had paid no ground rent, so that there was a sum of £21 due for same, and we have discharged this amount.

In addition to the above Mr. Nagle has tendered us a cheque for the current months rent, but we will not cash same until we receive your instructions.

The cashing of this cheque would, of course, be accepting Mr. Nagle as a tenant and we told him we could not do this unless we had authority to that effect.

Yours faithfully, etc.

E. P. Hynes 17/12/56.

2nd January, 1957.

A Chairde,

I wish to refer to our discussion on 31st ult., regarding the recovery of possession of house at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, on which a loan of £1,600 was advanced to Mr. E. P. Hynes. It is noted that you consider that it would be advisable for the Council to accept Mr. Nagle as tenant and that he has indicated to you that he would be prepared to pay a rent equal to the Council's annuity, ground rent, fire insurance and present rates. You also advise that as the rates will be the liability of the tenant the full rates will be payable by him when the period of remission under the Housing Acts expires.

The matter will be submitted to the Council at the meeting on the 7th inst., in order that their formal approval to the acceptance of Mr. Nagle as tenant on the foregoing terms be obtained.

Finally it is noted that it would be advisable that a formal Agreement be completed with Mr. Nagle and that a condition of such Agreement be that the tenant would be responsible for repairs.

It is agreed that Mr. Hynes should be sued for the Council's costs in connection with the proceedings.

Misc, 1c meas, etc.,  
9th January, 1957.

re; Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - Loan to  
E. P. Hynes - Recovery of Premises etc.

A Chairde,

It is regretted that through an oversight this matter was not brought before the Council at their meeting on the 7th inst., which was intended. Consequently there is not yet available the agreement of the members of the Council to the proposal to accept Mr. Nagle as tenant on the terms considered suitable when we discussed this matter recently.

From our conversation to-day, I understand that you have received a cheque for the rent from Mr. Nagle and that you will hold it for the present. I agree with this proposal and also think that he might, without prejudice, give you a cheque for any further rent which may be due to the end of January. Then the matter can be formally put to the Council at their meeting to be held on 5th February, and their agreement to the acceptance of Mr. Nagle as tenant obtained.

Misc, 1c meas, etc.,  
31st January, 1957.

re; Premises - Dunbur Road, Wicklow.  
Council v. Edward Hynes.

Dear Sir,

We enclose cheque for £39. 0. 0. being £60 rent received from Mr. P. J. Nagle prior to obtaining Order for possession, less £21. Head Rent from 29th September, 1953 to 29th September, 1956 paid to Mr. A. D. Finlayson. You can hold the cheque until the matter is dealt with by the County Manager.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

In a reply to a query from Councillor Carroll the Manager explained that Mr. A. D. Finlayson had leased a plot of ground from the Council for a period of 75 years at an annual rent of £8. and had built 8 houses thereon. He received a Head Rent of £6. per annum in respect of Mr. Hynes' house and if it were not paid he could recover possession. A discussion took place on the advisability of accepting Mr. Nagle as a tenant and the Manager explained that the rent Mr. Nagle would pay would be sufficient to cover the annuity, Ground Rent, and Fire Insurance which amounted to £114 per annum. He would also be liable for rates and responsible for repairs. Councillor Everett asked what loss we had incurred due to the non-payment of loan inst-

allments and the Manager said the loss was £212. This together with legal costs could be recovered.

After a further discussion the Manager said four alternatives were open to the Council.

1. Recover possession, sell the house and have the purchaser discharge the Mortgage.
2. Recover possession, sell the house and have the purchaser take over the Mortgage.
3. Let the house to the existing tenant, Mr. Nagle.
4. Let the house to another tenant at a high rent - if this could be obtained

Endeavouring to achieve No's 1, 2, or 4, might however, result in considerable delay, subsequently the house would be liable to serious deterioration. Moreover it could not be guaranteed that any of these alternatives would be possible of achievement. There did not appear to be a demand for this type of house at present.

After a discussion on the alternatives available it was proposed by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Councillor Doyle and unanimously resolved that having considered the advice of the Council's Solicitors and the recommendation of the County Manager, we approve of proposal to accept Mr. Nagle as tenant of house at Dunbur Road, Wicklow at a rent of £125 per annum, tenant to be responsible for rates and repairs.

It was unanimously agreed that the Manager proceed to recover the loss of £212 and legal costs and report to the Council at their next meeting.

APPLICATION FOR TENANCY OF PLOT AT MAIN STREET - G. MURRAY.

Councillor Carroll asked who owned this plot of ground. The County Manager said that the County Council had purchased and demolished a house there, but it was thought that the Urban Council was ground landlord. The Town Clerk on investigation discovered that the property was freehold and ownership now rested entirely with the County Council. Agreed that application be forwarded to County Council.

LETTER FROM WICKLOW HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS re ROAD AT NORTH QUAY

A Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners re road at North Quay, was read as follows:-

1st February, 1957.

Dear Sir,

I have been Directed by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners to draw Wicklow Urban Council's attention to the serious condition of Harbour road to Packet Pier, which is the main stay of Wicklow Harbour from a financial point of view.

This road is getting washed away each Winter, and it has now reached the point that there is not room for two lorries to pass each other at the narrowest in safety as it is now only 22 feet from the beach to the wall of Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. premises.

It is the intention of the Harbour Commissioners to do their utmost to have a protection wall erected from West end of Packet pier wall to a point opposite Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers, Ltd., laboratory in order to save this important road to the most important Berthage in the Harbour.

Wicklow Harbour Commissioners have made representations to the Department of Industry and Commerce requesting this Department to make a State Grant to carry out this important work, but they have been informed that this Department cannot see their way to make a State Grant towards the cost of having this work carried out.

I am to point out that Wicklow Urban Council will receive rents and rates from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd., when their new store and Laboratory is rated in the neighbourhood of £700. 0. 0. which is

equivalent to the revenue of the Port of Wicklow for one year.

I am to suggest that it may be possible for the Harbour Commissioners and the U. D. C. to co-operate in connection, and make representations to the Government Departments and endeavour to obtain a State Grant under Coast Erosion Heading before it is too late, as there will be no road from Packet Pier, and Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. will be compelled to stop importing fertilizer into Wicklow Harbour for want of a road from Packet pier.

Yours faithfully, etc.,

Deputy Everett said that 10 years ago he had raised the matter of taking over the roads under the Harbour Commission so that the Urban Council could get grants to maintain them. The Manager said that at that time the Council considered that they had enough roads of their own to maintain. Chairman pointed out that if we took over the harbour roads, no special grant would be available and the Annual Relief Grant would have to be diverted from other roads. The Town Surveyor said this letter referred more to the building of a wall to protect the road, rather than to the road itself. In reply to Councillor Doyle the Chairman said that the taking over of the road would involve endless trouble. Deputy Everett pointed out that the erection of the wall would come under the Coastal Erosion Act.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed that the Council representatives on the Harbour Board should point out to the Commissioners the facilities available under the Coastal Erosion Act and that the letter be marked "read".

APPLICATION FOR COMPING SITE ON THE MURROUGH, WICKLOW.

Town Clerk reported that he had received an application from Mr. Jas. White of Shotts, Lanarkshire for a camping site on the Murrough, Wicklow for two weeks from 11th July to 25th July, 1957. The application was made on behalf of St. Patrick's Boys Guild and the party would consist of from 60 to 70 boys who would be accommodated in 9 bell tents.

The Manager mentioned that in 1953 a similar boys guild from Glasgow camped on the Murrough for a fortnight at a charge of £2. The application was unanimously approved at a charge of £2.

Report re Parking of Caravans at Strand Street.

24th January, 1957.

re; Parking of Caravans at Strand Street, Wicklow.

It was brought to my notice by the Town Sergeant that Thomas McAuley, Amusement Caterer, has for some time past parked caravans on a levelled site at Strand Street.

This site was assigned to him by an Indenture of Assignment on the 20th October, 1953, by Messrs Haskins Bros., who hold a 75 years lease from the Council since 25th March, 1918. Mr. McAuley is liable for a ground rent of £1. 16. 6. per annum on the assigned portion. This he has paid.

I inspected the site and found three living caravans and about 6 trailers and 1 lorry thereon. The water supply to the caravans is by means of a hose pipe connection from a tap on the site. Waste fluids are carried by a pipe from the caravans into the ground and do not connect with the sewerage system. These facts were confirmed by the Town Sergeant, when he called on the occupier at a later date. He was also informed that use was made of the sanitary accommodation in the adjacent Amusement Hall, owned by Mr. McAuley.

For your information I set out hereunder particulars of our powers to deal with this matter under Sections 32 and 34 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1948:-

Section 32: This Section enables the sanitary authority to proceed against a particular temporary dwelling or group of temporary dwellings under the law relating to nuisance. A notice requiring

abatement of nuisance may be served under Section 110 of the 1878 Act, on the occupier of the site of the temporary dwelling, and proceedings for the abatement of nuisance may be taken against such occupiers.

Section 34: This section relates to the licensing of land for camping and/or erection of temporary dwellings and was brought into force in the Urban District of Wicklow, by an Order of the Minister dated 6th November, 1953. Proceedings under this Section would involve prosecuting Mr. McAuley for erecting temporary dwellings without a licence.

In conclusion I might add that Mr. McAuley has also 1 caravan parked on Strand Street, near the junction of the Sea Front. In this case alone he is open to prosecution under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, for causing obstruction.

M. J. Cusack,  
Town Clerk.

Deputy Everett said the parking should be allowed as it only occurred during the winter months. The Manager said it was our duty as a Sanitary Authority not to allow such activities without the prior approval of the Council. Chairman said that Mr. McAuley should be written to, informed he was acting illegally and that he should apply for a licence.

It was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting to give Mr. McAuley an opportunity of making application for a licence. Manager mentioned that there was also a temporary dwelling erected at Bolarney. He believed it was owned by a Mr. Allen and was converted into use as a dwelling without the Council's permission. He said he would examine the matter and report to the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE RE LOAN FOR 2 HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET.

Manager stated we had received a letter from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the borrowing of £3,000 for the purpose of a scheme of 2 houses at Castle Street. No advance of the loan could be made until the Mortgage Deed has been completed. The first payment to the Contractor amounting to £700 approximately would be due during February, and at that time there would be no installment of the loan received into the Capital Account to meet it. With the consent of the Council he intends to transfer the amount of the first payment to the Contractor (£700 approx) from Revenue Account to Capital Account; this amount to be transferred back when the loan becomes available.

Council agreed to this proposal.

ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL HOUSE. Manager reported that Mrs B. Corcoran tenant of 45, Glenview Road, who had been granted leave of absence for 1 month over the Christmas period to go to England, had arrears of rent amounting to £3. 12. 6. due at 26/1/57. As the arrears had now been cleared the Council decided not to take any action.

ENGINEER'S MONTHLY REPORT: The monthly report of the Town Engineer was read as follows:

5th February, 1957.

Monthly Report

Scavenging The scavenging service proved satisfactory and during the month the men had a difficult task in keeping shores and gullies cleaned.

L.A.W.A.: The cleaning of the Abbey River was completed as far as possible during the month and work is in progress at the present time in locating, realigning and reconstructing the pipe lines and drains in the Ball Alley. On opening up the ground, an extraordinary cross-section of drainage was discovered - an old box shore with several branches and old French drains leading from Colley Street. I am having the line of old pipes from the Convent gate replaced by 15" dia. concrete pipes which will run direct into the old stone culvert which is for the greater part excavated in solid rock.