

RECEIPTS

. No alteration was made under the heading of Receipts.

Summary: The County Manager at this stage informed the meeting that they had increased by Estimates by £129 to meet the wages increase and had effected reductions in Expenditure totalling £255. The net reduction, therefore, was equivalent to 3d.

Councillor Conroy referred to the heavy liability on the Council for Loan Charges in connection with the loans for Foreshore Protection Works and it was unanimously decided to draw the attention of the Department of Local Government to this and to the heavy imposition which these charges placed on the Urban Rates.

It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That having examined the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration, we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1963, as set out in Tables A. B. and C. thereof and we determine the rate set out in Column 8 of Table C. of the Estimates adopted by us, viz: Municipal Rate of 41/3d. in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1963."

In proposing the adoption of the rate, Councillor Haughton proposed a vote of congratulations to the County Manager and officials for the excellent manner in which the Estimates had been prepared and submitted for the consideration of the Council. The Chairman and Councillors present joined in the tribute and the County Manager suitably replied.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
30th March, 1962.

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 on Tuesday, 3rd April, 1962, at 7.30 p.m., in the Town Hall, Wicklow. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th March, 1962, and Annual Estimates Meeting held on 27th March, 1962, (copies herewith).
2. Absence from Council Meetings - Letter from Councillor C. W. Hudson.
3. Level Crossing at Murrough - Report on discussions with representatives of C.I.E.
4. Lease of former Coastguard Station - application from Office of Public Works for renewal of lease of Rocket Cart House and adjoining land.
5. Development of sites at Dunbur Road - Report of Consultant Architect.
6. (a) Sealing of Leases of building sites at Dunbur Road - J. Cumiskey and B. Conlon. (b) *Renewal of lease - Mrs B. Kavanagh, Surveyor.*
7. Sealing of Mortgage - Commissioners of Public Works - Loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.
8. Auditor's Report for financial year ended 31st March, 1961 (copy herewith).
9. Report of Consultant Chemist on discharge of fumes from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
10. Swimming Pool - Report of Consultant Architect.
11. Town Planning Applications. *Loody, Lees, ES/3.*
12. Dumping Ground.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
14. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.
  - (1) *Letter from Seamus F. Re Sperry Hunt at North Quay.*
  - (2) *Road Map Grant 1962/63*
  - (3) *Foreshore Protection Works*
  - (4) *Wicklow Leases - Camping Site*



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 1ST MAY, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors W. Hopkins, J. Kane, T. Conroy, J. Lalor, J. Kelly, and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery, and Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson and G. F. Haughton and from the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd April 1962, copy of which had been circulated, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

WICKLOW REGATTA 1962: On the proposal of Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Kane, the application of Wicklow Regatta Committee for the use of the Sea Front for the Annual Regatta to be held from 4th to 19th August, 1962, and for the closing of roads at Church St., Bachelors' Walk etc. for proposed Kart Racing on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, were approved.

PROPOSED LEVEL CROSSING AT MURROUGH: The Town Clerk reported that he had consulted with the Council's Law Agent and Insurance Brokers regarding the form of Indemnity to be signed in connection with the proposed accommodation level crossing at the Murrough, and said that everything was in order and the Council were free to go ahead with the provision of the crossing. Regarding the appointment of a crossing keeper the meeting decided that the Town Clerk meet Mr. Smullen and see if satisfactory terms could be worked out for his employment as crossing keeper. If matters worked satisfactorily the crossing to come into operation on 1st June, 1962. It was decided that if difficulties arose the Town Clerk would report to the Council at the Annual Rates Meeting to be held later in the month.

ROADS IMPROVEMENT GRANT: The Council considered the suggestion of the Town Surveyor that the Road Fund Grant of £990 be expended on Greenhill Road as a priority together with a small section of Mount Carmel Hill near Sullivan's Lane. The Council were agreeable that the two roads mentioned by the Town Surveyor should be re-surfaced and also suggested for his consideration Hospital Lane and Glenview Road.

SWIMMING POOL: The Town Clerk said that he understood that the Town Surveyor had been discussing with the Architect alternative sites for the pool and had asked the Architect to report on one such sites situated on the Murrough between the foot bridge and Mr. Barlow's house. He then read the following report from the Architect:-

Dear Sir,

Further to our discussion on the possibilities of finding an acceptable site for this proposal I have examined the suggested site at Leitrim Place between the road and the river adjoining the garden of the first house. This site offers a number of advantages. It is very near the centre of activities for both the town and visitors, access is simple and convenient, the position, for a seaside location, is comparatively unexposed, services are readily available and development works around the building would be reduced to a minimum. The adjacent river and the south-westerly views over the river to the town rising in the background are among the most pleasant in the town. The disadvantages of the site are its narrowness, the fact that between the road and the sea a few isolated small buildings are not of a high appearance and its nearness to the area which is becoming the more industrialised area of the town. The restricted width of the site is complicated by the footpath access along by the river side and any building located here should make provision for the continuance of this access to maintain the pleasantness of the river at this point. If you wish a site plan could be prepared showing how a building could be located at this point.

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This site might be compared with the Black Castle site, which as previously indicated has an open and exposed position and has not a simple or straightforward access. It has possibilities of achieving a very interesting scheme but the final success of a pool in this location would depend on the full development of the site to make the area a centre of attraction. I feel that this site is more suited to an open air pool, however, for summer/autumn use - its isolated location without other forms of development would hinder its full use in the winter and early spring period.

P. O'Brien

Council decided to adjourn further discussion for the attendance of the Town Surveyor at the next meeting.

FIXING DATES OF MEETINGS: It was agreed that the Annual Rates Meeting be held on Tuesday, 22nd May, 1962, and the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 26th June, 1962.

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - POWER TO ROCHE: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:-

"That we hereby consent to the assignment by Mrs. Elizabeth Power to Mrs. Elizabeth Roche of her interest in premises at Main St., Wicklow, held under lease (Wicklow U.D.C. to John Power) dated 3rd April, 1951, for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1949, at an annual rent of £3,6,0."

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The Schedule of Uncollected Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1962, was submitted and explained in detail by the County Manager. The percentage collected was 96.32% and was considered satisfactory in view of the number of cases in which the Collector was restrained from taking action for settlement. Regarding premises at Market Sq. on which rates amounting to £145. 19. 7. were outstanding the Manager pointed out that the premises had been sold and this amount would be cleared shortly. Council agreed with the County Manager that rates amounting to £3. 17. 1. in respect of a now derelict hut the property of the former Swimming Club be struck off as irrecoverable, and the balance of £663. 8. 1. representing 3.66% of the Warrant be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

REPORT ON HOUSING, CORPORATE ESTATE AND WATER RENTS: The Town Clerk reported that Housing Rents amounting to £7,263. 18. 1. representing 99% of the amount due had been collected during the year. The arrears at the end of the year were £75. 14. 6. The amount of Corporate Estate Rents collected was £1,921. 12. 4. and this collection was considered very satisfactory as the arrears had been reduced from £448. 16. 6. to £179. 11. 7. The amount of Water Rents collected during the year was £1,310. 1. 8. of which sum £1,065. 4. 0. had been contributed by Shamrock Fertilizers. Here again the collection was considered very satisfactory.

Councillor Conroy proposed a vote of congratulation which was supported by all the members to the Rate Collector and Rent Collector and to both the ratepayers and rent payers of the town.

HOUSING LIST NO. 11: Council considered Housing List No. 11 at 1st April, 1962, copies of which had been circulated. It was noted that the first three applicants on the List, viz: Thomas Bouchier, Noel Murphy and Henry Hubbard were in the course of being re-housed and that now Thomas Boyce would be first on the List. It was mentioned that the next applicant on the List, Peter Byrne, who gave his address as 12, Convent Road, did not in fact live there but lived outside the Urban area. It was agreed to ask the Medical Officer to review the case of this applicant.

REVISION OF RENTS: The Council considered a report of the Town Clerk on the proposed revision of rents, copies of which had been circulated. The County Manager was questioned re the possibility of introducing a differential rents system and he said that this had been done in the County Council in the case of new lettings. He agreed that it could be introduced in respect of all houses at one time but that it was a better policy to introduce it gradually on the re-letting of houses. Members discussed various possibilities and it was finally decided that the



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Manager would submit for their consideration at the next meeting a suggested scale of graded increases for the various houses. Consideration could be given to excluding tenants in respect of Old Age and Widows' and Orphans' Pensions and possibly Home Assistance cases, from the proposed increases.

TOWN PLANNING ACTS: An application accompanied by plan and specification, was received from Mr. M. O'Neill, Contractor, on behalf of Prescotts, Cleaners and Dyers for permission to carry out alterations to premises at Abbey St., Wicklow. Council recommended that permission be granted, subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied that the application was in order.

REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated, was considered by the meeting. Regarding the dumping ground members were not satisfied with the position and felt that the Town Surveyor should have gone ahead as per their recommendation to move the dump into the Glen. They noted that the shavings were still being dumped and were the cause of many fires and Councillor Conroy pointed out that waste oil was also a big problem. The meeting felt that the position might be improved if it could be arranged that the waste oil and shavings could be dumped separately from the rest of the refuse. Council also recommended that Council employees be asked not to burn papers on the dump.

Councillor Conroy referred to the level of the reservoir as mentioned in the Town Surveyor's report and asked what steps were being taken to prevent a repetition of last years shortage of water. The Town Clerk explained that by reason of the new connection provided at the Valve House it was now possible to take additional water from Cronroe and thereby conserve the water in the Old Reservoir. He indicated that the Town Surveyor had left instruction that this connection be now put into use and an extra quantity of water taken daily from Cronroe.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF SITE AT UPPER STRAND ST: Mr. G. Jenkinson applied for a lease of a site at Strand St. adjoining Mr. Kavanagh's garage and which was once the site of a small house now demolished. The matter was deferred to give the Town Clerk an opportunity of examining the Council's records in order to establish title to the site.

SCHOOL MEALS: The Town Clerk reported that the Department of Social Welfare had queried the larger numbers availing of the new type of School Meals and read the following letter:-  
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Social Welfare to refer to your letter of the 16th inst. regarding the School Meals Scheme for the year 1962/63 and to state that it would appear that the strict limitations imposed by the Acts on the issue of free meals have been overlooked. Section 3 of the Education (Provisions of Meals) Act, 1914, provided for the issue of free meals only to children who "are unable by reason of lack of food to take full advantage of the education provided for them". In accordance with the regulations, meals must not be provided, free of cost, except to children whose parents or guardians are unable from their own resources to provide the food or to contribute towards the cost of its provision.

In these circumstances, I am to request that you will be good enough to have the scheme re-examined in order to ensure that its benefits are confined to qualified children.

Mise, le meas, etc.

It was agreed to notify the School Managers of the contents of the letter.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Kane was told by the Town Clerk that the Council's resolution re the raising of the amount of loan granted under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts had been forwarded to the Department of Local Government.

Councillor Conroy referred to the condition of the Promenade and enquired if it could be levelled out and covered with quarry dust for the

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summer months. The County Manager pointed out that the provision in the Estimates for Foreshore Maintenance out of which this work would normally be done, had been deleted by the Council at the Estimates Meeting. However, he would ask the Town Surveyor if any work in this connection could be managed.

Councillor Kelly applied for and was given permission to erect goal posts on the open space at St. Laurence's Park.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

J. Kane  
2/6/62



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

## ANNUAL RATES MEETING

HELD ON 22ND MAY, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors G. F. Haughton, T. Conroy, J. Kelly, J. Kane and J. Lalor.

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

It was proposed by Councillor G. F. Haughton, seconded by Councillor T. Conroy and resolved:-

"That we the Wicklow Urban District Council make the following rates and assessments upon all occupiers and owners of land and hereditaments situate in the Urban District of Wicklow, liable thereto and in accordance with the Rate Book so prepared and this day submitted to us, viz: 495 Pence (Four Hundred and Ninety Five Pence)

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| Urban Roads             | 35.50 Pence |
| Sanitary Services       | 117.80 "    |
| Housing                 | 37.72 "     |
| General Urban Purposes  | 57.08 "     |
| County Council Services | 246.90 "    |

and that the Seal of the Wicklow Urban District Council be affixed to the Statement and Certificate of the Municipal Rate contained in the Rate Book for the year 1962/63 and that the necessary notice be published forthwith."

The Council's Seal was duly affixed.

RATE COLLECTOR'S WARRANT: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Warrant in respect of 1962/63 to be issued to the Rate Collector of the Wicklow Urban District Council."

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

The Meeting then concluded.

*J. Kane*  
*5/6/62*

## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.

1st June, 1962.

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 June, 1962, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,  
M. J. Cusack  
Town Clerk

## AGENDA

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 1st May, 1962 and Rates Meeting held on 22nd May, 1962. (copies herewith).
2. Veteran Car Run 1962 - Application from Leinster Motor Club for use of Murrough.
3. Accommodation Level Crossing at Murrough - approval of necessary expenditure.
4. Proposed Rail Siding to North Quay - Submission of revised layout for siding.
5. Report on correspondence with C.I.E. re dust from lorries conveying fertilizer to and from factory of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
6. Association of Municipal Authorities - Correspondence re (a) Annual Conference 1962 and (b) Annual Subscription.
7. Development of Building Sites at Dunbur Road 9 (a) Report on estimated cost of development (b) Applications for sites (c) To consider extension of sewer.
8. S.D.A. Acts - Applications of Messrs F. Conway and S. O'Rourke for an increased loan.
9. Water Supply Improvements - (a) Letter of sanction from Department of Local Government (b) To authorise raising of loan of £2,000.
10. Application of Mr. G. Jenkinson for lease of site at Upper Strand St.
11. Abstract of Accounts for year ending 31st March, 1962.
12. Swimming Pool - (a) Circular Letter from Department of Local Government re Water Safety, Swimming Pools and Beaches (copy herewith) (b) Report of Town Surveyor on alternative site for pool.
13. Dumping Ground - Letter from Solicitor to Wicklow Golf Club (copy herewith).
14. Town & Regional Planning applications.
15. Sealing of Endorsement on Lease - Minister for Finance to Wicklow U.D.C. in connection with sub-lease by Council to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. of plot of ground at North Quay.
16. Proposed Revision of Rents of Council Houses (copy report herewith).
17. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
18. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.  
OLD PEOPLES PARK AT BARNARD GREEN.



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 5TH JUNE, 1962

Present: Councillor J. Kane, Vice-Chairman, Presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, J. Kelly, J. Lalor, W. Hopkins, G. F. Haughton.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors T. A. Delahunt and C. W. Hudson.

(and Rates Meeting held on 22nd May, 1962)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting/held on the 1st May 1962, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

VETERAN CAR RUN 1962: The Leinster Motor Club were unanimously granted permission for the use of The Murrrough in connection with their Annual Veteran Car Run which will be held this year on 23rd June.

An application from Mr. R. Jackson on behalf of the Midget Car Racing Club Ltd. for the use of The Murrrough for Midget Car Races in August next was approved, subject to a rent of £1. if a gate is held and on condition that the surface of the playing field are not damaged.

LEVEL CROSSING AT MURROUGH: The Town Clerk informed the Council that the Crossing had been provided and was in operation from Saturday, 2nd June and on its first week-end had proved very popular. He indicated that the expenditure necessary to cover the provision of the crossing and the remuneration of the Crossing Keeper would amount to £45 for the period to 30th September. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:- "That we hereby approve the necessary additional expenditure in sum of £45 approx. to the provision and staffing of the Accommodation Level Crossing at The Murrrough, Wicklow, for the period June to September, 1962."

The Town Surveyor promised to see what extra levelling he could carry out between the end of the Promenade and the crossing and also undertook to see if additional sign posts pointing the way to the Sea Front could be provided.

RAILWAY SIDING TO NORTH QUAY: The Town Clerk reported that the proposed branch railway to the North Quay was still in the planning stage and was under consideration by the Minister for Transport & Power at present. He thought that a Special Bill would have to be brought in to authorise the laying of the line. He drew the attention of members to the fact that the plan now submitted showed a weighbridge sited in the centre of the concrete road. The Town Surveyor pointed out that the railway line would bend out onto the road but would be sunken into the concrete surface. Members were perturbed that the siting of the weighbridge and railways would interfere with the access road to the Packet Pier. The meeting decided that the County Manager, Town Surveyor, C.I.E. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. should meet and discuss the matter.

DUST FROM LORRIES: The Town Clerk reported that for some time past the Town Surveyor had been in correspondence with C.I.E. regarding dust from their lorries conveying fertiliser to and from the factory of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. He read correspondence from C.I.E. in the matter in which they mentioned the improvements which would be effected when the railway line to the North Quay was laid and also that the amount of fertiliser carried by lorries would be greatly reduced when, after the dredging is completed, larger ships will be enabled to discharge at the Packet Pier. C.I.E. also indicated that in the meantime they would give instructions that their lorries be adequately sheeted both under and over the fertiliser. Councillor Kelly pointed out that recently he had taken the number of three C.I.E. lorries not adequately covered and from which the fertiliser was falling. The Town Surveyor said he would have the matter ironed out with C.I.E. before next season. Noted.

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ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: A letter from the Association indicating that the Annual Conference would take place in Courtown Harbour Co. Wexford, from the 18th to 20th September and requesting motions for discussion thereat to be submitted before 30th July. The meeting decided to consider such motions at the July meeting.

A further letter referred to the necessity for increasing the Annual Subscription and indicating that it was proposed to leave the amount of the subscription to the discretion of each local authority. The Town Clerk said the subscription presently paid was £3. 3. 0. but Council would be authorised to pay up to £10. Councillor Haughton was of the opinion that the Association should fix the subscription and said it was a very peculiar and unbusinesslike attitude in asking for a voluntary increase in the subscription. Councillor Conroy proposed that the subscription for this year be increased to £5., but that Councillor Haughton suggestion requesting that a standard subscription be fixed be brought before the Annual Conference. This was agreed to.

DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUR ROAD: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that it would cost approximately £15,000 to develop the full 84 sites on Dunbur Road. The development would include the provision of water and sewerage, roads and footpaths. Taking into account the subsidy which would be payable on the water and sewerage extension the net cost to the Council would be about £11,500 which if financed over 35 years would involve loan charges of about £800 per year or approximately £10 per house. The Town Clerk said it might be advisable to tackle the matter in stages and the Town Surveyor had suggested that certain mains and sewers could be extended for a start, by extending the sewer on the Dunbur Road to 8 more sites. The net cost of extending the sewer here would be £40. The expenditure would be recouped to the Council by the Ground Rents. The County Manager advised proceeding with the sewer to serve the 8 sites immediately and that the development plan for the entire area could be finalised and submitted to the Department for approval and then undertaken stage by stage. This suggestion was adopted by the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed that the Town Surveyor prepare plans for the extension of the main sewer at Dunbur Road to serve 8 further sites at an approximate cost of £650.

The Town Clerk reported that the Garda Authorities were interested in leasing 3 sites Nos. 7, 8, and 9 and particulars of these had been forwarded to their Architect. He also submitted the following applications for sites which were approved:-

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That we hereby lease to Mr. M. J. Cusack the building site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, adjoining Mr. Nuzum's bungalow, for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for a period of 75 years from 25th March, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That we hereby lease to Mr. Peter Kavanagh, a building site on the Dunbur Road, Wicklow, (Site No. 12 on Bog Field) for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for a period of 75 years from 25th March 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

S.D.A. ACTS: The Town Clerk reported that Messrs F. Conway and S.O'Rourke had applied for an additional £100 on the loans granted to them under the S.D.A. Acts. He submitted a report from the Town Surveyor recommending the granting of the additional £100 and indicating that the houses were good security for the amounts proposed to be advanced. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton, seconded by Councillor Conroy and agreed that the loans be increased by £100. The meeting also recommended Mr. M. J. Cusack as a suitable applicant for a loan of £1,600 under the S.D.A. Acts.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENTS: The Town Clerk submitted letter of sanction from the Department of Local Government to the carrying out of water supply improvements costing £2,000 and indicating that subsidy at the rate of 48% would be payable. The Town Clerk said it would be necessary for the Council to authorise the raising of a loan of £2,000 from The Hibernian Bank Ltd. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor



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Haughton and resolved:- "That we hereby authorise the raising of a loan of £2,000 from the Council's Treasurer (The Hibernian Bank Ltd.), subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, for the purpose of financing Water Supply Improvements, the loan to be repaid over 10 years with interest at usual rate."

**LEASE OF SITE AT STRAND ST:** The Town Clerk reported that since the last meeting he had examined the records and was satisfied that the site at Strand St, for which Mr. G. Jenkinson made application, was in possession of the Council. It was proposed by Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:- "That we hereby lease to Mr. George Jenkinson a site at Upper Strand St., Wicklow, for the purpose of erecting a garage thereon for a period of 31 years from 25th March, 1962, at an annual rent of £2."

**ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS:** The Town Clerk submitted the Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1962. NOTED.

**SWIMMING POOL:** A letter was submitted from the Arklow Development Co. contradicting a recent remark by the Town Surveyor to the effect "that the Arklow Swimming Pool was hardly ever used". The members and the Town Surveyor pointed out that it was never intended to cast any slur on the Arklow pool and that the remark as reported was a casual remark during the discussion on the pool for Wicklow. It was agreed to send a letter to this effect to the Arklow Development Co.

Council then proceeded to decide the location for the pool in the light of recent reports from the Consultant Architect and after due consideration it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Hopkins that the pool be sited on the Murrough on the site adjacent to the river between the footbridge and Mr. Barlow's house. Regarding the cost and erection of the pool it was further decided that on 26th June a Special Meeting of the Council be held to which would be invited representatives of all local bodies, Clubs, Associations, etc. for the purpose of ascertaining if there was sufficient local interest in the pool and to ascertain what the possibility was of obtaining financial assistance so that the full burden of providing and running a Swimming Pool would not fall on the rates.

**REFUSE DUMP:** The Council considered a letter from Messrs A. Cullen & Son Solicitors on behalf of Wicklow Golf Club and a report of the Town Surveyor copies of which had been circulated. During the course of the discussion the Town Surveyor indicated that he had arranged for a large quantity of building rubble available at Magherymore, to be brought in and left at the tip-head so as to be convenient for covering the ground. He pointed out that for some time past he had arranged for the workmen to cover the dump over with clay and blinding on Saturday mornings. The County Manager said the position was being made very difficult for the Council by the deposit on the dump of industrial waste. He pointed out that the Council had offered the Golf Club to exchange a piece of ground and further stated that the Golf Club were enjoying a very large area of land at a very reasonable rent. Councillor Haughton was in favour of providing a green painted corrugated iron fence so as to contain papers and other rubbish within the dump. Councillor Conroy felt the matter should be referred to the Law Agent. The County Manager said no alternative site had been suggested by the Golf Club. After giving due consideration to the matter, Council decided that the letter from the Golf Club's Solicitors should be forwarded to the Council's Law Agent and that the matter of attending to the dump and keeping it in the best order possible be left in the hands of the Town Surveyor.

**TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS:** Plans and specification for proposed dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road for Mr. M. J. Cusack, were submitted. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to the proposal. Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted.

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**ENDORSEMENT ON LEASE:** It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Endorsement on Lease and Counterpart of 24th April, 1951, Minister for Finance to Wicklow U.D.C. whereby the Minister consents to the sub-Lease by Wicklow U.D.C. to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. of part of the plot demised by the lease, subject to the leasehold rent being increased to £6. 5. 0. with effect from 25th March, 1960."

**PROPOSED REVISION OF RENTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES:** Council considered a report of the Town Clerk, copies of which had been circulated, setting out suggested increases. Report showed that the revenue to be derived from the increases would be £950 per annum but after making allowances for Widows' & Orphans' Old Age and Blind Pensions and those in receipt of Home Assistance etc. the net revenue to be derived would be about £820 per annum. After considering the matter it was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Haughton and agreed, Councillor Conroy dissenting, that the rent increases as suggested in the report be adopted and be brought into operation as from week commencing Saturday, 29th September, 1962.

**MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR:** The meeting considered the Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor copies of which had been circulated. Councillor Kelly said he was dissatisfied with the crash barrier provided at the Holy Rosary N.S. and the Town Surveyor promised to see what he could do about extending it.

With regard to the Water Supply position the Town Surveyor told Councillor Conroy that he did not expect to run into any shortage of water as happened last year. Regarding Hospital Lane it was decided to make application to the Gardaí for the provision of a "Stop" sign at the junction of the lane with Kilmantin Hill.

**OLD PEOPLE'S PARK:** The Council unanimously agreed to give permission to a group of local voluntary workers to develop the Barrow Green as an Old People's Park.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Council recommended that permission be granted to Mr. J. Dickenson to break a gateway into the boundary wall of the Council house at Castle St. and hang gates, subject to the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

A letter was read from Messrs L. F. Brannigan & Son on behalf of Mrs. A. Ring applying for a renewal of the lease of her dwellinghouse at Kilmantin Hill. It was noted that the existing lease had still 21 years to run. Meeting decided it was not the Council's policy to renew leases before they had normally expired unless the lease had a very short term to run and that there was some unusual circumstances requiring its renewal.

Councillor Hopkins referred to fumes from Shamrock Fertilizers and said he had received a number of complaints from people including a doctor, regarding the emission of these fumes. All the Councillors indicated that at some time or other they had received similar complaints. It was decided to bring these complaints to the attention of the factory authorities.

Councillor Conroy raised the question of the replacement of the wall at Bachelors' Walk and it was decided to ask the Harbour Board if they would be agreeable to assist the Urban Council in the replacement of the wall.

The meeting concluded at 10 p.m.



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON 26TH JUNE, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J. Lalor, T. Conroy and J. Kelly.

In attendance: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Kane, W. Hopkins, C. W. Hudson and J. Everett, T.D.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lalor and unanimously resolved that Councillor T. A. Delahunt be re-elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman extended his thanks to the members for his re-election and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Delahunt and unanimously resolved that Councillor J. Kane be elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RATHDRUM & WICKLOW JOINT BURIAL BOARD:

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved that the following members be appointed as our representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board:-

Councillors W. Hopkins, T. Conroy, J. Kelly, G. F. Haughton, T. A. Delahunt, J. Lalor and J. Kane.

NOMINATED MEMBERS FOR AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S SEAL:

It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Conroy and resolved:-

"That the Chairman, Councillor T. A. Delahunt and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Kane, be appointed representatives to witness the affixing of the Council's Seal."

The Chairman expressed thanks to the County Manager, Town Surveyor, Town Clerk and other officials for their courtesy, assistance and co-operation throughout the past year.

The meeting then concluded.

*Handwritten signature: J. A. Smith*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
29th June, 1962.

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, 1962, 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 Monthly Meeting held on 5th June, 1962 and Annual Meeting held on 26th June, 1962, (copies herewith).
2. Wicklow Regatta 1962 - Application from Regatta Committee for Civic Opening.
3. Closing of Roads - To authorise the closing of Church Street and Bachelors' Walk on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, for the period from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. and to further authorise the holding of Kart Racing on such roads when so closed.
4. Association of Municipal Authorities - consideration of motions for submission to 1962 Annual Conference.
5. Foreshore Protection Works: (a) Notification of 75% Grant by Department of Finance towards works estimated to cost £13,000. (b) Report of Town Surveyor on proposed works.
6. Roof of Town Hall - (a) To consider quotation of Town Surveyor for execution of work by Direct Labour (no tenders having been received). (b) To authorise raising of loan to finance work.
7. Coastguard Station - Correspondence from Office of Public Works re renewal of lease of Rocket Cart House.
8. Application for consent to Assignment of Lease - Yard at Market Sq - (a) Misses O'Brien to Mrs. Fitzsimons (b) Mrs. Fitzsimons to Mr. F. Newsome.
9. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - Applications for loans of £1,600 from (a) Mr. Peter Kavanagh (b) Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald.
10. Town & Regional Planning Applications.
11. Sealing of Leases - Building Sites at Dunbur Road (a) Peter Kavanagh (b) M. J. Cusack.
12. Sealing of Mortgage - Loan of £1,100 to Mr. Francis Conway.
13. Cinema Licences - Renewal of Licences in respect of Rialto and Abbey Cinemas.
14. Dumping Ground.
15. Swimming Pool - To consider report of Special Meeting attended by representatives of local Clubs, Associations, etc.



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16. Wall at Bachelors' Walk - Correspondence with Wicklow Harbour Board.
17. Letter from Wicklow & District Men's Association.
18. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
19. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

Water - Sewerage Connections - Refuses outside Urban Area - Signing of Agreements.

Answer  
Yes/No

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
3rd August, 1962.

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, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

In the event of a quorum not being present the meeting will be adjourned to Monday, 13th August, 1962, at 7.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack

Town Clerk



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 3RD JULY, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, J. Kelly, W. Hopkins, J. Lalor, and J. Kane.

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

Apologies were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th June, and Annual Meeting held on 26th June, 1962, copies of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

WICKLOW REGATTA 1962: - CIVIC OPENING: The Council unanimously agreed to grant a Civic Opening to the 1962 Wicklow Regatta on Sunday, 5th August, at the Sea Front at 2.30 p.m.

CLOSING OF ROADS - KART RACING: The Town Clerk reported that notice of intention to close the roads for the purpose of Kart Racing had been published and that no objections had been received. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That we hereby authorise the closing to public traffic the roads known as Church St. and Bachelors' Walk, Wicklow, for the period from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 8th August, 1962, and that we further authorise the holding of Kart Racing on said roads whilst so closed."

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES: MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Councillor Conroy said he had intended submitting a motions re health charges but he now understood that Bray U.D.C. had submitted one. He felt that the motions should be supported by the Wicklow Council delegates. Councillor Kane moved that a motion be submitting calling for a more attractive House Purchase Scheme and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should draft an appropriate resolution that that effect. Councillor Conroy moved and it was agreed that a motion be submitted requesting the Department of Local Government to meet 50% of the cost of the Annual Conference. Councillor Conroy also enquired as to the possibility of holding the Conference in Wicklow but after discussion it was agreed to obtain information on the costs of organising the Conference from town such as Ennis and Castlebar where it was held in previous years.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk read a letter from the Department of Finance indicating that the Minister was satisfied from reports received from the Office of Public Works that worked estimated to cost £13,000 should be undertaken so as to provide adequate protection along the Foreshore at Wicklow. The letter indicated that the Minister is prepared to approve a grant equal to 75% of the cost of these works and that if the Council was prepared to undertake the work the Town Surveyor should furnish firm estimates of cost. The Town Clerk then submitted a report from the Town Surveyor giving particulars of the work which it was proposed to carry out. The work would consist of the placing of large boulders all along the Promenade from within 140 ft. of the West Pier and extending 100 yards immediately to the north of the present Promenade. The amount of rock involved would be 8,900 cu.yds. (10,680 tons). The Town Surveyor stated that it would be noted that no provision is made for the laying of any surface over the deck of the Promenade and in his opinion this must be regarded as a very necessary item of protection. The only suitable type of construction in this connection would be a concrete slab 7" in thickness suitable steel reinforced and the cost of providing this was estimated at £2,169.

The County Manager said that to meet 25% of the cost the Council would be obliged to raise £3,250 and that this amount was to be obtained by means of a loan repayable over 25 years the cost in loan charges would be 6d. in the £. on the rates.

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Members generally were in agreement with the scheme but thought that the local contribution expected of them was too much. Councillor Kane referred to the proposed Coast Erosion Bill in which it was expected provision would be made for contribution by County Councils towards Foreshore Protection Works which would have to be undertaken in Urban Area. It was decided that an application be made to the County Council for a grant towards the cost of the present scheme and that application should also be made to local industries for assistance. It was further decided that the Council's appreciation be extended to the Minister for Finance and that he be requested to receive a small deputation to discuss the possibility of having the local contribution reduced. The Town Surveyor said he would like to make enquiries for prices for the transport of the stone and the meeting authorised him to do so and to make arrangements to commence the work as soon as practicably. On the proposal of Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Hopkins it was unanimously agreed to approve of the scheme in principle, to authorise the commencing of the work at an early date, and to further authorise the expenditure of £2,000 from Revenue Account pending a final decision on the local contribution and the raising of a loan to finance same.

ROOF OF TOWN HALL: The Town Clerk reported that no tenders were received for this work and even though advertisements had been placed in three daily papers and in the Wicklow People not even an enquiry had followed. On the suggestion of the Town Surveyor it was agreed to re-advertise the work.

COAST GUARD STATION: A letter was read from the Office of Public Works regarding the renewal of the lease of the Rocket Cart House indicating that they were not agreeable to a rent of £16. 10. 0. per annum but were prepared to pay a rent of £2. 15. 0., a figure which had been determined by their own valuer. The meeting felt that they should adhere to the original figure of £16. 10. 0. and it was decided to indicate to the Office of Public Works that the Council were not prepared to amend the terms already indicated to them.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - YARD AT MARKET SQUARE: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That we hereby consent to the Assignment made 2nd May, 1961, by Elizabeth O'Brien to Marion Fitzsimons of her interest in a yard at Market Sq., Wicklow, held under lease dated 1st March, 1960, from Wicklow U.D.C. and that we further consent to the Assignment of said interest by Marion Fitzsimons to Francis Newsome".

SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACTS: The meeting unanimously agreed that Peter Kavanagh and Thomas Fitzgerald were suitable applicants for loans of £1,600 each to finance the erection of houses at Dunbur Road and Friars' Hill respectively.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: The meeting examined plans and specification submitted, to which the Town Surveyor had no objection and recommended that permission under the Town & Regional Planning Acts be granted in the following cases:-

Peter Kavanagh, dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road.  
Thomas Fitzgerald, bungalow at Friars' Hill.

The Council were also agreeable in principle to permission under the Town & Regional Planning Acts being granted to Messrs J. P. Hopkins & Sons Ltd., for the erection of a drying plant and silo on the plot of ground situated between their store on the South Quay and the rear of the Town Hall on condition that the plans and specification would have the approval of the Town Surveyor.

SEALING OF LEASES: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Mr. M. J. Cusack a building site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, (Site A on East Side of Road) for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."



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It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial, whereby the Council lease to Mr. Peter Kavanagh a building site at Dunbur Road, Wicklow (Site No. 12 on Bog Field) for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon, for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

SEALING OF MORTGAGE - FRANCIS CONWAY: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Mortgage - Francis Conway to Wicklow U.D.C. - in respect of advance of £1,100 made by the Council to Mr. Conway under the terms of the S.D.A. Acts relative to dwellinghouse erected by him at Dunbur Road, Wicklow."

CINEMA LICENCES: It was unanimously agreed that Cinema Licences in respect of the Rialto and Abbey Cinemas be renewed subject to satisfactory report being received from the Chief Fire Officer. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly, the Seal of the Council was affixed to the licences.

DUMPING GROUND: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had not yet received the full advice of their Law Agent in the matter. However, he had had discussions with him and he was awaiting further reports from the Medical Officer and Town Surveyor. The Law Agent had indicated that the legal position depended on whether a nuisance existed or not. If a nuisance did exist the Golf Club could in law be entitled to obtain an injunction against the Council and if the dump caused fire to adjoining property the Council would be liable to compensate the owner of the property for any damage caused. The Town Clerk said that reports of the Medical Officer and Town Surveyor had now been forwarded to the Law Agent and the Medical Officer in his report had stated that no nuisance existed at the present. He drew the attention of members to the work recently carried out on the dump by the Town Surveyor and which had improved the position. The Town Surveyor indicated that the dump would never be a success until industrial waste was excluded. Councillor Conroy felt that a dump was no use if industries were not allowed to dump in it. The County Manager indicated that there was no obligation on the Council to provide a dump for industrial waste and indicated that there were a number of dumps throughout the country which refused to take such waste. It was agreed to await the Law Agent's report.

SWIMMING POOL: The Council agreed to await hearing from the Minister arising out of the decision of the Special Meeting to make application to have included in the plans for the swimming pool either a dance hall annex or provision for the flooring over of the pool, so as to make it suitable for dancing.

WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: A letter was read from the Harbour Board indicating that in view of the legal advice which they had obtained they could not give a grant towards the reconstruction of the wall at Bachelors' Walk. Councillor Hopkins proposed that the Council themselves reconstruct the wall but agreed to withhold his motion for the present on the suggestion of the Chairman that the Department of Local Government be written to giving them complete facts regarding this wall and asked for a grant towards its reconstruction. The meeting agreed to this course of action.

WICKLOW & DISTRICT MEN'S ASSOCIATION: A letter was read from the Wicklow and District Men's Association setting out certain matters which they would like attended to, such as lowering the hedge at the junction of the Mass Path and New Park Road so as to improve the view to traffic at that junction; additional cleaning of streets; reconstruction of wall at Bachelors' Walk, etc. The Association complimented the Council on the work already undertaken. A further letter was also read from the Association regarding recent enquiries for sites for industries and suggested that the Council, for a period of 12 months, should make an offer of free sites. It was the feeling of the meeting that everything that could be done in the matter of attracting new industries had been done and that an offer of free sites would not make any appreciable difference. It was pointed out that most industrialists were more anxious about the location of the sites, its proximity to transport connections and to Dublin and were also anxious to know if there was a sufficient and stable labour force available.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The monthly report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated, was noted. Councillor Kelly enquired as to the possibility of getting a sign at the foot of Greenhill Road and the Town Surveyor suggested that a "Yield Right of Way" Sign would be suitable at that junction. Councillor Hopkins enquired about sign-posting the High Street/New Street junction and the Town Surveyor promised to look into both of these.

LEVEL CROSSING AT MURROUGH: The Town Clerk referred to the fact that since the Sea Murrough had been opened up to the public by the level crossing certain land owners had commenced fencing off the Murrough and so prevented cars proceeding far up along the Murrough. He mentioned that the Sea Murrough opposite the Chemical Works was the property of Goulding Fertilisers Ltd. This firm had never put the Murrough to any use and had always left a right-of-way available to the public. Nevertheless, the ground was private property and the Council had made it more accessible to the public by providing the level crossing. He read a letter which had been addressed to Goulding Fertilisers on the subject and requesting their co-operation in permitting this section of the Murrough being availed of by the public. At the request of the Council, the County Manager agreed that in conjunction with the Law Agent he would look into the matter of fencing off of the Murrough by other landowners.

WATER AND SEWERAGE AGREEMENTS: PREMISES OUTSIDE URBAN AREA: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Agreement and Counterpart whereby the Council grant a supply of water to premises situate outside the urban area at Ballynerrin, Wicklow, owned by Mr. L. O'Mahoney at an annual charge of £3. 0. 0."

AUGUST MEETING: It was agreed that the August Monthly Meeting due to be held on Tuesday, 7th August, be adjourned to Monday, 13th August.

Councillor Kane rendered his thanks to his proposer and seconder and to the other members of the Council for his re-election as vice-Chairman. He apologised for his inability to attend the Annual Meeting and pointed out that he was a most regular attender at Council meetings.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

*J. A. Delahanty*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
10th August, 1962.

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

A Chara,

The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 13th August, 1962, 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 Monthly Meeting held on 3rd July, 1962 (copy herewith) and Monthly Meeting held on 7th August, 1962.
2. Coat of Arms - application from Wicklow Chamber of Commerce for permission to use Coat of Arms on Presidential Badge of Office and Flag.
3. Wall at Bachelors' Walk - correspondence with the Department of Local Government.
4. E.S.V. Scheme 1962/63 - Notification of Grant of £1,000.
5. Foreshore Protection Works - Report on deputation to Minister for Finance.
6. Fumes from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. factory - Report of Chief Alkali Inspector and observations of County Medical Officer and Town Surveyor thereon.
7. Coastguard Station - Correspondence from Office of Public Works re renewal of lease of Rocket Cart House.
8. Roof of Town Hall.
9. Lease of Building Site - Application from Mr. J. Barlow for lease of building site at Dunbur Road.
10. S. D. A. Acts - Application from Mr. J. Barlow for loan of £1,600
11. Town Planning Applications.
12. Approving necessary overexpenditure incurred during 1961/62.
13. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
14. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

Wicklow - D. Hen's Assoc - Closing of Greenhill Road for Kart Racing

Sealine - Mortgage - loan of £1,000 to S.D. Rowne  
Assignment of lease by Fitzsimmons to New York  
Lease to Mrs. B. Kavanagh

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES

Monthly Meeting

Held on 7th August, 1962.

In Attendance: Mr. M.J. Cusack. Town Clerk.

Lacking a quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 13th August, 1962 at 7.30p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 41 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847 as incorporated in the Towns Improvements (Ireland) Act, 1854.

*G.A. [Signature]*



## WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## M I N U T E S

## MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 13TH AUGUST, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, J. Kelly, J. Lalor, and J. Kane.

In attendance: Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., Town Surveyor and Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Apologies were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson, W. Hopkins and the County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd July, 1962 (copies of which had been circulated) were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th August, 1962, were read and adopted and signed by the Chairman.

COAT OF ARMS: The application of the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce for permission to use the Coat of Arms on their Presidential Badge of Office and their flag was unanimously granted.

WALL AT BACHELORS' WALK: The Town Clerk reported that as instructed by the Council at last month's meeting, he had written to the Department of Local Government applying for a grant for the reconstruction of the Wall at Bachelors' Walk. He then read a letter from the Department indicating that no monies were available to cover the work but suggesting that the Council should carry out the work with the aid of the grant out of the Employment Schemes Vote, providing that the Town Surveyor was satisfied as to the labour content of the work. The meeting adopted the Department's suggestion.

E.S.V. SCHEME 1962-63: The Town Clerk submitted notification from the Department of Local Government of a grant of £1,000 subject to a local contribution of £100 making a total of £1,100. On the suggestion of Councillor Conroy it was decided that the Department be requested to increase the grant so as to allow the Council to reconstruct the entire wall at Bachelors' Walk, as the portion standing was in a dangerous condition.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk reported that he had not yet received confirmation from the Department of Finance of the Minister's undertaking to increase the grant from 75% to 80% as indicated to the deputation received by him on 31st July, 1962. He reminded the Council that the Minister had agreed to seriously consider submission from the Town Surveyor as to the necessity for protection purposes of a concrete slab on the deck of the Promenade. The Town Surveyor stated that he had been in touch with the Office of Public Works in the matter and hoped to finalise it very shortly. He told the meeting that he was making plans to obtain necessary equipment and wished to start operations on or about mid-September. The matter was considered as satisfactory.

FUMES FROM FACTORY OF SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The Town Clerk reported that arising out of a discussion at the June meeting, he had communicated with the Department of Local Government and had asked the Chief Alkali Inspector again to inspect the operation of the Acid Plant and Superphosphate Plant operated by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. He then read the report of the Chief Alkali Inspector which was transmitted by the Department:-

Report on a further visit made to Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. North Quay, Wicklow, on 26th June, 1962.

On the 26th June, 1962, I visited the above firm in connection with a letter from the Town Clerk, Wicklow. I met the Manager, Chemist and Engineer, and showed them the copy of the letter sent by the Town Clerk and asked for their comments. They said that the letter was the first that the firm had heard of any complaints and as the factory had started

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production on the 9th June after a temporary shut-down from the 25th May, and was not in full production until the 11th of June, they were somewhat incredulous of the severity complained of. The Engineer admitted to faulty working of the pumps supplying water to the superphosphate plant round the weekend of the 9th June, and that coupled with unfavourable weather conditions, could have caused a temporary pollution of the atmosphere in the town.

After some discussion with the Chemist and Engineer it was agreed that -

- (1) a second means of taking samples for the testing of the acidity of the residual gases from the sulphuric acid plant be installed;
- (2) New pumps for the water supply to the superphosphate plant be installed.
- (3) That production would be carried out at highest possible efficiency.

All these were readily acceded to by the firm and indeed had already been decided upon.

As I said in the penultimate paragraph of my report of 21st March, under certain atmospheric conditions - even with the plant working efficiently - there will always be discomfort more or less acute. I feel that the best way of dealing with such occurrences should be the discussion between the Town Authorities and the firm.

E. O'Donoghue,  
Chief Alkali Inspector.

The following comments by the Medical Officer were then submitted -

Dear Mr. Cusack,

I have your letter and enclosures. I was surprised at the factory's statement to the effect that your letter was the first that the firm heard of any complaint. My files can demonstrate to the contrary as no doubt can yours also. I have written several letters regarding this factory and I fear that I cannot usefully add anything to what I have already said. As you state in your letter there is no specialised staff available to the Council locally for consultation as suggested.

Frankly when this factory was sited in its present position I was not at all happy about the idea, and as no specialised knowledge of this particular form of industrial activity of a Consultant be obtained before permission was granted, and as you will recall this was done. I have from time to time heard many complaints, both as regards personal inconvenience and damage to vegetation and my own views are that there will be no lasting improvement until some person or persons take action for nuisance under Common Law. I regret that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely,  
Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor Conroy felt that this question of fumes should be dealt with between the Council Officials and the Management of Shamrock Fertilizer, as he thought the matter was getting unnecessary publicity by being brought before the Council. The Town Surveyor said this could be done and the Council adopted his suggestion.

LEASE OF COAST GUARD STATION: The office of Public Works wrote with reference to the rent of £16. 10. 0. fixed by the Council in respect of the renewal of lease of the Rocket Cart House. The letter referred to the terms of the Landlord and Tenant Act (Reversionary leases Act 1958) and to the fact that their valuer advised that the rent should be £2. 15. 0. per



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annum. Having regard to the advice of the Law Agent the Council decided to adhere to the terms already fixed by the Council.

**ROOF OF TOWN HALL:** The Town Clerk reported that he had again advertised for tenders for repairs to the Roof of Town Hall but that none were received. In reply to questions the Town Surveyor told the Meeting that the roof was bad and needed to be attended to in the immediate future. The Meeting decided that the Town Surveyor should make arrangements to carry out the work by Direct Labour. The Town Clerk stated that original estimate was \$600 approx. but the Town Surveyor now considered £850 advisable in the circumstances.

It was proposed by the Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lalor and unanimously resolved:- "That we hereby authorize, subject to sanction of Minister of Local Government, the raising of a loan of £850 from the Hibernian Bank Ltd., for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Repairs of Roof of Town Hall, the loan to be repayable over 10 years with interest at us ual rate".

**LEASE OF BUNGALOW - MR. J. BARLOW:** Proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved: "That we hereby Lease to Mr. John Barlow, building Site No. 10 on the Dunbur Road for the purpose of his erecting a Bungalow thereon, for a period of 75 years from 29th September, 1962 at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0".

**SMALL DWELLING (ACQUISITION) ACTS - MR. J. BARLOW:** On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly the Council agreed that Mr. J. Barlow was a suitable applicant for a loan of £1600 for purpose of financing erection of a Bungalow at Dunbur Road.

**TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS:** On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly the Council unanimously recommended that permission be given in the following cases, in respect of which the Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objections and for which plans and specification were submitted to the Meeting.

- (1) Bungalow on site No. 10 at Dunbur Road for Mr. J. Barlow.
- (2) Bungalow on Friars' Hill (Kanes Field) Mr. W. O'Reilly.
- (3) Garage, fuel store and outside W.C. for Mr. J. Ryan, and adjacent to dwelling house under course of construction at Brickfield Lane.

E.S.B. Plan submitted showing revised location for transformer sub-station at Salt House Lane. Having examined plan closely and discussed same with Town Surveyor, the Meeting decided to indicate to the E.S.B. that the new site was not suitable in as much as the location of the sub-station there would interfere with the widening and/or improvement of Salt House Lane at a future date. It was decided that E.S.B. be requested to look for some other suitable site.

**APPROVAL OF OVER-EXPENDITURE IN 1961 - 1962:** It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That we hereby approve the following additional expenditure which it was necessary to incur in the year ended 31st March, 1962.

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| Ordinary Road Works                                 | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | £47.  |
| E.S.V. Scheme 1960/61 (Balance expended in 1961/62) | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | £313. |
| E.S.V. Scheme 1961/62.                              | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | £32.  |
| Housing Maintenance and Repairs                     | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | £67.  |

**MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR:** The Meeting considered this report (copy

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of which had been circulated). In reply to Councillor Lalor, the Town Surveyor indicated that he would commence painting of Council Houses early in September. Councillor Conroy and Councillor Lalor requested the Town Surveyor to take on painters presently unemployed.

Councillor Conroy referred to the heavy rain recently experienced and which flooded certain houses on Bridge Street. He stated that the shores were blocked on Bridge Street near Abbey Service Garage. He proposed that the Town Surveyor should examine the whole position of Storm Drainage in the town and report thereon to the Council.

Councillor Kane referring to the cleaning of Main Street felt that the street Orderly Vehicle should be used more often, and mentioned it could also be used for cleaning of shores. Councillor Conroy referred to the Public Conveniences at Town Hall and drew the attention of the Town Surveyor to the fact that there is no shore to take the surplus water when toilets are cleaned out.

**CLOSING OF ROADS FOR MOTOR RACING:** Wicklow & District Men's Association made application to have part of the Green Hill Road closed to public traffic on Sunday 30th September, 1962 to enable them to hold a Hill Climb with Karts of the R.I.A.C. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly that permission be granted and that the necessary notices of Councils intention of closing the road be published forthwith.

**SEALING OF DOCUMENTS:** It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Assignment whereby the Council Consent to the assignment by Mrs. Marion Fitzsimmons to Mr. Francis Newsome of her interest in premises at Market Square, Wicklow held under Leases dated 4th October, 1904 and 1st March, 1966 from the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Miss Bridget Kavanagh a plot of ground with three dwelling houses thereon situate at Summerhill Wicklow for a term of 75 years from 29th September, 1946.

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Mortgage - Mr. S. O'Rourke to Wicklow Urban District Council - in respect of loan of £1,200 for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Dumbur Road, Wicklow.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Councillor Kane inquired if the increased loan of £2000, under the Small Dwellings (Acq.) Acts had yet been authorized, and was told by the Town Clerk that when the recent Housing Act was going through the Dail, The Minister has stated that he proposed to make Order under the Act raising the limit of loans to the maximum of £2000. As far as he knew this order had not yet been made but he expected that it would be published in the near future. Regarding the Supplementary Housing Grants these were still a matter for individual Councils the cost of the grants to be borne from rates.

The Town Clerk said he had received a letter from Mrs. Fitzgerald of Castle Street, claiming damages to lino caused by dampness from defective valley. The Town Surveyor said he had inspected the lino and could not agree that the extent of the damage was caused solely by the dampness. In reply to Councillor Conroy he said that the Council were not liable for the damage and could not be held responsible because of the delay in carrying out the repairs to the valley.

The Meeting concluded at 8.45 P.M.

*J. A. Delahanty*



WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,  
Wicklow.  
31st August, 1962.

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, 1962, 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 Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 13th August, 1962 (copy herewith).
2. Phone Kiosk - Letter from Department of Posts & Telegraphs re siting of additional Phone Kiosk.
3. Lease of Yard and Garage at South Quay - (a) Application for consent to Assignment of Lease - Bradshaw to Conway (b) Application for consent to use of premises as Fuel Depot.
4. Foreshore Protection Works - Report on discussions with Department of Finance re provision of concrete slab on promenade.
5. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts - Application from Mr. William O'Reilly for loan of £1,600 to finance erection of bungalow at Friars' Hill.
6. Town Planning Applications.
7. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

*4 Houses at Castle Park - Sanction to Advances*

*Applications of Residents of Cully Row for change of name to Glenside Road.*

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1962

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J. Kane, T. Conroy, J. Kelly, G. F. Haughton, J. Lalor and J. Everett, T.D.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack.

Apologies were received from Councillors C. W. Hudson, W. Hopkins, and from the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 13th August, 1962, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Everett queried the statement made at the previous meeting to the effect that the Council was not liable for damage caused by dampness from a defective valley to linoleum in the bungalow tenanted by Mrs. Fitzgerald at Castle St. The Town Clerk explained that subsequent to the meeting the Town Surveyor had been approached by Councillor Conroy with the suggestion that the facts in the case be placed before the Council's Insurers and that they be asked to favourably consider making an ex-gratia payment in this instance. This had been done and the reply of the Insurers was being awaited.

TELEPHONE KIOSK: The Town Clerk reminded the meeting that in September 1961, the Council had applied to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs to have two additional 'phone kiosks provided in the town; one at Ballynerrin and one at Summer Hill. The Department had indicated that for the present they proposed to provide one such kiosk and in a recent letter applied for permission to site the kiosk on the Barrow Green opposite the entrance to the Dominican Convent. After considering the matter it was decided to indicate to the Department that the Council did not consider the proposed site suitable in as much as it would not adequately serve the needs of either Ballynerrin or Summerhill housing districts. It was suggested that the kiosk should be located at the junction of St. Laurence's Rd. and St. Laurence's Park adjacent to the existing post box. It was further decided that the Department be pressed to provide a second kiosk to serve the needs of Summer Hill.

YARD AT SOUTH QUAY: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:- "That we hereby consent to the Assignment by John R. Bradshaw to Robert F. Conway and John A. Conway of his interest in premises (garage and yard) at South Quay, Wicklow, held under lease dated 26th April, 1949 from Wicklow U.D.C. for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1949, at an annual rent of £6."

It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved:- "That we hereby consent to the covenant in the lease of 26th April, 1949, Wicklow U.D.C. to John R. Bradshaw being amended so as to permit the premises being used as a garage and office and as a depot for the storage and sale of coal, turf, timber and other like fuel, by the purchasers of the property, Robert F. Conway and John A. Conway."

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS: The Town Clerk reported that as a result of discussions between the Town Surveyor and Engineers of the Office of Public Works it had been agreed that the provision of a concrete slab of a limited size on the deck of the Promenade was advisable. The Town Surveyor estimated the cost of providing the slab in re-inforced concrete at £976. The Town Clerk reminded the members that the Minister had indicated to the deputation that he was prepared to increase the grant from 75% to 80% in respect of the protection works costing £13,000 and was favourably disposed towards likewise assisting the provision of a concrete slab. Accordingly, he had made application to the Minister for an 80% grant towards the cost of providing the concrete slab. The County Manager stated that the overall cost of the protection scheme would now be £14,000 and allowing for a Government Grant (80%) of £11,200 the amount to be raised locally would be £2,800. If the local contribution were to be financed by means of a 25 year loan the annual loan charges would come