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He said that they could investigate the possibility of acquiring it as a derelict site and that the Town Surveyor could be asked to report on what the site could be used for if so acquired.

SITES FOR GARDEN HOUSES: The Town Clerk reported that as they did not agree to the building of semi-detached houses on the eastern side of Dunbur Road the National Building Agency wished to know if their option on Sites Nos. 7, 8 and 9 could be extended so as to give them an opportunity of obtaining tenders for the erection of detached dwellings on these sites. If the price tendered was reasonable they would proceed with the acquiring of the sites on lease and erect the dwellings. The meeting decided to extend the option until 31st March, 1963.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Quotation from the E.S.B. was submitted for a Scheme of Traffic Route Lighting for Wicklow Town which would extend from the Technical School to Market Square, and would consist of 37 lighting standards containing a 250 mercury fluorescent bulb 25' over road level. The cost of erecting these new lighting units together with necessary reconstruction of present overhead net work and also alteration to existing P.O. Lines would be approximately £9,500. The cost of lighting and maintaining the 37 new lamps, less saving on 14 existing lights would amount to £481. 7. 0. per annum. The County Manager said it would be possible to have 50% of the Capital Cost met out of the Road Fund but nevertheless the charge on the rates for the new Scheme of lighting would be substantial. The meeting felt that such a scheme was too elaborate and costly for the town. The Town Surveyor said that the E.S.B. had also been asked to give quotations for the installation of individual lights at specified parts of the town where the existing lighting was inadequate and it was hoped to have this quotation for the next meeting.

ALLOTMENTS: The Town Clerk reported that last season 36 plots had been available and as a result of much effort 34 had been let. Seed potatoes for the remaining two plots were left on hand and had to be disposed of at a loss. For the present season only 9 applications had been received and with such a small number it was impossible to prepare a Scheme for sanction by the Department, nor could arrangements be made to purchase seed potatoes. If sufficient applications were not received within the next fortnight he could not see how the Scheme could be operated. It was agreed to advertise for applications in the Wicklow People.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM WICKLOW & DISTRICT MEN'S ASSOCIATION: It was agreed to point out to the Association that the provision of an additional light on the Mass Path was presently under investigation and that they were awaiting quotations from the E.S.B. for the installation of this and other additional lights at a number of points in the town. Council agreed with the request of the Association that adequate sign-posting be provided for the road to Brittas Bay and Arklow via Wicklow Town. Councillor Kane also suggested that the present sign in the Market Sq. indicating the way to the Silver Strand and Golf Club should be supplemented with a further sign indicating that it is also possible to get to Brittas Bay and Arklow by the same route. It was agreed to refer the further request of the Association for the improvement of the access from the Mass Path on to St. Manntan's Road to the Town Surveyor for his attention.

SCHOOL MEALS: Councillor Everett moved the Notice of Motion standing in his name. He said that the Marian Hall could be obtained for the cooking and serving of the meals and that he knew of women in the town prepared to assist in the preparation of the meals. Councillor Kane felt that it was very important to see that a hot drink such as soup be served during the cold weather. The County Manager pointed out that when the Scheme was in operation it was carried out by the one person and when this lady retired he had mentioned that he could not see the scheme being operated at the same price. When the Scheme fell through the Council had gone into the matter but could find no one willing to take it on. Councillor Everett referred to the time when people grew potatoes specially for the scheme free of charge and a voluntary ladies' committee helped out. He said that the Legion of Mary would now be prepared to take it over. Councillor Everett pressed for his Notice of Motion to be put before the Meeting and was seconded by Councillor Conroy. The Manager said that they could not do anything until the cost of the Scheme was looked into.

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The sanction of the Department would then have to be obtained and they would have to advertise to get a suitable person to carry out the Scheme. Councillor Kane again stressed that he thought the important thing was to convert the cold drink into a hot one and that this should be investigated immediately. The Manager said that if it was felt that a hot drink should be given it could be looked into. The setting up of a ladies' committee could also be investigated and see what practical steps could be taken to obtain a hot meal. Councillor Everett again pressed for his Motion to be put to a vote and stated that he would not withdraw his proposal for a full hot meal to be provided immediately for the children. At this stage Councillor Kane submitted the following Amendment which was seconded by the Chairman - "That the possibility of providing an immediate hot drink instead of cold milk be investigated."

Voting on the Amendment of the Motion then took place and resulted as follows:-

Amendment - For: Chairman, Councillors Kane and Kelly
Against: Councillors Everett, Lalor and Conroy.

Motion: For: Councillors Everett, Lalor and Conroy
Against: Chairman, Councillors Kane and Kelly.

On the casting vote of the Chairman the Amendment was carried.

At this stage Councillor Everett left the meeting.

The Chairman said that they were all anxious to have a hot meal for the children but it would take some time. Councillor Kelly agreed that the new scheme could not be introduced this year but he suggested that some of the Council meet the Principals of the two schools concerned in an effort to have the milk heated. This was agreed to.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS: (1) It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Agreement - Mr. Maurice Blake, Contractor with Wicklow U.D.C. - wherein the Contractor undertakes on foot of his Tender to the Council dated 18th October, 1962, in sum of £1460. 12. 0. to carry out the work involved in the construction of Extension to Main Sewer at Dunbur Road, Wicklow, and incidental work involved in accordance with Plans, Specification and General Conditions of Contract prepared by the Town Surveyor."

(2) It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, 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. John Barlow, site No. 10 on the Dunbur Road, Wicklow, 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."

(3) It was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to endorsement on Deed of Assignment whereby the Council consent to the Assignment by Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. to Woodstock Ltd. of plot of ground at North Quay, Wicklow held under lease dated 1st August, 1961."

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The meeting considered the report, copy of which had been circulated. The Town Surveyor also submitted a report on storm shores which was read. It was decided that this report should be circulated for the next meeting. Councillor Kane referred to the comments of the Town Surveyor on the dust from Shamrock Fertilizers. The Chairman mentioned complaints he had received and conversations he had with Shamrock Fertilizers who indicated that they were overhauling the plant in an endeavour to correct matters. The Chairman also mentioned a cargo of sulphur dumped on a site at Strand St. which was creating a lot of nuisance as it was being blown about by the wind. After discussing the matter for some time and referring to reports that had been obtained from the Consultant Chemist, County Medical Officer, etc., it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Kane to invite Mr. Van den Berg and other representatives of Shamrock Fertilizers to meet members of the Council for an informal discussion on the matter. It was also decided to request Shamrock Fertilizers to have the cargo of sulphur dumped in the open covered in view of the complaints received.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Town Surveyor told Councillor Conroy that he would within the next day or so give his report on the house occupied by Thomas Boyce at Strand St.

Councillor Kelly referred to the necessity of providing a waiting room at the County Hospital and instanced a recent occasion when people waiting for Certificates had to wait outside in the inclement weather. The County Manager said he would look into the matter.

A letter was read from Mr. G. Goodman of Monkton Row re the condition of his range. The Town Clerk said that he would have it examined the following day.

Councillor Conroy asked the County Manager if the Cheap Fuel Scheme could be extended for a further month until the end of April and if the quantity issued could be doubled during the present month in view of the very adverse weather conditions. His proposal was passed unanimously and the County Manager promised to take it up with the Department of Social Welfare.

Councillor Kane on behalf of the Council complimented the Harbour Board on the success of their efforts on obtaining such a substantial grant for the improvement of the Harbour which he said was also an improvement to the town. The Chairman on behalf of the Harbour Board expressed his thanks.

Councillor Conroy enquired if an up-to-date report on the present position of the proposed Swimming Pool could be obtained for the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

1st March, 1963.

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 March, 1963, 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 February, 1963 (copy herewith).
2. Report on discussion with representatives of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. re dust and fumes from factory (copy herewith).
3. Camping Site on Murrough - Application from two English Scout Troops for camping sites.
4. Level Crossing at Murrough - Correspondence with C.I.E. re provision of Crossing on a permanent basis.
5. Coast Protection Bill 1962 - Copy of Bill circulated herewith for information of members.
6. Tender for 4 Houses at Castle Park - Report of Consultant Architect on negotiations with Messrs Edward Kane Ltd.
7. School Meals Scheme - Reports of Town Clerk and County Medical Officer (copies herewith).
8. S.D.A. Acts - (a) Authorise borrowing of £10,000 from Commissioners of Public Works to finance advances. (b) Application for loan from Mr. Joseph Furlong.
9. Town & Regional Planning Applications.
10. Fix date of Annual Estimates Meeting.
11. General Correspondence:-
 - (a) Wicklow County Council - request for provision of waiting room at County Hospital.
 - (b) C.I.E. - request that Arklow/Dublin morning bus should come to Market Square.
 - (c) St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club - re complaints of nuisance and trespass at their new playing field.
 - (d) Wicklow & District Men's Association - appreciation of work done by Council.
 - (e) Department of Social Welfare - extension of Cheap Fuel Scheme.
 - (f) Department of Local Government - Swimming Pool.
 - (g) National Building Agency - sites for Garda Houses.
12. Report of Town Surveyor on Storm Shores (copy herewith).
13. Public Lighting - Quotation from E.S.B. re provision of additional Public Lighting.
14. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
15. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
15th March, 1963.

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

A Chara,

I hereby give you notice that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

The County Manager's Estimates and Report are appended hereto.

Also circulated herewith is a copy of the quotations of the E.S.B. for the provision of additional Public Lights at various points in the town.

At the March Meeting of the Council the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Conroy and accepted by the Chairman for consideration at the Estimates Meeting - "That I or some member for me shall move at the Annual Estimates Meeting, that the Council provide the cost of having hot lunch provided for the children attending the National Schools in the year 1963/64."

Mise, le meas,

M. J. Cusack

Town Clerk

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,

Wicklow.

15th March, 1963.

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

Estimates for Financial Year Ending on the 31st March, 1964

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Details of the estimated Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year 1963/64 are given in the Tables attached to this Report. These Estimates will be considered at the Estimates Meeting of the Council on Tuesday, 26th March, 1963.

The total expenditure for the coming year is estimated at £45,720 and the receipts are expected to come to £23,367, so that the net requirement to be met from the rate would be £22,353. This would require a rate of 41/3d. in the £.

The expenditure and receipts, over the four main headings used for accounting purposes, for 1963/64, together with the corresponding figures for the current year are set out below (the figures for the current year are shown in parenthesis):-

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Gross Expenditure</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Net Expenditure</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Roads | £3,539 (£3,619) | £2,065 (£2,065) | £1,474 (£1,554) |
| Sanitary Services | £8,433 (£8,214) | £3,203 (£2,782) | £5,230 (£5,432) |
| Housing | £15,456 (£13,906) | £13,929 (£12,080) | £1,527 (£1,826) |
| General Urban Purposes | £18,292 (£17,419) | £4,170 (£4,090) | £14,122 (£13,329) |
| | <u>£45,720 (£43,158)</u> | <u>£23,367 (£21,617)</u> | <u>£22,353 (£22,141)</u> |

The rate required by the Estimates now submitted would be 41/3d. in the £., which is the same as that allowed by the Council in the present year.

The Estimates make provision for a higher expenditure under a number of headings but fortunately this is offset completely by reduction in the cost of a number of items and by some increased Receipts.

Some of the items which entail higher expenditure in the coming year are - Housing Repairs, (£300); Loan Charges for new Water and Sewerage Schemes, (£236); Loan Charges on Foreshore Protection Works, (£290) and County Council Demand, (£378). The additional expenditure resulting from the foregoing items is offset by reductions in expenditure on - Maintenance of the Reservoir at Marlton, Retiring Allowances and by the termination of some of the Loan Charges for Water and Sewerage Works. In addition increased Receipts will be derived from Water Rents, Rents of Council Houses and from the Rents of Corporate Estate Lettings. Credits derived from the present year are also being brought into account. In all it would mean that it will be possible to stabilise the rate for 1963/64 at that which the Council determined for the present year.

ROADS:

Employment Schemes Grant: In order to carry out road works towards which each year a Grant from the Employment Schemes Vote is received by the Council, an expenditure of £1,075 is being included - this is the same as last year. The amount of £1,075 is made up of £1,000 Government Grant and £75 contribution by the Council from rates. In the current year the Grant received was £1,000 and with the money available the Wall at Bachelors' Walk, which collapsed some years ago and about which there was considerable doubt as to any liability attaching to the Council for repairs, was reconstructed. It should be understood that the fact that the Council undertook this work does not necessarily mean that the local authority will be liable in the future for repairs to riverside walls. The work was undertaken with the special Government Grant available from the Employment Schemes Vote. In addition new footpaths were provided at Church Hill. During the course of the coming year the Town Surveyor will be submitting recommendations to the Council as to the works which might be undertaken next Winter with the Employment Scheme Grant.

Ordinary Road Works: The provision made for Ordinary Road Works is £993, is the same as for the present year and with this allocation ordinary maintenance and repairs (such as restoring damaged surfaces) will be carried out. As mentioned in previous reports if the Council are to avail of grants from the Road Fund it is a requirement that due provision be made for maintenance.

Special Works: The amount included under this heading is £100 and is the same as that provided last year and in previous years. Usually this sum is used for doing some tar spraying.

Road Fund Grant: It is only in recent years that grants from the Road Fund have become available to Urban Authorities. Prior to 1960/61 they were only made to County Councils. For the coming year it is expected that the Grant will be £990 as in the current year. The works to be undertaken will have to be approved by the Local Government Department and the Town Surveyor will submit a special report on suggested works later. In the present year the Road Fund Grant was used for reconstructing part of Greenhill Road, Convent Road and Hospital Lane.

SANITARY SERVICES

For the coming year the total cost of Sanitary Services is estimated at £8,433 and after deducting Receipts of £3,203 the net requirement would be £5,230 which compares with £5,432 allowed by the Council for the present year.

Water Supply: In submitting the Estimates Report last year mention was made at some length of the works which had been undertaken to make additional supplies of water available, to conserve the supply and prevent waste and also to improve the distribution system at various places throughout the town. It is quite evident that for an adequate supply the town is very much dependent on the new Regional Scheme from Cronroe. Not only has the new Cronroe Scheme meant that an adequate supply is available for domestic consumption (in former years it was necessary frequently to cut off the supply at night time) but the Council has been in a position to afford supplies to industry and to derive a substantial revenue from this source which more than offsets the increased costs resulting from the water supply improvements carried out in recent years. The employment of a Water Supply Overseer on a whole-time basis has helped in the prevention of waste and has also enabled the Council to carry out many improvements on the distribution system, such as the fitting of new sluice valves and hydrants and the replacement of defective services. Up to the present about 30 meters have been fitted on non-domestic water supplies, i.e. where water is used for a trade or business.

The measures taken to find leaks and prevent waste have been generally effective but it must be said that the domestic consumption

still appears quite high at times and certainly much above what is regarded as the normal consumption per head for an Urban Area. There was a suggestion two years ago that the watermains in the centre of the town be re-laid - a work which would entail a capital outlay of over £10,000 with resultant very heavy loan charges. At the same time it had also been suggested that additional filters should be installed at Cronroe because of the fact that the consumption in the Urban area has been very much in excess of that on which the design capacity of the Cronroe Scheme was based. It may yet be necessary to instal these additional filters at Cronroe and if so the Urban Council would be expected to pay some part of the cost involved.

It is certainly desirable that the supply which is derived from Ashtown (the town Reservoir) should be maintained and for this purpose it may be necessary again in a year or two to carry out some work on the filter beds. In the coming year, however, it is not expected that the Marlton Supply will involve any new expenditure.

The Loan Charges which have to be met by Wicklow Urban District Council in respect of the Cronroe Scheme for the coming year will be £2,500 but after deducting State Subsidy of £997, the net cost will be £1,503. These Loan Charges represent only 30% of the total Loan repayments which arise on the Cronroe Scheme and the balance of the cost is borne by the County Council. In addition to Loan Charges the Urban Council pay an annual sum of £400 towards maintenance costs, i.e. remuneration of Caretaker, power and filtration plant, etc. This contribution, however, again is only about one quarter of the annual maintenance costs which arise on the Scheme.

It is expected that in the coming year the receipts from Water Rents will come to £1,754 which is almost £200 more than in the current year. Ten years ago the receipts on Water Rents were very little in excess of £100. It will be seen consequently that the entire cost to the Urban Council of the Cronroe Regional Scheme is offset by increased receipts from water used for non-domestic purposes.

During the coming year the loan charges on the measures taken to improve and repair the distribution system will cost £286. For this purpose a loan of £2,000 was borrowed from the Council's Treasurer last year. The outlay is on renewing services, provision of valves and hydrants and the purchase of meters.

Sewerage: Some time ago it was decided to extend the main sewer at Dunbur Road so as to enable private building to be carried out in the area. This building will be altogether on the Council's own lands adjoining Dunbur Road. Eventually the cost involved in extending the sewer will be offset to some extent by the income derived from the letting of sites. The capital cost of the work is £1,500.

Storm Overflows: It was asked some time ago that the Town Surveyor might submit a special report on measures which possibly could be taken to ease such flooding as occurs - rather infrequently - during periods of exceptionally heavy rain. The effort would be to relieve inconvenience more than damage to property. The Town Surveyor's report shows that to provide special overflow systems would cost almost £1,700. Even then he qualifies his report by saying that where there would be special circumstances such as the coincidence of Spring tides accompanied by high winds the situation could not be controlled by any system other than something which would cost quite abnormal outlay such as a special pumping scheme. One might remark here that even a pumping scheme might break down when required during a period of flooding. Having regard to the doubt which exists as to the potential efficiency of any system which might be devised to remedy such infrequent flooding which occurs in the town, it seems scarcely advisable to embark on a scheme of this type with its attendant costs - especially having regard to the many other capital works on which the money could be more usefully spent, such as further improvements to the Water Distribution System or extension to the main sewers for further private building to be undertaken. It must be borne in mind also that the Council might have to incur fairly heavy capital expenditure at a very early date in developing Corporate Lands at Dunbur Road for private housing.

Cleansing Service: The Cleansing Service operated quite satisfactorily during the present year. There is no doubt but that a refuse collection service which is available to all households is a valuable facility. It is unfortunate, however, that great difficulty has been found in securing a site for a dump which will not lead to complaints from some members of the public. As mentioned on a previous occasion this is not a problem peculiar to Wicklow Urban District Council and every day one finds complaints relating to the unsuitable siting of refuse dumps. It seems that no matter where one is placed somebody will be bound to object. If an alternative site is to be found for the town dump then it must be expected that fairly considerable additional costs will be involved.

Public Lighting: The Estimates include £40 extra for Public Lighting making a total cost of £567 or about 1/2d. in the £. With the extra £40, if approved by the Council, it will be possible to provide seven new lights. Many applications, however, have been received for new lights and there may be some difficulty in determining where they should be placed.

Burial Board Demand: The Demand from the Rathdrum & Wicklow Joint Burial Board shows an increase of £47 or about 1d. in the £. The increase is due to the loan charges on the capital expenditure involved in extending the Cemetery and would have been higher if it had not been for the decision of the Board last year to raise the charges for grave spaces and interments together with the decision to sell a dwelling which stood on the area of the new extension.

HOUSING

The total outlay on Housing is estimated at £15,456 and having taken into account receipts of £13,929 from Rents, Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts loan repayments and State Grants, the net cost to be met from Rates is £1,527.

Maintenance and Repair: Last year the Council allowed £700 for Repairs but during the course of the year this sum was found to be insufficient for the urgent repairs which were carried out, in addition to painting and other maintenance which were done. For next year the provision included in the Estimates is £1,000 - an increase of £300. This matter of repairs was given much attention by the Council some months ago and eventually it was agreed that it would be desirable to make additional provision for them, which could however be offset by an upward revision of rents. The revision of rents was approved and is now in operation. Consequently, the Council will be in a position to increase the allocation for repairs in the coming year without having to levy the required additional money from rates.

New Housing Scheme at Castle Park: As the Council is going ahead with the Scheme for the erection of 4 New Houses at Castle Park it will be necessary to make special provision for part of the loan charges in the coming year's Estimates. For this purpose a sum of £100 is being included. Rents and State Subsidy will offset in part this loan charge. The Council is hopeful that approval to the lowest tender for these houses will be received shortly.

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts: A number of new applications for loans were received during the present year. Thus far 36 loans have been issued and 5 more were recently approved. The amount borrowed up to the present time for loans to persons building their own houses is £44,000 and at the Council's last meeting it was arranged to borrow a further £10,000. The loan charges of £2,795 which have to be paid by the Council will be met in full by the repayments from borrowers.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Under this heading comes the expenditure for many services, including Foreshore Maintenance, School Meals, Cheap Fuel Scheme, Allotments, Corporate Estate Maintenance, Insurance on Council property, Printing, Stationery, etc., but by far the largest item is in the County Council Demand.

The total expenditure is estimated at £18,292; the Receipts come to £4,170, leaving the net expenditure £14,122. Of the total expenditure of £18,292 the County Council Demand accounts for £11,184.

Foreshore Protection Works: Additional expenditure will be again required next year in respect of Foreshore Protection Works. Three loans were raised by the Council between 1956 and 1961 and at the beginning of the present calendar year it was necessary to raise a further loan which in the coming year will involve a loan charge of £290. In the past seven years up to £28,400 has been spent on these works and of this outlay £21,950 came from Government Grants, the balance of £6,450 having to be found by the Council through loans. The loan charge for the coming year for Foreshore Works will come to £782. This, quite evidently, is a considerable addition to local rates being equivalent to about 1/6d. in the £.

Town Hall Repairs: The Town Surveyor with the Council's workmen has been carrying out extensive repairs to the Town Hall in recent months. A new roof had to be provided and the work has been satisfactorily done within the estimate of £850. It will be recollected that the Council was unable to secure any Contractor for this work, probably because of the difficulties involved in it. The loan charge for the coming year will be £128. It was arranged that the capital cost be defrayed by a loan from the Treasurer, repayable over 10 years.

School Meals: It was reported to the Council that during the cold weather recently experienced a meal of milk and buns was not quite suitable for school children and in consequence it was decided to try to supply a hot meal. For some time past cocoa and buns are being supplied. The cost, if this type of meal be supplied again next year, will be much the same as in the present year. The total cost comes to £320 of which £150 is met by State Grant. The meal works out at a price of about 5d. per child.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: Under this scheme 1 cwt. of machine won turf is supplied each week to households regarded as requiring fuel which they could not provide from their own resources. The average number of households availing of the scheme is 180 and the cost for the coming year is estimated at £1,300. The outlay is met by State Grant and by the County Council through Public Assistance.

Access to Sea Front: Last Summer an arrangement was made with C.I.E. to permit access across the railway line to the stretch of Murrough north of the Chemical Works. It has been found that the Company will be agreeable to a similar arrangement next Summer provided the Council employs a Caretaker to look after the crossing. The Council has been fortunate in being able to obtain the services of a person who lives just beside the crossing and £50 has been provided to cover this outlay. This is a new item but having regard to the experience of last Summer, it is felt that access to a greater stretch of the Sea Murrough is a valuable facility. It was very much availed of, specially by motorists, last Summer.

County Council Demand: For the coming year the Demand shows a rise of £378 which represents an additional rate of 9d. The Demand in addition to meeting the cost of the principal services provided by the County Council for the county at large also includes charges for Fire Brigades, Public Libraries and for Malicious Injury Decreases - the latter appearing under the heading of Separate Charges. Following are details of the Demand together with the comparative figures for last year:-

| <u>Service</u> | <u>1962/63</u> | <u>1963/64</u> | <u>Increase or Decrease</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Main Roads | £1,041 | £1,571 | £530 (Increase) |
| Public Assistance | £891 | £385 | £506 (Decrease) |
| Mental Hospital | £1,528 | £1,563 | £35 (Increase) |
| Health (County) | £5,327 | £5,873 | £546 (Increase) |
| General Purposes (County) | £591 | £421 | £170 (Decrease) |
| Fire Brigades | £459 | £516 | £57 (Increase) |
| Libraries | £72 | £73 | £1 (Increase) |
| Separate Charges | £897 | £782 | £115 (Decrease) |
| | <u>£10.806</u> | <u>£11.184</u> | <u>£378 (Increase)</u> |

It will be found that an increase under the heading of Main Roads is cancelled out by reduction in the cost of Public Assistance. The main cause of the increase for the coming year is the Health Service.

The past year could, it is felt, be reasonably regarded by members of the Council as one of fairly satisfactory and solid achievement. Quite apart from maintaining existing services at the necessary level of efficiency, improvements were made to the Water Supply, Sewerage Extension which will facilitate new private building was arranged, large scale works to protect the Foreshore have been carried out, the Town Hall was re-roofed - a work which will ensure its life for very many years to come, and a number of roads in the town were repaired and reconstructed.

In the Estimates which are being submitted for your consideration it has been found possible to stabilise the rate at the existing level, mainly because of increased receipts from Water Rents, Housing Rents and Corporate Estate Rents. The total expenditure in fact shows an increase over that approved for the present year but this additional outlay is counter-balanced by the increased receipts already mentioned. There has been some reductions in some of the loan charges, such as those for the Water Supply but these have been more than off-set by the necessity to make provision for new loans for Town Hall Repairs, Foreshore Protection Works and Water and Sewerage Schemes. For next year also a credit of £565 is being brought into account. It should be felt that after taking this credit into account anything remaining will only be just sufficient to enable the Council to carry on at the beginning of the financial year without having to resort to costly interest charges on overdraft accommodation. As the members of the Council are aware it is necessary to meet liability for loan charges, together with normal expenditure on other items in the early part of the financial year before the income from rates becomes available.

During the past year all members of the Council's staff continued to give very satisfactory service, a result which is reflected in the manner in which the Council's services have been maintained. In particular I would like to record appreciation of the manner in which all the details for these Estimates were prepared by the Town Clerk and the material put in final form by Miss Kavanagh. Much depends on the manner in which Annual Estimates are compiled for the determination of them later by the Council and serves to determine suitable policy not only for the immediate year ahead but also in many instances for many years to come.

To the Chairman and to the members of the Council I would especially like to pay my thanks and appreciation for all the help and guidance afforded during the past year.

Yours sincerely,

M. Flannery

COUNTY MANAGER

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

FINANCIAL YEAR 1963/64

SANITARY SERVICES

Salaries

Salaries - Water Inspector

Retiring Allowances

Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir

Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply

Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply

Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes

Ordinary Road Works
(Wages: £913 Materials: £80)

Special Works - Tar Spraying, etc.

Road Fund Grant - Resurfacing

Retiring Allowances

Salaries

Loan Charges:

1953 - Murrough Road in Concrete

1957 - Waterworks Improvements - £80.

1898 - 3 1/2% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.

1922 - 5 (3 1/2%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc.

1948 - Extension of Sewer (Dunbar Road) - 5

1950 - Extension of Water Supply (Dunbar Road) - 5

1951 - Watermain at North Quay

1956 - Public Convenience at Town Hall - 7

1958 - Regional Water Supply

1960 - Regional Water Supply (Surrey) - 100

1959 - Link Watermain at Dunbar Road

1961 - Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment

1962 - Water Supply Improvements + 28

1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbar Road + 27

EXPENDITURE

| | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Special Grant Works - Employment Schemes | 1075 | 1075 |
| Ordinary Road Works (Wages: £913 Materials: £80) | 993 | 993 |
| Special Works - Tar Spraying, etc. | 100 | 100 |
| Road Fund Grant - Resurfacing | 990 | 990 |
| Retiring Allowances | 110 | 110 |
| Salaries | 161 | 161 |
| Loan Charges: | | |
| 1953 - Murrough Road in Concrete | 110 | 110 |
| 1957 - Waterworks Improvements - £80. | £3,539 | £3,539 |
| 1898 - 3 1/2% Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc. | - | - |
| 1922 - 5 (3 1/2%) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc. | - | - |
| 1948 - Extension of Sewer (Dunbar Road) - 5 | 115 | 115 |
| 1950 - Extension of Water Supply (Dunbar Road) - 5 | 135 | 135 |
| 1951 - Watermain at North Quay | 41 | 41 |
| 1956 - Public Convenience at Town Hall - 7 | 65 | 65 |
| 1958 - Regional Water Supply | 2400 | 2400 |
| 1960 - Regional Water Supply (Surrey) - 100 | 100 | 100 |
| 1959 - Link Watermain at Dunbar Road | 265 | 265 |
| 1961 - Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment | 192 | 192 |
| 1962 - Water Supply Improvements + 28 | 286 | 286 |
| 1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbar Road + 27 | 225 | 225 |
| | £8,433 | £8,411 |

SANITARY SERVICES

| | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Salaries | 200 | 200 |
| Salaries - Water Inspection + 85 | 778 | 778 |
| Retiring Allowances - 136 | 298 | 298 |
| Water Supply - Repairs to Old Reservoir - 75 | - | 484 |
| Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply + 50 | 506 | 506 |
| Water Supply - Maintenance of Regional Supply | 400 | 400 |
| Sewerage (Wages: £95, Materials: £40) | 135 | 135 |
| Public Conveniences + 3 | 65 | 65 |
| Scavenging (Wages: £1045, Running Expenses £150) | 1195 | 1195 |
| Burial Ground (Demand of Joint Burial Board) + 40 | 435 | 435 |
| Public Lighting + 40 | 567 | 567 |
| Water Safety: Contribution to Irish Red Cross Society | 10 | 10 |
| <u>Loan Charges:</u> | | |
| 1937 - Waterworks Improvement - 180 | 20 | 20 |
| 1898 - 3¼ Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc. | - | - |
| 1922 - 5 (3½) Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund, etc. | - | - |
| 1948 - Extension of Sewer (Dunbur Road) - 5 | 115 | 115 |
| 1950 - Extension of Water Supply (Dunbur Road) - 5 | 135 | 135 |
| 1951 - New Watermain at North Quay | 41 | 41 |
| 1956 - Public Convenience at Town Hall - 7 | 65 | 65 |
| 1958 - Regional Water Supply | 2400 | 2400 |
| 1960 - Regional Water Supply (Suppl.) - 104 | 100 | 100 |
| 1959 - Link Watermain at Dunbur Road | 265 | 265 |
| 1961 - Purchase of Mechanical Scavenging Equipment | 192 | 192 |
| 1962 - Water Supply Improvements + 281 | 286 | 286 |
| 1963 - Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Road + 225 | 225 | 225 |
| | <u>+ 219</u> | |
| | £8,433 | £8411 |

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

HOUSING

Maintenance and Repair

+300

Salaries

Rent Collector's Poundage

+26

Printing, Stationery, Advertising

Insurances

Rates on Council Houses

+144

Housing Letting Grant

Loan Charges:

1932 - 10 Houses Scheme

1934 - 28 Houses Scheme

1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme

1937 - 120 Houses Scheme

1938 - 120 Houses Scheme

1940 - 120 Houses Scheme

1940 - 34 Houses Scheme (Corp. Scheme)

1940 - 34 Houses Scheme

1947 - 80 Houses Scheme

1948 - 80 Houses Scheme

1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St.

1898 - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc.

1963 - 4 Houses Scheme (Castle Park)

+90

Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts

Loan Charges:

1934 Loan

1948 Loan

1949 Loan

1950 Loan

1956 Loan

1962 Loan

1963 Loan

+630

+360

| | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting, etc) | 75 | 5 |
| Demolition of Ruinous Buildings | 5 | 5 |
| Maintenance and Repair | 1000 | 1000 |
| Acquisition of Derelict Sites | 10 | 161 |
| Salaries | 161 | 161 |
| Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages: £177 Rent Collector's Poundage: £26) | 493 | 493 |
| Printing, Stationery, Advertising | 45 | 45 |
| Insurances | 129 | 129 |
| Rates on Council Houses | 3038 | 3038 |
| Housing Letting Grant | 40 | 40 |
| <u>Loan Charges:</u> | | |
| 1932 - 10 Houses Scheme | 233 | 233 |
| 1934 - 28 Houses Scheme | 640 | 640 |
| 1937 - 28 & 10 Houses Scheme | 29 | 29 |
| 1937 - 120 Houses Scheme | 2572 | 2572 |
| 1938 - 120 Houses Scheme | 152 | 152 |
| 1940 - 120 Houses Scheme | 103 | 103 |
| 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme (Corp. Scheme) | 974 | 974 |
| 1940 - 34 Houses Scheme | 84 | 84 |
| 1947 - 80 Houses Scheme | 65 | 65 |
| 1948 - 80 Houses Scheme | 2620 | 2620 |
| 1957 - 2 Houses, Castle St. | 183 | 183 |
| 1898 - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Stock, Dividends, Sinking Fund etc. | - | - |
| 1963 - 4 Houses Scheme (Castle Park) | 100 | 100 |
| <u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u> | | |
| <u>Loan Charges:</u> | | |
| 1934 Loan | 72 | 72 |
| 1948 Loan | 240 | 240 |
| 1949 Loan | 480 | 480 |
| 1950 Loan | 563 | 563 |
| 1956 Loan | 380 | 380 |
| 1962 Loan | 700 | 700 |
| 1963 Loan | 360 | 360 |
| | £15,456 | £15,456 |
| 1945 - New Footbridge | 65 | 65 |
| 1956 - Foreshore Protection Works | 120 | 120 |
| 1960 - Foreshore Protection Works | 182 | 182 |
| 1961 - Foreshore Protection Works | 190 | 190 |
| 1963 - Foreshore Protection Works | 290 | 290 |
| 1962 - Town Hall Repairs | 128 | 128 |
| | £7,108 | £7,086 |

| | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| <u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u> | | |
| Town Hall Expenses (Heating, Lighting, etc)+7 | 75 | 75 |
| Demolition of Ruinous Buildings | 5 | 5 |
| Acquisition of Derelict Sites | 10 | 10 |
| Corporate Estate Maintenance (Wages: £177 Materials: £26) | 203 | 203 |
| Tree Planting | - | - |
| Foreshore Maintenance | - | - |
| Access to Scafront +50 | 50 | 50 |
| Fairs, Markets, Weighbridges | 5 | 5 |
| Band Performances | 45 | 45 |
| Milk and Dairies | 1 | 1 |
| Tourist Development | - | - |
| School Meals: Cost of Food | 300 ✓ | 300 |
| Administration | 20 ✓ | 20 |
| Allotments | 320 ✓ | 320 |
| Salaries +30 | 1713 | 1713 |
| Rate Collector's Poundage | 625 | 625 |
| Retiring Allowances +24 | 13 | 13 |
| Rent Collector's Poundage (Corp. Estate) | 167 | 167 |
| Audit Fee | 46 | 46 |
| Election Expenses | - | - |
| Legal Expenses | 120 | 120 |
| Printing, Stationery, Advertising | 135 | 135 |
| Rents on Council's Property | 52 | 52 |
| Rates on Council's Property +17 | 325 | 325 |
| Insurance on Council's Property | 14 | 14 |
| Public and E.L. Insurances +25 | 185 | 185 |
| Office Expenses +10 | 60 | 60 |
| Discount on Rates +5 | 75 | 75 |
| Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates | 180 | 158 |
| Cheap Fuel Scheme | 1300 | 1300 |
| Treasurer's Interest | 10 | 10 |
| Rent of Pound | 39 | 39 |
| Miscellaneous | 40 | 40 |
| <u>Loan Charges:</u> | | |
| 1946 - New Footbridge | 65 | 65 |
| 1956 - Foreshore Protection Works -5 | 120 | 120 |
| 1960 - Foreshore Protection Works -20 | 182 | 182 |
| 1961 - Foreshore Protection Works -14 | 190 | 190 |
| 1963 - Foreshore Protection Works +290 | 290 | 290 |
| 1962 - Town Hall Repairs +76 | 128 | 128 |
| | <u>£7,108</u> | <u>£7086</u> |

RECEIPTS

ROADS

Employment Schemes Grant
County Council Services
 Main Roads Grant
 Public Assistance
 Mental Hospital
 Health (County)
 General Purposes (County)
 Fire Brigade
 Library
 Separate Charges

+ 378

| Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| £ | £ |
| 7108 | 7086 |
| 1571 | 1571 |
| 385 | 385 |
| 1563 | 1563 |
| 5873 | 5873 |
| 421 | 421 |
| 516 | 516 |
| 73 | 73 |
| 782 | 782 |
| £18,292 | £ 18,270 |
| £45,720 | £45,676 |

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

+ £2562

HOUSING

State Grant - Subsidy under 1932 Act (1948 Scheme)
 State Grant - New Houses (50 House Schemes 1948)
 State Subsidy - 2 Houses, Castle
 State Subsidy - 4 Houses, Castle
 Subsidy to Interest Rates
 Rents inclusive of Rates
 State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant
 Small Dwellings (Amalgamation) Act
 Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans)
 Repayment of Instalments (New Loans)

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

County Council of Rates
 School Rates
 Recoupment of Losses on Allotments
 Cheap Fuel Scheme
Other Receipts
 Cheap Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contribution and recoupment by County Council)
 Corporate Estate Rents
 Licences and Fees
 Refund of fees by Officers
 Refund by Co. Co. of half rent of Pound
 Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour
 Loan Charges
 Letting of Town Hall
 Miscellaneous

TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES

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R E C E I P T S

| | | Estimated by Manager | Adopted by Council |
|---|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| <u>ROADS</u> | | | |
| Employment Schemes Grant | | 1000 | 1000 |
| Road Fund Grant | | 990 | 990 |
| Estate Duty Grant | | 75 | 75 |
| | | ✓ £2,065 | £2065 |
| <u>SANITARY SERVICES</u> | | | |
| Water Rents | +194 | 1754 | 1754 |
| State Subsidy to Loan Charges - Watermain, North Quay | | 16 | 16 |
| Do. Regional Water Supply | -1 | 955 | 955 |
| Do. Regional Water Supply (Suppl.) | -40 | 42 | 42 |
| Do. New Watermain Dunbur Road | +133 | 156 | 156 |
| Do. Water Supply Improvements | +135 | 135 | 135 |
| Do. Extension of Sewer at Dunbur Rd. | | 135 | 135 |
| Receipts from Public Convenience | | 10 | 10 |
| | +421 | £3,203 | £3203 |
| <u>HOUSING</u> | | | |
| State Grant - Subsidy under 1932 Act (pre 1948 Scheme) | | 2380 | 2380 |
| State Grant - New Houses (60 House Scheme 1948) | | 344 | 344 |
| State Subsidy - 2 Houses, Castle St. | | 100 | 100 |
| State Subsidy - 4 Houses, Castle Park | +33 | 33 | 33 |
| Subsidy to Interest Rates | | 280 | 280 |
| Rents inclusive of Rates | +826 | 7910 | 7910 |
| State Recoupment of Housing Letting Grant | | 26 | 26 |
| <u>Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts</u> | | | |
| Repayment of Instalments (Old Loans) | | 64 | 64 |
| Repayment of Instalments (New Loans) | +990 | 2792 | 2792 |
| | +£1849 | £13,929 | £13,929 |
| <u>GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES</u> | | | |
| <u>State Grants:</u> | | | |
| Bounty in lieu of Rates | +10 | 80 | 80 |
| School Meals | | 150 | 150 |
| Recoupment of Losses on Allotments | | 310 | 310 |
| Cheap Fuel Scheme | | 750 | 750 |
| <u>Other Receipts</u> | | | |
| Cheap Fuel Scheme (Recipients Contribution and recoupment by County Council) | | 538 | 538 |
| Corporate Estate Rents | +70 | 1832 | 1832 |
| Licences and Fees | | 3 | 3 |
| Refund of fees by Officers | | 18 | 18 |
| Refund by Co. Co. of half rent of Pound | | 19 | 19 |
| Contribution by Harbour Authority to Harbour Loan Charges | | 450 | 450 |
| Letting of Town Hall | | 10 | 10 |
| Miscellaneous | | 10 | 10 |
| | +£80 | £4,170 | £4170 |
| TOTAL FOR ALL SERVICES | +£2350 | £23,367 | £23,367 |

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1963/64

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

| | Gross Expenditure | Receipts | Net Expenditure |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Roads | £3,539 ✓ | £2,065 ✓ | £1,474 ✓ |
| Sanitary Services | £8,4 ¹¹ 33 ✓ | £3,203 ✓ | £5,2 ⁰³ 30 |
| Housing | £15,456 ✓ | £13,929 ✓ | £1,527 ✓ |
| General Urban Purposes | £18,2 ⁷⁰ 92 | £4,170 ✓ | £14,1 ⁰⁰ 22 |
| | £45,7 ⁵⁷⁶ 20 | £23,367 ✓ | £22,3 ⁰⁹ 53 |
| Deduct Credit | | | £565 ^{£645} |
| Total Requirements to be met by Rate Levy | | | £21,788 ^{£21,664} |
| Municipal Rate of 1d. in £. produces | | | £44. 0. 8. |
| Rate in £. to meet total requirements of £21,788 would be 41/3d. in £. | | | ^{21.664} 41/- |

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

| | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Valuation as per Valuation List | | £11,733. 17. 0. |
| <u>Buildings:</u> | £10,683. 1. 0. | |
| Less: Remissions under Housing Acts | £717.18.11. | £9,965. 2. 1. |
| <u>Land:</u> | £803. 1. 0. | |
| Less: Occupied by Council for Allotments and other purposes | £31.15. 0. | |
| 2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 (2/5th of £771. 6. 0.) | £308.10. 4. | £462. 15. 8. |
| <u>Land Used as Railways:</u> | £50. 5. 0. | |
| Less: 2/5th Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 | £20. 2. 0. | £30. 3. 0. |
| <u>Railways Rated in Full:</u> | | £11. 0. 0. |
| <u>Half Rents:</u> | £176. 0. 0. | |
| Less: Half Reduction as per Local Government Act, 1946 | £88. 0. 0. | £88. 0. 0. |
| <u>Telegraphs:</u> | | £1. 10. 0. |
| <u>Yards:</u> | | £9. 0. 0. |
| Total Valuation for Rating Purposes | | £10,567. 10. 9. |
| Rate of 1d. in £. produces | | £44. 0. 8. |

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING

HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 1963

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

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 for non-attendance were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson.

The Chairman suggested that in accordance with the practice adopted in previous years that they examine the items in the Estimates one by one.

Having carefully gone through all the items it was finally decided to make the following reductions in Expenditure:-

| | | | | |
|---|----------------|------|----|----|
| Water Supply - Maintenance of Town Supply | - Reduction of | £22. | 0. | 0. |
| Refunded and Irrecoverable Rates | - Reduction of | £22. | 0. | 0. |

In anticipation of some allowance being made to the Council under the terms of the Coast Protection Bill 1962 for Loan Charges incurred on Scheme of Foreshore Protection Works, it was agreed that credits be taken as an extra £80.

The total reductions so far effected were equivalent to a rate of 3d. in the £.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Under this heading it was agreed that the additional £40 provided be expended on the provision of new lights as per the E.S.B. estimate on - Dunbur Road, St. Dominick's Road, Convent Road, Kilmartin Road and Castle Park.

SCHOOL MEALS: Councillor Conroy moved the Notice of Motion standing in his name which was then considered. After discussing the matter it was decided that during the coming summer months advertisements be published inviting tenders for the cooking and serving of meals and if a suitable contractor was obtained and approved by the Department of Social Welfare the Council would authorise any necessary overexpenditure required in the coming year.

It was proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:-

"That having considered the Estimates proposed and submitted to us for consideration, we hereby adopt the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts for the financial year ending 31st March, 1964 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/- in the £, to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1964."

In proposing the adoption of the rate, Councillor Kane proposed a vote of congratulations to the County Manager, Town Clerk 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 9.45 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

HELD ON 5TH MARCH, 1963

MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

Apologies were received from Councillor C. W. Hudson, the County Manager, Mr. M. Flannery and Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were passed with Councillor Conroy on the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dickenson, and with the wife and family of the late Dr. Teevan, Dispensary Officer. The resolutions were passed in silence all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 5th February, 1963, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

FUMES FROM FERTILIZER FACTORY: The report on the discussion with representatives of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. re dust and fumes from their factory, copies of which had been circulated, was then considered. The Town Clerk explained to members why it was not possible to hold the meeting on the date and at the time suggested by the Council. Having discussed the report it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance to the next meeting but to keep the matter under review.

CAMPING SITES ON THE MURROUGH: The applications from two English Scout Troops for camp sites on the Murrough for periods in July and August, 1963, were granted at the usual charge of £2.

LEVEL CROSSING AT THE MURROUGH: The Town Clerk submitted correspondence which he had with the Area Civil Engineer, C.I.E. re the accommodation level crossing at the Murrough. C.I.E. were again agreeable to make the crossing available for the period 1st June to 30th September, 1963, but suggested that if the Council so wished the crossing could be put on a permanent basis for the same period each year. To do this it would be necessary to enter into agreement with C.I.E., the cost of preparing the Agreement to be borne by the Council. The Council unanimously agreed to enter into the Agreement for the provision of the crossing on a permanent basis each year for the period 1st May to 30th September.

Councillor Kane referred to the lack of sign-posting to the Sea Front and indicated that the finger post which had been provided was not at all satisfactory and thought that a more elaborate type of sign was required at Fitzwilliam Square. It was decided that this matter be taken up with the County Council and Bord Failte.

COAST PROTECTION BILL 1962: The Town Clerk explained the main points of the Bill, copies of which had been circulated for the information of the members. He pointed out that in future the County Council would be the promoting authority and all requests for schemes of Coast Protection would have to be submitted to the Commissioners of Public Works by the County Council. Councillor Haughton indicated certain flaws which he thought existed in the Bill and it was unanimously agreed that these be brought to the attention of the Minister and that the T.D.'s for the County be asked to raise them when the Bill is under discussion in the Dail. The suggestions were that an unabling provision should be put in the Bill providing that in the case of emergency damage the County Council would have authority to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a grant towards the cost of carrying out works of an urgent nature pending the drafting of a scheme of Protection Works. Secondly, the Bill does not make any provision whereby an Urban Council or a Harbour Board may require the County Council in their area to investigate coast erosion within the functional area of the Urban Council or Harbour Board as the case may be and report on the matter to the Commissioners of Public Works.

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It was felt that on the failure of a County Council to accede to such a request that the Urban Council or Harbour Board should have the right of appeal either to the Commissioners or to the Minister, who in turn could refer the matter back to the County Council for investigation and report.

TENDER FOR 4 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK: The following report of the Consultant Architect on his negotiations with Messrs Ed. Kane Ltd. was read:

As requested in your letter of 6th ult. a meeting was arranged for February 23rd in the office of Edward Kane Ltd. at which the recent tender for Four Houses at Castle Park was discussed with Mr. Kane. As you know consideration of a possible lateration in tender price could not be based on any reduction in the standard of construction or standard of finish since these were at the minimum approable by the Department of Local Government. This point was made clear and discussion was limited therefore to examining the constructional and other details making up the work to insure that no item had been disproportionately provided for in the tender price. It was clear that the difficulties of the site in relation to both materials and work organisation had been appreciated by the Contractor and that, while the tender sum had regard for this, item other costs had been proportional throughout the tender make-up. The omission of certain minor items such as the elimination of internal distemperring or the kitch cupboards was discussed but as indicated above the standard of finishes proposed are minimal and the elimination of these items would be undesirable apart from the insignificant savings which would result in relation to the total tender sum.

Finally it was clear that the tender sum had been made up after full consideration of everything involved in the work and that no reduction of this sum could be affected.

P. O'Brien.

The meeting adopted the report and directed that a copy of it be sent to the Department of Local Government with a request for sanction to commence with the scheme immediately.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME: The report of the Town Clerk and County Medical Officer, copies of which had been circulated, were then considered. Councillor Kane compliments Councillor Kelly and Mrs. Kelly for the excellent work they had done in preparing and serving the meals for the Boys' School. He also paid tribute to the Nuns in the Holy Rosary School for their work in connection with the meals. The Chairman also jointed in the tribute and indicated that only for the voluntary assistance which had been obtained it would not have been possible to serve the hot meal. Councillor Kane thought the Medical Officer's suggestion that the lunch break be extended to one hour was a good one. Councillor Conroy pointed out that it would not be suitable for children from the rural areas. Councillor Conroy handed in Notice of Motion in connection with the School Meals Scheme for consideration at the Estimates Meeting of the Council and further discussion on the working of the scheme was adjourned until then.

S.D.A. ACTS: (a) Authority to borrowing of £10,000 from Commissioners of Public Works to finance advances: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved - "That we hereby request the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the borrowing of the sum of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over 35 years for the purpose of advancing Loans under the S.D.A. Acts 1899-1958."

(b) Application from Mr. Joseph Furlong for loan of £1,800: The Town Clerk said the application was in order but the Town Surveyor had not yet given his Certificate of Market Value in respect of the bungalow which Mr. Furlong proposed erecting. On the proposal of Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy, the Council unanimously recommended Mr. Furlong as a suitable applicant for a loan of £1,800.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: The following applications were considered:

- (a) Mr. Joseph Furlong - erection of bungalow at Dunbur Road.
- (b) S. V. Delahunt & Co. Ltd. - erection of bottling store on sited owned by them at St. Patrick's Road.

(c) Mr. M. J. Conway - erection of addition to his dwellinghouse at 2, Coastguard Station.

The Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted in these instances subject to satisfactory reports from the Town Surveyor.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING: It was agreed that the Annual Estimates Meeting should be held on Tuesday, 26th March, 1963, at 7.30 p.m.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE: Waiting Room at District Hospital: The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, wrote re representations made by the Council regarding the necessity for a waiting room at the District Hospital and indicating that an examination of the position did not show the necessity for its provision. The members disagreed with the position as stated by the County Council as some had personal experience of the position and the feeling was expressed that whilst the hospital is very satisfactory the lack of a suitable waiting room is a great drawback. It was decided to ask the County Council to reconsider the matter.

Bus Services: A letter was read from C.I.E. indicating that in accordance with the request of the Council the morning bus service from Arklow to Dublin would proceed on up to the Market Sq. before taking the normal route from there to Dublin. The arrangement would commence on week commencing 11th March on a trial basis. The meeting considered this satisfactory and decided to request C.I.E. if a similar arrangement could be made in regard to other Dublin/Arklow buses.

A letter was read from Miss G. Carroll, Market Sq., regarding the suggestion made at a previous meeting of the Council as to the possibility of making a parking space for busses opposite her premises. The letter was noted.

St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club: A long letter was read from Secretary, St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club regarding complaints of nuisance and trespass at their new playing field at Dunbur made at the December meeting of the Council. The letter pointed out that at no time did tinkers camp on the field and that the material being deposited there was essential to the development of the field. Noted. In reply to Councillor Kelly, Councillor Haughton explained why the Council could not legally grant a 75 year lease to the G.A.A. but instanced circumstances under which a 75 year lease could be granted.

Wicklow & District Men's Association: A letter was read from the Association thanking the Council for the work they had done in piping the open field drain opposite the St. Laurence's Park houses. Noted with satisfaction.

Cheap Fuel Scheme: A letter was read from the Department of Social Welfare acknowledging the Council's letter but indicating that the extension of the scheme to the end of April and the doubling of the quantity of fuel issued during February could not be sanctioned. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy it was agreed that the Town Clerk should draft a resolution regarding the extension of the Cheap Fuel Scheme for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities, and that copies of the resolution should also be forwarded to other Councils.

Swimming Pool: The Town Clerk reported that he had been unable to get a reply from the Department of Local Government to the Council's letter regarding the provision of a swimming pool in Wicklow. It was unanimously decided to request by registered post a reply to the Council's letter and should a reply not be received a letter to be addressed personally to the Minister.

Sites for Garda Houses: The Town Clerk told the meeting that the National Building Agency had accepted the Council's extension of their option on the 3 sites at Dunbur Road to the 31st March, 1963.

REPORT ON STORM SHORES: The meeting then considered the report on storm shores prepared by the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated. In reply to members the Town Clerk said that the work

could be financed in total by way of a short term loan or alternatively could be discharged in part with the aid of the E.S.V. Grant. It was decided to leave the matter over for the attendance of the Town Surveyor.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: The Town Clerk told the meeting that he hoped to have the official quotation from the E.S.B. during the course of the week but he understood that about 13 lights could be provided at no extra cost to the Council outside the annual lighting charge of £5. 15. 6. Installation costs would apply to 5 lamps such as -

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| Lamp at entrance to District Hospital | £33. | 0. | 0. |
| Lamp at Mass Path | £75. | 0. | 0. |
| Lamp at St. Mannatan's Road | £18. | 0. | 0. |
| Lamp at Dispensary Lane | £5. | 0. | 0. |

At the request of members it was agreed that the quotation from the E.S.B. be circulated for consideration at the Estimates Meeting. Regarding lamp at the entrance to the District Hospital the Council thought the provision of this lamp should not be a matter for the Council but that the County Council should be requested to provide their own lighting at the entrance gates.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The meeting then considered the Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated. Councillor Conroy referred to the Wall at Bachelors' Walk and said that the Council had suggested that railings be provided instead of a wall and he requested an explanation as to why the Council's wishes in this matter had not been carried out.

In reply to Councillor Lalor the Town Clerk explained the position in regard to Boyce's house at Strand St. and said that the Council would favourably consider genuine offers to have the house satisfactorily repaired.

OTHER BUSINESS: The meeting recommended that Mrs. M. O'Brien, 2 Glenview Road and Mr. N. Thornton, 5, Glenview Road be granted an exchange of tenancies.

Councillor Kane referred to the Demand of the Joint Burial Board and queried the manner in which the net expenditure of the Board was apportioned between the County Council and Urban Council. He pointed out that the apportionment was on the basis of the gross valuation and he thought that an apportionment on the basis of effective valuation would be more favourable to the Urban Council. The Town Clerk undertook to examine the position.

Councillor Kelly referred to the 'phone kiosk at Ballynerrin and wondered if the Minister should be asked to receive a deputation to discuss the matter. Members, however, felt that it would be better to leave the matter rest for the time being.

The Chairman proposed and members joined in a message of good wishes to Mr. F. Kilfeather, Wicklow People Reporter, who is leaving his present position to take up a new job in Dublin. Mr. Kilfeather thanked the members for their kind remarks.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Haughton it was decided to send a message of congratulation to Councillor Everett on the occasion of having completed 40 years service in the Dail and an even longer period as a member of Wicklow U.I.D.C.

The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 2ND APRIL, 1963

Present: Councillor T. A. Delahunty, Chairman, presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, J. Kane, J. Kelly and J. Lalor.

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

Apologies were received from Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th March, 1963 and Annual Estimates Meeting held on 26th March, 1963, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

BUS SERVICES: A letter was read from the Road Fleet Manager, C.I.E. regarding the Council's request to have the Dublin/Arklow and Arklow/Dublin buses operate via Market Square rather than pass the entrance to the town at the Marlton Road/Abbey Hill Junction. The letter stated that due to the fact that the services concerned all have to make other connections and because any time lost travelling via Market Square would upset these connection on account of the tight schedules in operation, it was regretted that the request could not be granted. The meeting decided to ask C.I.E. to bear the matter in mind in the future planning of schedules and if at all possible to arrange for the Sunday morning Arklow/Dublin bus to travel via Market Square.

WICKLOW REGATTA: An application from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the use of the Sea Front for the period 3rd to 18th August, 1963 was granted on the usual terms at a charge of £5.

4 HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK: Letter of 28th March, 1963, from the Department of Local Government was read conveying the sanction of the Minister to the acceptance of the tender of Ed. Kane Ltd. in sum of £7,853. 19. 10. for the erection of 4 houses at Castle Park.

The Town Clerk told the meeting that it would be necessary to pass the financial resolution to raise a loan of £8,000 to finance the Scheme. He also indicated that until such time as sanction to the raising of the loan was received the Contract for the work could not be completed nor could the work commence. It was proposed by Councillor Kelly seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the borrowing of £8,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of erecting 4 Houses at Castle Park, the loan to be repayable on the annuity system over a period of 50 years with interest at rate of 6%".

Councillor Conroy enquired about a report requested some months ago from the Architect regarding sites for further houses and he asked if this could be available for the next meeting.

SWIMMING POOL: A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicated that it would be open to the Council to provide a hall as an adjunct for the purposes of or incidental to the swimming pool. The meeting considered the letter unsatisfactory as no indication was given that subsidy would be payable towards the cost of the hall. It was decided to request this further information from the Department. It was also decided to enquire if Bord Failte would provide any help towards the erection of the hall.

SUB-LEASE - WIRE ROPES LTD. TO E.S.B.: A letter was read from Messrs A. Cullen & Son on behalf of Wire Ropes Ltd. applying for the consent of the Council to a sub-lease by Wire Ropes Ltd. to E.S.B. of a small portion of their premises at Bond St., held under lease dated 6th October, 1959 - Wicklow U.D.C. to D. H. Haskins & Sons Ltd. The sub-lease was necessary so that the E.S.B. could instal a sub-station for the purpose of meeting additional supplies of electricity required by Wire Ropes Ltd. The Town Clerk indicated that there was no objection to the proposal and it was

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unanimously recommended that consent be given to the sub-lease.

LEASE OF SITE AT DUNBUR ROAD: Application from Mr. Peter Kavanagh for a lease of Site No. 13 at Dunbur Road for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon was considered. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kelly and agreed:- "That we hereby grant to Mr. Peter Kavanagh lease of Site No. 13 on the Dunbur Road for the purpose of erecting a dwellinghouse thereon for a period of 75 years from the 25th March, 1963, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

S.D.A. ACTS: The Town Clerk submitted an application from Mr. Peter Kavanagh for a loan of £2,000 and indicated that the Town Surveyor had not yet had an opportunity of submitting a Certificate of Market Value relating to the proposed dwellinghouse. The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Kavanagh as a suitable applicant for a loan of £2,000.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: The Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted in the undermentioned cases, subject to and in accordance with the Town Surveyor's report:-

- Mr. P. Kavanagh - Erection of dwellinghouse on Site No. 13 at Dunbur Road - no objection.
- Mr. J. Sinnott - Erection of addition to shop and dwellinghouse at Summer Hill - no objection but suggested that extension be kept back about 3' from the front of shop.
- St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club - erection of entrance gates to new Park at Dunbur - no objection but suggested that gates be made about 10 feet wider.
- C. G. Cooney - Erection of 4 bungalows at Wentworth Place - no objection generally but the Town Surveyor would like further information on some certain points, such as the proposed main sewer, Tarmacadam on access road, relative levels of houses etc. He also suggested that the entrance to the access road should be re-sited and made wider.

Councillor Kane referred to the lease of the G.A.A. field and to the possibility of granting the Club a longer lease. Councillor Conroy's proposal to appeal to the Minister for Local Government was withdrawn on Councillor Kelly stating that St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club would shortly be submitting plans for stands and other buildings on the Park, which would qualify the Club for a building lease of 75 years.

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 Lease, Counterpart and Memorial, whereby the Council lease to Mr. Joseph Furlong Site No. 1 on the Dunbur Road for the purpose of erecting a bungalow thereon, for a period of 75 years from the 29th September, 1962, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

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 Peter Kavanagh assigns to Edward Flannery and the Council consents thereto, his interest in Plot No. 12 at Dunbur Road held under lease dated 3rd July, 1962, for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1962, at annual rent of £7. 10. 0."

TELEPHONE SERVICES: Letters were read from Wire Ropes Ltd. and Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. regarding the deplorable state of the phone service existing in Wicklow over the past few months and requesting that the Council would press the Minister for immediate improvement. Members present strongly supported the firms' protest and instructed the Town Clerk to take the matter up immediately with the Minister. The Town Clerk was also authorised to request the assistance of the local T.D.'s and if necessary to appeal direct to the Taoiseach.

COUNCIL TENANTS - FIRE PLACES: The Town Clerk submitted letters from the tenants of 13 and 14 St. Laurence's Park regarding the condition of the tile fire places in their houses which had been put in by the Council during the tenancy of previous tenants. They requested the provision of new fire places and indicated that they would be prepared to meet 50% of

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the cost of same. After carefully considering the matter, the Council adjourned further discussion to the next meeting in order to give the Town Surveyor an opportunity of examining the condition of the existing fire places and to hear the views of the County Manager on the Council's liability for replacement.

MIDGET CAR RACING: The application of Mr. F. Fallon and others for the use of The Murrrough for Midget Car Racing in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign on some date in April, possibly Sunday, 21st was granted.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated was then considered. The Town Surveyor promised Councillor Conroy that he would examine the condition of Mrs. Redmond's door at Castle Park.

Discussion took place on the state of the water supply, the Town Surveyor commenting that the reservoir was at overflow which was very good for this time of year. He also told the members that the domestic consumption was being kept as low as it had ever been in the town and that he was endeavouring to get it down to 60 gallons per head per day.

Councillor Conroy raised the matter of planting new trees on The Mall to replace the existing old ones and suggested that the money which had been received from the Trees for Ireland Association could be utilised for this purpose. It was agreed that this should be done when the planting season re-opened in November next.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Kane referred to newspaper reports that an American Brewery Co. were anxious to establish a branch of their concern in either Counties Dublin or Wicklow and it was decided to contact the Industrial Development Authority for more information on this project.

Councillor Kelly referred to the condition of Leitrim Place and Strand due to the transport of fertilizer from the factory to the Goods Station and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should see the Station Master in an endeavour to keep this problem under control. Reference was also made to the fumes and dust still emanating from Shamrock Fertilizers and it was agreed to write to Mr. Van den Berg enquiring what action had been taken since his meeting with the Council in February.

Councillor Conroy enquired as to what was happening about the old County Hospital and it was decided to enquire from the County Council as to when it was proposed to utilise it as County Council Offices.

Councillor Conroy also referred to the condition of 6 houses at Castle St. owned by Finlayson Bros. and which were in a derelict condition. The Town Surveyor was asked to give a report on their condition so that representations could be made to the owner either for their repair or their demolition.

A letter was read from the Bishop's House, Dundalk, thanking the members of the Council for their message of sympathy on the death of His Eminence, Cardinal Dalton.

A letter was read from Mr. M. O'Higgins, T.D. regarding the Council's representations on the Coast Protection Bill and indicating that Deputies Everett, Brennan and himself had raised the matter on the final stages of the Bill. The Parliamentary Secretary gave an assurance that he would look into the question of machinery to enable Urban Councils to have a say in initiating schemes. Noted with satisfaction.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.
3rd May, 1963.

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 May, 1963, 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 2nd April, 1963, (copy herewith).
2. Resolution from Skibbereen U.D.C. re Restriction of Activities of Supermarkets and Trading Companies.
3. Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Borough Council re cost of Health Services.
4. Level Crossing - Correspondence with Goulding Fertilisers Ltd. re use of Sea Murrrough.
5. Bus Services - Correspondence with C.I.E.
6. Phone Services - Report on representations to Minister for Posts & Telegraphs.
7. Swimming Pool - Correspondence with Department of Local Government and Bord Failte.
8. Housing List - Consideration and adoption of Housing List No. 13 at 1st April, 1963 (copy herewith).
9. Housing - Report of Consultant Architect on Sites for erection of further houses.
10. Building Sites at Dunbur:
 - (a) Report of Consultant Architect on development of a further 12 sites.
 - (b) Proposed Lease of 3 Sites for Garda Houses to National Building Agency.
 - (c) Application for sites from Messrs J. Conway, J. Fitzpatrick and J. Cleary.
11. Extension of Main Sewer at Dunbur Road - (a) Report of Town Surveyor on final cost of scheme. (b) Authorise raising revised Loan of £1,760.
12. S.D.A. Acts - Sealing of Mortgage - Loan of £10,000 from Commissioners of Public Works.
13. Town Planning Applications.
14. Fumes from Factory - Letter from Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.
15. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
16. Fix date of Annual Rates Meeting.
17. Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st March, 1963.
18. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH MAY, 1963

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

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

Apologies were received from the Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2nd April, 1963, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM SKIBBEREEN U.D.C.: A resolution from Skibbereen U.D.C. re restriction of the activities of super markets and Trading Companies was marked read.

RESOLUTION FROM DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL: A resolution from Dun Laoghaire Borough Council re cost of Health Services was unanimously adopted.

LEVEL CROSSING: The Town Clerk told the meeting that when the access crossing at The Murrrough had been provided the previous year, Goulding Fertilisers Ltd. had been informed of the fact and asked if they had any objections to that portion of the Sea Murrrough owned by them being used by the public for recreational purposes. A letter was read from Goulding Fertilisers Ltd. indicating that they had no objection to the Council's proposal subject to certain specified conditions to be contained in an agreement to be entered into with the Council. The Town Clerk said that the conditions requested were in order and if the Council were agreeable, agreement could be drawn up by the Council's Law Agent. AGREED.

BUS SERVICES: C.I.E. wrote regretting that they could not accede to the Council's request to have the Sunday morning Wexford/Dublin bus travel via Market Square as being a long distance service objection would be taken by passengers to any additional or unnecessary delays. It was agreed to ask C.I.E. to bear the matter in mind when the Timetables would be under review.

The Council then considered the Town Surveyor's report re the alteration of the bus stop, which after consultation with the Garda Superintendent, he recommended should be sited in Market Street and which would result in parking on either side being prohibited. Members generally felt that it would be very difficult to obtain a "Stop" as suitably situated as the present one and after some discussion on the point, it was decided that the Town Clerk should meet the C.I.E. Inspector to see if the matter could be satisfactorily resolved.

PHONE SERVICES: The Town Clerk reported on representations he had made since the last meeting of the Council and indicated that he had written direct both to the Secretary, Department of Posts & Telegraphs and to the Minister, Mr. Hilliard. He had also asked the three T.D.'s to take the matter up. He then submitted the following letter from the Minister, the information therein which had also been conveyed through Deputy Brennan and by a Parliamentary Question in reply to Deputy O'Higgins.

A Chara,

With further reference to your representations regarding the telephone service in Wicklow Town, Mr. Michael Hilliard, T.D., Minister for Posts and Telegraphs desires me to say that delays occurring on trunk calls from Wicklow recently have been due mainly to circuit faults resulting from damage caused to the main route by the recent severe weather. Much of this damage is not apparent on inspection and can only be detected as faults arise. Micro-wave radio links which will provide ample permanent circuiting of high quality for Wicklow are under construction and are

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expected to be brought into service within the next few months. A considerable improvement in the trunk service may therefore be anticipated within a short time.

Arrangements are also being made for the provision of an automatic telephone exchange at Wicklow and it is expected that it will be brought into service within two years.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The meeting considered the letter not all that satisfactory as delays still existed and whilst they were glad to learn that a micro link would be coming into operation shortly, nevertheless they felt that the Minister should be pressed to make every effort possible to reduce the delays on 'phone calls.

SWIMMING POOL: A letter was read from Bord Failte indicating that they were not in a position to assist in the provision of a dance hall as an annex to the proposed Swimming Pool. The following letter was read from the Department of Local Government:-

25th April, 1963.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 3rd instant in connection with the payment of subsidy towards the annual loan charges on the approval capital cost of the hall which it is proposed to provide as an adjunct for the purposes of and incidental to the pool.

I am to state that subsidy will be payable on a proportion of the additional cost arising from the inclusion of the hall, subsidy to be measured by reference to the use of the hall for such purposes as lectures film shows or lantern slides on swimming, water safety, life saving or analogous matters. The continued payment of the subsidy will be subject to a review from time to time of the actual use of the hall for such purposes.

Mise, le meas, etc.

The County Manager pointed out that it was apparent from the letter that the amount of subsidy towards the cost of providing the dance hall would be negligible and could be discounted for all practical purposes. After giving the matter some consideration, the Council decided that all the information at their disposal regarding the proposal to provide a swimming pool and dance hall should be circulated to the various local bodies in the town and that they be asked if they had any useful suggestions for the implementation of the proposals to submit same to the Council.

HOUSING LIST: The Council then considered and adopted Housing List No. 13 at 1st April, 1963, which had been prepared by the County Medical Officer and copies of which had been circulated.

HOUSING - SITES FOR FURTHER HOUSES: Council then heard a report from the Consultant Architect recommending that the most suitable site for the erection of 10 houses was situated at Ballynerrin and fronting onto St. Manntan's Road and indicating that water and sewerage facilities were available. Councillor Conroy said that in his opinion there was plenty of space available in the Castle Street/Castlefield area for the building of houses and thought that this area should be used as there was a greater demand for houses in the lower parts of the town. It was decided to ask the Consultant Architect to report on the suitability of the sites mentioned by Councillor Conroy.

BUILDING SITES AT DUNBUB: The Consultant Architect submitted detailed drawings showing proposed development for a further 16 sites at Dunbub in accordance with the overall plan previously approved by the Council. The development would involve the opening up of the new Road No. 1 and also part of new Road No. 4 and it would be necessary to provide sewers, watermains and concrete roadways. Having carefully considered the proposal the Council unanimously agreed to implement them and directed that the Architect prepare contract documents and submit same to Council with an estimate of the cost at the earliest possible date.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the National Building Agency had now confirmed that they would take a lease of the 3 sites at Dunbur Road for the erection of Garda houses and that they hoped to have tenders for the erection of the houses within the present month.

The Town Clerk submitted applications for sites from Messrs John Conway, James Fitzpatrick and James Cleary. Mr. Conway applied for and was granted Site No. 14 on the Dunbur Road and Messrs Fitzpatrick and Cleary applied and were granted in principle sites in the new development, the location yet to be decided on by the applicants.

EXTENSION OF MAIN SEWER AT DUNBUR ROAD: The meeting noted from the report of the Town Surveyor that there was an excess of £242 on the Contract for the provision of the main sewer at Dunbur due to excess rock excavation and provision and siting of vent shaft. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Kane and resolved:-

"That we hereby authorise the raising of a revised Loan of £1,760 from the Council's Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Ltd., subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, for the purpose of defraying the expenditure on an Extension to the Main Sewer at Dunbur Road, the loan to be repayable over 10 years, with interest at usual rate. This revised Loan to be in place of and in substitution for the Loan of £1,500 originally authorised and sanctioned for the Scheme."

S.D.A. ACTS - SEALING OF MORTGAGE: 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 of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £10,000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts,"

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Subject to the approval of the Town Surveyor, the Council recommended that Mr. T. Hanan, tenant of No. 5, St. Laurence's Park, be granted per mission for the erection of a garage beside the houses tenants by him.

FUMES FROM SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LTD: The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Mr. Hugo Van den Berg indicating what action had been taken by his firm to minimise the dust problem created by the rock phosphate plant and stating that this trouble had now been completely eradicated. The Town Clerk further said he had had a 'phone conversation with Mr. Van den Berg regarding the bad fumes which had prevailed in the town the previous week and had been told that these were due to a fault which had developed in the acid plant. He understood that it would be not possible to rectify this fault until the plant was closed down that that this would be within the coming few weeks. Having discussed the matter, the Chairman undertook on Councillor Conroy's suggestion to personally contact the new management of Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. and arrange for some of them to meet members of the Council on Tuesday, 21st May, for the purpose of discussing the matter and seeing what continuous efforts could be made to keep the nuisance from dust and fumes to the absolute minimum.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The members then considered this report copies of which had been circulated. Regarding the condition of the old Technical School, it was decided not to carry out painting at the moment but to have a full report from the Town Surveyor on the cost of carrying out the necessary re-roofing.

The Town Clerk told Councillor Kelly that he would have the Town Surveyor inspect and report on the damage caused at 21, St. Laurence's Road, by a defective W.C. cistern.

Regarding the derelict site at Marlton Road, which the owner undertook to surrender to the Council, the Town Clerk indicated that it was expected that there would be difficulty in establishing title to the site and that in the circumstances it would be advisable, if the Council so agreed, to go through the procedure of acquiring the site under the Derelict Sites Act. The Council agreed to this procedure.

The County Manager said that he was greatly in favour of the Town Surveyor's recommendation that a motor scythe be purchased as with such an implement the various open spaces owned by the Council could be kept

in a tidy condition and possibly result in obtaining more marks in the Tidy Towns Competition. The Council agreed to purchase the scythe, at a cost of £120.

Reference was made to the condition of The Murrrough with furze bushes and the possibility of using the bulldozer was raised. The County Manager thought that the bulldozer would do more damage to the ground and would not be too successful. On the suggestion of the Town Clerk it was agreed to experiment with the crane which would be used on the Foreshore to see if the bushes could be uprooted.

DATE OF RATES MEETING: It was decided that the Annual Rates Meeting be held on Tuesday, 21st May.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES: The County Manager submitted the Schedule of Uncollected Rates at 31st March, 1963. He told the meeting that the amount of rates collected represented 97.7% of the Warrant and was the highest rate collection for a good number of years. The amount uncollected was £572 and would be carried forward to the following year. He was not recommending that any rates be struck off as irrecoverable. He indicated to members some of the larger amounts on the Schedule and referred in particular to the premises at Bridge St. which was formerly the Orange Lodge. It was understood that in this case no title to the premises could be established and that it had been handed over to the State. Members mentioned names of three trustees of the property still alive and the County Manager said he would convey this information to the Law Agent who would be investigating the matter in order to secure the Council's charge for rates.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the House Rent Collection had been the best ever and the amount collected represented 99.016% of the Warrant and the arrears at the close of the year amounted only to £64. The meeting considered both collections very satisfactory and complimented the Collectors, townspeople and tenants.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Town Clerk read letters from the Wicklow & District Men's Association and from the Chamber of Commerce congratulating the Council on reducing the rates.

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Surveyor and himself had inspected the tile fire places in 13 and 14, St. Laurence's Park and it will be possible to have the missing tiles replaced. Accordingly, he could see no necessity for replacing the tile surrounds as requested by the tenants.

It was decided that the June meeting due to be held on 4th June be adjourned to 10th June.

Mr. Neville Thornton, 2, Glenview Road, was granted permission to open the gateway in his front boundary fence so as to be able to park his van in his garden.

Councillor Kane congratulated Councillor Kelly on his efforts to get additional phone kiosks for the town and which he understood had been successful in that the town would now get 2 kiosks. In reply to members the Town Clerk said that no official work had yet been received in this connection from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

The Town Clerk informed members that during the remainder of the present month the Public Conveniences on The Murrrough would be open on week-ends and from June onwards would be open daily. At Councillor Conroy's suggestion, the Town Surveyor is to examine the Public Conveniences in the Town Hall and endeavour to provide an alternative means for washing out of the toilets rather than the present method of sweeping water out onto the public street.

The Council agreed to the request of the Childrens' and Old Folks' Committee to grant permission in principle to start work on the project for the conversion of the Barrow Green into an Old Peoples' Park, subject to the plans being submitted to and approved of by the County Manager and Town Surveyor.