

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

M I N U T E S

MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 7TH JULY, 1964

Present: Councillor J. Kane, Vice-Chairman, Presiding, Councillors T. Conroy, J. Lalor and J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies were received from Councillors T. A. Delahunty, Chairman and W. Hopkins.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd June, Special Meeting held on 23rd June and Annual Meeting held on 30th June, 1964, copies of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM BALLINASLOE U.D.C.: A resolution from Ballinasloe U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Local Government to insert a clause in the Agricultural Rates Relief Bill shortly to come before Dail Eireann providing relief from rates on agricultural land within the Urban Area on the same bases as applies to agricultural land in the County Health District, was unanimously adopted.

CLOSING OF ROADS: An application was read from the Wicklow Regatta Committee for the closing of Bath Street and Upr. Strand St. on Wednesday, 5th August, 1964, in connection with Kart Racing. Permission was granted and on the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was agreed to ask the Regatta Committee to publish a statement of accounts of their activities.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: A quotation was submitted from the E.S.B. for the provision of pilot lights at certain points in the town. The cost of converting the existing lamps on these poles to all-night lighting by erecting independent time switches would be £15 per lamp. The additional annual charge would be £2. 6. 6. The meeting noted that out of a provision of £40 in the Estimates it had been already decided to provide 3 additional lights in the town at an annual charge of £5. 15. 6 per lamp. It had been further decided to provide an additional light at Quarentine Hill, the exact position had yet to be determined. Further new public lights would have to be provided on the Dunbur Housing Estate. It was decided not to proceed with the provision of pilot lights and that members would examine the position of the proposed new light at Quarentine Hill.

MOTIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The meeting unanimously adopted the draft motions, copies of which had been circulated, for submission to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities in September next. The following further motions were also put forward: Proposed by Councillor Kane, seconded by Councillor Everett and resolved: "That we call on the Minister for Local Government to further assist private building by enabling local authorities to make 100% loans available at reduced interest rates. Proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor, and resolved: "That we call on the Minister for Local Government to amend the City & County Management Act so as to give more power to members of local authorities in relation to the letting of houses and the control of staff".

RESIGNATION OF CLERK TYPIST: The Town Clerk submitted letter of resignation from Miss M. Kavanagh, Clerk Typist who is leaving the service of the Council in view of her forthcoming marriage. Councillor Everett proposed a vote of good wishes to Miss Kavanagh which was seconded by the Chairman and other members present together with the officials joined in the tribute to Miss Kavanagh. The Town Clerk mentioned that Miss Kavanagh would be entitled to a marriage gratuity under the terms of the Superannuation Acts and as she had over 12 years service she would be entitled to the maximum gratuity in sum of £670. The Council unanimously approved the necessary over-expenditure in the current year.

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RETIREMENT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, B.E., would retire as County Engineer on August 31st as the new County Engineer would take up duty on September 1st. Mr. O'Byrne had been continued in a temporary unestablished position as Town Surveyor until 13th July and it was now for the Council to recommend whether or not they wished him continued in this position until 31st August. In reply to members the County Manager said that no arrangements had as yet been made for the permanent filling of the position of Town Surveyor. After some discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Conroy that the retirement of the Town Surveyor be accepted as from 13th July, 1964. It was proposed by Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Lalor that Mr. R. L. Farrell Chief Assistant County Engineer be appointed in a temporary capacity as Town Surveyor as from 13th July, 1964. The Vice-Chairman remarked that as there were no counter proposals he would take both motions as being passed.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL: The Vice-Chairman referred to the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor J. Kelly and mentioned that notice had been given of the Council's intention to fill the vacancy at that meeting. He also referred to a letter from the local Cumann Fianna Fail submitting a nomination for the seat. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor that Mr. Philip Doyle, Summer Hill, Wicklow, be co-opted to the vacant seat. Councillor Kane proposed Mrs. McNamara for co-option but there was no seconder to his proposal. Mr. Doyle was then declared co-opted.

COUNCIL HOUSE AT CASTLE STREET - TENANT: MR. D. CLEARY: The Town Clerk reported that as a result of Councillor Everett's request at the previous meeting he had looked into the question of the Council house at Castle St. tenanted by Mr. D. Cleary. He said that Mr. Cleary was a single man who occupied the house on his own but due to being a sailor he was absent from home for long periods. This matter had been before the Council in 1961, had been thoroughly investigated then and the Council decided to leave Mr. Cleary in the house on his agreeing to pay an additional rent of 5/- per week. Mr. Cleary had now indicated his willingness to purchase the house under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Councillor Everett reiterated his previous objection to a single man occupying a Council house and further to any proposal to sell the house to him. The County Manager said he doubted if the Council could sell to a single man but suggested deferring the matter to enable him to investigate it further. Councillor Conroy pointed out that Mr. Cleary was now sailing to and from Dublin and was at home at least every two weeks. He proposed that he be allowed to purchase the house and was seconded by Councillor Kane. The motion was passed on the following vote:-
For: Councillors Kane and Conroy - Against: Councillor Everett
Councillor Lalor did not vote.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME: The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in addition to the 12 tenants who purchased their houses for cash last year a further 5 had been anxious to purchase on a weekly basis. For one reason or another these 5 tenants did not sign the necessary documents so that the sales could be executed from 29th September, 1963. The following had now expressed their willingness to purchase on a weekly basis as from 29th September, 1964:-

Mrs. B. Beamish, 3 Urban Villas
Mr. R. Dover, 11, St. Dominick's Road
Mr. E. Manning, 8, Glenview Road
Mrs. E. Sillery, 8, Castlefield.

In addition the following new application was received - Mrs. A. Byrne, 7, Monkton Row. An application for a cash purchase was received from Mr. E. Kavanagh, Castlefield.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor, it was unanimously agreed to agree to the sale of houses to the aforementioned applicants.

DUNBUR HOUSING ESTATE:

(a) Site Applications: The Town Clerk reported that Mr. S. Murphy, Kilmartin Hill, had now indicated that he did not wish to proceed with the lease of building site No. 5. An application for this site had now been received from Mr. J. Mitchell and an application for Site No. 16 had been received from Mr. A. Dunne. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor, it was unanimously agreed to lease the sites applied for for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1964, at an annual rent of £10.

(b) Tenders for Roads and Paths: The meeting was told that 3 tenders had been received for the construction of roads and footpaths on the Dunbur Housing Estate and were opened by the County Manager in the presence of the Vice-Chairman and Town Clerk and were as follows:-

Messrs McMahon & Regan Ltd.	£8,365.	11.	8.
Mr. M. McNulty	£11,880.	4.	0.
Roads Improvement Co. Ltd.	£13,256.	0.	0.

The tenders were referred to the Council's Architect who now submitted the following report thereon:-

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th inst. re above with which you enclosed the three tenders received for this work.

The lowest tender from Messrs McMahon & Regan Ltd., Greenhills Road, Tallagh, who has previously carried out work for your Council, at £8,365. 11. 8. includes the contingency sum of £300, and also the cost of a bond.

The tender figures are high and a particular feature is the considerable difference between the 1st and 2nd tender and the 2nd and the 3rd. It is noted that while Messrs McMahon & Regan tender is high the figure for the carriageway and roads 1 and 4 could be considered reasonable. The figures for the footpaths, kerbs, etc. are high in relation to carriageway construction however. As you know one of the difficulties with this development is that it is not possible to plan in advance for location of access driveway crossing of footpaths and if footpaths are to be constructed ahead of the construction of houses the probability that alterations would occur in the footpaths had to be provided for. It seems to me that this is now unduly reflected in the cost of footpaths construction.

While therefore the construction of carriageways at £1,837. 7. 9. and £2,665. 16. 3. plus road gullies at £468. 15. 0. could be recommended to your Council, the proposal to construct footpaths ahead of house construction on the various plots merits further consideration in view of the figures quoted in the tenders received.

I return herewith the tenders received with your letter.

Yours sincerely,
Patrick O'Brien

Councillor Everett referred to his objection at the previous meeting to the appointment of an Architect for this work which in his opinion should have been assigned to an Engineer. He asked the County Manager if it would be possible at this stage even to have an Engineer assigned to the work and suggest Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assist. County Engineer for the job. The meeting was reminded that the Town Surveyor's estimate for the job was £6,000 and that had it been started by Direct Labour in April as suggested by the Town Surveyor the work would now be nearing completion. The members felt that in view of the high prices tendered it would now be necessary to consider doing it by Direct Labour but were informed that whatever Engineer would undertake this work would have to be given an opportunity of indicating the price at which he could do the work. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor, it was agreed that the County Manager be asked to examine the possibility of having the work carried out by Direct Labour.

SITES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE: On the proposal of Councillor Lalor, seconded by Councillor Conroy, Messrs A. O'Neill and L. Cullen were granted lease of building sites at St. Patrick's Road for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1964, at an annual rent of £7. 10. 0. each.

HOUSING LOAN AND GRANTS ACT: The Council unanimously recommended Mr. John Mitchell and Mr. Aubrey O'Neill as suitable applicants for loans of £1,800 and £1,600 respectively under the Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962.

TOWN & REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS: On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Everett, the meeting unanimously recommended that permission be granted in the following instances there being no objection from the Town Surveyor:-

- (1) John Mitchell - bungalow on Dunbur Housing Estate.
- (2) John Sugrue - Dwellinghouse on Dunbur Housing Estate.
- (3) Aubrey O'Neill - bungalow on St. Patrick's Avenue
- (4) Mrs. A. Byrne - Extension to Council House at Monkton Row.
- (5) Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd. - Erection of pre-fabricated canteen on site at Lr. Strand Street.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS: (a) Celmac Ltd: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart dated 19th June 1964, whereby the Council lease to Celmac Ltd, a plot of ground at The Murrough, Wicklow, measuring approx. 2 acres, 2 roods 7 perches, as shown on map attached to lease for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1964, at a rent of £20 in the first year and rising by £20 yearly to a rent of £100 in the fifth and subsequent years for the purpose of erecting a factory thereon."

(b) It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Agreement and Counterpart whereby the Council grant to Celmac Ltd, a 5 year option on a site at The Murrough, Wicklow, measuring 1 acre 0 roods 39 perches, as shown on map attached to Agreement, the option entitling Celmac Ltd. to a 75 year lease of the site at a rent of £10 in the first year rising by £10 yearly to £50 per annum in the fifth and subsequent years."

(c) Renewal of Lease of Mr. H. Jordan: It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor and resolved:- "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart wherein the Council grant to Henry William Jordan a renewal of the lease of a plot of ground with dwellinghouse and offices thereon and known as No. 8, The Mall, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964, at an annual rent of £5. 0. 0."

In regard to the renewal of the lease to Mr. Jordan, the Council agreed to give their consent to a Mortgage of the premises in sum of £800 to the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd.

The Vice-Chairman remarked that an all-out effort should be made to attract further industries to Wicklow and it was agreed that contact be made with other bodies in the town, such as the Harbour Board and Chamber of Commerce to make a concerted effort in this regard.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR: The meeting then considered the monthly report of the Town Surveyor, copies of which had been circulated. Regarding the 4 houses at Castle Park, Councillor Conroy remarked that the work was progressing slowly and was told that the building period specified in the tender was 36 weeks. He drew attention to a number of points regarding the building work and it was agreed to bring these to the attention of the Architect.

Councillor Conroy referred to the condition of The Murrough since the removal of furze bushes and also to the condition of the outer Murrough where the large hold had yet to be filled in. He asked the County Manager to examine both of these items.

Councillor Everett was told by the Town Surveyor that he had

examined the question of the right-of-way through Mr. E. Kavanagh's field and would submit a report on it. He remarked that a stile would be needed and possibly some fencing.

Councillor Conroy asked the County Manager to submit a report dealing with the last scheme of Foreshore Protection Works with special reference to surplus stones remaining in Ballinclare Quarry.

OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Everett inquired as to the position regarding the Housing Reconstruction Loan for Miss B. Kavanagh and said he understood that even though a State Grant would not be paid that the Council had power under Section 10 of the Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962 to make a reconstruction loan available. The County Manager promised to look into the position before the next meeting.

Councillor Conroy referred to the Council's dissatisfaction at the Housing List and the County Manager said he would discuss the matter again with the County Medical Officer. The County Manager told Councillor Conroy that the vacant house at St. Patrick's Avenue would shortly be let to Thomas Earls but that he would first have to have a report from the Town Surveyor on the condition of the house presently occupied by Mr. Earls and appropriate notices would have to be served on the owner before the tenant is re-housed.

Councillor Conroy referred to the pending sale of a former Council field at Dunbur to the Golf Club and inquired if the Council could purchase it. The County Manager gave a brief history of how this field was acquired from the Council by Hamiltons under the Land Acts and gave it as his opinion that nothing further could be done to acquire the field at this stage.

The meeting concluded at 9.40 p.m.

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MONTHLY MEETING

HELD ON 4TH AUGUST 1964

IN ATTENDANCE: MR. M. J. CUSACK, Town Clerk.

LACKING A QUORUM OF MEMBERS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED
TO MONDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1964 AT 7.30 PM. IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECT 41. COMMISSIONERS CHARGES ACT, 1847
AS INCORPORATED IN THE TOWNS IMPROVEMENT (IRELAND) ACT 1854

J. A. Down

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

7th August, 1964.

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

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The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow on Monday, 10th August, 1964, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

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M. J. CUSACK.

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 7th July, 1964 (copy herewith) and Monthly Meeting held on 4th August, 1964.
2. Renewal of Cinema Licences.
3. Wicklow Dispensary - correspondence with Wicklow County Council.
4. Auditor's Report - year ended 31st March, 1963 (copy herewith).
5. Proposed Ten Houses Scheme at Ballynerrin - correspondence with Department of Local Government.
6. Report on under occupation of Council Houses.
7. Derelict Sites - Report of Health Inspector (copy herewith).
8. Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for introduction of Five Day Week.
9. Dunbur Housing Estate (1) Site Applications (2) Provision of roads and footpaths.
10. Housing Construction Loans - application for Loan of £1,800 from Mr. G. Rogers.
11. Housing ^{Re} Construction Loans - (a) Proposed amendment of Scheme (b) Loan applications from Miss B. Kavanagh and Mr. James Murphy.
12. Town Planning Applications.
13. Tenant Purchase Applications.

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14. Foreshore Protection Works - correspondence from Wicklow County Council.
15. Proposed Sub-Letting of Mill Yard - advice of Law Agent.
16. Appointment of Town Surveyor - to consider arrangements for appointment and terms and conditions to be offered.
17. Sealing of Documents: (a) Old County Hospital - renewal of Lease to Wicklow County Council (b) Housing sites at Dunbur - Leases to Messrs F. Conway, A. O'Rourke, J. Cleary, J. Fitzpatrick, B. J. Whelan, J. Millane, P. O'Rourke, D. Griffin (c) Housing sites at St. Patrick's Avenue - Leases to Messrs J. Porter and J. Wilkinson.
18. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor.
19. Any Other Business at discretion of Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMinutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting Held on 10th August, 1964.

PRESENT: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors †T. Conroy, †J. Lalor, P. Doyle, William Hopkins and †J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor J. Kane.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Doyle as a Member of the Council who had been co-opted to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councillor Kelly. Councillor Doyle signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 7th July Councillor Lalor objected to the adoption and handed in the following Motion:-

Resolved that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Managerial Act, 1955 with regards to County Manager's Order appointing Mr. J. T. O'Byrne for a further term till 31st August, 1964 as Temporary Engineer to Wicklow Urban District Council in opposition to the Council: Resolution of 7th July, 1964 discontinuing his Services from the 13/7/64.

And further that Gratuity and Pension awarded by the County Manager be deferred until Senior Council's Opinion be obtained as to his eligibility to same, as he has been already granted gratuity and pension for his whole-time services to Wicklow County Council, and he was only part-time for Wicklow Urban District Council. And further we adjourn this Meeting in Protest against the County Manager's Refusal to carry out the decision made by this Council.

Both Councillors Lalor and Everett expressed their dissatisfaction with the action of the Manager in not acceding to the wishes of the Council regarding the position of Town Surveyor. The County Manager said he had looked into the matter as recommended by the Council and he had also dealt separately with the problem of the construction of the roads and footpaths at Dunbur. Regarding the position of Town Surveyor the matter would require reviewing particularly as regards the remuneration and conditions of office.

Councillor Lalor proposed and Councillor Conroy seconded that the Meeting be adjourned as a mark of protest. It was proposed by Councillor Delahunt seconded by Councillor Doyle that the Meeting be continued.

†As no agreement to adjourn the Meeting was arrived at Councillors Lalor, Conroy and Everett left the Meeting at this stage.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 7th July, 1964 and copy of which had been circulated were unanimously adopted and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 4th August, 1964 were read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

CINEMA LICENCES.

It was unanimously agreed to renew the Cinema Licences in respect of the Rialto Cinema and Abbey Cinema, Wicklow subject to satisfactory report from the Chief Fire Officer.

WICKLOW DISPENSARY.

A letter from Wicklow County Council was read dealing with the condition of Wicklow Dispensary and drawing attention to the repairs and improvements carried out to it recently. It was decided to leave the matter over as the query had been raised by Councillor Conroy who was not now present at the Meeting.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Report of the Local Government Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1963 and copy of which had been circulated was noted.

PROPOSED TEN HOUSES SCHEME AT BALLYNERRIN.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had learned from the Department of Local Government by phone that afternoon that a letter was in the post to the Council conveying the Sanction of the Minister to the proposed lay-out for 24 houses at Ballynerrin and further sanction to the proposal of the Council to erect 10 houses thereon immediately.

The Town Clerk pointed out that it would now be in order for the Council's Architect to prepare contract documents and that when these were ready tenders could be invited for the work. The Council noted the Report with satisfaction and authorised the Architect to proceed with the preparation of contract documents and the invitation of tenders.

REPORT ON UNDER OCCUPATION OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Members were reminded of the query raised at previous Meetings regarding Council house at Castle Street tenanted by Mr. D. Cleary and which was unoccupied for long periods due to the absence of the tenant on account of his occupation as a sailor. The Town Clerk pointed out that Mr. Cleary is employed as a seaman on a ship which trades between Dublin and Liverpool and gets home to Wicklow one week in four. He has been on this run for the past 15 years and gets two months holidays every year. Having considered the matter it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hopkins seconded by Councillor Doyle that Mr. Cleary should be allowed to retain the tenancy of this house.

The Town Clerk said that in view of the query raised as regards Mr. Cleary it had been decided to do a Survey of Council houses which are under occupied. It appears that there are 21 houses occupied by single persons made up as follows:-

- 9 Three-roomed Houses
- 11 Four-roomed Houses
- 1 Five-roomed House

There is a further 15 houses occupied by only two persons made up as follows:-

- 3 Three-roomed Houses
- 12 Four-roomed Houses

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It could be seen, therefore, that the Council's housing problem would be solved if these under occupied houses were available for letting to families. It would mean that the Council would have to build a smaller type house which would suit single persons and so make the larger houses available for families. The Council decided to bear this matter in mind for the future.

DERELICT SITES.

The Council then considered the Report of the Health Inspector copy of which had been circulated, submitting list of Derelict Sites in the Town. The Council were told that if the list was approved by the Council further report would be obtained from the Town Surveyor and subsequently the appropriate action under the Derelict Sites Act would be taken. This was agreed to on the proposal of Councillor Hopkins seconded by Councillor Doyle.

The Council recommended that in the case of the following sites a special Report be obtained from the Town Surveyor and Dangerous Building Notices served on the owners:

Small house at Lr. Strand Street - property of a Thomas Lindsay, Decd.

Two small houses at Bond Street - property of Shamrock Fertilizers Limited.

Six houses at Castle Street - property of Finlayson Brothers.

FIVE DAY WEEK.

On the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Hopkins the introduction of a Five Day Week for the Officials of the Council as from week commencing 17th August, 1964, was approved, notice thereof to be given in the local paper.

DUNBUR HOUSING ESTATE.

Site Application:

The Council unanimously agreed to lease Site Number 2 to Celmac Limited for the purpose of building a dwellinghouse thereon for their Foreman, the Lease to be for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964 at an annual rent of £10.

Construction of Roads and Footpaths:

The County Manager told the Meeting that as requested at their last Meeting he had looked into the possibility of carrying out the construction of roads and footpaths at Dunbur by Direct Labour and had asked Mr. R. L. Farrell, Chief Assistant County Engineer, to submit an estimate for doing the work. During the discussion on this matter it was noted that the following four prices were before the Council:-

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| 1. Architect's Estimate | £6,252 | Os. | 0d. |
| 2. Tender of McMahon & Regan Ltd. .. | £8,365 | 11s. | 8d. |
| 3. Proposal by Mr. R. L. Farrell .. | £7,759 | 16s. | 0d. |
| 4. Proposal by Mr. R. L. Farrell
(Road Asphalt or Dense Tar
Surfacing instead of Concrete) .. | £6,549 | 16s. | 0d. |

Councillor Doyle referring to the difference between the Town Surveyor's Estimate and the Estimate of Mr. Farrell for doing the roads in concrete complained at the delay in getting the work under

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way and which was now resulting in additional cost to the Council. After some further discussion on the matter it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Hopkins seconded by Councillor Delahunt to refer the whole matter to the Department of Local Government for their advise and recommendation particularly in regard to the advisability of using a Tarmac Surface. It was also decided to query the Department as to the largest possible Loan that would be made available to finance a Tarmacadam Surface.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOAN.

The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Gregory Rogers, Kilmantin Hill, as a suitable applicant for a Loan of £1,800 under the Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962 to finance the erection of a bungalow at Friars Hill.

HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION LOANS.

Amendment of Scheme.

Having regard to the advise of the Law Agent the Council agreed to amend their Scheme for the making of Housing Reconstruction Loans under Section 10 of the Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962 so as to provide for the making of loans at the discretion of the Council to persons who do not qualify for a State Grant.

Loan Applications.

On the proposal of Councillor Delahunt seconded by Councillor Doyle it was agreed that Miss B. Kavanagh, Summer Hill, Wicklow, be considered for a Housing Reconstruction Loan even though she did not qualify for a State Grant and recommending her as a suitable applicant for a Loan of £500 to be repaid over 10 years with interest at usual rate. It was also recommended that Mr. James T. Murphy, Summer Hill was a suitable applicant for a Loan of £280 to finance reconstruction work at his dwellinghouse in respect of which a State Grant of £140 had been notified, the Loan to be repayable over 10 years with interest at usual rate.

Proposed by Councillor T. A. Delahunt

Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.

Resolved: That we hereby approve subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government the raising of a Loan of £780 from our Treasurer, The Hibernian Bank Limited for the purpose of making advances under Section 10 of the Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962, the Loan to be repayable over 10 years with interest at the usual rate.

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There being no objection from the Town Surveyor the Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted in the following instances:-

Mr. G. Rogers - erection of bungalow at Friars Hill (Kane's Field)
Nurse Mary Leonard - erection of garage adjoining bungalow at Dunbur Road.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Council approved of the Cash Sale to the following tenants under the Tenant Purchase Scheme as from the 29th September, 1964 subject to a 99 year Lease at a rent of £1 per annum.

John Fox,
10, Urban Villas - Sale Price £293.

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Patrick Kavanagh,
2, St. Laurence's Road - Sale Price £249.

FORESHORE PROTECTION WORKS.

A letter was read from the Wicklow County Council indicating that the Council had noted from the Reports of the County Engineer that he was of opinion that protection works were necessary both on the North Beach and in the area between the Packet Pier and New Pier and that the estimated cost of the works recommended by him in all was £13,750. Before taking a decision on the matter & making a declaration under Section 2(3) of the Coast Protection Act, 1963 the County Council would like to have the views of the Urban District Council in regard to the works proposed by the Acting County Engineer.

The Meeting unanimously approved of the works recommended by the County Engineer and recommended the Wicklow County Council to make the necessary declaration and proceed to the next stage of the Scheme.

It was noted from the County Council's letter that the Commissioners of Public Works had indicated that the Scheme carried out by Shamrock Fertilizers Limited would not qualify for a Grant under the provisions of the Coast Protection Act, 1963. The Meeting did not consider this decision satisfactory and agreed to take it up again when there would be a fuller attendance of Members.

SUB-LETTING OF MILL YARD.

The Town Clerk reminded the Meeting that some two months ago the Council had agreed in principle to the proposal of Mrs. S. Rutledge to sub-let her yard at South Quay, held under Lease from the Council, for a term of 5 years to Mr. Patrick Rice, Carpenter, subject to the Tenancy Agreement being in order. The Council had further agreed to waive the Covenant in the Lease requiring that the yard be used as a slaughter yard only and permitted it to be used for the business of carpenter, boat builder and allied trades. A copy of the proposed Tenancy Agreement had been obtained and been examined by the Council's Solicitor. It appeared that the Agreement entitled the tenant to do a number of things contrary to the Lease of 1952. In effect this would mean that there would be no obligation whatever on the Lessee to keep the premises in repair. The Law Agent also pointed out that Mrs. Rutledge would be making a profit of £47 per annum if the Council agreed to the assignment and he suggested that what the Council should do would be to accept a surrender of the Lease from Mrs. Rutledge and grant a new Lease to Mr. Rice.

The County Manager pointed out that if the Council agreed to the sub-letting whereby Mrs. Rutledge profitted to the extent of £47 there would be danger of surcharging by the Local Government Auditor. After carefully considering the matter the Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Hopkins to agree to the sub-letting in view of its short term and not to apply any increase in rent providing that the Covenants in the original Lease were adhered to by the sub-tenant.

TOWN SURVEYOR.

The County Manager referred to the necessity of revising the remuneration and conditions of office for the post of Town Surveyor. The present Town Surveyor was paid £96 4s. 4d. per annum but was entitled to fees on Schemes of Capital Works and these fees over the past 15 years had averaged about £160 per annum. In the future the amount of fees would be much reduced as housing work was now

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being carried out by a Consultant Architect and Foreshore Protection Works Schemes would no longer be the responsibility of the Urban Council. He mentioned that in Arklow the Town Surveyor was paid a salary of £235 plus 6% fees and recommended for the Wicklow post a salary of £200 per annum plus 4% fees on Capital Works as sanctioned by the Department of Local Government. This arrangement would, of course, require the Sanction of the Department and pending the making of a permanent appointment he proposed taking on Mr. R. L. Farrell as Temporary Town Surveyor from 1st September, 1964. The Manager said it was likely that the making of a permanent appointment would be a matter for the Local Appointments Commission. The Council unanimously agreed the revised remuneration as suggested by the Manager and agreed to the proposal to appoint Mr. Farrell as Temporary Town Surveyor for a period of three months from the 1st September, 1964 pending the approval of the Department to the making of permanent arrangements.

The County Manager referred to portion of Councillor Lalor's Motion calling for Senior Counsel's Opinion as to the eligibility of Mr. O'Byrne for a lump sum and allowance from the Council. He indicated that he had no doubt himself but that Mr. O'Byrne was entitled but if the Council thought it advisable he would get Legal Opinion. The Meeting agreed that Legal Opinion be sought.

The Chairman remarked that as this was the last Meeting to be attended by the Town Surveyor he would like to extend to Mr. O'Byrne his deep appreciation of his loyal service to the Council and the people of Wicklow for close on forty years and he wished him a long and happy life in retirement. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Doyle and endorsed by Councillor Hopkins who added their sentiments to those expressed by the Chairman. Mr. O'Byrne thanked the Chairman and Members for their kind remarks.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council grant to The Wicklow County Council a renewal of the Lease of plot of ground and premises thereon at Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow and formerly known as Wicklow County Hospital for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1961 at a yearly rent of £100.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Leases, Counterparts and Memorials whereby the Council lease to James Cleary and James Fitzpatrick building Sites Numbers 3 and 4 on the Dunbur Housing Estate respectively for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1963 at a yearly rent of £10.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Leases, Counterparts and Memorials whereby the Council lease to the undermentioned Building Sites on the Dunbur Housing Estate for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964 at an annual rent of £10 each.

Patrick O'Rourke - Site No. 17

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- John Millane - Site No. 18
- Donal Griffin - Site No. 19
- Aiden O'Rourke - Site No. 29
- Brendan J. Whelan - Site No. 30

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to Mr. Francis Conway Building Site Number 15 on Dunbur Road for a term of 75 years from the 29th September 1963 at a yearly rent of £5.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Leases, Counterparts and Memorials whereby the Council lease to John Wilkinson and John Porter Building Sites Numbers 15 and 16 respectively at St. Patrick's Avenue, Wicklow for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964 at an annual rent of £7 10s. Od. each.

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.

Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Indenture of Surrender whereby the Council accept from Henry Wm. Jordan a surrender of his leasehold interest for residue of the term unexpired of 75 years from the 25th March, 1897 of his premises at No. 8, The Mall, Wicklow.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Town Surveyor apologised for being unable to circulate his Report due to his absence on holidays. He then reported that the Water Supply was in a very satisfactory position and that the usual Road Works had been attended to during the month.

VACANCY ON BURIAL BOARD.

The Council unanimously appointed Councillor Philip Doyle to fill the vacancy on the Burial Board created by the death of Councillor Kelly.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- (1) The Town Surveyor promised to look into Councillor Hopkins' request to have the paths to the houses at Castle Street resurfaced,
- (2) Councillor Doyle asked to have the broken window-pane in the Public Convenience of the Town Hall repaired.
- (3) The Meeting authorised the Town Clerk to have urgent carpentry repairs (particularly defective doors and windows) carried out immediately the services of a carpenter can be obtained. It was agreed to review the position regarding repairs at the September Meeting.

SPECIAL BUSINESS IN COMMITTEE.

The Chairman remarked that he had been most anxious that a Meeting be held that night as he had some information of the utmost importance to impart to the Council. The matter arose out of Councillor Kane's appeal at the previous Meeting for further

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industry for the Town. Arising out of publication of a news item dealing with this appeal Councillor Kane had a phone call from an individual who wished to meet him to obtain full details of factory sites in Wicklow. Councillor Kane met this individual and subsequently due to Councillor Kane being away on holidays he (Chairman) also met him on the previous Saturday. The position at present was most confidential as the firm represented by this individual had a factory already in Ireland engaged in light engineering and sheet metal work. This present factory was now too small and the firm was anxious to move out of Dublin to some convenient locality. If satisfied with what was offered in Wicklow the firm might make their headquarters here. Initially the firm was anxious to obtain a freehold site but on learning that this was impossible they indicated their willingness to accept a Lease from the Council. Proximity to the railway was important as they might require their own railway siding. They want a site of approximately three acres and this amount was readily available on The Murrough though to accommodate the size of factory planned might lead to a repositioning of the existing concrete roadway. The employment rate of the factory would be in the region of 50/75/100/150 in a short period and if satisfied with the facilities available here they would be anxious to start in the immediate future. The Managing Director of the firm will very shortly fly over from the Continent to examine the site.

The Meeting unanimously approved of the negotiations conducted by the Chairman and Councillor Kane and agreed to indicate to the firm concerned that they would be prepared to make a site available on the same terms as the site granted to Celmac Limited viz. £50 per acre per year spread over a 10 year period of £5 in the first year rising by £5 yearly to £50 in the 5th and subsequent years. The Council agreed to meet the requirements of the firm in every way possible including the alteration of the roadway if this is considered necessary.

The Meeting concluded at 9.40 p.m.

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J. A. Delahanty

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

28th August, 1964.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st September, 1964, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

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M. J. CUSACK.

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on the 10th August, 1964 (copy herewith).
2. Wicklow Dispensary - correspondence with Wicklow County Council.
3. Letter from residents of Glenside Road re condition of roadway.
4. Tidy Towns Competition 1964 - results and Adjudicators' Report (copy herewith).
5. Town Surveyor - report on correspondence with Department of Local Government re conditions and terms of appointment.
6. Dunbur Housing Estate (a) Site Applications (b) Correspondence with Department of Local Government re proposals for provision of roads and footpaths.
7. Application for building site on St. Patrick's Avenue.
8. Housing Reconstruction Loans - authorise borrowing of £2,000 from Commissioners of Public Works.
9. Tenant Purchase applications.
10. Town Planning Applications.
11. E.S.V. Scheme 1964/65. To consider works to be discharged with aid of Grant of £1,300.
12. Application for consent to assignment of lease - dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road - Mr. J. O'Carroll to Mr. S. Redmond.
13. Sealing of documents.
14. Housing Maintenance - to consider repairs necessary to Council Houses.
15. Application for lease of site on Murrough for development as a caravan park.

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16. To give further consideration to the lease of the proposed factory site on the Murrough and the application for additional space.

17. Any other business at the discretion of the Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER, 1964.

PRESENT: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J. Kane, P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Lalor and J. Everett, T.D.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Acting Town Surveyor and Miss I. Kilcoyne, Clerk Typist.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor William Hopkins.

Opening the meeting the Chairman expressed a welcome to Mr. R. L. Farrell, who that day had taken up duty as Acting Town Surveyor. The Members present joined with the welcome and Mr. Farrell suitably replied.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the adjourned monthly meeting held on the 10th August, 1964 and copy of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments.

1. That the decision to carry out a survey of unoccupied Council houses was taken by the Manager and not by the Members of the Council.
2. That the question as to the condition of the Wicklow Dispensary was raised by Councillor Kane and not by Councillor Conroy.

Councillor Conroy referred to his request at the June meeting for a report on the Foreshore Protection Works Scheme recently completed. The Manager informed the meeting that the Report was being prepared but that certain figures had yet to be extracted from the records by County Council Officials before the report could be finalised.

WICKLOW DISPENSARY.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council indicating the repairs and improvements that have been carried out to the Dispensary and stating that both the County Medical Officer of Health and the District Medical Officer were satisfied with the condition of the premises. The Members expressed dissatisfaction as regards the suitability of the premises. The Manager stated that Wicklow was not included in the Dispensary Programme prepared some years ago. Grants were not now available for Dispensary Buildings and under the general heading of Health Services priority had to be given to extensions to St. Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum. After further discussion it was decided to inform the County Council that whilst the Council were satisfied that as much as possible had been done within reasonable limits to make the existing Dispensary Premises suitable, the Council were of the opinion that a proper Dispensary Building should be provided in Wicklow as a matter of urgency.

It was agreed that the County Council be asked to improve the waiting-room accommodation at the District Hospital and to press them for the provision of a light at the entrance gate and to have the approach to the Mortuary resurfaced. It was further decided to suggest to them the necessity of having a sign-post to

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the Hospital provided at Market Square.

LETTER FROM RESIDENCE OF GLENSIDE ROAD.

A letter was read from the residents of Glenside Road complaining about the condition of their roadway and also the road (Colley Street) leading from St. Dominick's Road to the Ball Alley which they complained had been neglected for a considerable time. It was agreed to refer the matter to the A/Town Surveyor for a report.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

In submitting the Adjudicators' Report, copy of which had been circulated, for the Tidy Towns Competition, 1964, the Town Clerk indicated that he considered the report very satisfactory as they had gained marks since last year (71 compared with 65) and had gained in all 30 marks since the first competition. Councillor Conroy disagreed strongly with the report as he maintained that the town was in a deplorable condition. Councillor Kane referred to the lack of civic spirit in the town and pointed out that to win such a competition required the wholehearted support and co-operation of everyone in the town. After some comments by Members the discussion on the subject terminated.

TOWN SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government conveying sanction to the Council's proposal to appoint Mr. R. L. Farrell as A/Town Surveyor for a period of three months from the 1st September, 1964. The letter requested further information regarding the proposal to revise the remuneration for the post of Town Surveyor to a salary scale of £200 per annum, plus fees at the rate of 4%. The County Manager outlined the reasons which had guided him in suggesting to the Council the revised remuneration for the post of Town Surveyor and he pointed out that in the past fees had averaged about £165 per year. These fees had been mainly on account of housing and foreshore protection works. In the future such works would not be the responsibility of the Town Surveyor and accordingly the amount to be earned by him from fees would be quite small. The Manager indicated how he had arrived at a rate of 4% for fees and why he considered it a reasonable figure. Dealing with the permanent appointment to the post of Town Surveyor the Manager said that it may have to be filled as a result of recommendation by the Local Appointments Commission but the Department of Local Government had not given a decision on this point. The Members expressed their views as to the proposed salary and fees and consideration was given to the question of increasing them. Finally it was decided to let the proposal now before the Department stand and if this remuneration did not prove satisfactory the matter could be reviewed at a later date.

DUNBUR HOUSING ESTATESite Applications:

The Council granted the applications for building sites received from William Kavanagh (Site number 20), James Devlin (Site number 21) and Frank Hynes (Site number 33), the leases in each case to be for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964 at an annual rent of £10. The meeting noted that Messrs Kavanagh and Devlin requested permission to erect semi-detached dwellings and after considering the matter it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor that permission in principle be given subject to the submission of satisfactory house plans.

Extension of Sewer:

The Town Clerk drew the Members attention to the fact that it would be necessary in view of the continued demand for sites on the Estate to extend the 9 ins. sewer to serve sites 22 to 28 inclusive and sites 33 to 40 inclusive. He mentioned that these sites are already served by watermain and that provision has been made that the roadway and footpaths would serve these sites also. The meeting was told that this extension had been envisaged earlier in the year and provision for a half year's loan charges had been included in the Estimates. The estimated cost of the work was approximately £2,000. On the proposal of Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy the meeting unanimously authorised the A/Town Surveyor to prepare contract documents and that as soon as these have been submitted to and approved by the Department of Local Government tenders for the carrying out of the work to be invited by public advertisement.

Provision of Roads and Footpaths:

The Town Clerk reported that as directed at the last meeting he had submitted to the Department all the information at his disposal regarding the proposed construction of roads and footpaths on the Dunbur Housing Estate. He had been in touch with the Department of Local Government by phone on a number of occasions and had hoped to have a decision from them for submission to the meeting. However, he had learned by phone that afternoon that the Department required some further information before a decision could be made. It was decided to ask the Department to give an early decision on the matter and the Manager suggested that a special meeting could be called to deal with the matter as soon as word would come from the Department.

BUILDING SITES AT ST. PATRICK'S AVENUE.

The Council unanimously agreed to grant Thomas Dunne lease of Building Site Number 12 on St. Patrick's Avenue for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964 at an annual rent of £7 10s. 0d. The meeting noted that all the available sites on St. Patrick's Avenue were now taken up and it was agreed to ask the Consultant Architect to investigate the possibility of providing further sites in that area.

HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION LOAN.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that arising out of the discussion on this matter at the last meeting and after consultation with the Department of Local Government it was considered advisable to raise a loan of £2,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works so as to finance the Reconstruction Loans now approved and further loans which might be approved during the course of the coming twelve months.

Proposed by Councillor Lalor.

Seconded by Councillor Conroy

Resolved: "That we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a loan of £2,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works and repayable on the annuity system over a period of 10 years for the purpose of making advances under Section 10 of the Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962".

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Council approved the following applications for purchase

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under the Tenant Purchase Scheme:-

CASH PURCHASES - Mr. Robert Vickers,
Castlefield.

Mrs. E. Byrne,
12, St. Laurence's Road.

ANNUITY PURCHASES - Mr. N. Thornton, 2, Glenview Road.
Mr. James Byrne, 4, Glenview Road.

The Town Clerk mentioned an application from Mr. J. Barry, tenant of the Waterworks cottage, who was anxious to purchase this house. In this case it would first of all be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister to a purchase scheme for the cottage. Councillor Conroy queried the desirability of selling this cottage which was on the Waterworks land and on his suggestion it was agreed to defer the matter and obtain the views of the Law Agent.

TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council unanimously recommended that permission be given, subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied, to the E.S.B. for proposed additions and alterations to yard at Batchelor's Walk.

Councillor Conroy and Councillor Lalor referred to road openings made by the E.S.B. and which had not as yet been reinstated. The A/Town Surveyor promised to look into the matter.

E.S.V. SCHEME.

The meeting noted that a grant of £1,300 had been allocated for the current year subject to a local contribution of £130 making a total of £1,430 available for expenditure. Various works which might be undertaken with the aid of the grant were mentioned and it was agreed that the A/Town Surveyor would submit report and recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.

The A/Town Surveyor undertook to look into Councillor Everett's request to have the right-of-way from Castle Field through Edward Kavanagh's field to the Cliff Walk improved. He also undertook to have the Zebra Crossing at the Convent School repainted as requested by the Chairman.

Councillor Conroy complained that the Brickfield Lane had not been resurfaced in tarmacadam out of the Road Improvement Grant and maintained that it had been agreed by the Council that this should be done and not the "Slang" Road which had been resurfaced.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - PREMISES AT DUNBUR ROAD.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.

Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

Resolved: That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Assignment whereby the Council in consideration of the sum of £1,315 and Interest thereon being paid to them consent to the Assignment by Mr. J. O'Carroll to Mr. S. Redmond of his Interest in a dwellinghouse at Dunbur Road

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.

Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

Resolved: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to John Mitchell Building Site Number 5 on Dunbur for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964 at a yearly rent of £10."

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.

Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

Resolved: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart and Memorial whereby the Council lease to John Conway Building Site Number 14 on Dunbur Road for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1963 at an annual rent of £7 10s. 0d."

HOUSING MAINTENANCE.

During the course of discussion on housing repairs Councillor Lalor said that local joiners should be given an opportunity of tendering for the manufacture of new doors. In addition to the usual repairs Members indicated that the replacement of William Hunter's boundary wall at St. Laurence's Road and the repair of chimneys on the Murrough houses required special attention. As regards the method of dealing with repairs generally it was decided on the proposal of Councillor Kane that the A/Town Surveyor should examine the twenty most urgent repairs and that these be dealt with in rotation. When these repairs were completed another twenty houses could then be taken and so on.

CARAVAN SITE ON MURROUGH.

An application was read from Mr. Oliver O'Reilly, Rathdrum, for a lease of a site on the Murrough for development as a caravan park. The County Manager referred to a decision of the Council some years ago dealing with a similar application that if a caravan park were to be provided on the Murrough it would be provided by the Council themselves. Members noted the fact that space on the Murrough was urgently required for industrial development and whilst they were sympathetic to the application the site could not be made available. It was decided to inform the applicant of this fact and to indicate that if he could meet the Town Clerk various private sites in the town which might be suitable for his purpose could be pointed out to him.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Kane proposed a Vote of Congratulations through their Chairman, Mr. Frank Kearney, to the Members of the Junior County Hurling Team on their success in having reached the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Semi-Final. The Vote was supported by the other Members and passed.

VACANT HOUSE.

In reply to Members the Town Clerk said he had just that afternoon learned that Number 16, St. Laurence's Park had been vacated by the tenant, William Tavner, and it would be allocated in accordance with the Housing List. He also said that Mr. Peter Byrne, 19, St. Laurence's Park had applied for a transfer to the vacant house. The Members pointed out that there were special circumstances governing Mr. Byrne's application and they recommended

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to the County Manager that the transfer be granted subject to a rent increase of 25 per cent.

The advisability of increasing the rents of these dearer houses on reletting after vacancy was considered. The Council noted and confirmed the present practise whereby the houses whose inclusive rent is less than 10/- have their basic rent increased by 50 per cent on reletting after vacancy. After some discussion and various suggestions it was finally agreed that as from that day future lettings of Council houses the inclusive rent of which exceeds 10/- per week would have the basic rent increased by 25 per cent providing the income of the tenant is more than £10 per week.

TENNIS CLUB.

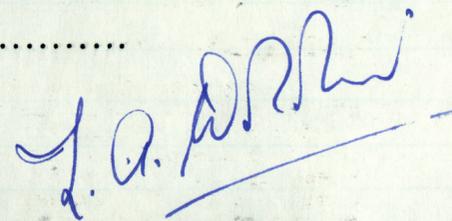
The Chairman asked if the A/Town Surveyor could do anything about resurfacing the hard court for the Wicklow Tennis Club on a repayment basis and the Surveyor promised to examine the matter.

SPECIAL BUSINESS IN COMMITTEE.PROPOSED NEW FACTORY ON MURROUGH.

The Chairman outlined the negotiations which had taken place to date and with which both Councillor Kane and himself were concerned. The firm was very pleased with the facilities offered and the terms of the proposed Lease were acceptable to them. However, it now appeared that they would require a site measuring approximately 5 acres instead of the 3 acres originally sought and it was expected a complete development on this site would take place over a period of five years. The firm was still very anxious that the negotiations be kept confidential and in particular that their name would not be made known. They already had a factory elsewhere in Ireland and complications could arise if their proposals for the new factory in Wicklow were to be made public. Councillor Everett advised that a confidential report on the firm should be obtained from the Industrial Development Authority and the Chairman said he would do this. Having heard the report on negotiations to date the Council expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had carried out the negotiations. After further discussion on the matter Councillor Kane's suggestion was adopted that the firm be asked to submit their over-all plan for the 5 acre site together with a programme of development so as to assist the Council to come to a final decision on the matter.

The Town Clerk referred to the Lease of a proposed site on the Murrough to the Department of Defence for an F.C.A. Headquarters and it was agreed that due to the intense industrial development on the Murrough that the Department of Defence be asked not to proceed with this Lease but that the Council would look into the possibility of providing an alternative site in the Ball Alley.

The Meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

2nd October, 1964.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 6th October, 1964, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

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M. J. CUSACK.

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 1st September, 1964 - (copy herewith).
2. Correspondence with Wicklow County Council re Wicklow Dispensary and District Hospital.
3. E.S.V. Scheme 1964/65 - to consider list of works proposed by Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
4. Site for F.C.A. Headquarters - report of discussions with Department of Defence.
5. Public Lighting - application from Wicklow Chamber of Commerce.
6. Superannuation of former Town Surveyor - Opinion of Senior Counsel (circulated herewith).
7. To approve Overdraft Accommodation for quarter ending 31st December, 1964.
8. Parnell Bridge - report of Town Surveyor on repairs necessary to bridge.
9. Dunbur Housing Estate - (a) Site applications (b) provision of roads and footpaths.
10. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 - circular herewith.
11. Planning applications.
12. Association of Municipal Authorities - report on Motions submitted by Council (copy herewith).
13. Sealing of documents (a) leases of building sites on St. Patrick's Avenue (b) Tenant Purchase documents.
14. Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).

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15. Lease of factory site on Murrrough.
 16. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th OCTOBER, 1964.

PRESENT: Councillor T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Lalor, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, J. Kane, W. Hopkins and J. Everett, T.D.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. K. J. Brangan, Deputy County Manager, Mr. M. J. Casack, Town Clerk, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Acting Town Surveyor and Miss I. Kilcoyne, Clerk Typist.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st September, 1964 and copy of which had been circulated were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LEASE OF FACTORY SITE ON MURROUGH.

The Chairman told the meeting that Mr. Van Der Flier who had been negotiating the Lease of the factory site on the Murrough for Veba Limited was anxious to meet the Council that night to discuss their proposals with them. He, Chairman, had arranged for him to attend in company with a fellow director at 8 p.m. and it had also been thought advisable to have the Council's Law Agent present. The Members agreed with the arrangements and also that the meeting be held in committee. Mr. Van Der Flier and Mr. King, Directors, Veba Limited, and Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Law Agent, attended at this stage. The Chairman welcomed them and asked Mr. Van Der Flier to outline his company's proposals for the benefit of the Council. Veba Limited had submitted an outline plan for the site on the Murrough and Mr. Van Der Flier explained the buildings it was first proposed to erect and also pointed out the ones which would be constructed later. He indicated they were anxious to commence building before the end of the year so as to be in production by mid-summer, 1965, with an employment rate of 100 workers rising rapidly to 150.

Regarding the lease a few matters required clarification and the Law Agent advised that the Council agree to delete from the Lease the clause requiring the consent of the Council to any Assignment, Transfer, etc., and to substitute the following clause - "AND the Lessee shall give notice to the Council of any Assignment, Transfer, Subletting or Mortgage of the said premises by the Lessee" - this was agreed to. Mr. McCarroll pointed out that the lease map showed the existing public road as being included in the Lease but that this road could not be leased by the Council as it was a public road. It could only be done after it would cease to be a public road by order of the Minister for Local Government and after the construction of an alternative road. It was agreed that it would be necessary to exclude the road from the Lease. The Council did agree, however, that when an alternative roadway was constructed and the existing roadway ceased to be a public road then the latter road would be handed over to Veba Limited for their private use in connection with the factory. It was noted that the cost of constructing the new roadway would be approximately £3,500 and after some discussion it was decided that Veba Limited would investigate the possibility of obtaining assistance for its construction from the Industrial Development Authority whilst the Council undertook to approach the Minister for Local Government with a view to getting State assistance towards the cost of its construction.

Veba Limited asked about an option on the small plot of ground measuring approximately 1½ acres between their site and the railway line. The meeting was agreeable but did not think that a formal agreement was necessary. Instead the Council indicated that should any enquiries be received for the site Veba Limited would be notified

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and given the first opportunity of taking a Lease of same.

Having thanked the Council for their assistance, Mr. Van Der Flier and his Fellow Director, Mr. King, withdrew. The Council's Law Agent also left at this stage.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Correspondence with Wicklow County Council regarding the District Hospital, Wicklow, and the Dispensary was read. It was decided to press the County Council very strongly to give serious consideration to the Council's wishes for the construction of a new dispensary building in Wicklow Town. Regarding the District Hospital it was noted that arrangements are being made to have the approach to the mortuary and the avenue from the main entrance gate to the hall door resurfaced in tarmacadam. It was decided to point out that Members had personal knowledge of the inadequacy of the lighting on the approach to the hospital and to press for its improvement; to again request the provision of a sign-post at Market Square indicating the way to the hospital as Members had received complaints from the public on this matter. Finally the meeting could not accept that adequate waiting-room accommodation was available and to again ask that this be provided.

E.S.V. SCHEME.

The Council considered a list of works submitted by the A/Town Surveyor proposed to be carried out with the aid of the E.S.V. Scheme Grant. Councillor Conroy congratulated the Engineer on his report. He pointed out that the footpath at Church Street should not be resurfaced by the Council as he maintained it had never been properly reinstated by the Post Office and felt that this body should be forced to have it satisfactorily replaced. The meeting unanimously adopted the proposed list of works with the exception of the footpath at Church Street.

F.C.A. HEADQUARTERS.

The Town Clerk and A/Town Surveyor reported on discussions with representatives of the Department of Defence regarding the possibility of siting the proposed F.C.A. Headquarters in the Ball Alley. On a map submitted the Engineer indicated the difficulty in siting the proposed building and it was accepted that the Ball Alley was not a suitable site. The meeting agreed that the Department be offered the original site on the Murrough on the terms agreed provided the Engineer was satisfied that sufficient space still remains to meet the Department's requirements.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from Wicklow Chamber of Commerce noting the quotation received by the Council for the provision of pilot lights and requesting the Council as soon as circumstances permitted to provide one pilot light on the Main Street opposite the junction of Morton's Lane. The Chamber also asked if an additional public light could be provided in the Main Street at Franklins as this was the only area of the Main Street not properly lighted. Councillor Kane referred to the elaborate scheme submitted some time ago by the E.S.B. and wondered if the lighting system generally in the Town could not be improved at a reasonable cost. The meeting decided to approach the E.S.B. on this matter.

The Town Clerk mentioned that it would be necessary to provide additional lighting on St. Patrick's Avenue in view of the new houses being erected there and it was decided to seek a quotation from the E.S.B. Councillor Everett enquired as to when the E.S.B. would

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provide a supply to the Dunbur Housing Estate and the Town Surveyor said that in the matter of a week or ten days he would be in a position to indicate to them the line of the roadway so that they could erect their poles in suitable positions.

SUPERANNUATION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR.

Copy of Opinion of Senior Counsel on this matter had been circulated but it was decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting for the attendance of the County Manager.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Proposed by Councillor Hopkins.

Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby approve, subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the provision of temporary overdraft accommodation not exceeding £2,500 for the quarter ending 31st December, 1964, for the purpose of meeting current expenditure.

PARNELL BRIDGE.

A report was read from the A/Town Surveyor regarding repairs necessary to the Parnell Bridge, the abutment of which on the Leitrim Place side was undermined. In reply to questions the Engineer stressed the importance of having this work done otherwise the Council could find themselves involved in greater expense if the bridge collapsed. He estimated the cost of repairs at approximately £150. The meeting unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor that the repairs be undertaken and approved the necessary additional expenditure on the current year. Councillor Conroy requested the Engineer to examine the condition of the retaining wall on the Leitrim Place side of the river.

DUNBUR HOUSING ESTATE - SITE APPLICATIONS.

On the proposal of Councillor Lalor seconded by Councillor Conroy Leases of building sites were granted to the undermentioned for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964, at an annual rent of £10 each:-

Site Number 22	- James Synnott.
" "	26 - Oliver Lalor.
" "	27 - Patrick Lalor.
" "	31 - John Walsh.
" "	46 - Francis Newsome.

Roads and Footpaths.

The meeting noted a letter from the Department of Local Government sanctioning the proposal to the construction of roads and footpaths on the Dunbur Housing Estate by Direct Labour at an estimated cost of £6,549 16s. Od. It was pointed out that this estimate covered the cost of surfacing the roads in tarmacadam and constructing the paths with concrete kerbs and paved concrete slabs. It was proposed by Councillor Conroy, seconded by Councillor Lalor -

RESOLVED: "That we hereby authorise, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the raising of a loan of £6,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works, for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing roads and footpaths on the Dunbur Housing Estate; the loan to be repayable on the Annuity System over 25 years at 6 per cent interest".

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1963.

An explanatory circular dealing with the operation of the Act which came into force on 1st October, 1964, had been circulated, was noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Council unanimously recommended that Planning Permission be granted in the following instances:-

Mr. William Kavanagh - erection of semi-detached dwelling on Dunbur Housing Estate.

Mr. James Devlin - do.

Mr. Thomas Dunne - erection of bungalow on St. Patrick's Avenue.

In reply to Councillor Kane the Engineer said he had two further applications which he had not an opportunity of fully examining as yet. These were an application for permission to erect an extension to the Wicklow Mineral Water Company's factory at Monkton Row and a proposal of Michael McInerney's to convert his dwellinghouse at Main Street/Coates Lane into apartments. In both these instances the Council recommended that approval be granted subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

The Council unanimously recommended Messrs William Kavanagh, James Devlin and Thomas Dunne as suitable applicants for Housing Construction Loans.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Council noted the report from the Town Clerk on the Motions forwarded to the Annual Conference held in Bundoran in September.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterparts whereby the Council lease to Leo Cullen Building Site Number 13 on St. Patrick's Avenue for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964, at an annual rent of £7 10s. Od.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to lease and counterparts whereby the Council lease to Thomas Dunne Building Site Number 12 on St. Patrick's Avenue for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964, at an annual rent of £7 10s. Od.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Deed of Surrender and Counterparts whereby the Council accept from Shamrock Fertilizers Limited a surrender of the Lease of Five Building Sites on St. Patrick's Avenue which were granted to the Company together with two other sites for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1961 at a yearly rent of £52 10s. Od., the Surrender to date from the 25th March, 1964 and the rent to be reduced to £15 per annum."