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Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease, Counterpart whereby the Council sells to Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Byrne under the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government the house of which she is tenant at No. 12 St. Laurence's Road, Wicklow, for the sum of £249 subject to a 99 year lease from the 29th September, 1964 at a yearly rent of £1.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The report, copy of which was circulated, was noted. The Town Clerk told Councillor Lalor that the Engineer's report on Mr. Hunter's wall had been inadvertently omitted but that the cost of replacing it would be about £15. It was agreed that this be done. The Engineer was also asked to examine the condition of a similar wall at the house tenanted by Moses Kelly on Glenview Road. The proposal to improve access to the stile and right-of-way at Ned Kavanagh's field at Dastle Field was agreed.

Councillor Lalor raised the question of the necessity of rewiring Council houses and it was decided to take the matter up once more with the E.S.B. and press them for a report on the condition of the wiring.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Kane said that in December, 1963 he had proposed that application be made to the Government for the transfer of a Government Department to Wicklow. The Town Clerk confirmed that this request had been submitted to the Department of An Taoiseach and had been acknowledged. No further communication was received on the matter. The meeting unanimously agreed that the matter be taken up again.

Councillor Kane pointed out that as the Murrough was now almost entirely taken up with industry the County Council should be approached with the possibility of acquiring the outer Murrough up as far as Newcastle under the Planning Acts as an amenity for the Wicklow area. It was agreed to get the views of the Wicklow County Council on the matter.

Councillor Doyle was told that the '98 Memorial in Market Square was vested in the Council and that a report on the damage recently done to it was made to the Gardai and was under investigation by them.

Councillor Conroy requested that any future accounts for Ground Rents be delivered by post rather than hand and it was agreed that this be done.

The Chairman told Councillor Kane that the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners were examining the possibility of erecting a railing on the seaward side of the extension on the back of the East Pier.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

30th 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, 3rd November, 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 6th October, 1964, (copy herewith).
2. Letter from An Taisce - The National Trust regarding preservation of Rare Clovers on The Murrough.
3. Correspondence with Department of An Taoiseach re transfer of Government Departments to Wicklow.
4. Correspondence with Wicklow County Council re protection of right-of-way and provision of public recreation ground on Sea Murrough.
5. December Road Safety Campaign.
6. Housing List No. 16- 1st October, 1964.
7. Public Lighting:-
 - (a) Report and quotation from E.S.B. for improvement of public lighting at Main Street (copy herewith).
 - (b) Quotation for provision of additional light at St. Patrick's Avenue.
8. Housing Development at Wentworth Place - application from C. G. Cooney Limited to have roads, paths, watermain and lights taken over by the Council.
9. Superannuation of Former Town Surveyor - Opinion of Senior Counsel (copy previously circulated).
10. Planning Applications.
11. Sealing of Documents:-
 - (a) Renewal of Leases.
 - (b) Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd., South Quay.

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- (c) Mr. J. McCall, New Street.
- (d) Miss B. Devlin, Bond Street.
- (e) Tenant Purchase Scheme Leases.
- (f) Lease of site at St. Patrick's Avenue to James A. O'Neill.

12. Monthly report of Acting Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
 13. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3rd NOVEMBER, 1964.

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

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

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

Councillor Everett proposed a Vote of Sympathy with Councillor and Mrs. Deering on the tragic death of their son and also with the wife and family of the late Thomas Campbell. The message was supported by the Chairman and the Members present and was passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 6th October, 1964 copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

LEASE OF FACTORY SITE ON MURROUGH.

Arising out of the Minutes the Chairman said he was pleased to announce that negotiations which had been going on for some months now with Veba Limited for the establishing of a factory on a 5½ acre site on the Murrough had now been satisfactorily concluded. The Lease had been signed by the Directors of Veba Limited and it was now before the Council for sealing by them. The Chairman paid tribute to Councillor Kane whose appeal for more industries for the town had attracted the attention of this firm. Councillor Everett joined in the tribute and also expressed appreciation of the publicity given to the appeal by the Press. Councillor Conroy also spoke and Councillor Kane in replying thanked the Chairman for his assistance in carrying out the negotiations. Councillor Kane went on to mention the necessity of carrying out a comprehensive survey of sites available in the town and surrounding areas for further industries.

PROPOSED BY Councillor Kane

SECONDED BY Councillor Conroy

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council lease to Veba Limited a site on the Murrough, Wicklow, measuring 5 acres 3 roods for the purpose of their erecting a factory thereon, for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964 at an annual rent of £29 in the first year and rising by £29 per annum to £290 in the tenth and subsequent years."

PRESERVATION OF RARE CLOVERS ON MURROUGH.

A letter was read from An Taisce, The National Trust for Ireland, regarding the preservation of rare clovers on the Murrough which grow on the bank of the Leirrim River at the rear of the Council houses. These clovers are in danger of extinction reason of dumping of garden refuse. The Town Clerk pointed out that in November, 1959 the Council had made an Order prohibiting dumping in this area but that nevertheless a certain amount of dumping was still carried on. The Council noted from the report of the Acting Town Surveyor that the cost of removing the dumped material would be fairly high. After discussion it was decided to write to the residents of the houses on the Murrough drawing their attention to the existence of the clovers and seeking their

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co-operation in their preservation. It was also decided to ask An Taisce to point out the exact location of these clovers.

DECENTRALIZATION OF GOVERNMENT.

The Town Clerk reported that he had written to the Department of An Taoiseach as requested regarding the possibility of siting a Government Department in Wicklow and had been informed that the request was being brought to the attention of the Minister for Finance. The Meeting decided that the Minister for Finance be contacted directly on the matter.

PROTECTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL GROUNDS ON SEA MURROUGH.

A letter was read from the Wicklow County Council in connection with the Council's request that the Sea Murrough be acquired and developed for public recreational purposes and the existing right-of-way thereon protected. The letter indicated that while the County Council would have power under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, to preserve existing rights-of-way it would be necessary to have confirmation that in fact a public right-of-way did exist and they asked the assistance of the Urban Council in this matter. After discussion it was decided to indicate to the County Council that there were a number of old residents in the town who would be able to give evidence of having used this right-of-way in their young days and that in fact a number of the Urban Councillors are prepared to give similar evidence. The Meeting expressed the feeling that the preservation of the existing rights-of-way on the Murrough would be only a first step and that immediately this is done arrangements should be in hand to acquire the entire Sea Murrough from Wicklow Urban Area to Killougher Lane as a public space and that it be developed for public recreational purposes.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

The Meeting was informed that the Minister for Local Government had arranged for the holding of a Road Safety Fortnight, commencing on Friday 4th December next, and had requested each Local Authority to formulate and run a local campaign during this fortnight. The Town Clerk said he had been assigned to certain duties in connection with the Campaign and outlined what had been done to date. The Chairman on behalf of the Council made an appeal to the general public for their co-operation and assistance in making the Road Safety Fortnight a success.

HOUSING LIST NUMBER SIXTEEN.

The Town Clerk indicated that he had only that morning received the Medical Officer's Report and would arrange to have it circulated for the December Meeting. He said that four new names had been added to the Housing List and in reply to queries indicated that Number 1 on the List was Mr. John Mernagh, Castle Street. It was explained that Mr. Mernagh would be entitled to the tenancy of the vacant Council house and it would not be possible at this stage to grant transfers to the three applicants for transfer. It was noted that one of the applicants, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, St. Kevin's Terrace, had stated that there were thirteen persons in a three-roomed house. The Manager said it might be possible to arrange transfer when the letting of the four houses at Castle Park would be under consideration. The Council agreed that Mrs. Murphy should get first preference for a transfer in the future. Councillor Everett asked as to the possibility of building on an additional room to Murphy's house and when Members raised the matter of overcrowding in other houses which might also need additional accommodation it was decided to have a census carried out of overcrowding in Council houses generally.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Meeting then considered a letter from the Public Lighting Section, E.S.B., copy of which had been circulated, containing proposals for an improved lighting system in the Main Street and after some discussion it was decided that the Town Surveyor should meet Mr. Nugent of the E.S.B. to discuss the proposals and report back to the Council.

A quotation was submitted from the E.S.B. in sum of £13. for the provision of an additional light at St. Patrick's Avenue. Councillor Conroy suggested that in future a 11 additional lights might be of the fluorescent nature and it was agreed to erect such a light in St. Patrick's Avenue in place of the 200 W. Fungsten lamp now quoted for.

Councillor Doule again raised the matter of lighting at the entrance to the District Hospital and referred in particular to the need of a light at the Mortuary. It was decided to press the County Council strongly on this matter as well as to request that provision be made at the Mortuary for parking a accommodation for at least one mourning car.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT WENTWORTH PLACE.

An application was read from Messrs C. G. Cooney Limited to have the roads, footpaths, watermain, sewerage and public lighting serving the four new houses at Wentworth Place taken into public charge. The Meeting noted from the report of the Town Surveyor that the Development had been carried out to a very high standard and that there would be no objection to it being taken over. Regarding the lighting the Town Clerk pointed out that two modern lamp standards had been erected and that the annual lighting charge per lamp would be £7 10s. 0d. During the course of discussion it was mentioned that the houses had not yet been valued but that their valuations would be known in March, 1965 and that they would be subject to rates as from 1st April, 1965. It was finally decided that whilst the Council were favourably disposed towards the application the actual decision to take over the road and services would be left over until the valuation of the premises would be known in March next.

SUPERANNUATION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR.

The County Manager said he had obtained the Opinion of Senior Counsel as requested by the Council and this Opinion had been circulated for the information of Members. He told the Council that it appeared that they were liable to pay superannuation to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne in respect of his service as Town Surveyor. In reply to Councillor Conroy the Manager said he had prepared the case for submission to Senior Counsel and had given the facts about the Town Surveyor's appointment and his remuneration. He had also set out what the Act had to say in the matter. The Town Clerk told Councillor Kane that provision for the payment of the superannuation had been made in the Estimates. Councillor Conroy was told by the County Manager that the Senior Counsel appointed was Mr. Noel Peart and that he had appointed him after discussion with the Council's Law Agent. It was considered that Mr. Peart was the best qualified to give advice on this matter as he had a great deal of experience in dealing with Local Authority affairs. Councillor Everett maintained that the Minister had no power to sanction the pension and gratuity in respect of two appointments and the Manager replied that the matter did not go to the Minister at any time. The Manager also pointed out that whilst a provision for payment of Superannuation had been made in the Estimates it would still be necessary for the Council to approve of the payment of the lump sum in the current financial year. Councillor Kane enquired if the Council

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were leaving themselves open to a legal action should they refuse to pay the superannuation and was told that Mr. O'Byrne could bring the matter to Court. It was proposed by Councillor Kane seconded by Councillor Hopkins that having regard to the Opinion of Senior Counsel and being satisfied the Council was liable and in view of the fact that provision had been made in the Estimates that payment of superannuation, lump sum and allowance to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Former Town Surveyor, be paid. The following amendment was put forward by Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor:

"That payment of superannuation and allowance to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Former Town Surveyor be deferred until such time as a further Opinion be obtained from another Senior Counsel with particular regard to the fact that Mr. O'Byrne was in the whole-time employment of Wicklow County Council in addition to being in part-time employment of Wicklow Urban District Council."

A vote was then taken on the Amendment - FOR: Councillors Everett, Conroy, Lalor and Doyle (4); AGAINST: Councillors Delahunt, Kane and Hopkins (3). The Amendment was declared carried and the original Motion declared lost as a result of the same vote.

Councillor Hopkins was told by the County Manager that the Counsel's Opinion would cost Ten Guineas and that the Council would be responsible for the payment. The County Manager asked the Council to nominate a Senior Counsel from whom the Opinion would be sought and mentioned that on past occasions Opinions had been obtained from Mr. Miloy S.C. and Mr. Ryan, S.C. On the proposal of Mr. Conroy seconded by Mr. Everett it was agreed that in this case an Opinion be sought from Mr. S. McBride, S.C.

POSITION OF ACTING TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that they had recommended the appointment of Mr. R. L. Farrell as Acting Town Surveyor for a period of three months expiring on the 30th November, 1964. As it was now proposed to continue his appointment for a further three months the approval of the Council was sought. The meeting unanimously recommended the continued appointment of Mr. R. L. Farrell as Acting Town Surveyor for three months to the 28th February, 1965.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

An application was submitted from the National Building Agency Limited for permission to erect a dwellinghouse for Celmac Limited on Site Number 2 on the Dunbur Estate. There being no objection from the Town Surveyor the Council unanimously recommended that permission be granted.

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, Memorial whereby the Council grant a renewal of Lease to The Wicklow Corn Co. Ltd. of a piece or plot of ground with the stores, yards, offices, sheds and buildings thereon situate at and known as No. 12 South Quay, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964, at an annual rent of £25."

PROPOSED BY Councillor Conroy
SECONDED BY Councillor Lalor

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RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council lease to James A. O'Neill a Lease of Building Site No. 14 on St. Patrick's Avenue for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964 at an annual rent of £7 10s. 0d.

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 grant a renewal of Lease to James J. McCall of a piece or plot of ground with dwellinghouse and yard thereon situate and known as No. 3, New Street, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1962, at an annual rent of £2 5s. 0d.

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 grant a renewal of Lease to Miss Brigid Devlin of a piece or plot of ground with dwellinghouse, yard and passage thereon situate at Bond Street, The Murrough, Wicklow, for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1963 at a yearly rent of 7s. 6d.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTING TOWN SURVEYOR.

The meeting then considered this report, copy of which had been circulated:-

1. Councillor Everett congratulated the Acting Town Surveyor on the improvements carried out to the right-of-way at Castlefield.
2. Regarding the condition of the Old Dunbur Road reported on at the October meeting the Town Surveyor, on the request of Councillor Conroy, undertook to have the pot-holes repaired during the course of the month.
3. The A/Town Surveyor also undertook to have the loose gravel on Glenside Road swept off.
4. The Chairman reported that he had inspected the condition of the Parnell Bridge in company of the A/Town Surveyor and he agreed that repairs were urgently needed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. A letter was read from St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club thanking the Council for the surplus soil made available to them as a result of excavations for new roads at Dunbur. This soil was a great help in developing the new Football Park at Dunbur.
2. Councillor Conroy enquired if provision was being made for a shop site on the Dunbur Estate and was told that the Architect was looking into the matter and was being given consideration in conjunction with the Department's request that open spaces be provided in the Estate.
3. Councillor Conroy asked the County Manager when the report on the last Foreshore Grant would be made available to the Council and was told that the matter was having attention and would be prepared

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as soon as certain figures regarding the working of the quarry had been extracted and submitted by the County Council Official dealing with the matter.

4. Councillor Hopkins referred to the condition of the public dump at Dunbur and drew attention to the rat infestation which he attributed to the dumping of chicken offal. The Town Clerk undertook to discuss the matter with the County Medical Officer the following morning and to make arrangements to have the problem remedied.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

J.A. Delaney

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

27th November, 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, 1st December, 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 3rd November, 1964. (copy herewith)
2. Report of the Commission on Itinerancy - Circular Letter from Department of Local Government (copy herewith).
3. Housing List No.16 as at 1st October, 1964 (copy herewith).
4. Scheme of Four Houses at Castle Park - to consider rents to be charged.
10- Houses Ballynamin.
5. Government White Paper "Housing Progress and Prospects".
6. Census of overcrowding in Council houses.
7. Public Lighting - (a) Proposed improvement in Main Street Area (b) public lighting on Dunbur Estate (c) additional light St. Patrick's Avenue. *XXXXX Lighting Plan.*
8. Fix date of Annual Christmas Fowl Market. *- Fri. 18th.*
9. Financial Statement (copy herewith).
10. Housing Construction Loans (a) loan applications (b) Authorise borrowing of £40,000 from Commissioners of Public Works for purpose of Loan Advances.
11. Dunbur Housing Estate (a) site applications (b) report on construction of roads and footpaths.
12. Planning applications.
13. Superannuation of Former Town Surveyor - letter from Law Agent.
14. Development at Wentworth Place - letter from C.G. Cooney Limited.
15. Letter from Wicklow and District Mens' Association.
16. Sealing of documents - Tenant Purchase Scheme Sales.
17. Monthly Report of Acting Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
18. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
Transfer of Govt. Dept.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER, 1964

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

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 3rd November, 1964, copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY.

The Meeting considered a Circular Letter from the Department of Local Government regarding points made in this report with particular reference to the desirability of Urban Councils providing camping sites for itinerants. Members commented that itinerants were not a problem in Wicklow Urban Area and consequently there was no necessity of providing a camping site. It was agreed to inform the Department of this and to indicate that the Council would keep the matter under review.

HOUSING LIST NUMBER 16.

The Meeting considered Housing List Number 16 as at 1st October, 1964, copy of which had been circulated. Councillor Everett enquired if each vacant house could be advertised as vacancy occurred instead of reletting it in accordance with the Housing List. The County Manager and Town Clerk pointed out that this had been the practise of the Council and as it was found to be unsatisfactory the Housing List system was adopted. In reply to Members the Town Clerk mentioned that he had received the Contract Documents for a Ten Houses Scheme at Ballynerrin and would be advertising for Tenders that week. The County Manager pointed out that these ten additional houses plus the four houses now nearing completion at Castle Park would deal with all the qualified applicants on the Housing List. Councillor Conroy wanted a report on the gate lodge at Friars Hill from which a person had been rehoused on a previous occasion. A report was also sought on Mr. Michael Smullen who had been an applicant on the List for a good number of years. It was agreed that the position of the Housing List would be considered further at the January Meeting when the matter of letting the four new houses at Castle Park would be under discussion.

Regarding the vacant Council house at Monkton Row it was agreed that the next in order on the Housing List, Mr. Hodginson, should get the tenancy and that if he was willing to transfer with Mrs. Murphy of St. Bride's Road, the Council would be agreeable.

SCHEME OF FOUR HOUSES AT CASTLE PARK. - FIXING OF RENTS.

The Town Clerk reported that the four houses at Castle Park were now nearing completion and that taking into account increased labour and material costs since the date of the tender the final all-in cost per house would be £2,380. The economic rent of these houses would be £3 2s. 6d. per week but as it was hoped to be able to qualify for two-thirds State Subsidy in respect of the persons to be rehoused the rent required would be 35/9d. per week. As in all cases the Department expected the Council to give a Subsidy from rates. The Town Clerk suggested a Rate Subsidy of 5/-d. per week thereby reducing the rent to 30/9d. per week. The Town Clerk further indicated that in addition to rent rates would be payable and on the basis of

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an estimated valuation of £10 and at the current rate of 44/-d. in the £ the weekly rates on the house would amount to 8/6d. Consequently the inclusive weekly rent at which the houses could be let would be 39/3d. It would, of course, be necessary to obtain the sanction of the Minister to these rent proposals. The Council unanimously adopted the rent proposals submitted and confirmed a Subsidy of 5/-d. per week from rates subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. It was agreed that the persons on the Council's Housing List be informed of the rents proposed for these houses.

In view of increased industrial activity in the town consequently leading to an increased demand for houses the Council unanimously agreed to apply to the Department of Local Government for sanction to the erection of a further ten houses at Ballynerrin.

GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON HOUSING.

The White Paper entitled "Housing - Progress and Prospects" had been circulated to Members. It was marked noted.

CENSUS OF OVERCROWDING IN COUNCIL HOUSES.

The Town Clerk mentioned that preliminary work on this Census had been carried out by the Rent Collector and particulars submitted to the County Medical Officer who would finalise the report and have it available for the next Meeting of the Council.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Council considered the report of the Town Surveyor who recommended a scheme of fluorescent lighting on seventeen poles in the Main Street area at an initial cost of £364 plus an additional annual cost of £33. Councillor Kane thought the initial charge very high and suggested pressing the E.S.B. for a reduction in this charge as he felt that the E.S.B. should be more favourably disposed towards improvements of the public lighting system which had not been altered since its installation in 1927. This was agreed to. The Council further agreed to provide one additional light at St. Patrick's Avenue at a cost of £13, and further agreed to the provision of an additional light at Quarantine Hill possibly at the rear of the Town Hall with the location to be decided upon by the Acting Town Surveyor. The Meeting agreed that the provision of three new lights on the Dunbur Estate was necessary and agreed that a quotation be obtained.

The Meeting approved the application of the Wicklow Traders' Association to have the Christmas Street Lighting connected to the public lighting system, the cost of same to be recouped by the Association.

CHRISTMAS FOWL MARKET.

It was decided that the Christmas Fowl Market would be held on Monday, 21st December, 1964.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Financial Statement, copy of which had been circulated was noted.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOANS.

The Council unanimously recommended Mr. Peter McGrath, Fitzwilliam Road, as a suitable applicant for a loan of £1,800.

The Town Clerk reported that it would be necessary to borrow further monies from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance

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Housing Construction Loans. He mentioned that since private building in the town recommenced in April, 1962, 32 loans amounting to £55,700 had been approved by the Council. To meet these loans the Council had so far borrowed £46,400 and consequently would require a further £9,300 to meet loans approved. On the basis of sites leased at Dunbur Road he estimated that a further £30,000 would be required to meet advances during 1965/66. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Council was at no loss in making these loans available to house builders but in fact made a small profit which helped to cover administration expenses.

Proposed By Councillor Conroy
Seconded by Councillor Lalor

RESOLVED: "That we hereby request the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the Borrowing of the sum of £40,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable over 35 years on the Annuity System for the purpose of making advances under Section 11 Housing (Loan and Grants) Act, 1962.

DUNBUR HOUSING ESTATE.

The Town Clerk submitted applications for building sites from Messrs Veba Limited (sites Number 28, 38, 40, 44 and 45) Peter McGrath (Site Number 34) and Bernard Gibney (Site Number 35). The Council unanimously granted the applications, the leases to be for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964, at an annual rent of £10 per site per annum.

From the report of the Acting Town Surveyor the Council noted with satisfaction progress made on the construction of roads and footpaths. The Town Clerk drew Members attention to the fact that in the present development only ten sites now remained for allocation and the Meeting agreed that arrangements should be made to develop further sites immediately.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

National Bank Limited	- Erection of new bank premises at Main Street.
F. J. Stafford	- Erection of small showrooms at Church Street/Bachelor's Walk.
Peter McGrath	- Erection of bungalow Site No. 4 Dunbur.
Oliver Lalor	- Erection of bungalow Site No. 26 Dunbur.
Patrick Lalor	- Erection of bungalow Site No. 27 Dunbur.
Mr. M. J. Butler	- Erection of illuminated sign on premises at Abbey Street.

SUPERANNUATION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Following letter from the Council's Law Agent was read:-

4, Church Street,
Wicklow.

9th November, 1964.

Re/ Superannuation Scheme - Mr. J. T. O'Byrne

Dear Sir,

We duly received yours of the 5th inst., and we note the points made by some Councillors at the recent Meeting of the Council and in reply wish to state that Mr. Peart's Opinion dealt with same.

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We note that the resolution of the Council was passed on the 10th of August, 1964, and which was held to be invalid by Mr. Peart, was not intended by the Council to be a refusal to pay the superannuation to Mr. O'Byrne, nor were the Council endeavouring to restrain the County Manager from doing so, and that this Resolution was necessary, having regard to Section 11 of the City and County Management Act, 1955. A Court, however, might hold that a long delay in deciding the matter would have the same effect.

We endeavoured to contact Mr. Sean McBride, S.C., T.D. but he is not practising at the Irish Bar at present, and his headquarters are in Geneva.

If the Council would like to brief another Senior Counsel, we can do so, but we think the Council should bear in mind that an Auditor may surcharge for the extra expense involved.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCarroll.

Councillor Kane proposed Councillor Hopkins seconded that in view of the Opinion received from the County Manager and Senior Counsel that the superannuation, allowance and lump sum be paid to Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Former Town Surveyor. It was pointed out, however, that this Motion was not in order in view of the Resolution adopted at the previous meeting calling for a second Senior Counsel's Opinion to be obtained. Councillor Everett said that Mr. McBride S.C., T.D. would be practising in Ireland in about a fortnights time and should be contacted for his Opinion. The meeting felt, however, that whilst Mr. McBride might be in Ireland he might not yet be practising at the Irish Bar. After further discussion on the matter it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor that if the Law Agent was satisfied that Mr. McBride was not available in a fortnights time to give an Opinion he should then seek Opinion from Mr. Miley, S.C.

DEVELOPMENT AT WENTWORTH PLACE.

A letter was read from Mr. C. G. Cooney noting that the Council had postponed a decision to take the roads and services at Wentworth Place into charge until March, 1965, by which time the valuations of the four dwellings would be known. He indicated, however, that he was perturbed by certain statements made by Councillors as reported in the "Wicklow People" and sought an opportunity of meeting the Council to discuss these points. The Chairman mentioned that he had an opportunity of meeting Mr. Cooney recently and had explained the position to him and Mr. Cooney had expressed himself satisfied with the explanation offered. The members present confirmed that they had not intended in any way to detract from the excellent work done by Mr. Cooney on this scheme of houses and would be quite agreeable to taking over the roads and services next Spring.

WICKLOW AND DISTRICT MENS' ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Association regarding various matters which they wish to have attended to and was referred to the Acting Town Surveyor for a report thereon. The Town Clerk did point out that one of the items mentioned, the resurfacing of the footpath at St. Laurence's Road, was included in this years E.S.V. Scheme and that in connection with this scheme the Council would naturally take on as many unemployed men as possible.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy

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Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council sells to the undermentioned Tenants at the prices stated the dwellings of which they are tenants, subject to a 99 year lease from the 29th September, 1964, at an annual rent of £1. under the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

John Fox	- 10, Urban Villas,	- £293
Ed. Manning	- 8, Glenview Road	- £166
Robert Vickers	- Castlefield	- £283

Proposed by Councillor Conroy
Seconded by Councillor Lalor

RESOLVED: "That the seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Indenture of Lease and Mortgage whereby the Council sells to the undermentioned tenants at the price stated payable over a period of years with interest thereon of the dwellings of which they are tenants, subject to a 99 year lease from the 29th September, 1964 at £1 per annum under the terms of the tenant Purchase Scheme and subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government."

Mrs. Annie Byrne	- 7, Monkton Row	- £47	2s.	2d.	P.A.
Rueben Dover	- 11, Dominick's Road	- £24	7s.	11d.	do.
Nevin Thornton	- 2, Glenview Road	- £24	7s.	11d.	do.
Sheila Beamish	- 3, Urban Villas	- £29	16s.	2d.	do.
James Byrne	- 4, Glenview Road	- £24	7s.	11d.	do.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTING TOWN SURVEYOR.

The report, copy of which had been circulated, was then considered by the Council.

1. Councillor Conroy referred to openings by the Gas Company on Summer Hill which had never been properly reinstated and Council drew attention to similar openings at two places in High Street. It was agreed that the Gas Company be contacted in this matter and directed to have the openings made by them properly reinstated. Reference was also made to openings at High Street/Coates Lane made by the E.S.B. which had not as yet been satisfactorily reinstated.
2. Councillor Conroy referred to the Town Surveyor's report regarding dry rot in a house at Castle Street and after discussion it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should arrange to obtain a report from specialists in the treatment of dry rot.
3. In replying to Councillor Hopkins the Town Clerk indicated the steps taken since the previous meeting to deal with problems at the dumping ground. He undertook to discuss with the Medical Officer the possibility of having the chicken offal treated with poison. He told Councillor Everett that the poison used on the dump to kill rats was not harmful to other animals.
4. Regarding the replacement of electric wiring in Council houses it was agreed that the Acting Town Surveyor should seek quotations to have the wiring renewed in the ten most affected houses.
5. Councillor Conroy raised the question of painting of Council houses and it was decided in view of the lateness of the year that this would be postponed until Spring.

OTHER BUSINESS.

1. A letter was read from the Department of Finance thanking the

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Council for their offer of assistance in connection with their application to have a Government Department transferred to Wicklow.

2. Councillor Lalor enquired if the Tenant Purchase Scheme could be prepared for the houses at St. Patrick's Avenue.

3. Councillor Kane referred to a previous suggestion of his regarding the carrying out of a survey of industrial sites in the area and wondered would it be advisable to advertise for such sites. The Town Clerk mentioned that Goulding Fertilizers had approximately forty acres on the Murrough which he understood would be interested in making available for industrial development. It was agreed that a confirmation be sought from Messrs Goulding on this point. The County Manager mentioned that the County Council had a twenty-two acre site at Rathnew available which they would be most anxious to dispose of for industrial purposes. It was finally decided that a small advertisement be placed in the daily papers indicating that industrial sites were available in the Wicklow area and that particulars of same could be obtained from the Town Clerk.

The Chairman wished the Members and their families, the County Manager, Town Clerk, Town Surveyor and Staff a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year and indicated that it would be once again his pleasure to present Christmas trees to the town. On behalf of the Members Councillor Conroy returned the Festival's Greetings to the Chairman and his family and also to the Officials.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 p.m.

L.C. Della Runt

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

1st January, 1965.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 5th January, 1965, 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 December, 1964 (copy herewith).
2. Approve Overdraft Accommodation on General Revenue Account for quarter ending 31st March, 1965.
3. Open Tenders for Scheme of 10 houses at Ballynerrin.
4. Scheme of 4 houses at Castle Park (a) correspondence from Department of Local Government re Rent Proposals (b) Recommendation of Medical Officer as to letting of houses.
5. Overcrowding in Council Houses - report of Assistant County Medical Officer of Health (copy herewith).
6. Public Lighting - correspondence with E.S.B. re improved lighting scheme for Main Street.
7. Water supply to Murrough area - correspondence and report of Acting Town Surveyor. 200,000 galls (112,000 galls)
8. Superannuation of Former Town Surveyor.
9. Dunbur Estate - applications for building sites.
10. Planning applications.
11. Housing Construction Loan Applications.
12. Sealing of Documents.
13. Monthly Report of Acting Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
14. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY, 1965

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors P. Doyle, T. Conroy, J. Lalor, J. Kane 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 inability to attend were received from Councillor Wm. Hopkins.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Everett a Vote of Sympathy was passed with Councillor J. Lalor on the recent death of his brother Daniel Lalor. The Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and staff and on his own behalf associated himself therewith. The Vote was passed in silence, all present standing and Councillor Lalor returned his thanks for the sentiments expressed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

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

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Proposed by Councillor Doyle.
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 on General Revenue Account in sum not exceeding £3,000 in the period ending 31st March, 1965."

TENDERS FOR TEN HOUSES AT BALLYNERRIN.

The Town Clerk reported that pursuant to advertisement in the Public Press three Tenders were received for the erection of ten houses at Ballynerrin. The sealed Tenders were then opened and were noted to be as follows:-

William Clarke (Builder) Ltd., Wicklow.....	£27,480	0.	0.
Mr. Ml. McNulty, Ballinalea, Ashford.....	£23,251	7.	6.
T. Treacy, Bray.....	£29,107	8.	0.

Councillor Kane pointed out that as the Tenders were dated December, 1964, a further increase of 9 per cent would be included as from the 1st of January, 1965, to meet wage increases. After some discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Kane that the lowest Tender, viz. that of Mr. Ml. McNulty in sum of £23,251 7s. 6d. be accepted provided it was so recommended by the Council's Consultant Architect and subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Conroy to ask the Architect for a report as to the manner in which Mr. McNulty, Contractor, had erected the Scheme of Four Houses at Castle Park and to enquire as to whether he had complied with the General Conditions of Contract particularly in regard to employment of skilled tradesmen for the appropriate work, payment of Trade Union rates of wages, etc.

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SCHEME OF FOUR HOUSES - CASTLE PARK.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government was read regarding the rent proposals for the four houses:-

Department of Local Government,
Custom House,
DUBLIN, 1.

H.86/15/8.

24th December, 1964.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 10th instant and previous correspondence regarding the proposal of Wicklow Urban District Council to charge a fixed basic rent of 30/9d. per week for a scheme of 4 houses at Castle Park, Wicklow. I am to state that it is noted that the family incomes of applicants for rehousing in the scheme range from £7 14. 6. to £15. per week. I am to state that the disparity of the family incomes of the applicants generally indicates the inappropriateness of fixing a flat rent for the scheme and the desirability of securing the most equitable distribution of State and local subsidies by adopting a scheme of differential or graded rents so that there will be a reasonable correspondence between rents and the family incomes of tenants. The enclosed memorandum indicates the framework within which a differential or graded renting system might be formulated and I am to suggest that in the long term interests of the housing authority any system adopted might provide for a scale extending to the economic rent. The decision of the housing authority in the matter will be awaited.

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The Town Clerk submitted a proposed graded rent scheme which he had drafted in accordance with the Department's suggestion. The maximum rent payable would be 62/6d. per week where the family income exceeded £25 and the lowest rent would be 25/6d. per week where the family income was less than £7. A reduction would be allowed for additional dependents. In all cases rates, at present amounting to 8/6d. per week would be payable in addition to the rent. After considering the matter the Council adopted the proposed graded rent scale.

The Town Clerk then submitted the recommendation of the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health for the letting of the houses as follows:-

1. Mr. Francis Newsome, 1, New Street.
2. Mr. Patrick Barlow, High Street.
3. Mr. Joseph Gill, High Street.
4. Mr. Paul O'Connor, Monkton Row.

The recommendation was noted and adopted. The meeting was also informed that the Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Dr. A. O'Driscoll, was now responsible for the preparation of the Council's Housing List and that having recently carried out an inspection of the conditions of each applicant he had added some additional names to the list. Councillor Conroy objected because Mr. Smullen had not been placed on the list.

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OVERCROWDING IN COUNCIL HOUSES.

The meeting considered a report from the Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, copy of which had been circulated. It was decided to enquire if State Subsidy would be payable towards the cost of building on extra rooms to certain houses. The Acting Town Surveyor was requested to prepare an estimate of cost for building on extra rooms to a few houses.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the E.S.B. submitting a firm quotation in sum of £386. for the provision and erection of seventeen 125 watt Mercury Fluorescent lamps in the Main Street area. The additional annual lighting charge would be £41. The County Manager pointed out that the cost of erecting the lamps would require an additional rate of 8½d. and the annual lighting charge would mean a further 1d. on the rate. Even if the cost of installing the lights was to be met by way of a short term loan repayable over five years the annual loan charges would amount to 2½d. in the £ on the rates. The Chairman said it would take some time to implement the scheme and in view of the state of the Council's finances it appeared doubtful if it could be undertaken just at present. Before coming to a final decision the Council decided to bring the facts to the attention of the Wicklow Chamber of Commerce and Wicklow and District Mens's Association, bodies who have been pressing for improved lighting facilities, and to consider their recommendations in the matter at the next meeting.

The Town Clerk reported that orders had been placed for new lights at Dunbur Estate, St. Patrick's Avenue and Quarantine Hill and that these would be erected during the present month. A letter was read from residents at Castle View requesting the provision of a light on the existing pole at the corner of Bath Street/Promenade. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Lalor it was agreed that a quotation be obtained for this job and if the price is reasonable that it be provided immediately.

Councillor Conroy referred to the failure of the County Council to meet the Urban Council's request for improved lighting at the entrance to the District Hospital and it was decided that this matter be pressed with the County Council. Also that that body be asked to make provision for turning space for cars at the Mortuary.

WATER SUPPLY TO MURROUGH.

The Town Clerk submitted correspondence from Veba Limited and S. V. Delahunt and Co. Limited regarding the supply of water which they would require for their business on the Murrough. Messrs Veba Limited will require a supply of 9,000 g.p.h. over a nine hour day in three years time. Messrs S. V. Delahunt & Co. Limited have their bottling plant at the Marine Hotel, now using 800 g.p.h., will want 1,000 g.p.h. in June, 1965; 2,000 g.p.h. in 1967 and 5,000 g.p.h. in 1970 over an 8 hour four day week. The Town Clerk mentioned that the old 3 inch main serving this area was very badly encrusted and would need replacement. The Acting Town Surveyor was examining the matter and would be submitting a report at the next meeting but at this stage it appeared likely that a new main would require to be laid from the valve house at Fitzwilliam Square to the boundary at the Chemical Works. Attention was drawn to the fact that to meet this heavy demand for water it would again be necessary to consider extensions to the filter plant at Cronroe. The County Manager wondered if it would be possible to supply the firms with crude water as it was an expensive proposition to supply filtered water when such water was not actually required in industrial processes. It was decided to await the Engineer's report on the matter.

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SUPERANNUATION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR.

A copy of the Opinion of Mr. J. Miley, S.C., received the previous day was handed to Members present at the meeting. An accompanying letter from the Council's Law Agent warned that Members of the Council might incur personal responsibility unless they adhered to Senior Counsel's Opinion obtained. Members commented that it was fairly clear that it was the function of the County Manager to award the superannuation gratuity and a allowance. In reply to queries the County Manager pointed out that as sufficient monies had not been provided in the Estimates in the Current Year to meet payment of the entire lump sum it would be necessary for the Council to vote the additional monies to enable payment to be made. He advised that the Council pass a Resolution approving of the expenditure in excess of the amount already provided in the Estimates. The Town Clerk said that the sum of £120 was provided in the Estimates for 1964/65 and that it was intended that a similar amount be provided in the Estimates for the following four years. The excess required to meet payment in the Current Year would be £436. The following Motion was put to a vote:-

Proposed by Councillor Kane.
Seconded by Councillor Delahunt.

"That we hereby approve additional expenditure in sum of £436 in the Current Year to meet payment of superannuation gratuity to former Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne."

The result of the Vote was as follows:-

FOR:	Councillors Kane and Delahunt	(2)
AGAINST:	Councillors Lalor, Doyle, Everett	(3)
ABSTAINED:	Councillor Conroy	(1)

The Motion was consequently declared lost.

The Manager mentioned that he will have to consult the Law Agent again on the matter.

DUNBUR ESTATE - SITE APPLICATIONS.

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

Mr. George Byrne	- Site 5a
Mr. Joseph O'Carroll	- Site 24
Mr. James Smullen	- Site 36

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

Mr. Augustus Cullen.....	Conversion of part of dwellinghouse at Wentworth Place into apartments.
Mr. James Smullen.....	Erection of bungalow on Site No. 36 Dunbur Estate.
Mr. Bernard Gibney.....	Erection of bungalow on site No. 35 Dunbur Estate.
Mr John Walsh.....	Erection of bungalow on Site No. 31 Dunbur Estate.

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St. Patrick's G.A.A. Club.... Erection of temporary dressing room on playing field at Dunbur.

The Council also examined plans submitted by Veba Limited for the erection of factory buildings on their site at the Murrough, Wicklow and recommended that permission be granted subject to the Town Surveyor being satisfied.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOANS.

The Town Clerk reported that notification had been received from the Department of Local Government that the Rate of Interest for loans from the Local Loans Fund would be increased to 6½ per cent as from 1st January, 1965 and consequently the Council's lending rate would be 6½ per cent. He recommended that in the case of the eleven applicants who had already drawn on their loans at the existing interest rate of 6½ per cent be granted final instalments at the same rate of interest. The amount of money involved was £5,500 approximately and would involve the Council to the extent of £10 per annum over 35 years. The recommendation was accepted.

The Council recommended the following as suitable applicants for Housing Construction Loans:-

Mr. Bernard Gibney	Loan of £1,875.
Mr. James Smullen	Loan of £1,875.
Mr. John Walsh	Loan of £1,600.

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 Counterpart whereby the Council Lease to Mr. John Sugrue Building Site Number 6 on Dunbur Estate for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1964 at a n annual rent of £10."

REPORT OF ACTING TOWN SURVEYOR.

The report, copy of which had been circulated, was noted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

1. The Town Clerk reported that a fire had occurred in Council house Number 10, Bride's Road on the previous day and the Town Surveyor estimated the damage done at £145 10s. Od. A claim for this amount had been lodged with the Council's Insurers. Noted.

2. Councillor Lalor handed in a letter from Mr. Robert Doyle, St. Laurence's Park complaining about noise created by his neighbour. The Town Clerk outlined the history in this case and indicated it appeared to be a matter for settlement between the parties concerned, and not one in which the Council would be advised to interfere.

3. Councillor Kane drew attention to a newspaper report of complaints voiced at the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture regarding the date of the Christmas Fowl Market. He remarked that the Committee had made no representations to the Council regarding a suitable time for the market and that if they did so in future their recommendations would be noted.

The Chairman wished the Members and Officials a Happy and prosperous New Year.

The meeting concluded at 10 p.m.

J.R. [Signature]

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

29th January, 1965.

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

A Chara,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1965 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 5th January, 1965 (copy herewith).
2. Superannuation of Former Town Surveyor - Supplemental Opinion from Mr. J. Miley, S.C. (copy herewith).
3. Resolution from Drogheda Corporation.
4. Public Lighting - proposed improvement in Main Street Area.
5. Overcrowding in Council Houses - letter from Department of Local Government re State Assistance towards cost of building extra rooms.
6. Council Houses - application of Graded Rent Scales to New Tenants (report herewith).
7. Derelict Houses at Castle Street - letter from Mrs. A. J. Finlayson.
8. Provision of new road to serve factory site on Murrrough.
9. Housing Schemes at Castle Park and Ballynerrin. Report of Consultant Architect.
10. Position of Town Surveyor.
11. Training of Student from Zambia.
12. Dunbur Estate - site applications.
13. Planning applications.
14. Housing Construction Loan applications.
15. Sealing of Documents.
16. Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
17. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILMINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 1965

PRESENT: Councillor T.A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors P. Doyle, J. Lalor, J. Kane, T. Conroy, Wm. Hopkins 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 Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Law Agent.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a Vote of Sympathy with Deputy Everett on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Olohan, and also with the wife and relatives of the late Richard Kavanagh. The Vote was seconded by Councillor Doyle and the other Members present also joined in the tributes to the deceased. The Town Clerk associated himself therewith on behalf of the County Manager and Staff and the votes were passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th January, 1965, copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman. Council Kane asked that the reference in the Minutes to the statement by him regarding the 9 per cent increase in the price of houses should be amended to read "the 9 per cent increase in the wages content of house prices". Agreed.

RESOLUTION FROM DROGHEDA CORPORATION.

The following Resolution forwarded by the Corporation of Drogheda was unanimously adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to include in the forthcoming housing legislation: (a) Provision for the payment of subsidy on the actual cost of houses provided by Local Authorities for persons in need of re-housing and (b) Increase the income limits for applicants to qualify for Loans and Grants where the parent loan is drawn from the Local Loans Fund."

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he had asked, as directed, the Chamber of Commerce and the Wicklow and District Men's Association for their views and recommendations regarding the proposed improvement to the lighting system in the Main Street area. Whilst the Chamber of Commerce were in favour of the proposal the other Association was not and preferred to see the minor areas of the town better lighted. In this regard the Town Clerk pointed out that in the current year nine additional lights had been provided by the Council and five the previous year in various parts of the town. He reminded Members that the installation cost of the proposed lighting system was £386 and the annual lighting charge £40 but if defrayed by means of a loan repayable over a period of five years the annual cost to the Council would be £3. In reply to the Chairman the Acting Town Surveyor pointed out the advisability of having the main thoroughfare of the town well lighted. Having considered the matter the Council agreed in principle to the introduction of the proposed system and directed that provision be made in the Estimates for 1965/66 for its implementation.

Councillor Lalor asked if the public light at the entrance to the old hospital could be moved down to the existing pole at the junction of Kilmartin Hill and the Hospital Lane as it is no longer of use in

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its present location and if moved would serve a better purpose. It was agreed that the Town Clerk should discuss the matter with the E.S.B. Councillor Everett asked if the County Council could be prevailed upon to place a light on the gate in the Ball Alley giving entrance to the jail yard and Councillor Conroy requested that a reminder be sent to the County Council regarding the improved lighting necessary at the entrance to the District Hospital.

OVERCROWDING IN COUNCIL HOUSES.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that the White Paper - Housing Progress and Prospects - outlined that proposed housing legislation would provide for the payment of grants, similar to the existing system of reconstruction grants, for the building on of additional rooms, bathrooms, etc., to Council houses. The Town Clerk quoted as an example that where the cost of an extra room came to \$240 the State would advance \$80, the Council would be entitled to advance a further \$80 and the remaining \$80 would have to be met by the Tenant, either in cash or by way of an increased rent such as 1/6d. per week over a period of 10 years. The Council felt that the proposed grant would be a tremendous help in dealing with the matter of overcrowding in Council houses and decided that arrangements should be made so as to leave the Council in a position to go ahead immediately the legislation providing for the payment of the grants is passed. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor would examine the houses concerned and prepare an estimate of cost for the necessary extensions.

GRADED RENT SCALES FOR COUNCIL HOUSES.

The meeting then considered proposals to apply Graded Rent Scales to new tenancies in existing Council Houses, particulars of which had been circulated. The meeting unanimously adopted the proposal, with Councillor Conroy dissenting.

The Town Clerk confirmed that Mr. J. J. Flynn, Castle Street, who was next in order on the Housing List, would obtain the tenancy of vacant Council House at No. 10 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road, the rent to be in accordance with the graded Rent Scale now adopted.

A letter was read from Mr. Anthony Canavan applying for the tenancy of 39, Glenview Road, in succession to his grandmother, Mrs. Hartfield, deceased, with whom he had resided in company with his younger brother for the past four years. He indicated that he was engaged to be married and hoped that finances permitting, he would be married during the present year. Members were agreeable that Mr. Canavan should be permitted to remain in the house and the Town Clerk advised that he believed it would be in the best interests not to appoint him tenant at present but to permit him to reside in the house as the representative of the late Mrs. Hartfield and that when he would get married he could then be made tenant. The Council unanimously recommended to the Manager that Mr. Canavan be permitted to remain in the house on condition that he permits his younger brother to reside with him and that if at all possible he be made tenant.

SUPERANNUATION OF FORMER TOWN SURVEYOR.

The County Manager told Deputy Everett that he had arranged for the attendance of the Law Agent at the meeting as he considered the issue an important one. The Town Clerk stated that he had reported to the Law Agent as to what had happened at the last meeting and the Law Agent thought it essential to ask Mr. Miley for a further opinion. A supplemental opinion had been obtained and had been circulated to the Members for their information. The Town Clerk indicated that Members would have seen the risks as pointed out by Mr. Miley in not authorising the necessary expenditure for the payment of superannuation to Mr. O'Byrne. He pointed out that the Members concerned were leaving themselves open to a sur-charge. Deputy Everett said his question as to the power of the Minister to grant two pensions to the one man

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had not been clarified. In reply to Councillor Conroy on this point the Law Agent referred to the High Court Case when the County Accountant of Kerry brought an Action against Kerry County Council. This man was in the same position; he held two jobs, one whole-time, the other part-time. The High Court held that he was entitled to the two pensions. The Law Agent said that under the Management Acts there was an obligation on the County Manager, if there were threatened or potential proceedings against the Local Authority, to tell the Council of the risks they were running. If costs were awarded against the Council the Auditor could sur-charge the Members concerned. He further pointed out that in the present instance if the County Manager warned the Members of the risks they were running it placed a personal obligation on anyone going against the Legal Opinion. The County Manager said that the matter was before the Council now with a recommendation from him that they authorise the necessary expenditure. When Councillor Kane remarked that his proposal to raise the money at the last meeting was defeated it was noted that it would first be necessary to rescind that resolution before a new resolution could be introduced. The Manager pointed out that a proposal to rescind would have to be given to each Member. It would require a two-thirds majority of the Members present at that meeting to rescind the resolution unless the Members present exceeded the number at the meeting at which the resolution was passed but that a simple majority would be sufficient. The County Manager advised that the Council could agree at this meeting that someone would propose a rescinding resolution at the next meeting and he suggested that the Council should agree to accept the Legal Opinion given. It was proposed by Councillor Doyle and seconded by Councillor Delahunt - "We hereby accept the Legal Advice tendered in relation to the superannuation of Mr. J. T. O'Byrne, Former Town Surveyor." The Motion was put to a Vote as follows:-

FOR: Councillors T. A. Delahunt, J. Kane, Wm. Hopkins, P. Doyle and T. Conroy. (5)

AGAINST: Councillors Everett and Lalor. (2)

The Motion was declared carried.

The County Manager said that the next step was for some Member to hand in a Notice of Motion to approve of the additional expenditure in the current year to meet the superannuation payment to Mr. O'Byrne. The following Notice of Motion was then handed in by Councillor J. Kane:

"Take Notice that I or someone on my behalf will move at the March Statutory Meeting of the Wicklow Urban District Council.

That we hereby approve additional expenditure in sum of \$436 in the current year to meet payment of superannuation gratuity to Former Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne."

DERELICT HOUSES AT CASTLE STREET.

A letter was read from Mr. A. J. Finlayson indicating that he was prepared to hand over to the Council six derelict houses at Castle Street for demolition and clearance of the site. The Town Clerk mentioned that these houses had been on a list of derelict sites requiring attention. It was mentioned that the Council could qualify for the 50 per cent grant from the Department of Local Government for their demolition and clearance. It was decided to get a report and estimate from the Town Surveyor.

HOUSING SCHEMES - Ten Houses at Ballynert.

A letter was read from the Council's architect on his examination

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of the Tenders received for the ten houses at Ballynerrin. He commented on the wide difference in the prices tendered and recommended the acceptance of the lowest tender, that of Mr. Michael McNulty, in sum of £23,251 7s. 6d. subject to some small points requiring clarification. The County Manager pointed out that the Architect in his report had drawn attention to the fact that there would be a credit of £620 if the external walls are constructed in 9 inch hollow concrete blocks instead of being 11 inch cavity wall as tendered for. The Council advised that in view of the small cost involved it would be desirable to construct the houses with 11 inch cavity walls. The Architects recommendation was accepted and it was decided that Mr. McNulty's tender be submitted to the Department for the Sanction of the Minister.

4 Houses at Castle Park.

The following report of the Consultant Architect was read:-

Dear Mr. Cusack,

I have your letter of the 7th ult. in which you indicated the views of your Council members regarding clauses in the general conditions of building contract particularly in regard to the proposed ten houses at Ballynerrin and the four houses at Castle Park now nearing completion.

As you indicate your General Conditions of Contract will have been drawn up with reference to what is enforceable and I am sure your legal advisors views on this will be of greater assistance to you than mine. You will understand that the four houses at Castle Park have not yet been fully completed and the satisfactory completion of any building work encompassing a number of trades involves the integration in the final stages of the work of the various trades one with another. In this respect I have to report that taken individually these various sections have been carried out adequately to date by the Contractor.

Patrick O'Brien.

Noted.

NEW ROAD TO FACTORY SITE ON MURROUGH.

A letter was read from Mooney & Co., Solicitors, Kells, on behalf of Veba Limited indicating that the Industrial Grants Board were prepared to give a grant of 30 per cent of the cost of constructing a new road to serve the factory site on the Murrough estimated to cost £3,500. The Town Clerk told the meeting that he had been unable, despite several requests, to obtain any answer from the Department of Local Government to the application for State Assistance towards the cost of this roadway. After some discussion it was decided to ask the Department to receive a small deputation from the Council to discuss and finalise this matter.

Councillor Kane enquired about planning permission for Veba Limited and it was explained that the matter was being dealt with but that certain information regarding the lay-out of drains and sewers, treatment of sewerage, etc. had yet to be finalised. There was no objection to the structure as such and when information on the above points would be submitted by Veba Limited a grant of permission would be arranged without further delay.

POSITION OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Town Clerk pointed out that Mr. R. L. Farrell had first been appointed to the temporary part-time position of Town Surveyor for three months from the 1st of September, 1964 subsequently the Council recommended his continued appointment for the three months ending the

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28th February, 1965. However, the sanction of the Minister to the appointment of the latter term had not yet been received nor had the Minister sanctioned the proposed remuneration for the post of Town Surveyor. However, he had been in touch by phone that evening with the Department of Local Government and understood that sanction both to the appointment and to the remuneration would shortly be forthcoming from the Minister. He now suggested that the Council approve Mr. Farrell's continued appointment for a further period of six months up to 31st August, 1965.

On the proposal of Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Lalor the Council unanimously recommended that Mr. R. L. Farrell be appointed to the part-time temporary position of Town Surveyor for the six months period to 31st August, 1965 and that consideration be given to the making of his appointment permanent. The County Manager remarked that he would have to look into the matter of the permanent appointment as it might be one that would have to be dealt with by the Local Appointments Commission.

TRAINING OF STUDENT FROM ZAMBIA.

The County Manager informed the Members that the Minister for Local Government had asked if the Council would be good enough to take a further student from Zambia for training in Local Government procedure for a period of six weeks. The success of the scheme operated last year when 45 students had been trained had led to a further 12 students coming to this country this year. The new student would arrive on Monday, 15th February. The meeting unanimously agreed to the arrangement.

DUNBUR ESTATE - SITE APPLICATIONS.

The meeting unanimously agreed to grant to Mr. Patrick Davis, Brewery Place, Rathdrum a Lease of site No. 41 for a term of 75 years from the 29th September, 1964 at an annual rent of £10.

Revised Site Lay-Out.

The meeting considered a revised lay-out plan for additional sites at Dunbur prepared by the Council's Consultant Architect. Provision was made in the plan for an open space as requested by the Department of Local Government for a shop site as requested by the Council. The revised plan was adopted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

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| George Byrne, High Street | - Erection of Bungalow on Site 5A Dunbur Estate. |
| Patrick Davis, Rathdrum | - Erection of Bungalow on Site 41 Dunbur Estate. |
| Mrs. M. E. Manweiler, Church St. | - Conversion of dwelling at Church St. into apartments. |
| S. V. Delahunt & Co. Abbey Hill | - Alterations and improvements to premises at Abbey Hill. |
| National Building Agency, Dublin | - Erection of dwellinghouses for Veba Limited on site nos. 37, 39, 43 and 47 Dunbur Estate. |

LOAN APPLICATIONS.

The Council unanimously recommended Messrs George Byrne, Oliver Lalor and Patrick Lalor, all of High Street, Wicklow, as suitable applicants for Housing Construction Loans. The Manager pointed out that in the case of the Lalors it would be necessary to obtain details

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of their employment and income before the loan applications could be finalised.

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 Counterpart whereby the Council grant to Celmac Limited a lease of site No. 2 on Dunbur Estate for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1964 at a rent of £10 per annum.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Lalor.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Mortg. and Counterpart - James Cleary to Wicklow Urban District Council - in respect of Loan of £1,875 under Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, on bungalow erected on Site No. 3. Dunbur Estate.

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTING TOWN SURVEYOR.

The report, copy of which had been circulated, was noted. The Town Clerk told Councillor Conroy that arrangements had been made to commence the painting of Council houses immediately.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman referred to recent storm damage to the foreshore and the Acting Town Surveyor said he had examined the position that evening and felt that between 500 and 600 tons of boulders would be required to fill the gap caused by the sea. It was pointed out that the Urban Council had now no function in the case of coast erosion and that the initiating body for coast protection schemes was the County Council. It was decided to send a resolution to the County Council requesting them to take the matter up with the office of Public Works and seek immediate action.

The Town Clerk submitted details of the Tidy Towns Competition of 1965 and the meeting agreed that Wicklow Town should be once again entered for this Competition.

A letter was read from the Wicklow and District Mens' Association regarding the necessity for parking arrangements at the Mall. Noted.

The meeting concluded at 10 p.m.

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L. A. Delahanty

WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

26th February, 1965.

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, 2nd March, 1965, 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 2nd February, 1965.
2. Notice of Motion in name of Mr. J. Kane:
"That we hereby approve additional expenditure in sum of £436 in the current year to meet payment of Superannuation Gratuity to former Town Surveyor, Mr. J. T. O'Byrne."
3. Letter from Dundalk Festival Council.
4. Proposed new road on the Murrough - correspondence with Department of Local Government.
5. Public Conveniences - Circular Letter from Department of Local Government (copy herewith).
6. Development at Wentworth Place - to consider taking over of roads and sewers.
7. Approve excess expenditure.
8. Fix date of Estimates Meeting.
9. Tenant Purchase Scheme - applications.
10. Planning Applications.
11. Housing Construction Loans - Applications.
12. Sealing of Documents.
13. Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
14. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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