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7. Application to have road at Abbeyfield taken over as public road.
 8. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31st March, 1966.
 9. Revision of Rents of Council houses - copy report and proposed Differential Rent Scales, herewith.
 10. Capital Allocation 1966/67 for Sanitary Services and Other Works.
 11. Council Housing Schemes - (a) naming of ten and fourteen houses schemes at Ballynerrin (b) Sealing of Contract for fourteen houses and (c) report on allocation of tenancies of ten houses.
 12. Dunbur Estate - site applications.
 13. Planning Applications.
 14. Sealing of Documents.
 15. Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
 16. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

5th August, 1966.

To/ THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Councillor,

The Adjourned Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in The Town Hall, Wicklow, on Monday, 8th August, 1966 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. CUSACK

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th July, 1966 (Copy herewith) and Monthly Meeting held on 2nd August, 1966.
 - 2) Resolutions for submission to Annual Conference of Association of Municipal Authorities.
 - 3) Tenancy of Number 23, Glenview Road.
 - 4) Letter from Mr. L. M. Cullen.
 - 5) Differential Rent Scheme (copy supplementary report herewith).
 - 6) Dunbur Estate - Site application.
 - 7) Planning Applications.
 - 8) Housing Construction Loans (1) Review of present position (2) Consider further loan applications.
 - 9) Sealing of Documents.
 - 10) Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
 - 11) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING

2nd AUGUST, 1966

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Lacking a Quorum of members the meeting was adjourned to Monday, 8th August, 1966 at 7.30 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, as incorporated in the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the adjourned Annual Meeting held on the 5th July, 1966.

Present: Councillor J. Kane, Vice-Chairman, presiding; Councillors P. Doyle, T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh, G.F. Haughton, Mrs. M. McEnroy and J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies: Councillor T.A. Delahunt, Chairman.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 28th June, 1966 were read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Election of Chairman.

On the proposal of Deputy Everett, seconded by Councillor Kavanagh, the re-election of Councillor T.A. Delahunt as Chairman was unanimously agreed to.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor Haughton, the re-election of Councillor J. Kane as Vice-Chairman was unanimously agreed to.

Representatives on Burial Board.

On the proposal of Deputy Everett, seconded by Councillor Conroy, the following members were appointed as the Council's representatives on the Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board; Councillors T.A. Delahunt, J. Kane, T. Conroy, P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, William Hopkins and Mrs. McEnroy.

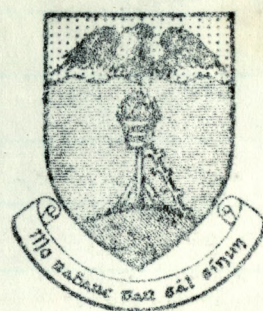
Affixing of Council Seal.

The Council unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Councillor T.A. Delahunt, and Vice-Chairman, Councillor J. Kane, be nominated to witness the affixing of the Council's Seal.

Councillor Kane said that on behalf of Councillor Delahunt he would like to express appreciation for his re-election as Chairman and he felt that the re-election was a tribute to the amount of work which Councillor Delahunt had done for Wicklow during his six years as Chairman. Councillor Kane also returned thanks for his own re-election as Vice-Chairman. Councillor Kavanagh conveyed his appreciation of the efforts made by both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in the betterment of the town.

The meeting then concluded.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5th JULY, 1966

PRESENT: Councillor J. Kane, Vice-Chairman, Messrs P. Doyle, T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh, G. F. Haughton, Mrs. M. McEnroy and J. Everett, T.D.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager and Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman and Mr. R. L. Farrell, Town Surveyor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 7th June, 1966 and copy of which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

PRIZE FOR GARDEN COMPETITION.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government indicating that the Minister would raise no objection to the presentation of a prize by the Council in connection with the forthcoming garden competition organised by the Regatta Committee. After some discussion on this matter it was finally agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Haughton seconded by Councillor Conroy, to award a cash prize of £10 to the overall winner of the competition subject to the provision that the winner must be an existing tenant of a Council house. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would work out the details with the Regatta Committee.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1966/67.

The estimate and report of the Town Surveyor was submitted and noted. After carefully considering the matter it was agreed that the section of roadway along Colley Street from Glenside Road to the Hospital Gate be omitted and that Glenside Road be substituted in its place. The work to be done, therefore, is the widening where necessary and the resurfacing of the road along Glenside Road, Colley Street and Old Dunbur Lane to join with the new road at Dunbur Park. If there is any money in hands same to be used on the resurfacing of Ball Alley Lane.

Councillor Everett referred to the traffic hazard created in Hospital Lane and enquired if it could be closed to motor vehicles. The County Manager promised to examine and report on the position.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT EAST PIER.

A sketch plan together with report and estimate of cost was submitted by the Town Surveyor. It was noted that the cost of the

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building itself is estimated at £750 but that a further £200 approximately will be required to cover the cost of excavation. The County Manager indicated that it was hoped to obtain a 60 per cent Grant from the Department of Local Government and also that the Harbour Board could contribute towards the balance of the cost. After considering the proposal the Council unanimously agreed to proceed with the provision of the public convenience. It was decided to suggest to the Town Surveyor that there appeared to be no necessity for the provision of a septic tank and that the external finish of the building could either be in a plain grey block or a terylene finish rather than a multi-coloured bes-stone.

Councillor Doyle enquired as to the possibility of a later closing hour for the public conveniences in the Market Square during the Summer months and the Town Clerk undertook to look into this matter.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

- It was agreed to increase the annual subscription from £5 to £7.
- It was agreed that motions for submission to the Annual Conference to be considered at the August meeting.
- The meeting agreed that the same delegates as in previous years, viz. Councillor Kane, Vice-Chairman and Mr. M. J. Cusack, Town Clerk, be appointed to attend the Annual Conference in Tuam on the 13th, 14th and 15th September, 1966.

REVISION OF WAGES.

An application was read from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union for an increase of £1 per week in the wages paid to their members in the employment of the Council. The increase to be effective from the 1st May, 1966. The Town Clerk reported that a similar increase had been granted to employees in comparable employments in the town with effect from the 1st of June and if the Council approved the necessary expenditure in the current year an increase from a similar date could be granted immediately. However, to grant the increase from 1st May, 1966 would require the sanction of the Minister for Local Government. On the proposal of Councillor Haughton seconded by Councillor McEnroy the Council unanimously recommended that an increase of £1 per week be granted to the Council's employees, that it be paid immediately with effect from the 1st June, 1966 and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to its payment with effect from 1st May, 1966 and that the necessary additional expenditure to meet payment of the increase in the current year was approved.

ROAD AT ABBEYFIELD.

An application was read from the residents of Abbeyfield indicating that they had surfaced this road in tarmacadam to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor and applying for it to be taken into charge as a public road. An application was also made to have public lighting provided on the road. A report from the Town Surveyor was read indicating that he had no objection to the road being taken over by the Council but pointing out that the Council could not accept responsibility for an entrance pier which has been damaged. He recommended the provision of one public light mid-way along the road but indicated that there was no existing pole on which the light could be placed.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the meeting unanimously agreed to make the necessary arrangements to take the road into public charge and to obtain a quotation from the E.S.B. for the provision of a public light.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Abstract of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1966 was submitted and noted by the Council.

REVISION OF RENTS.

The Council considered the proposed Differential Rent Scales and an explanatory memorandum which had been circulated. The matter was considered in detail and during the course of a lengthy discussion it was indicated that the Council had agreed previously to the introduction of a Differential Rent Scheme in accordance with the direction of the Minister for Local Government and that the matter now under review was mainly the mechanics of the Scheme. It was also clearly stated that it was the Council's policy that any increase in rents would not apply to tenants in receipt only of Old Age Pensions, Widows' Pensions, etc. It was proposed by Councillor Haughton that the Scales as circulated be adjusted so as to provide for lower rents where the income was less than £5 per week. On Councillor Conroy's suggestion further consideration was adjourned to the August meeting and particulars of the revision to be circulated for the information of members.

CAPITAL ALLOCATION.

It was noted that in a recent circular the Department of Local Government had indicated that the Capital Allocation for 1966/67 in respect of Sanitary Services and Miscellaneous Works would be £8,500. The Town Clerk said that of this sum £7,000 was required to complete the scheme of roads and footpaths on Dunbur Estate and that the remaining £1,500 would be required to commence the provision of roads and footpaths in the next stage of development, details of which would be available by early Autumn. Noted.

On the suggestion of the Manager it was agreed to request the Department to agree to a further allocation of £1,000 which it was hoped to borrow from the Hibernian Bank Limited to finance the provision of the public convenience at the East Pier.

HOUSING SCHEMES.

1. The Council agreed that the Schemes of Ten and Fourteen Houses at Ballynerrin be known as St. Mannan's Park.
2. The Town Clerk reported that the Contract Documents for the Scheme of Fourteen Houses was still with the Insurance Company who were arranging the issue of the necessary Bond. The meeting agreed that the Contract be signed by the Chairman and Manager when the documents came to hand.
3. The Town Clerk reported on the progress made in the letting of the Ten Houses at Ballynerrin. He said that the following persons refused the offer of tenancy apparently for the reason that they did not wish to live on Ballynerrin. In accordance with the normal practice their names would now be placed on the bottom of the Housing List.- James Dunne, Castle Street and James Duffy, 3, High Street. The following two persons who were then offered tenancies indicated that they could not afford the rent.- John Healy, 12, Glenview Road and William O'Toole, Strand Street. The Town Clerk said he believed the reason for refusal was genuine. These two were next in order on the Housing List for rehousing in existing houses and would now be offered the tenancies of two houses on Glenview Road which would shortly be available for reletting. Noted.

The Town Clerk said that he was still short one tenant for the Scheme of Ten Houses and would ask the County Medical Officer for a further recommendation. The application of Mrs. Pamela Dempsey to be

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made tenant of Number 23, Glenview Road in succession to her late Grandmother, Mrs. Annie Byrne, was deferred for further investigation. The application of Mrs. Katie Kinsella to be made tenant of Number 46, Glenview Road in succession to the late Mr. John Rutledge with whom she resided and cared for for over twenty-eight years was agreed to.

DUNBUR ESTATE.

The application of Mr. Noel Mooney, Terrapin Limited, for lease of site Number 34 was granted, the lease to be for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. - VEHA LIMITED.

The meeting agreed in principle to grant permission for the erection of a water tower adjoining the factory premises on the Murrough but indicated that the appearance of the tower could be very much improved.

George Murray:- An application which only came to hand that morning for permission to erect a lock-up shop on the derelict site at Main Street was adjourned to the August meeting.

Golden Petroleum Products:- A letter which had been sent by Shamrock Fertilizers Limited to Golden Petroleum Products was read. It dealt in detail with the extra premiums that would be required to cover neighbouring property if the acid tanks and surrounding area were used for storing petrol and indicating that the whole matter required much more further investigation by the Board of Shamrock. It was agreed to indicate to Shamrock Fertilizers Limited that the Council was anxious to have an early decision on this matter.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was agreed that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following leases in respect of sites on Dunbur Park, the leases being for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10.

Francis Brody	...	Site 28
James O'Neill	...	Site 46
Norman McBride	...	Site 48

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Monthly Report, copy of which had been circulated, was noted. Councillor Conroy drew attention to the state of the streets of the town but agreed with the Town Clerk that the existing staff were worked to the limit and were unable to cope with the amount of work in hands. It was agreed to ask the Town Surveyor for a report as to how the position could be improved. Councillor Kavanagh mentioned Mr. Barlow's house on the Murrough and it was decided to refer this to the Town Surveyor.

OTHER BUSINESS.

A Letter was read from the Wicklow Swimming Club indicating that they were providing a litter basket adjoining the East Pier area and requesting that it be emptied weekly. They also asked if something could be done regarding the condition of the steps leading onto the beach. The Council agreed to co-operate with the Swimming Club.

A letter was read from the residents of Strand Street and a further letter from the Wicklow and District Mens Association regarding the shores along Lower Strand Street which were often blocked and caused flooding of houses. Referred to Town Surveyor for report.

Councillor Kane referred to the effort made in other Counties to rehabilitate itinerents and wondered if Wicklow Urban Council could lend a hand in this direction. After some discussion it was agreed that the

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members would consider the matter.

AUGUST MEETING.

It was agreed in accordance with the usual practice that the August Monthly Meeting due to be held on Tuesday, 2nd August be adjourned to Monday the 8th August.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 p.m.

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T. A. Delahunt



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MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 8th AUGUST, 1966

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

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillor J. Kane.

Before opening the meeting the Chairman thanked the members for their continued confidence in him as Chairman by electing him for the seventh year of office. He also thanked the members for the help, assistance, patience and courtesy extended to him at all times during his period as Chairman. He also expressed thanks to the County Manager, Town Clerk, Town Surveyor and staff.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Annual Meeting and the Monthly Meeting held on the 5th July, 1966, copies of which had been circulated, were adopted and signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2nd August, 1966, were read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

Councillor Conroy queried the award of two prizes in the Garden Competition. The Town Clerk explained the position in detail and indicated that when the Judge was not in a position to select an overall winner there was no option but to divide the prize money of £10 and award £5 to the winner in each of the two categories. The Council indicated their agreement with the action of the Town Clerk. The County Manager pointed out for future competitions the Council could set up a special sub-committee to arrange the judging and awarding of prizes.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES - ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

It was agreed that the following Motions be submitted to the Annual Conference to be held in Tuam in September.

- (1) "That the Government be requested to extend to Urban areas the same Rating Relief on Land as applies in Rural areas."
- (2) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to extend Subsistence Expenses payable to Delegates attending this and other Conferences so as to ensure that all out of pocket expenses incurred by Delegates will be recovered."

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TENANCY OF 23, GLENVIEW ROAD.

The Town Clerk submitted statement made by Mrs. Pamela Dempsey and signed before a Peace Commissioner setting out details concerning her residence with her grandmother at Number 23, Glenview Road since the time of her birth to date. The Town Clerk mentioned that he had found it impossible to either prove or disprove the statement made and it was agreed to adjourn the matter to the next meeting to make further enquiries.

LETTER FROM MR. L. M. CULLEN.

The letter referred to statement made at the co-option of a lady member to the Council that it was the first occasion in 300 years that the Council had a lady member. It was decided to point out to Mr. Cullen that he had confused the Urban Council with the County Council and to give him some particulars regarding the history of local government in Wicklow town.

PROPOSED DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME.

The meeting noted the revised scales and supplementary report which had been circulated. Councillor Everett pointed out that this Scheme had been prepared by Council officials in association with officials of the Department of Local Government. The implementation or otherwise of a Differential Rent Scheme did not appear to be a matter to be decided by the Council but one which came within the jurisdiction of the County Manager and staff.

DUNBUR ESTATE.

It was agreed to lease site number 22 to Christopher Ellis for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Mr. J. F. Shine - Illuminated sign at Main Street - Recommended that permission be granted.

Mr. George Murray - lock-up shop on site at Main Street - Consideration adjourned so as to ascertain the use to which the proposed shop would be put and also arrangements for toilet accommodation.

Mr. Christopher Ellis - Bungalow on Site 22 Dunbur Park - Recommended that permission be granted.

Mr. Joseph Flaherty - Dwellinghouse on Site 51 Dunbur Park - Recommended that permission be granted.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOANS.

The meeting considered a report from the Town Clerk submitting a review of the position regarding money allocated for Housing Construction loans in the current year. Taking into account the amount paid to date the Town Clerk recommended that a further three loans be issued. Agreed.

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

Christopher Ellis	...	Site 22 Dunbur Park	...	£1,900
Joseph Flaherty	...	Site 51 Dunbur Park	...	£2,000
Noel Mooney	...	Site 24 Dunbur Park	...	£2,000

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SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by Councillor Doyle the Seal of the Council be and is hereby affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council lease to Henry Joynt Building Site Number 52 on Dunbur Park for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The meeting considered and noted the report copy of which had been circulated. On the proposal of Councillor Everett it was agreed to contact the shipping agent regarding the washing down of the quays immediately after each shipment of cattle.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Everett complained about the lack of major main road improvements in the Wicklow Urban Areas, referring in particular to the necessity to widen The Mall and also to take off the corner at the Glen Turn. In relation to the Mall the suggestion was endorsed by Councillor Hopkins and it was agreed that the Wicklow County Council as the main road authority should be asked to prepare a major development plan for this area. Such a plan could conceivably call for the widening of the Upper Mall and the consequent closing of the Lower Mall to all but pedestrian access. Pending the preparation and implementation of such a major scheme it was felt that some minor alignment works at the South side of The Mall could permit the operation of one-way traffic system on The Upper and Lower Mall, viz. traffic moving southwards on The Lower Mall and northwards on The Upper Mall. A letter was read from Mr. J. Kennedy, Main Street, re the restriction of parking outside his premises. The Town Surveyor pointed out that no parking arrangements were only on trial and should be permitted to continue so that the problems arising could be fully investigated.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Kavanagh, The Haven, South Quay, complaining about the proposal to site the public convenience at the foot of the steps and within a distance of forty feet from his dwelling-house. After some discussion on the matter, including the reading of a report from the Health Inspector confirming the necessity for the provision of a septic tank, it was indicated by Councillor Everett that he proposed to hand in a Notice of Motion that the decision to site the proposed public convenience at the foot of the steps leading to Castle Street and that it be sited on the plot of ground beside the Sailing Club as originally recommended by the Town Surveyor.

Councillor Conroy referred to the delay in building the Scheme of Ten Houses at Ballynerrin. The County Manager explained the difficulties experienced due to the exceptionally bad weather during the Winter months. On the proposal of Councillor Conroy it was agreed to warn the contractor that the Council expected the houses to be completed by the end of August and if not they would consider enforcing the Penalty Clause in the Contract.

Councillor Conroy mentioned the lack of employment for local men on the Contract for the Scheme of Fourteen Houses at Ballynerrin. He stated that quite a number of Council tenants were unemployed at present. It was pointed out that the Council could not enforce any rule that local labour be engaged but it had been indicated to the Contractor that the Council expected that as much local labour as possible would be engaged on the Contract. It was agreed to draw the Contractor's attention to the fact that a number of Council tenants were unemployed and to ask him to engage some of them if at all possible.

Councillor Doyle referred to the condition of Mr. Barlow's house on the Murrrough and it was agreed that the Town Surveyor would submit a special report for the next meeting.

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IN COMMITTEE.

The Chairman informed the meeting of discussions and correspondence which had taken place with Golden Petroleum Products regarding the proposal to ship petrol through Wicklow Harbour. It was noted that the negotiations to date were at Harbour Board Level and that difficulties were being experienced by the Company in obtaining the use of part of the Shamrock Fertilizer property.

The meeting concluded at 9.15 p.m.

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J. G. Delah



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2nd September, 1966.

To/ THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Councillor,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 6th September, 1966 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. CUSACK

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 8th August, 1966 (copy herewith).
- 2) Tidy Towns Competition 1966 - (copy Adjudicators' Report herewith).
- 3) Declaration of Road at Abbeyfield to be a Public Road.
- 4) Annual Review of Public Lighting - (copy report herewith).
- 5) Tenancy of No. 23, Glenview Road.
- 6) Approve Overdraft Accommodation on General Revenue Account for quarter ended 31st December, 1966.
- 7) Revision of Salary Scales for Clerk/Typists - application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union.
- 8) Notice of Motion in name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D.:
 "That the decision of the Council to site the proposed public convenience on the South Quay at the foot of the steps leading to Castle Street be rescinded and that it be sited as previously recommended by the Town Surveyor on the plot of ground adjoining the Wicklow Sailing Club premises."
- 9) Housing Schemes at Ballynerrin - progress report.
- 10) Dunbur Estate - correspondence with Department of Local Government re subsidy towards cost of Water and Sewer Extensions.
- 11) Provisional Development Plan - (copy report herewith).
- 12) The Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation - arrangements for Annual General Meeting.

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- 13) Planning Applications.
 - 14) Monthly report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
 - 15) Resignation of Town Clerk.
 - 16) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER, 1966

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Councillors J. Kane, T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh, Wm. Hopkins, G. F. Haughton, Mrs. M. McEnroy, and J. Everett, T.D.

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. P. Doyle.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 8th August, 1966 and copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1966.

The Meeting considered the report of the Adjudicators, copy of which had been circulated. The Town Clerk pointed out that Wicklow repeated in category "E", viz. 3,000 to 5,000 in population and came fifth in this category as against seventh last year. The winning town was Monaghan with 85 marks and Wicklow obtained 72 marks, the same as the previous year. It was agreed to ask the Town Surveyor to submit suggestions for improvements to the park at Castle Street which was provided some years ago. It was also decided that he should investigate how the proposed park at Barrowgreen might be completed. Councillor Everett suggested that the yard at the junction of Fitzwilliam Road and St. Patrick's Road might possibly be acquired as a derelict site and turned into a small park.

DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD.

The Town Clerk reported that the Statutory Public Notice of the Council's intention to declare the road at Abbeyfield a public road had been published. However, the Council had intimated to the residents concerned that the road could not be taken into public charge until the damaged entrance pier had been made good. This work had not yet been done and the Town Surveyor has reported that it is in an extremely dangerous position. The Town Clerk advised the Council that by taking over the road at present they would also be taken over a serious liability. It was agreed to adjourn the matter to the next meeting to enable the residents to have the damaged entrance pier attended to meanwhile.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Having considered the report, copy of which had been circulated, the Council agreed to request the E.S.B. To convert the forty existing public lights mentioned in the report to Mercury Fluorescent Lamps at a cost of £34. On the proposal of Councillor Hopkins it was agreed to ask the E.S.B. for a quotation for the provision of an additional public light on Church Hill between Brickfield Lane and the Station Turn.

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TENANCY OF 23, GLENVIEW ROAD.

The Town Clerk reported that he had examined this matter since the last meeting and now recommended that the application of Mrs. Pamela Dempsey to be made tenant of 23, Glenview Road in succession to her deceased Grandmother be granted as he was satisfied that her claim that she had been born and reared in the house was genuine. The Council recommended that the tenancy be granted to Mrs. Dempsey and her husband.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

In requesting the Council to approve Overdraft Accommodation on General Revenue Account the Town Clerk reported that the Council's financial position was far from satisfactory. He mentioned that the effective debit balance at the 31st March, 1966 was £1,520 whereas at estimates time it was estimated that it might be £1,026. During the course of the year so far there was excess expenditure of £200 on housing maintenance and a further £170 as the Council's contribution towards the watermain extension to the East Pier. Further, the Council had budgeted at estimates time for an increase in Housing Rents of £450 but this increase had not been put into effect and whilst application had been made to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to implement the Different Rent Scheme it was likely that the increased revenue in the current year would be far short of the estimate.

The Town Clerk indicated that Overdraft Accommodation to the extent of £6,000 would be required for the coming quarter.

Proposed by Councillor Haughton.
Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

Resolved: "That we hereby approve, subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government, the provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £6,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ended 31st December, 1966."

REVISION OF SALARY SCALES - CLERK/TYPISTS.

Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union requesting the implementation of a new revised salary scale of £400 X £34 to £740 X £30 to £770 retrospective to 1st April, 1965 in respect of Clerk/Typists and on which it was agreed upon between the Union and County and City Managers' Association under the terms of the Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme. The Town Clerk indicated that the additional cost in respect of 1965/66 would be £41 and in respect of the current year £84. On the proposal of Councillor Mrs. McEnroy seconded by Councillor Conroy it was agreed that the revised scale be implemented and that the additional expenditure in the current year be authorised.

NOTICE OF MOTION - RE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT EAST PIER.

The following Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Everett, T.D. was passed being opposed only by Councillor Conroy.

"That the decision of the Council to site the proposed public convenience on the South Quay at the foot of the steps leading to Castle Street be rescinded and that it be sited as previously recommended by the Town Surveyor on the plot of ground adjoining the Wicklow Sailing Club premises."

It was agreed that the Wicklow Harbour Board be advised of the change of plan and their agreement thereto sought.

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HOUSING SCHEMES.

A report from the Consultant Architect was read regarding the completion of the scheme of ten houses at Ballynerrin. He gave the following probable dates for completion - 6 houses on September 16th; 2 houses on September 20th; 2 houses on September 23rd. In reply to the Council's protest regarding the delay in completing the houses Mr. McNulty, Contractor, stated that the major part of the delay was attributable to the inclement weather experienced during the Winter months when a period of twelve weeks was lost. A further delay resulted from a failure of cement supplies due to the strike in the paper industry. Western Enterprises in reply to the Council's request that more town labour be employed indicated that they have at present two Wicklow town carpenters in employment and will employ non-skilled labour from the town at the earliest opportunity. The Architect's report and Contractors' letters were noted.

DUNBUR ESTATE.

The Town Clerk reminded the Council that when the development of private building sites at Dunbur Estate was undertaken it was understood, and indeed confirmed by the Department of Local Government, that State Subsidy at the rate of 60 per cent of loan charges would be paid towards the cost of watermains and sewer extensions. No State assistance was available towards the cost of providing roads and footpaths though the Council made many representations that such assistance should be given. The Housing Bill, 1965 contained the provision that approved schemes for the development of private building sites would qualify for a 33½ per cent state subsidy. It was expected that the last sections of water and sewer extensions and roads and footpaths would qualify for this new subsidy. In December, 1965 the Department of Local Government wrote to say that the first stage of watermain and sewerage extensions costing £5,000 would not qualify for the 60 per cent state subsidy, (even though this had been sanctioned in November, 1963) and that the subsidy already paid on foot of this work would be deducted from future payments. This decision of the Department was appealed against but in a recent letter they had indicated that the decision could not be varied. By way of explanation the Department intimated that Sanitary Services subsidy is payable only on works up to the boundary of a housing site. The cost of any such works within the site must be regarded as properly chargeable to the Development cost of the estate and therefore ineligible for the payment of subsidy. The Town Clerk mentioned that the amount of subsidy involved was £332 per annum. The County Manager said the loss of the subsidy would seriously affect the economics of the scheme still in progress and would no doubt hinder development. After considering the matter the Council on the suggestion of the Chairman agreed to seek a deputation from the Minister for Local Government to discuss the matter. It was further suggested that perhaps the Minister might like to come to Wicklow to inspect the site for himself.

PROVISIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The meeting then considered the provisional development plan for the town which had been prepared by the Town Surveyor. A copy of the statement relative to the plan had been circulated and maps were made available for the inspection of members at the meeting. The Chairman and members paid tribute to the officials for the excellent manner in which the development plan had been prepared. Councillor Everett mentioned that more reference should have been made to the fact that St. Patrick first landed in Ireland at Wicklow and attention should have been drawn to the existence of Paidin's Rock and the Blackamoor Steps. On the suggestion of Councillor Kane it was decided to ask the Wicklow Harbour Board as to their plans for future harbour development such as provision for car ferry services, etc. and that details for such development would be included in the final development plan which has to be prepared by the 1st October, 1967. It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Kane that a copy of the map relative to the development plan

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be displayed in the notice board outside the Town Hall.

EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED.

On the proposal of Councillor Conroy seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously agreed to nominate Councillor J. Kane as the Council's representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation and also as a Director for the ensuing year.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

An application was received from Mrs. Williamson for permission to site a residential type caravan on the property of Mr. John Hopkins at Friars Hill, Wicklow. The Town Clerk said that there had not been sufficient time for the Town Surveyor to give a detailed report on this application but from a preliminary examination it was unlikely that he could recommend that permission be granted. The County Manager said it might be advisable to obtain the views of the County Medical Officer and pointed out that the structure proposed was a completely new type of development for the town and a matter of principle was very much involved. After discussing the matter it was agreed to defer further consideration to enable the Town Surveyor to submit a detailed report and on the suggestion of Councillor Hopkins it was decided to invite Mrs. Williamson to meet the Engineer and to discuss the proposal.

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Council then considered the Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor, copy of which had been circulated. Regarding Hospital Lane Councillor Everett remarked he could see the difficulties involved in closing the lane to traffic but asked if it would be possible to divert the heavier traffic onto Gaol Lane. It was finally agreed to discuss with the Garda Authorities the possibility of having one-way traffic on the two lanes, viz. one-way along Hospital Lane from Kilmantin Hill to the Ball Alley and one-way along Gaol Lane from the Ball Alley to Kilmantin Hill. Regarding Council house at No. 1 The Murrough the Council noted that the estimate of the Town Surveyor for carrying out all the repairs necessary was £82. It was agreed that he should attend to the most urgent work which appeared to be the windows. Councillor Kane referred to flooding on the junction of Summer Hill/Market Street and also at Main Street at Mrs. Roche's premises. The Town Surveyor said he was arranging to have the gully traps in these areas examined and improved if necessary during the current week. He also told Councillor Kavanagh that new gully traps had been provided at Strand Street and he expected that these would control the flooding in that area. The Town Surveyor also undertook to examine the complaint mentioned by Councillor Kane about the misuse of the upper steps leading to Dunbur Terrace.

RESIGNATION OF TOWN CLERK.

The Council formally noted the resignation of the Town Clerk, Mr. M. J. Cusack, effective as and from 1st October, 1966 consequent upon him taking up an appointment as Manager to Tramore Failte Limited. The Chairman and all the members present, County Manager and Town Surveyor paid tribute to Mr. Cusack for his work over the past ten years and indicated their regret that he was leaving them. Mr. Cusack in reply thanked the Chairman and Council for the co-operation which he had obtained from them during his term of office. He also paid tribute to the very loyal and efficient staff who served under him and thanked the townspeople with whom he had such close contact in his job as Town Clerk. Their co-operation and understanding had made his task a pleasant one indeed.

The County Manager said it would be sometime before a permanent

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replacement would be got for Mr. Cusack and he would arrange an interview board to recommend a suitable member from the clerical staff of the County Council as temporary Town Clerk.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- 1) An application from Messrs William Kavanagh and James Devlin requesting that their housing construction loans be revised from £2,100 to £2,500 in view of the additional cost of their houses since work first commenced. The Town Surveyor recommended that the application be granted and confirmed that the market value of the houses is in excess of £3,000. The Council unanimously agreed that the increased loans be granted.
- 2) An application was read from the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union to have an additional set of overalls issued annually to the Council's outdoor staff. The Town Surveyor recommended that the application be granted. The additional cost would be £9 10s. 0d. per year.
- 3) The Council agreed to the recommendation of the Town Surveyor for the purchase of a Arc Welder and Brazing Set at a cost of £40.
- 4) The Council agreed to refund to Mrs. Foley, 1 Kevin's Terrace a deposit of £76 lodged by her in respect of the cash purchase of her house under the Tenant Purchase Scheme, as she no longer wished to proceed with the purchase.

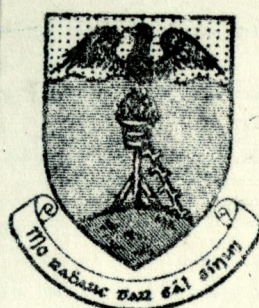
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30th September, 1966.

To/ THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Councillor,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 4th October, 1966 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. CUSACK,

TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th September, 1966 (copy herewith).
- 2) Proposed Public Convenience at East Pier - correspondence from Harbour Board.
- 3) Declaration of Road at Abbeyfield to be a Public Road.
- 4) Dunbur Estate - correspondence with Department of Local Government re State Subsidy for Water and Sewer Extension.
- 5) Application for consent to assignment of Lease - Shamrock Fertilizers Limited to Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta - portion of factory premises at North Quay.
- 6) Application for consent to assignment of Lease - Francis Newsome to Thomas Kelly - premises at Market Square.
- 7) Notification of assignment of lease by way of Mortgage - Veba Limited to Industrial Credit Co. Limited - premises at The Murrough.
- 8) Application from Altenburger (Ireland) Limited for factory site on Murrough (rear of "Marine" premises).
- 9) Application from Wicklow Press Limited for site for new Printingworks on Murrough (Pitch and Putt Site).
- 10) Housing Schemes - progress report.
- 11) Planning Applications.
- 12) Monthly Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
- 13) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4th OCTOBER, 1966

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Messrs J. Kane, T. Conroy, Ed. Kavanagh, Wm. Hopkins, Mrs. M. McEnroy and J. Everett, T.D.

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

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 6th September, 1966 copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

It was reported to the Meeting that the Chairman and representatives of Trim Urban District Council had been elected to represent eastern towns including Wicklow and Arklow, at the Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Regional Tourism Organisation Limited. This was duly in accordance with the system of rotation which obtained.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT EAST PIER.

Letter of 14th September, 1966 from the Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners was read indicating that the Harbour Commissioners agreed in principle to the Council's proposal to site the proposed toilets at the East Pier on plot of ground adjoining Wicklow Sailing Club premises as had been previously recommended by the Town Surveyor, subject to the plans being passed by the Consulting Engineer to the Harbour Board. The Harbour Commissioners' letter was noted and it was agreed that plans of toilet be submitted to the Harbour Commissioners for examination by their Consulting Engineer.

DECLARATION OF ROAD AT ABBEYFIELD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD.

The question of declaring the abovementioned road to be a public road was discussed. The Town Surveyor indicated to the meeting that he had arranged for the removal of the pier and part of the wall at the entrance to the above road, with the consent of the owners, as in its previous condition it constituted a danger to the public. Deputy Everett raised the point that in taking over this road the Council would need to ensure that they would not be involved in any liability for repairing any adjoining walls or piers. The County Manager pointed out that the points raised could be covered by the terms of the Resolution. Following further discussion the following Resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh.
Seconded by Councillor J. Kane.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby declare that the road described hereunder be a Public Road:-

Existing roadway known as Abbeyfield, southwards from the junction of Friars Hill and Abbey

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Street for a distance of 126 lin.yds. in the Urban District of Wicklow.

The taking over of this roadway as a Public Road does not, however, involve the Council in any liability for any piers or walls adjoining such road."

DUNBUR ESTATE - CORRESPONDENCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT RE SUBSIDY FOR WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION.

Letter from the Department dated 26th September, 1966 on the above matter was read. The letter indicated that following the Council's representations and in view of the fact that the Department had indicated on the 21st November, 1963 that subsidy would be available on the cost of work, tender for which had been approved in sum of £4,780 by the Department on that date, the Minister was prepared to continue the payment of Sanitary Services Subsidy on that section of the scheme notwithstanding that it was subsequently established that the work was within a housing development. Commenting on the letter the Chairman indicated that in this matter the attendance of Councillor Kane and Mr. Cusack at the Municipal Authorities Conference in Tuam in September had proved fruitful and that through the offices of Mr. P. Brennan, Parliamentary Secretary, an interview with the Minister had been arranged during the course of the Conference. The members expressed the view that in Wicklow very successful efforts had been made in assisting towards the provision of private housing by the development of the Dunbur Estate Scheme and it was agreed that the Council should write to the Minister thanking him for his consideration in the matter of the subsidy and renew the invitation to him to come to Wicklow in order for him to meet the members and inspect the development there.

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - SHAMROCK FERTILIZERS LIMITED TO NITRIGIN EIREANN TEORANTA.

Letter dated 15th September, 1966 from Shamrock Fertilizers Limited was read in which the Company applied for the Council's consent to assign buildings at North Quay, Wicklow, adjoining the deep water berth to Messrs Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta for a period of two years, in the first instance, for the purpose of enabling Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta to bring raw materials in bulk through Wicklow Harbour. Arising out of the examination of the site map Councillor Kane commented that the question of ownership of property in this area as between the Council and the Harbour Board was a complex matter and he suggested that the Town Surveyor might examine the position. Councillor Kavanagh recommended that the lease be granted as the development would be to the betterment of the town. The following Resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh.
Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby consent to the assignment by Shamrock Fertilizers Limited for a two year period to Nitrigin Eireann Teoranta of plots at North Quay, Wicklow, adjoining the deep water berth held by Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited under leases dated 10th August, 1953, 7th July, 1959 and 12th December, 1916, as shown on map submitted and which plots are those marked A, B and C on such map."

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE - FRANCIS NEWSOME TO T. KELLY, CLEARISTOWN, CO. WEXFORD.

Letter of 12th September, 1966 from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co., Solicitors, was read requesting the Council's consent to the above assignment. It was pointed out to the meeting that some rates and ground rent were due on these premises. The following Resolution was adopted:-

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Proposed by Councillor T. Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor W. Hopkins.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby consent to the assignment to Thomas Kelly of premises at Market Square, Wicklow, held by Francis Newsome under leases dated 19th November, 1861 and 1st March, 1960, provided all arrears of rates and ground rent due to the Council are first paid."

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE BY WAY OF MORTGAGE - VEHA LIMITED TO INDUSTRIAL CREDIT CO. - PREMISES AT THE MURROUGH.

Letter from Messrs Mooney & Co., Solicitors, Kells, was read notifying the Council that Messrs Veba Limited had agreed to assign by way of Mortgage to the Industrial Credit Co. lands and premises at The Murrough as referred to in Resolution set out below.

Proposed by Councillor E. Kavanagh.
Seconded by Councillor J. Kane.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby consent to the assignment by Messrs Veba Limited, Wicklow, by way of Mortgage to Industrial Credit Co. Limited, 26, Merrion Square, Dublin all the lands and premises as follows:-

- (1) That piece or plot of land containing 5 acres 3 roods statute measure the subject of lease dated 20th December, 1965 between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Veba Limited.
- (2) That piece or plot of land containing 17 perches statute measure the subject of lease dated 20th December, 1965 and between the Wicklow Urban District Council and Veba Limited."

APPLICATION FROM WICKLOW PRESS LIMITED FOR SITE FOR NEW PRINTINGWORKS AT MURROUGH (PITCH AND PUTT SITE).

Letter from Mr. L. Carroll, Managing Director of Wicklow Press dated 26th September, 1966, was read making application for lease of approximately 1 acre of land for the purpose of erecting a new printing-works and indicating that the Company wished to be considered for a site on the industrial estate on The Murrough at present used as a pitch and putt course. The Chairman pointed out that the pitch and putt course has proved to be an amenity for the town and that the Council should endeavour if possible to facilitate the Club with another site. Councillor Kane suggested that the preparation of a comprehensive scheme to develop the Black Castle area for tourist purposes, etc. might be considered and that the development might include provision for a pitch and putt course. Mrs. McEnroy mentioned that the area towards the Glen Strand might also be considered. It was suggested that the Pitch and Putt Club might be asked if they had any alternative site in mind. The following Resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Everett, T.D.
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. McEnroy.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby approve of a Lease for a term of 75 years to Wicklow Press Limited of a plot at the Murrough, Wicklow, measuring approximately one acre and at present used as a Pitch and Putt Course, at a rent of £50 per year subject to a Printingworks being erected on the plot to the requirements of the Council within a period of six months from this date. The persons interested in and responsible for the Pitch and Putt Course development be informed of this decision and of the necessity to terminate existing arrangement."

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HOUSING SCHEMES - PROGRESS REPORT.

A report on the above matter was read in which it was indicated that the position with regard to the ten houses at Ballynerrin is that all tenants are now in possession. There is still some external work to be completed before the Architect issues the Final Certificate. In the case of the fourteen houses progress is satisfactory and on schedule. It is hoped to be in a position to invite tenders for the scheme of twenty-two houses in the near future.

Further Housing on Ballynerrin.

The Architect has commenced a survey of a four acre field at the rear of St. Laurence's Road which is scheduled for building on in 1968/69.

Housing for Itinerants.

Arising out of the Housing Report a discussion took place on the question of housing for itinerants. Mrs. McEnroy quoted statistics indicating that the mortality for infants among itinerants was 12 per cent higher than the national average and she pointed out that due to their living conditions a large number of itinerants needed to be hospitalised and paid for by the County Council. She asked if the Council would be prepared to consider applications for housing for itinerants in the same way as ordinary housing applications. Deputy Everett pointed out that the question of itinerants was a nationwide problem and that it would be needed to be tackled on a national level. Councillor Kane stated that the Council had not made any effort to rehabilitate itinerants and he proposed a Resolution that the Town Surveyor be asked to investigate the possibility of providing a suitable site in the Urban Area for itinerants' caravans on the lines of that which had been provided recently in Newbridge, Co. Kildare. There was no seconder for this proposal.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING APPLICATIONS.
DESPATCH SHEDS FOR MESSRS VEHA AT THE MURROUGH.

Application from Messrs Veba Limited, Wicklow, for permission to erect temporary despatch sheds at The Murrough, Wicklow was considered. The Town Surveyor recommended that permission might be granted for a limited period for the retention of the structures on the understanding that they would be replaced by permanent structures to the satisfaction of the Council. The Council agreed that permission might be granted for the erection and retention of the structures for a period of 24 months it being understood that permanent structures would then be erected following submission of details to the Council.

EXTENSION TO HOUSE AT STRAND STREET - MR. F. HYNES.

Application from Mr. F. Hynes, Rathnew, for permission to erect bathroom and kitchen at house owned by him at Strand Street was examined. The Town Surveyor indicated that there seemed to be no objection to the proposed structure. The meeting agreed that permission might be granted provided that the dwelling was one which was suitable for improvement. It was mentioned that this might be a dwelling in an area which it was recommended some years ago should be cleared.

An application from Mr. A. Quinn, Castle Park, Wicklow, for permission to place a hut on the South Quay for storage of fishing gear was considered. The matter was deferred in order to give the Town Surveyor an opportunity to consult with the Harbour Board's Engineer regarding the question of providing a suitable structure incorporating storage space for fisherman's gear. The members suggested that the Town Surveyor might review the Amenity Plan for development in vicinity of Harbour prepared some years ago by the late Mr. Butler.

It was proposed by Mr. Quinn that permission be granted, but there was no seconder for this proposal.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Monthly Report of the Town Surveyor, copy of which had been circulated was noted.

APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL SITE AT MURROUGH - MESSRS ALTENBURGER.

A letter dated 27th September, 1966 from Messrs Altenburger (Ireland) Limited, Rockfield House, Brittas Bay, was read in which they applied to the Council for lease of site for a factory at the rear of Marine premises on the Murrough as shown on map prepared by Town Surveyor. The letter indicated that the purpose of the factory was for the assembling of machinery for export and the production of P.V.C. tiles, corrugated sheets, P.V.C. sacks. It was indicated that the processes would be of a clean nature and that no question of pollution would be involved. The Chairman pointed out that the site in question involved a site for which negotiations with the Department of Defence had taken place with a view to the provision of premises for the F.C.A. He expressed the view that the Council should endeavour to assist the F.C.A. but that in view of the importance of the proposal for an additional factory as outlined in Altenburgers' letter the Council should give priority to the provision of a site for industry and should agree in principle to make the site available. Mrs. McEnroy indicated that she was in agreement with the Chairman's views. Deputy Everett suggested that the Council should stipulate that development should occur within a six month period. The following Resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor Kane.

RESOLVED: "That we hereby agree to lease to Messrs Altenburger (Ireland) Limited, plot adjoining the Marine premises at The Murrough, Wicklow and measuring approximately 3 roods 15 perches at an annual rent of £40. The Department of Defence to be informed of this decision. Resolution adopted at meeting held on 10th April, 1961 relating to proposed lease to Department of Defence is hereby rescinded. The plot to be developed for industrial purposes to the requirements of the Council by Messrs Altenburger within a period of six months from this date."

FLOODING IN TOWN.

A Discussion on recent flooding in some parts of the town took place and suggestions were made for examination by the Town Surveyor.

OTHER BUSINESS.Repairs to Houses.

Expenditure of £30 in excess of the provision in the Annual Estimates was approved in order to meet the cost of repairs to two houses.

Hillside House - Condition of Premises.

It was agreed that the position to be reviewed under the terms of lease.

Right-of-Way at Murrough.

The Council recommended that the present position regarding the above matter be ascertained.

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Foreshore Protection Works.

The Chairman pointed out that in view of the fact that there was an industrial estate in course of development at the Murrough that the question of foreshore protection works was one which should be given top priority. It was decided that the views of the Urban Council on this matter should be conveyed to the County Council and that it should be pointed out that in the opinion of the Urban Council the question of foreshore protection at the Murrough was one of the utmost importance and that it should be given priority over all other schemes of foreshore protection. The County Council also to be requested to look into the question of obtaining grants towards this work.

Proposed Boat Yard at Harbour.

A letter was read from Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited in which they asked for the Council's agreement to their proposal to lease part of their property at the North Quay to Messrs Irish Marine Agencies with a view to the development of this portion of the property as a yacht and boat building yard. The Council agreed that Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited be informed that they would be favourably disposed to such a development provided the employment complement proved to be satisfactory. Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers also to be asked to submit further details of the proposed development.

Condition of property at Bond Street.

A complaint of Mr. F. Hynes, The Stores, Rathnew, regarding property in Bond Street stated by him to be rat infested, owned by Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited, was raised. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up with Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited.

Footpath at Church Street.

A letter from Mr. James Byrne, Church Street, regarding condition of footpaths outside his dwelling was read. The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor for attention.

Letters from the Wicklow and District Mens' Association as to the unsightly effect of machinery placed on a site at Abbey Street at entrance to the town and also in relation to disposal of cement bags at Ballynerrin Housing Estate were noted.

The meeting concluded at 10.25 p.m.

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J. A. Delaney Chairman.



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TO/ THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Councillor,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 1st November, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

S. Desmond,

ACTING TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 6th September, 1966 (copy herewith).
- 2) Copy of Resolution adopted by Ballina U.D.C. regarding news service.- Telefis Eireann.
- 3) Applications for Housing Loan. (Loans and Grants Act, 1962) and site at Dunbur Estate.
- 4) Letter from Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Local Government (reply to Council's invitation to the Minister to visit Wicklow and view Housing development).
- 5) Housing List Number 20 - (copy herewith).
- 6) Quotation from E.S.B. - provision of three additional lights (Leitrim Place, Church Hill and Abbeyfield).
- 7) Release of Mortgage - Mr. B. Conlon.
- 8) Hillside House - terms of lease.
- 9) Letting agreement - Employment Exchange. Notification of termination of tenancy (Mr. E. Kavanagh) and application for tenancy (Miss B. Gerrard).
- 10) Application for superannuation refund (Mr. Cusack, Former Town Clerk).
- 11) Planning applications.
- 12) Sealing of documents.
- 13) Report of Town Surveyor (copy herewith).
- 14) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1st NOVEMBER, 1966.

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Councillors P. Doyle, T. Conroy, E. Kavanagh, Wm. Hopkins, Mrs. M. McEnroy and J. Kane.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. M. Flannery, County Manager, Mr. R. L. Farrell, Town Surveyor and MR. S. Desmond, Acting Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4th October, 1966, copy of which had been circulated, were taken as read and were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION FROM BALLINA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A copy of Resolution which had been adopted at meeting of Ballina Urban Council at their Monthly Meeting held on 11th October, 1966 was read. The Resolution was noted by the Council. The terms of the Resolution of Ballina Urban District Council were as follows:-

"That this Council point out to Telefís Éireann, being the property of the public, that no interference by the Government in the news service can be permitted. That the Council call the Taoiseach to instruct his Ministers not to interfere in the news service. That in view of the grave disquiet now being felt the Taoiseach will reassure the public that it is not the Government's intention to take over the Telefís Éireann News Service as a Government propaganda medium. That copies of this Resolution be sent to all local authorities in Ireland."

APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING SITE - SITE 44 DUNBUR ESTATE.

The meeting was informed that in the case of the above site, which became available as a result of the withdrawal of Mr. MR. J. Finnegan, applications had been received from the following persons:

E. Maguire, "Sunvalley", Dunbur Road, Wicklow.
Terence Crosby, c/o 81, St. Peter's Place, Arklow.
George Newsome, 10, Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew.
James McCarthy, Mount Usher, Ashford.
Abraham Jacob, The Brow, Rathnew.
Malachy Vallyelly, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin.

It was pointed out that Mr. Jacob and Mr. Vallyelly were both unmarried. The following Resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor P. Doyle.
Seconded by Councillor Wm. Hopkins.

"That site number 44 be leased to Mr. George Newsome

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for a term of seventy-five years at an annual rent of £10 from 29th September, 1966."

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT WICKLOW.

At the October meeting it was agreed that the Minister for Local Government be thanked for reconsidering the Council's ^{proposal} scheme for subsidy in respect of development work at Dunbur Estate and that the Minister be invited to visit Wicklow in order to view the developments which had been carried out. A reply from Mr. P. Brennan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, was read indicating that for the next few weeks the Minister's Dail commitments precluded a visit to Wicklow. In his reply Mr. Brennan indicated that he would speak to the Minister to see if he could possibly manage to fix a date for a visit to Wicklow town. The Parliamentary Secretary's reply was noted.

LETTER FROM WESTERN ENTERPRISES LIMITED.

The Chairman indicated that he felt that it would be opportune at this stage of the meeting to read a letter which he had received from Messrs Western Enterprises Limited, Dublin. The letter referred to the need for housing in Wicklow town and indicated that Messrs Western Enterprises would be prepared to discuss the possibility of a co-ordinate scheme with the Council for the provision of private housing. The Chairman indicated that the proposals envisaged the provision of land by the Council on which housing development would be carried out by Messrs Western Enterprises. The letter was discussed at length and the possibility of making available fields situated south of the G.A.A. field was mentioned by Councillor Kavanagh. Councillor Conroy indicated that the Council might consider the possibility of allocating other sites to the firm if it was decided that the Council should themselves continue development in the Dunbur area. Councillor Doyle mentioned the need for the exercise of care in the matter of allowing development on the Council's property by private interests. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between the representatives of Western Enterprises Limited, the County Manager and Town Surveyor to discuss the firm's proposals.

HOUSING LIST NUMBER 20.

The Housing List, details of which had been circulated, was generally agreed to with one exception which the members requested be referred to the Medical Officer for review. It was pointed out to the meeting that in September, 1965 the Council had agreed that priorities in connection with houses being erected in accordance with the Council's Housing Programme might be decided as follows:-

1) Families living in unfit, dangerous or overcrowded buildings	-	14
2) Newly Weds	-	6
3) Factory Workers	-	4

	TOTAL/	24

The members were of opinion that rigid adherence to these priorities would not be practical.

Purchase Scheme.

Arising out of the discussion on the Housing List the matter of the Purchase Scheme for Council houses was raised. Councillor Kane asked that the matter of the preparation of Deeds be given attention in cases where purchase money had already been paid to the Council. Councillor Doyle requested that the panel of existing applications to purchase be examined. It was agreed that the position with regard to applications to purchase be examined and reported on to the Council.

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PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A quotation from the E.S.B. for the installation of three extra lights was read indicating that extra lights could be installed free of initial cost on pole 34 at Leitrim Place and pole 33 at Church Hill and that a payment of £40 for a new pole and conductor would be required in order to instal a light at Abbey-field Road. It was agreed that the matter of the light at Abbeyfield Road be deferred to the Estimates Meeting and that lights at Church Hill and on the road at Leitrim Place leading to Messrs Celmacs be provided.

RELEASE OF MORTGAGE. - MR. B. CONLON.

Letter from Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co. was read requesting the Council's consent to release of Mortgage in the case of Mr. B. Conlon, Dunbur Road. The members were informed that it was the intention in this case that the loan advanced by the Council would be repaid. The following Resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor W. Hopkins.
Seconded by Councillor J. Kane.

"That the Council consent to the sealing of release of Mortgage on premises at Dunbur Road which are the subject of a loan from Wicklow Urban District Council to Mr. Brendan Conlon subject to the balance of the loan outstanding being repaid to the Council."

HILLSIDE HOUSE.

The Council had at the previous meeting requested that the terms of the lease of the premises known as Hillside House be examined the Council members being concerned by the number of applications for rehousing being received from tenants of Hillside House. It was pointed out that under the lease it was a requirement that the premises be kept in repair. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Town Surveyor and Medical Officer be asked to examine the house and report on the conditions there and the state of repair.

LETTING AGREEMENT - EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE.

Letter dated 27th October, 1966 from Mr. E. Kavanagh, Department of Social Welfare Office, was read indicating that he wished to terminate his tenancy of premises at Main Street, Wicklow, used as an Employment Exchange. A letter dated 27th October, 1966 from Miss B. Gerrard applying for the tenancy of these premises was also read. The following Resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Kane.
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.

"That the Council hereby agree that premises at Main Street, Wicklow, formerly occupied by Mr. E. Kavanagh and used as an Employment Exchange Office by him be let to Miss B. Gerrard, 20, The Mall, Wicklow, as from 1st November, 1966, subject to the completion by Miss Gerrard of an agreement in the same terms as that concluded with Mr. Kavanagh, the premises to be used as an Employment Exchange."

REFUND OF SUPERANNUATION - MR. M. J. CUSACK.

The Council was advised of the fact that a refund of superannuation deductions which had been made from the salary of Mr. Cusack, Former Town Clerk was now due to him. The amount of the refund due being £441 17s. 4d. Following a discussion during which members referred to

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the effect on the rates of this payment the following Resolution was adopted:-

Proposed by Councillor J. Kane.
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.

"That the Council hereby agree to a refund to Mr. M. J. Cusack, Former Town Clerk, of superannuation contributions deducted from his salary during the time spent by him in the Council's service."

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The report of the Town Surveyor was discussed. Councillor Conroy expressed the view that parts of the town especially Ballynerrin, High Street, Castle Street and Dominick's Road, seemed to be inadequately catered for from the point of view of street cleaning. Councillor Kane suggested that the Council might consider purchasing a dumper for street cleaning purposes. It was pointed out by the Town Surveyor that two men would be required to operate a dumper. Councillor Kavanagh indicated that in his view the existing street cleaning staff were doing their best to cope with matters. The Chairman indicated the Council should endeavour to avoid incurring increased expenditure at this time and suggested that the Town Surveyor might be asked to look into the points raised. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should look into the points raised by the members regarding street cleaning.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

The question of housing repairs was discussed. It was indicated to the meeting that to date expenditure amounting to £1,230 had been incurred. Councillor Conroy mentioned that some floor repairs needed to be completed and that some fireplaces required replacement. The Town Surveyor pointed out that a number of houses had been rewired this year and that painting of houses had also involved considerable outlay. Mrs. McEnroy indicated that every effort should be made to conserve monies for repairs of an essential nature. It was also Councillor Hopkins' view that monies should, if possible, be reserved for more essential repairs. It was agreed to provide a fireplace for Number 17, Dominick's Road at an estimated cost of £27 as recommended by the Town Surveyor who indicated that the range in this case was burnt out.

OTHER BUSINESS.New Housing Scheme at Ballynerrin.

A memorandum from the tenants of the ten new houses at Ballynerrin which requested the Council to consider providing front gates to the gardens of these houses was read. It was indicated to the meeting that the original layout did not provide for gates at the front but that gates towards the side of each house so as to separate the front and back gardens were included in the plans. Councillor Kane asked that an estimate be obtained for the cost of providing gates for the front and also an estimate of the difference if the gates between front and back were to be eliminated in favour of gates to the front gardens. The members indicated that they wished for an opportunity to view the scheme and it was agreed that the matter be deferred to enable them to do so.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 p.m.

J. G. Delahunt
Chairman. 6.12.1966



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To/ THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Dear Sirs,

The Monthly Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 6th December, 1966 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

S. DESMOND,

ACTING TOWN CLERK.

A G E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 1st November, 1966 (copy herewith).
- 2) Increase in E.S.B. Charges - copy of Resolution adopted by Tramore Urban District Council.
- 3) Assignment of Leases - Applications for Consent (a) Mr. Peter McGrath to Mr. Eugene Doyle (Premises at Dunbur Park) and (b) Shamrock Fertilizers Limited to Mr. Wm. Knox (Premises at 11, St. Patrick's Avenue).
- 4) Sale of premises at Market Square - application from Messrs A. B. Cullen & Son, Solicitors, for Council's consent to sale - Josephine Byrne to S. O'Connor & P. Mulceady.
- 5) Housing Construction Loans (a) George Newsome - application for loan. and (b) P. J. Berry to Eamon Maguire - application for transfer of loan.
- 6) Fowl Market - fixing of date.
- 7) Tenth Round Increase - application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union.
- 8) E.S.V. Scheme (see Town Surveyor's Report).
- 9) Purchase Scheme - applications from tenants to avail of scheme.
- 10) Overdraft Accommodation - authorisation of Overdraft in the sum of £6,000 on General Revenue Account for quarter to 31/3/1966.
- 11) Loan from Local Loans Fund - notification of increase in interest rate.
- 12) Public Lighting - application for light at Mass Path.
- 13) Housing at Ballynerrin (10 Houses Scheme) - application for front gates.
- 14) Housing List - further report from Medical Officer.

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- 15) Planning applications.
- 16) Sealing of documents:-
 - (a) John F. Flaherty - execution of lease site No. 51 Dunbur Park
 - (b) M. J. Cusack - Execution of release of Mortgage
 - (c) Miss B. Gerrard - Letting Agreement (Employment Exchange)
- 17) Report of Town Surveyor.
- 18) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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