



Comairle Bailteáannair Cille Mannáin
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Halla an Baité,
Town Hall,

Cill Mannáin
Wicklow

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER, 1966

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

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mr. J. Everett, T.D. and Mr. Wm. Hopkins.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY - THE LATE MR. SEAN T. O'KELLY.

The Chairman, Mr. T. A. Delahunt, stated that before the business of the meeting was commenced he felt that it was only fitting that the Council should join with the Nation in mourning the death of Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly. The Chairman paid tribute to the late Mr. O'Kelly and to the distinguished part he had played in the struggle for Irish freedom and to the admirable and dignified way in which he had fulfilled the office of President of Ireland. Councillor Kavanagh associated himself with the expression of sympathy and stated that they all knew the great Irishman Mr. O'Kelly had been and of the active part he had played both in 1916 and afterwards. Councillor Kane also spoke and referred particularly to the part Mr. O'Kelly had played in the initiation of some of the first major housing schemes. The Vote was passed in silence all present standing.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY - THE LATE MR. J. BARLOW.

On the proposal of Councillor J. Kane, seconded by Mrs. McEnroy a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. John Barlow The Murrrough, Wicklow. Mr. Kane stated that the late Mr. Barlow had been a former member of the Council and a very highly esteemed citizen of the town. Mrs. McEnroy also spoke and referred to Mr. Barlow's part in the promotion of tourism in Wicklow. Mr. T. A. Delahunt also spoke and stated that he would particularly like to refer to Mr. Barlow's charitable work. The other members also associated themselves with the Vote of sympathy which was passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

Arising out of the Minutes of the previous meeting and the discussion on the Housing List referred to therein Councillor Conroy asked that it should be made clear that it was the intention of the Council that the tenancies of the fourteen new houses in course of erection at Ballynerrin should be offered to the first available persons off the Housing List. The members agreed that this was the case and that the point should be noted in the Councils Minutes.

Councillor Mrs. McEnroy referred to the Resolution from Ballina Urban District Council which was before the Council at the previous meeting and which the Council had agreed be recorded as being noted. The Resolution concerned the Telefis Eireann News Service. Councillor Mrs. McEnroy pointed out that she had been unavoidably delayed in arriving at the previous Meeting and that this item had been dealt with prior to her arrival. She asked that it be recorded that she was not associated with the decision to treat the Resolution from Ballina Urban District Council as noted.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st November, 1966 and

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copies of which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD CHARGES - COPY OF RESOLUTION FROM TRAMORE TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

The following Resolution which had been adopted by Tramore Town Commissioners was read:-

"That this Authority strongly opposes the increased E.S.B. charges of 7 per cent. The E.S.B. had made a profit of £240,000 during the past year and it was difficult to justify the increased charges which had already been given provisional ministerial sanction. If the increase is finally approved it should not be applicable to "Fixed Charge on Valuation" as that would be tantamount to increased rates on buildings."

It was decided by the Council that the Resolution be recorded as being 'noted'.

ASSIGNMENT OF LEASES.

Premises at Dunbur Estate.

An application for the Council's consent to Assignment of Lease - Mr. Peter McGrath to Mr. Eugene Doyle was discussed. It was indicated to the meeting that this referred to the Lease of premises at Dunbur Estate and that the Council had advanced a loan towards the construction of the house in this case, the loan was now to be repaid on completion of the sale of the premises to Mr. E. Doyle. Councillor Kane mentioned that need for care in the issue of loans was essential to avoid the possibility of loans being used for building of a speculative nature. The following Resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Conroy.
Seconded by Councillor P. Doyle.

RESOLVED: "That the Council hereby assent to Assignment to Mr. Eugene Doyle of premises at Dunbur Estate held by Mr. Peter McGrath under lease made 1st June, 1965."

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOANS - MR. GEORGE NEWSOME.

An application from Mr. George Newsome, 11, St. Patrick's Terrace, Rathnew for loan under Housing (Loans and Grants) Act was considered. The meeting was informed that having regard to the value of the proposed dwelling and the state grant available the maximum loan in this case would be £1,875. The Council agreed that Mr. Newsome be allocated the loan.

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION LOAN - MR. E. MAGUIRE.

An application from Mr. Eamon Maguire for transfer to himself of loan of £1,900 allocated to Mr. P. Berry in respect of house at Dunbur Estate was considered. It was mentioned that care needed to be exercised in the allocation of loans to ensure that houses were not built on a speculative basis especially as the sites were being subsidised by the Council. The matter was deferred for review at next meeting. It was agreed that the final loan instalment be not issued to Mr. Berry until the Council had further reviewed the matter having regard to the terms of the Council's scheme which required that a borrower should reside in the house for a three year period. It was also agreed that the advice of the Council's solicitor should be sought.

FOWL MARKET - FIXING OF DATE.

The question of fixing a date for the Christmas Fowl Market was discussed. On the proposal of Councillor Doyle seconded by Councillor Conroy it was agreed that the Christmas Fowl Market be held on the 19th December, 1966.

TENTH ROUND INCREASE FOR COUNCIL STAFF.

Application from Irish Local Government Officials' Union for payment of the Tenth Round Increase for the Council's officials was considered. The application was for payment as from 1st June, 1966 of an increase as follows and applicable to those earning up to £1,200 per annum: whole-time male officials and female officers in grades open to both males and females £1 weekly increase; other female grades £15/-d. weekly increase. The meeting was informed that the cost of the increase would be £232 for a full year and that in the present year if granted from 1st June, 1966 the increase in expenditure would be £196. It was also indicated to the meeting that due to the resignation of Mr. Cusack the rate being paid for the post of Town Clerk as from 1st October, 1966 was reduced, the difference in the present and former rates being £330 per annum or £165 for half year. On the proposal of Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Mrs. McEnroy the Council approved of the application and of the necessary increase in the expenditure as from the 1st June, 1966.

E.S.V. SCHEME.

A long discussion took place on the proposed works under the E.S.V. Scheme. The members did not favour the proposal for a footpath on the road from Church Street junction to the Church Boundary Wall and it was agreed not to put forward this as part of the Scheme. It was mentioned that flags at Church Street had been damaged while cables were being laid by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Arising out of the discussion references were made to the wall at Hospital Lane which had recently collapsed, and the Town Surveyor pointed out that he had reported on this wall already to the Council and it was also referred to in his Monthly Report. It was suggested that a survey of other possibly dangerous walls in the district should be made.

It was agreed that the footpath at Church Street be given attention and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs contacted concerning damage there. The work at Castle Avenue - continue concrete road from junction at Summer Hill for 24 yards and continuing path to meet Seaview Road - was approved. It was agreed that at Seaview Road a footpath be provided on the east side and that the grass margin on the other side be reduced and a hard shoulder constructed and also that a footpath be provided on the east side of the road at Castlefield.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Council were informed that 22 tenants as listed hereunder had indicated their intention of availing of the Scheme if permitted to do so by the Council. On the proposal of Councillor Kane seconded by Councillor Kavanagh the Council agreed that the applications before the meeting be accepted and that the Department of Local Government be notified of the proposed sales.

Thomas Byrne	...	9, Kilmantin Road.
Patrick O'Rourke	...	21, Kilmantin Road.
James Hanlon	...	2, Kilmantin Road.
Wm. Vickers	...	1, Kilmantin Road.
F. O'Connor	...	22, Laurence's Road.
E. Kelly	...	19, Laurence's Road.
Mrs. E. Vickers	...	25, Laurence's Road.
Wm. Hunter	...	26, Laurence's Road.
Mrs. Mary Jameson	...	35, Castle Street.
John Flynn	...	3, Bungalow, Laurence's Road.
Wm. Byrne	...	4, Bungalow, Laurence's Road.
Peter Clarke	...	9, Bungalow, Laurence's Road.
John Doyle	...	2, Castlefield.
Mrs. Foley	...	3, St. Kevin's Tee.
James Fitzgerald	...	4, St. Dominick's Road.
Edward Eunn	...	1, Urban Villas.
Mrs. M. Byrne	...	2, Urban Villas.
Timothy Kelly	...	29, Laurence's Park.
John Murphy	...	8, Castle Park.
Christopher Jameson	...	10, Castle Park.
Gerald Vickers	...	4, Castle Avenue.
Charles Byrne	...	3, Castle Avenue.

OVER-DRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The following Resolution was adopted.

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh.
Seconded by Councillor Conroy.

RESOLVED: "It is resolved that we hereby approve subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government provision of temporary Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £6,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1967."

LOANS FROM LOCAL LOANS FUND - INCREASE IN INTEREST RATE.

The meeting was informed that the Minister for Finance by letter dated 30th November, 1966 had fixed 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent per annum as the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after the 28th November, 1966. It was indicated to the meeting this would entail a rise in the rate for borrowers of Housing Construction Loans to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent and that in some cases borrowers had drawn only part of the loans allocated. It was indicated that should the Council not issue the balances in these cases at the revised rate the result and loss would be approximately £28 per annum as against issuing the balances at the new rate of 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

The Council decided that any advances made out of monies borrowed from the Local Loans Fund at the revised rate would also be issued to borrowers at the increased interest rate.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

The meeting was informed that representations had been received from Deputy P. Brennan, T.D. Regarding the need for a light at the Church side of the Mass Path leading from St. Manntan's Road to the Catholic Church and also that a previous quotation received from the E.S.B. for the provision of a light at the Mass Path was in the sum of £75.

It was agreed to defer the matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting of the Council and to obtain another quotation from the E.S.B.

HOUSING AT BALLYNERRIN (TEN HOUSES SCHEME) - APPLICATION FOR FRONT GATES.

The meeting was informed that arising out of a request by the tenants of the ten new houses in Ballynerrin that front gates be provided, the Architect for the scheme had submitted a report to the effect that the provision of front gates as a direct extra would cost an estimated £175. If the gates between the front and back gardens were omitted and front gates provided instead the estimated cost would be £70.

It was agreed that the tenants be asked to indicate if they would be prepared to pay increases in rent in the event of the Council arranging for the provision of gates. The members noted that these were not provided for in the original contract.

It was mentioned that some complaints regarding defects in these houses had been received and it was agreed the Architect be asked to investigate these complaints.

HOUSING LIST.

Arising out of a discussion on the Housing List at the November meeting members had asked that the Medical Officer be requested to review the case of one of the applicants (Mr. Shortall) as it appeared that his housing conditions were not unduly bad. A report from the Medical Officer was read pointing out that in this case the applicant's accommodation consisted of bedroom, livingroom and kitchen annexe and that the house was suitable for a couple but would not suit a family. The applicant in question now had a young son. The case of Mr. Duffy who was now first on the list was the subject of a lengthy discussion. The case of Mrs. O'Toolle who was now Number 19 on the list was carefully reviewed by the members.

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It was eventually agreed that the list as submitted by the Medical Officer should stand unchanged.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Three applications for Planning Permission were received - Messrs S. V. Delahunt & Co. Ltd. - addition to bottling premises at the Murrough; Mr. H. Roberts - reconstruction work at Friars Hill Lodge and Mr. George Newsome - erection of bungalow at Dunbur Park. The Town Surveyor indicated that he had no objection to any of the proposals. The Council unanimously recommended that Planning Permission be given in the cases mentioned.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Conroy,
Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Lease and Counterpart whereby the Council lease to Mr. John F. Flaherty site number 51 on Dunbur Park for a term of 75 years from the 25th March, 1966 at a yearly rent of £10."

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh,
Seconded by Councillor Doyle.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Release of Mortgage - Michael J. Cusack to Wicklow Urban District Council."

Proposed by Councillor Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor Kavanagh.

RESOLVED: "That Seal of the Council be affixed to Letting Agreement whereby the Council agree to let the premises at Main Street, Wicklow, used as an Employment Exchange to Miss B. Gerrard, The Mall, Wicklow, as from 1st November, 1966 on a Monthly Tenancy at the monthly rent of £6 10s. Od.."

MONTHLY REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR

The Report of the Town Surveyor was noted. Arising out of the report the Town Surveyor was asked to report on the possibility of having the area at the rear of Hospital Lane developed as a car park. It was mentioned that the rear of premises at Morton's Lane known as the Catholic Club should be examined as slates were loose and the building seemed to be in a dangerous condition. It was recommended that the Town Surveyor examine this building. The matter of a riverside walk past premises used by Messrs Veba Limited was also mentioned and it was agreed that a report be obtained from the Town Surveyor.

HOUSING - NEW SCHEME FOR TWENTY-TWO HOUSES.

Plans which had been received from the Architect, Mr. P. O'Brien, of proposed new houses to be erected at Ballynerrin as the Council's Housing Programme for 1967/68 were examined, and approved.

Housing - Private Development at Glenfield.

The proposal of Messrs Western Enterprises Limited for the erection of houses at Wicklow was discussed. The meeting was informed that the site favoured by Messrs Western Enterprises is that consisting of about 11½ acres to the south west of the G.A.A. field. The proposal of Messrs Western Enterprises was for the erection of seventy houses on this site. It was suggested that it would be necessary to charge a site fine in addition to the Ground Rent and possibly it could be arranged that the fine for each site would be payable according as the houses were erected. It was also suggested that it would be necessary to fix a time limit for the erection of the houses.

Eventually it was agreed that the County Manager and the Town Surveyor on behalf of the Council should have a further discussion with the

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representatives from Estern Enterprises, the basis for discussion to be as follows - Site Fine of £50 per site to be payable plus £10 per annum Ground Rent (developers to pay all costs) a time limit to be agreed for the erection of the houses, the suggestion being for a limit of three years. It was also agreed that further details as to the type of houses to be erected might be discussed.

FACTORIES AT THE MURROUGH.

Councillor Conroy asked that the question of the options allowed to Messrs Celmac and other industries on the Murrough be examined and that the time limit for expiration of the options be checked.

COASTAL EROSION.

The meeting agreed that Councillor J. Everett, T.D. and Councillors Haughton and Hopkins be complimented for the able manner in which they had raised this matter at the meeting of the County Council.

FIRE AT COUPER WORKS.

Letter from Dr. M. A. El Baradi, Manager, Couper Works, was read in which he stated that he would like to record his appreciation of the efforts of Wicklow Fire Brigade in fighting the fire which occurred on the 1st November at the firm's premises.

APPROACHES TO TOWN - LETTER FROM WICKLOW AND DISTRICT MENS' ASSOCIATION.

Letter from Wicklow and District Mens' Association was read drawing attention to the need to keep the approaches to the town as neat as possible with a view to improving the town's position in the Tidy Town's Competition.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT FITZWILLIAM SQUARE.

In concluding the meeting the Chairman mentioned that he was presenting the Council with a Christmas tree for erection in the town and he wished all the members the compliments of the Season.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 p.m.

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J. A. Delahunt



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30th December, 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, 3rd January, 1967 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 meeting held on 6th December, 1966.
2. Street Litter Receptacles - application from Messrs White & Carter Ltd. (advertising firm) to be allowed concession to site litter bins in Wicklow town.
3. Derelict Buildings. - 7/8 Bond Street (see report of Town Surveyor)
- 4) Removal of wall at North Quay - request from Harbour Commissioners.
5. Housing for the Aged - circular from Department of Local Government on housing for the aged and Medical Officer's report thereon.
6. Application for lease of plot - 18, Colley Row (applicant Richard Davis.
7. Coastal Erosion at Wicklow - report of Commissioners of Public Works on Preliminary Examination.
8. Application for Transfer of Loan - Patk. Berry to E. Maguire.
9. Site at Dunbur Park - site surrendered by M. C. Gaffney (No. 50)
10. Site on Murrough - letter from Department of Defence regarding site for F.C.A. premises.
11. Factory sites on Murrough - report on options granted.
12. Proposed Housing at the Glen - application of Western Enterprises.
13. Riverside pathway at premises of Messrs Veba Limited.
14. Sealing of Documents.
15. Report of Town Surveyor.
16. Any other business at discretion of Chairman.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3rd JANUARY, 1967

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Messrs P. Doyle, Ed. Kavanagh, J. Kane, Wm. Hopkins, T. Conroy and J. Everett, T.D.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mrs. M. McEnroy.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6th December, 1966 and copies of which had been circulated, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Deputy Everett referred to the position regarding flooding at Mrs. Roche's premises at Market Square and mentioned that the matter might be brought to the notice of the County Council as the premises adjoined the Main Street.

The matter of the tenancy of house at The Murrough, former tenant Mr. J. Barlow, was mentioned. It was indicated to the meeting that in accordance with the Housing List Mr. J. Hanlon would become the new tenant and that the Town Surveyor had inspected his present accommodation and would be submitting a report so that any action necessary under the Housing Acts might be taken in relation to the house to be vacated by Mr. Hanlon.

STREET LITTER RECEPTACLES.

An application from the firm of Messrs White and Carter Limited, 49, Wellington Street, Strand, London, for the Council's permission to site in the town litter bins carrying advertisements was discussed. It was indicated to the meeting that the proposals were that this firm would be prepared to pay a small annual rental per bin, or would alternatively supply a certain number of free bins in lieu of paying a rental. The firm were seeking the concession for a three year period with an option to renew it for two further periods of three years. Messrs White and Carter proposed to canvass local business firms who would be asked to pay Messrs White and Carter in return for advertisements to be carried on some of the bins. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Chamber of Commerce for their views.

DERELICT BUILDINGS - 7/8, BOND STREET.

It was indicated that the Health Inspector and Town Surveyor had examined these premises. The buildings were reported by the Health Inspector and Town Surveyor to be in a derelict condition. It was agreed that Messrs Gouldings Limited be requested to arrange for the demolition of these buildings and to have the site cleared.

WALL AT NORTH QUAY.

Letter from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners was read recommending that the Council arrange for the removal of a structure at the North Quay, referred to as the Scrubber Wall and formerly used by Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers Limited in connection with the superphosphate plant. The Town Surveyor submitted a report to the effect that the structure was erected by Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers across an access

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between Bond Street and the North Quay. He reported that the structure was about twenty-three feet high, eight feet thick and forty-three feet wide but that as it was not solid it would be comparatively easy to remove. The Surveyor in his report also mentioned that the access provided a short approach to the Quay and that such short approaches near the edge of quays could constitute a hazard at night unless warning signs were erected. It was agreed that Messrs Gouldings be written to and informed of the Harbour Commissioners' request and that they be asked to remove the structure.

Arising out of this item Councillor Kane raised the matter of the factory premises at the North Quay which had been unused for some time past. It was agreed that Messrs Gouldings be written to regarding the position and that the Council's disappointment be expressed that no industrial activity was taking place in the area leased by the Council to Messrs Shamrock Fertilizers as the Council had been given to understand that efforts would be made to attract new industry to the area. It was also agreed that Messrs Gouldings be asked if there were any proposals on foot for utilizing the area for industrial purposes.

HOUSING FOR THE AGED.

Circular from Department of Local Government regarding housing needs of the aged was read. The Circular indicated that in assessing housing needs Housing Authorities should have special regard to need for houses for the aged and that in assessing housing needs Housing Authorities should aim at listing and classifying old persons in the area on the basis of:-

- 1) Those living in unfit or overcrowded conditions with their families and who might require rehousing in larger type houses.
- 2) Those living without families in unfit or overcrowded housing conditions and who were capable of looking after themselves, and whose housing needs might be met by (a) repairs to the existing dwellings, (b) provision of demountable or mobile dwellings, (c) provision of dwellings specially designed for old persons and located convenient to existing services and amenities.
- 3) Those in unfit or overcrowded conditions who by reason of physical or mental handicap were unable to look after themselves fully but could do so with home or local help if rehoused.
- 4) Those in unfit or overcrowded conditions who appeared incapable of being cared for except by institutional or similar treatment.

A report from Dr. O'Driscoll, Assistant County Medical Officer, on the matter was read. He pointed out that in approaching the problem of housing for the aged the provision of housing could be approached in a number of ways, i.e. either by provision of special type house in one block or street, which would be more economical and perhaps allow for the provision of facilities such as nursing, laundry and cooking services. However, he pointed out that such blocks or areas might come to be regarded as being "institutions" and that aged persons would hence have a tendency to avoid being rehoused there. Alternatively the provision of special type houses in units or groups of two could be considered. These could be provided in the areas where the aged had resided and where they felt themselves as being part of the community and would avoid the possibility that the aged might object to being moved from familiar surroundings. The Medical Officer expressed it as his personal opinion that a system whereby old persons are rehoused in special type houses in units or groups of two would be the more desirable.

The Medical Officer's report also indicated that he and the Health Inspector had discussed the matter with Nurse Kieran who had an intimate knowledge of old people in the area. It was the Nurse's opinion that the problem of housing for the aged was not an acute one at present in Wicklow and that old persons were more in need of care than of housing.

It was indicated to the meeting that at present about twenty of the

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Council's houses are tenanted by old persons living alone or in couples.

It was agreed that the question of rehousing of old persons in smaller houses might be considered and that the views of such tenants could be obtained. The Department's Circular and report of the Medical Officer were noted and it was agreed that the question of houses for the aged would be borne in mind in considering housing needs for the area.

APPLICATION FOR LEASE OF PLOT - 18, COLLEY ROW. APPLICANT - RICHARD DAVIS.

An application from Messrs J. H. McCarroll was considered which requested the Council to grant a lease to Mr. Richard Davis in respect of a plot at 18, Colley Row. It was pointed out to the meeting that the Council had in 1959 agreed to grant a lease of these premises to Mr. James Synnott for a period of ten years, the premises to be used as a store, but that this lease has not been completed. It was agreed to inform Mr. McCarroll that arrangements should be made for completion of this lease and that consideration could then be given to a proposal for the assignment to Mr. Davis of Mr. Synnott's interest.

COASTAL EROSION AT WICKLOW.

The members discussed the preliminary report of the Commissioners of Public Works on coastal erosion at Wicklow copy of which, together with copy of letter of 11th November, 1966, from the Commissioners of Public Works, had been received from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council. The letter and report were as follows:-

Office of Public Works,
51, St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin, 2.

County Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse,
Wicklow.

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I am to refer to the proposal submitted by your Council under the Coast Protection Act, 1963, for protection works at the Murrough, Wicklow.

The Commissioners of Public Works have completed a preliminary examination under Section 3 of the Act and have made a determination under Section 4(1)(b) that the circumstances are such that the preparation and execution of a coast protection scheme is feasible. I enclose a report with accompanying map in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act.

It is not possible from a preliminary examination to state precisely the extent of land and property being endangered or likely to be endangered by the encroachment of the sea but at an appropriate later stage this would be gone into. The greater part of the cost of the works set out at 2 of the report would be for the filling of the beach with imported material. Maintenance of the works would include periodic replenishment of the beach. It is difficult to assess the extent of this replenishment but as far as can be judged at present day rates, the average annual cost would be £1,500. Under the Coast Protection Act, maintenance of completed works is the responsibility of the Commissioners of Public Works but the costs and expenses thereof have to be refunded in full by the promoting authority.

I may add, that, should your Council now make a declaration under paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of Section 5 of the Act, further consideration of the case would have to be deferred owing to the present financial situation.

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COAST PROTECTION ACT 1963PROPOSALS FOR COAST PROTECTION WORKS AT THE MURROUGH, WICKLOWRequest by County Council for a Preliminary ExaminationReport by the Commissioners of Public Works

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| 1. The extent of the land and other property being damaged or liable to be endangered by the encroachment of the sea. | Beach, beachhead, railway branch line to Wicklow Goods Station and land west of the railway line as indicated generally on the attached map. |
| 2. The works the Commissioners consider practicable and desirable to prevent the continuance of the encroachment of the sea. | <p>(a) Shaping and filling the beach by imported material over a length of 650 yards northwards from near the northern end of the existing protection works on the promenade to the U.D.C. boundary.</p> <p>(b) Construction of a low retaining wall at the beach head over a length of about 300 yards at the southern end of the reshaped beach.</p> <p>(c) Pitching a length of about 50 yards to form a junction between the reshaped beach and the rubble protection at the north end of the former concrete promenade.</p> |
| 3. Estimate of the Cost of the Work set out at (2) above. | £23,000. |

Councillor Kane suggested that a meeting between representatives of Wicklow Urban District Council, the County Council and Department might be arranged. Councillor Kavanagh was of opinion that the proposals outlined in the above might not prove adequate.

It was agreed to write to the County Council indicating that the Urban Council would be prepared to give the question of a contribution consideration, but that information should be sought as to the amount of the state contribution which would be forthcoming. It was also agreed that it should be stressed in the letter that the Urban Council considered the undertaking of coastal protection in Wicklow to be a matter of urgency and that every effort must be made to protect the industrial site on the Murrough and that the members were perturbed by the indication in the Commissioners' letter that consideration of the case would have to be deferred owing to the present financial situation. The members agreed that the Urban Council would co-operate fully in any discussions which might be arranged regarding the scheme and the contribution to be made towards the cost of same.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOAN - P. BERRY TO E. MAGUIRE.

Application for transfer of a loan from P. Berry to E. Maguire in respect of house at Dunbur Park was further considered. In this case the final instalment of the loan allocated to Mr. Berry had not yet been issued. The members decided that they were not in a position to make a decision on the proposal at the meeting but that information should be sought as to the amount of the consideration which would be involved in the proposed transaction.

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SITE NUMBER 50, DUNBUR PARK.

It was indicated that Mr. M. C. Gaffney, Earl Street, Longford, had written indicating that he was prepared to surrender the above site allocated to him at Dunbur. On the proposal of Mr. Everett seconded by Mr. J. Kane it was agreed that the site be allocated to Mr. Ml. Earls, South Quay, Wicklow.

SITE ON MURROUGH - LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

The meeting was informed that the following letter had been received from the Department of Defence:-

An Roinn Cosanta,
Geata Na Pairce,
Baile Atha Cliath, 8.

12th December, 1966.

Town Clerk,
Wicklow.

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Re/ Lease of Site on Murrough for F.C.A. H.Q.

With Reference to your letter dated 7 Deireadh Fomhair, 1966, and to your subsequent telephone discussion with an officer of the Department concerning the above site, I am directed by An tAire Cosanta to state that, following Mr. Cusack's letter of 12 Feabhra 1965, vacant possession of the site was taken from him by representatives of this Department on 25 Feabhra 1965. An tAire is advised that, in the circumstances, and in view of the correspondence which had previously been exchanged with An Comhairle, coupled with the draft lease, he has a legal title to the site. It is hoped to have the construction of the F.C.A. premises completed within the period allowed in the draft lease.

An tAire regrets, therefore, that he is unable to surrender possession of the site to An Comhairle.

I am to enclose a Payable Order for £47 14s. 10d. in respect of rent due to date for the site.

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R. SULLIVAN.

It was indicated to the meeting that the Department's letter had been referred to Council's solicitor who had written to the Department returning the Payable Order and informing the Department that the Council were not granting the lease.

FACTORY SITE ON MURROUGH - REPORT ON OPTIONS GRANTED.

Arising out of an enquiry which had been made at the December meeting as to the position regarding options for sites on the Murrough the meeting was informed that the Council had granted an option to Messrs Celmac Limited on a site of approximately 1½ acres for a five year period from March, 1964 and that in the case of Veba Limited the Council had agreed that Messrs Veba would be informed in the event of any enquiries being received regarding a site of approximately 1½ acres on the Murrough between Messrs Veba's premises and the railway line and be given the first opportunity of taking a lease of the site.

PROPOSED HOUSING AT THE GLEN - MESSRS WESTERN ENTERPRISES LIMITED.

The meeting was informed that further discussions had taken place on 14th December between the Manager and Town Surveyor and Mr. McHale of

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Western Enterprises Ltd. and that the firm had enquired as to the possibility of their obtaining state assistance for the proposed development. The Department of Local Government had been written to outlining the firm's proposals and requested to indicate if any state assistance towards the firm in carrying out a development of this nature might be forthcoming. The position was noted by the members.

RIVERSIDE PATHWAY AT PREMISES OF MESSRS VEHA LIMITED.

The meeting was informed that as agreed with the Council the firm was proceeding with an extension to the east side bank of the river so as to allow an access for the public in lieu of the right-of-way which had been cut off by the erection of the firm's boundary fence.

REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

Derelict Buildings at Morton's Lane.

Arising out of the report of the Town Surveyor on premises at rear of the Catholic Club at Morton's Lane the following Resolution was passed.

Proposed by Councillor Kane,
Seconded by Councillor Hopkins.

RESOLVED: "That Buildings at Morton's Lane referred to in the report of the Town Surveyor and known as the Catholic Club be acquired under the Derelict Sites Act."

It was agreed that efforts be first made to contact the owners of the premises or their agents and that they might be given an opportunity to repair and make safe the structure.

Reference was made by the members to other potentially dangerous structures at South Quay and Fitzwilliam Square and it was agreed that the Town Surveyor would examine the position.

DUMPING GROUND.

Councillor Kavanagh mentioned that the dumping ground had been well maintained by the Town Surveyor throughout the year but that in spite of this it was becoming rat infested and that the space there was almost exhausted.

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Members referred to items being considered at meetings and decisions being taken on them even though they were not included in the Agenda. They noted that letters and documents, including plans, were sometimes handed in to the Council offices just before meetings started with the result that there was no opportunity of examining them and submitting essential information required for decisions on them.

The Town Clerk pointed out that the recognised practice was that if matters are to be considered at a Council meeting information on them must be available at least three days before such meeting. Consequently if a person wrote to the Council or submitted plans on the date of a meeting they should not be considered at such meeting. A member might make a very special effort to attend a meeting if he knew that a particular matter was to be considered at it.

It was decided that in future there should be strict adherence to normal requirements in this matter.

SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Hopkins,
Seconded by Councillor Delahunt.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to lease and counterpart whereby the Council lease to Mr. Noel Mooney site Number 24 on Dunbur Park for a term of 75 years from 25th March, 1966 at an annual rent of £10."

The meeting concluded at 9.20 p.m.

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J. A. Delahunt



Comairle Bailteannair Cille Mannzáin
WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Wicklow

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 24th JANUARY, 1967.

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

TENANT PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS.

The Chairman read a letter which had been sent to each member of the Council by Mr. T. Bouchier, Secretary of Wicklow Tenant's Association requesting the Council to hold a special meeting for the purpose of considering applications to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme. The letter also referred to the Council's recent Circular regarding Differential Rent Scales and indicated that it was the feeling of the Association that the Council were overstepping their authority in requesting tenants and members of their families to disclose particulars of income. The Council first considered a number of applications to avail of the Purchase Scheme which had been received. It was indicated to the meeting that sixty-seven applications had been received and that in sixty-one cases the applications were from persons who were tenants of the house and that in six cases applications had been received from persons who were not the tenants.

The Council approved of the applications from the sixty-one tenants as listed hereunder:-

- 1) Patrick Roche, 5 Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road.
- 2) Mrs. A. O'Neill, 16, Fairview Road.
- 3) Wm. Dickenson, Snr., 18, St. Dominick's Road.
- 4) Wm. Dickenson, Jnr., 16, St. Laurence's Road.
- 5) Albert White, 18, Glenview Road.
- 6) James Rice, 2, Dunbur Terrace.
- 7) J. Clarke, 8, Monkton Row.
- 8) Mrs. Mary Byrne, 33, St. Laurence's Park.
- 9) Christopher Dunne, 31, St. Laurence's Park.
- 10) Malachy Dunne, 28, St. Laurence's Park.
- 11) Patrick Byrne, 27, St. Laurence's Park.
- 12) James Doyle, 23, St. Laurence's Park.
- 13) T. Murray, 9, St. Laurence's Park.
- 14) Thomas Bouchier, 10, St. Laurence's Park.
- 15) Edward Hanlon, 12, St. Laurence's Park.
- 16) Peter Byrne, 16, St. Laurence's Park.
- 17) Edward O'Sullivan, 15, St. Laurence's Park.
- 18) Patrick Clarke, 17, St. Laurence's Park.
- 19) W. Phillips, 25, St. Laurence's Park.
- 20) Thomas Boyce, 34, St. Laurence's Park.
- 21) Ml. Vickers, 14, St. Laurence's Park.
- 22) J. Bonus, 5, Castle Avenue.
- 23) Joseph Dickenson, 6, Castle Street.
- 24) Charles Byrne, 21, Castle Street.
- 25) Thomas Byrne, 20, Castle Street.
- 26) Thomas Kelly, 1, St. Dominick's Road.
- 27) Michael Neill, 9, St. Dominick's Road.
- 28) James Noctor, 10, Glenview Road.
- 29) S. O'Brien, 13, Glenview Road.
- 30) Denis Byrne, 17, Glenview Road.
- 31) Joseph Yeates, 25, Glenview Road.
- 32) James Gormley, 26, Glenview Road.
- 33) John Brien, 28, Glenview Road.

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- 34) Mrs. Mary Kelly, 30, Glenview Road.
- 35) Moses Kelly, 31, Glenview Road.
- 36) Patrick Dunne, 32, Glenview Road.
- 37) S. Gormley, 39, Glenview Road.
- 38) Elizabeth O'Brien, 42, Glenview Road.
- 39) Breda Corcroan, 45, Glenview Road.
- 40) Christopher Dunne, 49, Glenview Road.
- 41) Joseph Doran, 10, St. Laurence's Road.
- 42) Mrs. Winifred Kavanagh, 13, St. Laurence's Road.
- 43) James Keogh, 17, St. Laurence's Road.
- 44) Noel O'Flaherty, 20, St. Laurence's Road.
- 45) Mrs. Bridie Colohan, 21, St. Laurence's Road.
- 46) Wm. O'Toole, 2, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road.
- 47) Walter Hill, 2, St. Bride's Road.
- 48) Samuel Corkish, 4, St. Bride's Road.
- 49) Richard Murphy, 5, St. Bride's Road.
- 50) Edward O'Neill, 10, St. Bride's Road.
- 51) Rodney Hodgkinson, 6, Monkton Row.
- 52) Mrs. Bridget Jameson, 5, St. Kevin's Terrace.
- 53) E. Reilly, 3, Castle Park.
- 54) Patrick O'Brien, 3, Castlefield.
- 55) Michael Healy, 13, St. Laurence's Park.
- 56) Mrs. J. Doran, 47, Glenview Road.
- 57) Martin Hunter, 7, Glenview Road.
- 58) Patk. Dempsey, 23, Glenview Road.
- 59) Edward Coffey, 1, Bungalow, St. Laurence's Road.
- 60) Aidan Dunne, 24, St. Laurence's Park.
- 61) Emily Doyle, 10, Castlefield.

The following six cases were specially considered:-

- 1) J. O'Connor, 24, St. Laurence's Road.
- 2) Richard Donnelly, 7, Urban Villas.
- 3) Christina Fox, 40, Glenview Road.
- 4) Edward Brien, 4, Kilmantin Road.
- 5) Laurence F. Dunne, 11, Fairview Road.
- 6) Philip Malone, 7, Castle Street.

It was agreed that in the case of Mr. J. O'Connor he might be given the tenancy and allowed to avail of the Purchase Scheme. In the case of Richard Donnelly it was agreed to write to the tenant Mrs. Donnelly, pointing out that she herself was eligible to purchase being the tenant. In the case of Christina Fox it was agreed that she and her sister might be considered as a family and that they might be asked to indicate if they were prepared to agree that one of them should be appointed tenant. In the case of Laurence Dunne it was agreed that the case might be specially investigated and considered. It was noted that E. Brien and P. Malone were both single and living alone and it was agreed that in their present circumstances they could not be considered as eligible to purchase.

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SCHEME OF DIFFERENTIAL RENTING.

The meeting also considered the Differential Renting arrangements. It was indicated to the members that the matter of the scheme had been discussed at several previous meetings. The members noted that the Minister has circularised local authorities indicating that he would review the subsidy arrangements in cases where renting systems were not reviewed and rationalized with a view to ensuring that applicants for housing should not be debarred from housing through inability to pay rent and stressing that on the other hand those who could afford to pay for accommodation should be required to do so with the intention of relieving in part the cost of Local Authority Housing now being borne by the general body of ratepayers. The members noted that under the terms of the Circular the Minister had indicated that local authorities who failed to review the renting system on these lines could suffer a loss through a reduction in the amount of state subsidy. The members also noted that it is provided under housing legislation that tenants could be required to disclose particulars of family income and that fines could be imposed

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for deliberate failure to provide such information. The members were of opinion that having regard to the terms of the Minister's circular and to the recent Housing Act that the Wicklow Urban District Council Scheme of Differential Rents was a reasonable one and that all possible steps had been taken to avoid hardship in any instance. They pointed out also that the Scheme was being introduced in view of the Department's Circular and had not been originated by the members. They also noted that the Scheme had been submitted to the Department of Local Government and approved by the Minister.

The discussion then terminated.

The meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

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J. A. Delahunty

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Oct. 27

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, 7th February, 1967 at 7.30 p.m. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

S. DESMOND,

ACTING TOWN CLERK.

AG E N D A

- 1) Confirmation of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd January, 1967 (copies herewith).
- 2) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th January, 1967 (copies herewith).
- 3) Opening of Tenders - 22 Houses at Ballynerrin.
- 4) Coastal Erosion - letter from Secretary, Wicklow County Council.
- 5) Authorising of Excess Expenditure.
- 6) Engineering Services for the Council.
- 7) Applications to avail of Tenant Purchase Scheme.
- 8) Provision of Gates - 10 Houses at Ballynerrin.
- 9) Proposed Housing development at Dunbur.
- 10) Application for transfer of Loan - P. Berry to E. Maguire.
- 11) Application for lease of Plot - 18, Colley Row - applicant Richard Davis.
- 12) Applications for renewal of Leases.
 - a) W. Clarke - Two yards at South Quay,
 - b) R. Halpin, J.R. Halpin and Mrs.D.M. Scheuffele - premises at Main Street (former Post Office).
- 13) Site at Dunbur Park - Site No. 49 - available for allocation.
- 14) Adoption of Draft Development Plan.

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- 15) Planning Applications.
 - 16) Sealing of Documents.
 - 17) Report of Town Surveyor.
 - 18) Any other business at discretion of Chairman.
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Oct. 27

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY, 1967

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding, Councillors Mrs. M. McEnroy, P. Doyle, J. Everett, T.D., J. Kane, E. Kavanagh and W. Hopkins.

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

VOICE OF SYMPATHY.

Mr. T. Delahunt, Chairman, proposed a Vote of Sympathy with Mrs. J. H. McCarroll and Mr. McCarroll on the death of Mrs. Murphy, mother of Mrs. J. H. McCarroll. The Chairman referred to the high regard in which the late Mrs. Murphy had been held and on behalf of the Council he extended sympathy to Mrs. McCarroll and to Mr. McCarroll, the Council's Law Agent on their bereavement. Councillor Everett, T.D., stated that he would wish to second the motion and stated that the late Mrs. Murphy had been one of the town's most respected citizens. The vote was passed in silence all present standing.

ILLNESS OF COUNCILLOR CONROY.

Councillor Everett referred to the fact that Councillor T. Conroy one of their colleagues on the Council was unable to be present owing to illness and indicated that he felt that the Council would wish to convey their best wishes to him for a speedy return to health. The members unanimously associated themselves with the wishes expressed by Councillor Everett that Councillor Conroy would soon be restored to health and able to resume the active interest he had taken in the Council's affairs.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 3rd January, 1967, and copies of which have been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of Special Meeting held on 24th January, 1967 and copies of which have been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

OPENING OF TENDERS - TWENTY-TWO HOUSES AT BALLYNERRIN.

Five tenders which had been received in respect of the erection of twenty-two houses at Ballynerrin were opened in the presence of the Council. Tenders received were as follows:-

Irish Excavation Co. Ltd., 3, Fitzwilliam Sq., Dublin	...	£47,465	0	0
C. Kelly & Sons, Bohernamona, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	...	£49,560	17	6
C. Byrne & Sons, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow	...	£50,479	0	0
Michael McNulty, Ashford, Co. Wicklow	...	£52,796	0	0
Western Enterprises Limited, Seafield Road, Clontarf	...	£54,138	10	0

It was agreed to refer the tenders to the Council's Architect and it was also mentioned that the Council's Architect should be requested to give serious consideration to the question of adequate supervision of the work when building commenced so as to ensure that work of a proper standard was carried out at all stages of the Scheme. It was agreed that

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Mr. Farrell, Town Surveyor, should discuss this question with the Architect as members felt that it would be advisable if the Council's Surveyor as well as the Architect could keep in contact with the work when progress commenced.

COASTAL EROSION - LETTER FROM SECRETARY, WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following letter from the Secretary, Wicklow County Council was read:-

Wicklow County Council,
Kilmantin Hill,
Wicklow.

24th January, 1967.

S. Desmond, Esq.,
Acting Town Clerk,
Wicklow U.D.C.,
Town Hall,
WICKLOW.

Re/ PROPOSED COAST PROTECTION SCHEME AT WICKLOW.

A Chara,

Further to my letter of the 11th January, 1967, in relation to yours of the 5th inst., I am to say that the Commissioners of Public Works in letter dated 19th January, 1967, (Ref: F.133/95/1), have informed the Council that it is not possible for them to say at this stage what State Grant would be made available for the Protection Works at "The Murrrough", Wicklow, proposed to be carried out under the Coast Protection Act, 1963. In their letter the Commissioners draw attention to Sections 6 and 7 of The Coast Protection Act.

The County Council, as Promoting Authority, is at this stage required to decide either that a Coast Protection Scheme is not to be proceeded with, or that the Commissioners be asked to prepare and execute a Coast Protection Scheme. If the Council pass a Resolution declaring that the Scheme be proceeded with they must at the same time declare that they will make the appropriate contribution towards the eventual costs of the Scheme, if it is carried out, and if when the complete Scheme is submitted for consideration they should decide for any reason not to proceed with it that they will make the appropriate payment towards the costs of the Commissioners in respect of the preparation of the Scheme.

Section 7 of the Act gives details of the matters which must be shown in the Scheme and these include a Statement of the Estimated Cost of the Works and a Statement of the Percentage of the Cost (not exceeding 80%) which the Minister for Finance is prepared to contribute thereto. The Act, accordingly, provides that not until the full Scheme has been prepared by the Commissioners will the amount of the Grant towards the cost be made available.

I am to point out, however, that when the Commissioners submit the final Scheme to the Council the Council will then have a further option to decide whether or not to proceed with the Scheme, and if at that stage it were decided not to proceed with it the Council would be responsible only for payment of one-half of the costs incurred by the Commissioners of Public Works in the preparation of the Scheme.

It would seem sufficient, therefore, if the Urban District Council were to confirm at this stage their agreement to make a contribution towards the costs of the Promoting Authority, i.e., the County Council, of such amount as may be agreed following the determination of the costs involved.

As already indicated, particulars of the amount of the Grant which would be payable towards the costs of the Scheme, if finally approved, will be available when the complete Scheme is submitted to the Co. Council.

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The members felt that before deciding on the points referred to in the letter regarding a contribution from the Urban Council that they should be given an opportunity to consider the matter further and they asked that copies of the letter from the County Secretary might be circulated. It was mentioned that prior to the passing of the Coastal Protection Act 1963 the Urban Council had carried out schemes of coastal protection but that now the promoting authority was the County Council. It was the feeling of the members that Wicklow Urban District Council was the body most interested in and affected by the proposed scheme and members felt that in view of this the Minister should be requested to receive a deputation from the Urban Council on the matter of Coastal Protection in Wicklow.

AUTHORISING OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE.

The Council was informed that it was estimated that excess expenditure would occur under some headings for the year to 31st March, 1967. The Council was requested to authorise excess expenditure as follows:-

<u>ROADS:</u>	(Maintenance, reinstatement)	£95
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>	(Scavenging Service)	£410
<u>SANITARY SERVICES:</u>	(Extension of watermain to East Pier)	£67
<u>HOUSING:</u>	(Excess expenditure on Repairs)	£510
<u>GENERAL PURPOSES:</u>	(Planning and Development)	£135

It was indicated to the meeting that housing repairs and increased costs on the Scavenging Service were far the largest items concerned and that in the case of Housing Repairs the Council had been informed from time to time that excess expenditure was being incurred. In the case of Scavenging the Council's tractor has given a great deal of trouble and had been broken down for two lengthy periods during the year. Repairs and hire of replacements were responsible mainly for the expense together with the extra expense incurred on the dump due to the fact that it was almost full. In the case of Roads, extra expense on materials had been incurred due to flood damage and in the case of the extension of the main to the East Pier cost of hire of compressor due to extra rock excavation being necessary was the cause of the excess. Under the Planning Act there was a statutory obligation on the Council to prepare a Development Plan and this accounted for the expenditure estimated to occur on Planning and Development. On the proposal of Mr. T. Delahunt Chairman, seconded by Councillor Hopkins the excess expenditure was authorised.

Arising out of the above the possibility of raising a loan for Housing Repairs was mentioned. It was indicated to the meeting that this would not be feasible at present due to the restricted credit facilities. The question of obtaining space for use as a dumping ground was also discussed and the possibility of converting the present dump for use as a car park was mentioned. Several possible sites were mentioned as suitable to replace the present dump which is almost full. Among the places mentioned were the old quarry at Ballygille and a hollow near the Old Dunbur Road. The Town Surveyor mentioned that a site for dumping into the sea might be found if access could be secured to a suitable point on the cliffs south of the town in the direction of the lighthouse. It was agreed that the Town Surveyor should investigate the possibilities of the places mentioned.

ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COUNCIL.

It was indicated to the Council members that as from 1st March it would no longer be possible to have the services of Mr. Raymond Farrell, B.A.I., as Town Surveyor but that arrangements were being made to have the duties of Town Surveyor carried out by Mr. N. D. Farrell, B.E., as from that date. The Chairman stated that it had come as something of a surprise that they must lose the services of Mr. R. L. Farrell and that

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it was a matter of regret for himself and the members as Mr. Farrell had been a most popular and able official. Councillor Everett complimented Mr. Farrell on the excellent work he had done during his term as Town Surveyor and expressed regret that they would lose his services. Councillors Kavanagh and Kane also spoke and the other members associated themselves with the previous speakers in expressing appreciation of the work done by Mr. Farrell during his term of office.

APPLICATIONS TO AVAIL OF THE TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

Consideration and approval was given to fourteen applications to avail of the Tenant Purchase Scheme from the following tenants:-

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>CASH PRICE</u>	<u>ANNUITY P.A.</u>	<u>REPAYMENT PERIOD</u>
Mrs. Helen O'Connor, 22, Laurence's Rd.	£249	£24 7. 11.	15 years
Seamus Dunne, 22, Glenview Rd.	£166	£16 5. 3.	15 years
Michael Wynne, 3, Dunbur Terrace.	£364	£39 7. 10.	14 years
James Carroll, 1, Dunbur Terrace.	£364	£39 7. 10.	14 years
Anthony Quinn, 12, Castle Park.	£910	£47 2. 2.	35 years
James Duffy, 30, Laurence's Pk.	£910	£47 2. 2.	35 years
Thomas Dickenson, 13, Dominick's Rd.	£249	£24 7. 11.	15 years
Margaret Kavanagh, 8, Kilmartin Road.	£249	£24 7. 11.	15 years
William Ronan, 36, Glenview Road.	£166	£16 5. 3.	15 years
John Keogh, 7, Castlefield.	£283	£28 13. 3.	15 years
Kathleen Fitzgerald, 40, Castle Street.	£283	£28 13. 3.	15 years
James Quinn, 3, Castle Street.	£249	£24 7. 11.	15 years
James Hanlon, The Murrough.	£283	£28 13. 3.	15 years
Mrs. A. Donnelly, 7, Urban Villas.	£293	£29 16. 2.	14 years

Arising out of the applications to avail of the Scheme which had been discussed at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 24th January Councillor Doyle referred to the application of Mr. Philip Malone which was one of those not passed at that meeting. Councillor Kavanagh produced a letter dated 8th July, 1952, addressed to Mr. Malone from the then Town Clerk requesting Mr. Malone to call to the Town Hall to sign a Tenancy Agreement and informing him that the cost of stamping the Agreement was 2/6d. and also produced a receipt to cover the cost of having a Tenancy Agreement stamped. It was agreed that Mr. Malone's case should be looked into further in view of this.

PROVISION OF GATES - TEN HOUSES AT BALLYNERRIN.

The Council was informed that the tenants of the above houses had been written to and informed that the installation of front gates would involve additional costs on the scheme and asked if they would be willing to pay an additional charge to cover the cost if front gates were provided. A reply had been received from the tenants to the effect that they

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felt that no increase should be payable in view of the rents already being paid, but indicating that they felt that instead of provision of gates and screens at the sides of the houses they would prefer to have front gates provided. Tenants had again been written to indicating that even this would involve extra cost and had been asked if they would be prepared to pay a weekly charge for a time to offset this cost. No reply had been received to this but in the meanwhile an estimate had been received from the Contractor indicating that in the event of the elimination of the gates at the side of the houses he would be prepared to provide front gates at an additional cost of £20. It was mentioned that in some cases tenants had reconsidered the matter and might not now wish to have the gates provided at the front. The members considered that the front gates should be provided only if all the tenants were unanimous in wishing them provided and if they are willing to pay the cost. It was also mentioned that some complaints had been received regarding the houses and that in one instance the flooring appeared to be unsatisfactory. It was agreed that the Architect be contacted with a view to having these difficulties remedied.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DUNBUR.

The meeting was informed of the position regarding proposed housing at the Glen and that the Department of Local Government had been written to and asked to indicate if any State Assistance to building firms in respect of such schemes could be made available. It was also indicated that the members of the staff of the Newcastle Hospital were interested in the possibility of securing facilities by way of sites and loans for the provision of houses in Wicklow and that about twelve members of the Hospital staff were interested in obtaining housing accommodation in Wicklow.

It was agreed in principle that the Council would endeavour to facilitate the staff at the Hospital in obtaining sites and loans and that if necessary the matter of obtaining an extra allocation of Capital for Housing Loans would be considered.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT DUNBUR - LETTER FROM C. G. COONEY LTD.

A letter which had been received from Mr. C. G. Cooney, Builder, Rathgar, enquiring as to building sites available in Wicklow was brought to the notice of the meeting. It was agreed that representatives of the Urban Council should meet Mr. Cooney to discuss the matter. It was also agreed that the private firms interested in Housing Development in Wicklow should be encouraged and it was mentioned that it might be possible to facilitate both of the firms who are interested but that the Council also would need to retain sites for allocation to individual applicants.

The Town Surveyor produced a layout plan which had been prepared for thirty-nine housing sites south of the present Dunbur Estate. It was mentioned that up to the present the Council have been heavily subsidising the development of sites and that as far as future development is concerned it might be advisable to reduce the extent to which the Council was obliged to subsidise development costs by leasing sites on a basis more favourable to the Council. It was agreed to await the outcome of the discussion with Mr. Cooney before proceeding with the additional development.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOAN - P. BERRY TO E. MAGUIRE.

The question of the transfer of the above loan was further discussed. It was indicated to the meeting that the information available to the Council was that £2,400 was the amount of the consideration involved in the proposed transaction and that Mr. Berry had been allocated a State Grant of £275. It was mentioned that the Council should consider assuming possession of the house in this case and it was agreed that the Council's Law Agent be consulted and his advice obtained on the matter.

LEASE OF PLOT AT 18, COLLEY ROW - APPLICANT - R. DAVIS.

It was indicated to the meeting that Messrs J. H. McCarroll & Co.,

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had been written to regarding the lease in this case and informed that as it had been decided in 1959 to allow Mr. James Synnott a lease for a ten year period that this lease should be completed and that an application for assignment of the lease to Mr. Davis could then be made. Messrs McCarroll & Co., had replied pointing out that this would involve two sets of legal costs and asking that the Council consider the making of a lease to Mr. Davis. It was indicated to the meeting that the Council had been informed that the old house on the site was used as a workshop and store. It was agreed to defer the matter and that the Town Surveyor should examine the site and report to the Council. It was mentioned that the site might be useful as a building site.

APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF LEASES.

Yards at South Quay.

An application from Mrs. W. Clarke, "St. Margaret's", Kinberley Rd., Greystones, was considered which indicated that the lease on two yards at South Quay, Wicklow, would expire in March, 1968 and stated that considerable repairs to the walls of the yards were required. Before undertaking the repairs the applicants wished to apply for renewal of the leases. It was indicated that the yards were leased for £7 and £8 respectively and that the previous lease was for a period of thirty-one years from the 25th March, 1937. On the proposal of Councillor Everett seconded by Councillor Kane it was agreed to grant a renewal of the lease in this case for the same term of years as previously (thirty-one years) and on the usual basis of a 50% increase in the Ground Rent.

Premises at Main Street.

An application from Mr. E.J.H. Hopkins, Solicitor, on behalf of R. E. Halpin, J. R. Halpin, G. H. Halpin and Mrs. D. M. Scheuffele was considered. Mr. Hopkins indicated in his letter that he wished to apply for a renewal of the lease Number 229 - Wicklow Urban District Council to Halpin. It was indicated to the meeting that the premises concerned was the former Post Office and that the previous lease which was for seventy-five years at a Ground Rent of £3 12s. 0d. per annum had expired in 1949. The members considered that in this case the application should be considered as being for a new lease. On the proposal of Councillor Kane seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was agreed that the applicants be informed that the Council was prepared to grant a new lease from the 25th March, 1967 for the same term of years (seventy-five years) at a Ground Rent of £25 per annum.

Site at Dunbur Park.

It was indicated to the meeting that Site Number 49 had become available for allocation as Mr. Naughton who had been allocated the site had indicated that he was not in a position to utilise it. The members referred to other sites which possibly might also not be used and indicated that in such cases the persons concerned should be written to and informed that if the sites were not utilised in the very near future they would be allocated to other applicants. The Council agreed that when this had been done they would allocate Site Number 49 and any other sites which might become available. On the suggestion of Councillor Everett it was agreed that when sites were being allocated the applicants be asked to pay a deposit of £5 and that sites be only allocated on condition that building commenced within six months.

Consideration of Draft Development Plan.

It had been indicated to the members by circular prior to the meeting that the Minister for Local Government had advised that local authorities should aim at having Draft Development Plans ready for publication by the end of March due to the fact that it was necessary to have the Development Plan completed by the 1st October, 1967 and before this could be done a Draft Plan had to be made available for inspection during a period of at least three months and time allowed for dealing with objections or representations. It was mentioned by Councillor Everett that some historical places in the area were deserving of mention in the Statement on the Plan. It was agreed to appoint a sub-

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committee consisting of Mr. T. Delahunt, Chairman and Councillors Mrs. McEnroy, Kane and Kavanagh who would meet during the month together with the Town Surveyor to consider the proposed Plan and report back to the Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Wicklow Press Limited.

The meeting was informed that an application for Planning Permission in respect of Printingworks on a site at the Murrrough had been received from Mr. L. Carroll, Managing Director, Wicklow Press Limited. It was agreed to approve, in principle, of the application but the Town Surveyor mentioned that Mr. Carroll might require only about half of the site allocated to him. It was agreed in consequence that if this was the case he could be allocated a site consisting of half the original area and that the Ground Rent would be proportionately reduced.

Wicklow Sailing Club.

The meeting was informed that an application had been received from Wicklow Sailing Club for permission to provide an extension to the Sailing Club premises at the South Quay. It was agreed, in principle, that permission be granted and that the Town Surveyor should meet representatives of the Club to discuss the type of roof to be provided and the question of sewerage facilities.

Mr. E. Kane - Proposed Filling Station at Marlton Road.

It was indicated to the meeting that Mr. E. Kane had applied for outline permission for the erection of a filling station on his land at Marlton Road and that as the site was adjoining the main road the County Council had been asked for their views on the application.

Mr. J. Kavanagh - Extension to Dwelling.

It was indicated to the meeting that Mr. J. Kavanagh, The Haven, South Quay, Wicklow, had applied for permission to construct an extension to his dwelling at South Quay and that the Harbour Commissioners and Medical Officer had been asked to indicate if there was any objection to the method of sewage disposal. The members indicated that they had no objection provided these matters were in order.

Proposed Candle Factory at The Mall.

It was indicated that an application had been received from Mr. Lars Burman for permission to establish a factory in the premises known as The Mall Ballroom for the purpose of producing candles. It was indicated to the meeting that the Medical Officer and Fire Officer had been asked for their views and that the Fire Officer had reported that he would require more information on the proposal and it was also pointed out that the Council had certain responsibilities under the Factories Act in relation to factory premises. It was agreed that the Fire Officer be asked to report further and that he should be asked to discuss the matter with representatives of the firm.

REPORT OF TOWN SURVEYOR.

The Council agreed to the Town Surveyor's recommendation that concrete rails surrounding the grassed areas at Bachelors' Walk which had become damaged be removed and the grass trimmed, rolled and cut at an estimated cost of £20.

Councillor Mrs. McEnroy mentioned that a wall at the lower end of Fitzwilliam Road appeared to be dangerous and that its condition appeared to have deteriorated recently. The Town Surveyor indicated that he would look into the matter. Councillor Kavanagh mentioned that a right-of-way from the pier towards Castle Street was in need of attention and it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should examine the matter.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

The question of disposing of the Council's newer houses under the Purchase Scheme was mentioned by Councillor Kane. It was indicated to the meeting that as the houses were not included in the existing scheme that it was probable they would come under the new Regulations which were expected to be issued by the Department under the Housing Act, 1966.

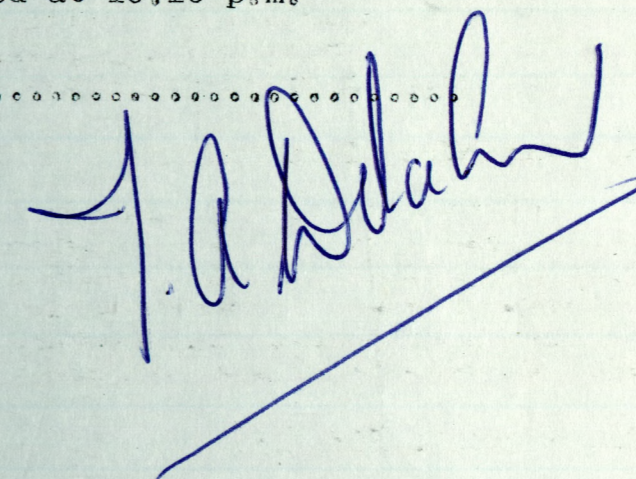
SEALING OF DOCUMENTS.

Proposed by Councillor Doyle,
Seconded by Councillor Kavanagh.

RESOLVED: "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the following mortgages in respect of Housing Construction Loans advanced under the Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962."

Brendan J. Whelan	...	Loan of £1,875
John Millane	...	Loan of £900
Norman McBride	...	Loan of £2,300
Leo Cullen	...	Loan of £1,875
Edward Fitzgerald	...	Loan of £1,900
Ronald Rice	...	Loan of £1,900
George Byrne	...	Loan of £1,875

The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Hall,
Wicklow.

13th February, 1967.

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

Dear Councillor,

A Special Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council will be held in the Town Hall, Wicklow, on Tuesday, 14th February, 1967, at 8.30 p.m. for the purpose of tendering the sympathy of the Council to Mrs. Conroy and members of the Conroy Family on the death of the late Mr. Thomas Conroy, U.D.C., You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

S. DESMOND,

ACTING TOWN CLERK.



Comhairle Baileárainneair Cille Mhannaín
Wicklow Urban District Council

Halls an Dáite,
Town Hall,

Cill Mhannam
Wicklow

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THE 14th FEBRUARY, 1967

PRESENT: Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding - Councillors P. Doyle, E. Kavanagh, J. Kane, J. Everett, T.D. And Wm. Hopkins.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Mrs. M. McEnroy.

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

VOTE OF SYMPATHY - LATE COUNCILLOR T. CONROY.

Mr. T. A. Delahunt, Chairman, addressed the meeting and stated that it was a sad duty for him as Chairman to call this Special Meeting of Wicklow Urban District Council to extend their deepest sympathy to the family of the late Councillor T. Conroy whose sudden death on the previous day had come as a great blow to them all. The Chairman went on to pay tribute to Councillor Conroy's qualities and stated that his work on behalf of the people of Wicklow had gained the admiration of all who knew him. The members of the Council, said the Chairman, wished to extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. Conroy's wife and family.

Councillor Kane in associating himself with the Vote of Sympathy said that they could all learn from the example of the late Councillor Conroy in his devotion to duty as a member of the Council. Councillor P. Doyle also spoke and stated that he had known the late Councillor Conroy for a great number of years and that he would be greatly missed by the townspeople and particularly by the members of the Council. Councillor Kavanagh also spoke and referred to the great record Councillor Conroy had for regular attendance at meetings of the Council and to the manner in which he had worked for the benefit of the townspeople. Mr. J. Everett, T.D., also spoke and referred to Councillor Conroy's work as a Councillor and in the Trade Union Movement. As a Councillor he had given his best in the interests of the townspeople. The Acting Town Clerk indicated that the Council staff wished to join in the expression of sympathy to Mrs. Conroy and family. The vote was passed in silence all present standing.

The meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Councillor Conroy.

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T. A. Delahunt



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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Balla an Dáite,
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3rd March, 1967.

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 the 7th March, 1967 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 meeting held on 7th February, 1967.
- 2) Confirmation of Minutes of Special Meeting held on 14th February, 1967.
- 3) Municipal Authorities Association - letter regarding "Report on Valuation for Rating Purposes". (Copy herewith).
- 4) Estimates - fixing of date for Estimates Meeting.
- 5) Street Litter Receptacles - application from Messrs White and Carter (advertising firm) to be allowed to site bins in Wicklow.
- 6) Overdraft Accommodation - approve Overdraft in the sum of £6,000 on General Revenue Account for quarter to 30/6/1967.
- 7) Tidy Towns Competition (Entry Form received).
- 8) Sites at Dunbur Park (Numbers 22 and 49 available for reallocation).
- 9) Application for transfer of loan - P. Berry to E. Maguire.
- 10) Application for loan for erection of dwelling (M. Lyng)
- 11) Tenders for erection of houses at Ballynerrin - report of Consultant Architect.
- 12) Housing Development at Wicklow on land at "Glen Field".
- 13) Selection of tenants (fourteen houses at Ballynerrin).
- 14) Making of Draft Development Plan - report of subcommittee.
- 15) Applications for new leases (B. Rice, 2, High Street
Richard Davis - plot at Colley Row).
- 16) Application from Messrs Veba Limited for Council's consent to sublease plot to E.S.B. (site for E.S.B. substation),



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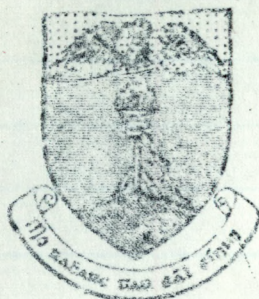
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- 17) Town Surveyor's Report.
- 18) Sealing of Documents.
- 19) Any other Business at discretion of Chairman.

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WICKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH, 1967.

PRESENT: Mr. T.A. Delahunt, Chairman, presiding; Councillors Mrs. McEnroy, J. Kane, Wm. Hopkins, E. Kavanagh, J. Everett, T.D., and P. Doyle.

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

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Mr. T.A. Delahunt, Chairman, proposed a Vote of Sympathy with Councillor G. Haughton and with Mr. J. Haughton on the death of Mrs. Haughton, mother of Mr. J. Haughton, Rathdrum, and grandmother of Councillor Gabriel Haughton, Wicklow.

The Chairman stated that he felt he was expressing the feelings of all the members in proposing the Vote of Sympathy with their colleague Mr. G. Haughton and with Mr. James Haughton. The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Everett, T.D. Following tributes from the members the Vote was passed in silence, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 7th February, 1967, and copies of which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 14th February, 1967, and copies of which had been circulated were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION - REPORT ON VALUATION FOR RATING PURPOSES.

A summary of the Report on Valuation for Rating Purposes made by the Interdepartmental Committee on Local Finance and Taxation was discussed and the Committee's recommendations, copies of which had been circulated, were considered. The members decided that they did not consider that they should put forward any suggestions for alterations to the Committee's recommendations.

ESTIMATES - DATE OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was decided that the Annual Estimates Meeting of the Council should be held on Friday, 31st March, 1967.

STREET LITTER RECEPTACLES.

An application from Messrs. White and Carter for permission to be allowed to site bins in Wicklow on which advertisements would be carried was considered and the Council were informed that the Chamber of Commerce had been written to for their views. It was the view of the Chamber of Commerce that they did not particularly favour the proposal but that they would have no objection should the Council decide to allow the firm the

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concession sought. It was decided that the firm should be informed that at the moment the Council were not disposed to enter into an agreement for the placing of these types of bins in the town.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - QUARTER TO 30/6/1967.

The following resolution was passed;

Proposed by Councillor Kavanagh,
Seconded by Councillor Hopkins.
Resolved: "It is resolved that we hereby approve, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, of the provision of Temporary Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £6,000 on General Revenue Account for the quarter ended 30th June, 1967."

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

The Council was informed that Entry Form for the Tidy Towns Competition for the year 1967 had been received and that a letter had been received from the Wicklow and District Tourist Association promising support in the matter. It was agreed to enter for the Tidy Towns Competition.

Arising out of the discussion on the Tidy Towns Competition it was mentioned that there was a site near the old Abbey Service Garage which was in bad condition and it was agreed that the landlord should be asked to have the premises put in order or the Council would take action under the Derelict Sites Act.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF LOAN - P. BERRY TO E. MAGUIRE.

The meeting was informed that a letter had been received from the Council's solicitor stating that they had discussed this matter with the solicitors for Mr. Berry and that Mr. Berry's solicitor's were prepared to advance the money to repay the outstanding amount due to the Council provided that the Council would agree to grant a loan to Mr. Maguire. The Council's solicitors recommended that this would be a satisfactory solution provided the Council were agreeable. It was agreed that the advice of the Council's solicitor be followed but that a loan would only be advanced to Mr. Maguire provided it was established that Mr. Maguire would be granted vacant possession of the dwelling in question and would use it for his own occupation.

SITES AT DUNBUR PARK.

The meeting was informed that two sites had become available for re-allocation at Dunbur Park (site numbers 22 and 49).

Site No. 49

On the proposal of Councillor J. Everett, T.D., seconded by Councillor Hopkins, it was agreed that this site be allocated to Mr. Ross Tummly, Summerhill, Wicklow.

Site No. 22.

On the proposal of Councillor P. Doyle, seconded by Councillor E. Kavanagh, it was agreed that this site be allocated to Mr. B. Conway, 'Green Hollows', Howth.

Arising out of the discussion on housing sites it was agreed that the Town Surveyor should examine the position with regard to site on the estate adjoining the site allocated to Mr. Fox and report on the suitability or otherwise of this site as a building site.

PROPOSED SCHEME OF 22 HOUSES AT BALLYNERRIN.

Report from the Council's architect was read which pointed out that the lowest tender received was that of Messrs. Irish Excavation Limited but that this tender had now been withdrawn. The Council's architect recommended that the tender of Messrs. C. Kelly & Sons Limited, Bohernamona, Thurles, in sum of £49,560 17s. 6d. and which is now the lowest tender be accepted. The Council's architect also recommended that in view of the