MUNICIPAL

MINUTE BOOK

Tuesday the 23rd day of November 1937.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Rossiter P.C., T. Martin, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, J. Murphy, Bridge, W. Ronan, A. Cullen, V.A. Doyle.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Acknowledgments

Mrs Hand, William Steet and Mrs O'Connor, South Steet wrote thanking the Council for votes of condolence.

Relief Vote 1934/38

Clerk reported Assistant County Surveyor, Mr. P. O'Neill called and reported the County Council received intimation of a grant of £1450 for Urban Roads and Footpaths provided the Urban Council £200 was available out of the years rates. It was intended and Sanction had been received for six of the Streets out of the number named by the Urban Council. Footpaths would be provided to Town Wall road as necessary for the proper construction of the Roadway there.

Arising out of the reading of the Clerk's Report it was decided to ask the County Council to reconstruct the footpaths from Mr. Kelly's house, Priory Steet to the corner of William Steet. and Rosbercon Railway gate to the Boathouse, Quay - Bridge corner to Quay Steet. It was also decided to ask the Agent to the Tottenham Estate to provide Sewer connections to two houses at South Steet end of Little Michael Steet at once and before the reconstruction of that roadway

Scavenging Contract

Under date 23rd instant Council's Solicitors advised as follows :-

"We have read the file of correspondence and

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documents submitted for advice in this matter.

The facts appear to be as follows :-

Under a contract which expired on 22nd June 1937, Mr. Peter Gahan contracted to carry out the items of work therein specified, at the prices and at the times therein set out, payment to be made at the end of each month in respect of all work which the Council's Surveyor would certify for.

When the Contract expired, nothing appears to have been done about a new contract for nearly three months. In the interval an arrangement was arrived at under which Mr. Gahan continued the work of scavenging at the prices in the late Contract, the only difference being, that he has been paid at the end of each week, instead of each month, for work certified by the Council's Engineer.

We understand this arrangement still exists viz:- that Mr. Gahan is doing the Scavenging of the Town for which he is paid each week a sum certified by the Engineer according to the rates set out in the late Contract.

This arrangement may be terminated by one weeks notice to Mr. Gahan

On the 11th August 1937 the Council gave notice that they would consider tenders for a new contract on the 14th December 1937 and forms of tenders were supplied to intending Contractors. The terms of the tender and the Contract compelled the Contractor to nominate an Insurance Company which was willing to enter into a Bond for £200 for the due performance of the Contract.

Mr. Gahans being the lowest tender was accepted "subject to the completion of the Contract documents."

It now appears that Mr. Gahan is unable to complete the Contract documents and there is therefore no obligation on the Council to consider his tender further. In these circumstances the Council may consider the next lowest tender and if

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the conditions are complied with they may enter into a contract with the Contractor so tendering, without further advertising."

Clerk reported he sent copies of all the Official reports to the Councils to the Solicitors showing that the Contractor was not doing his work according to the terms of his appointment.

Under date 22nd November 1937 the following letter was read from the British General Insurance Co., Dublin:-

"Further to our letter of the 19th Instant we would advise you that having spoken to Mr. Gahan over the telephone this afternoon he promised to write us today enclosing newspaper cutting giving details of the tenders submitted for the work.

Subject to this information proving satisfactory, we will forward the bond to the Contractor without delay for execution."

Clerk explained this letter although addressed to the Council was intended merely to show that the Contractor was engaged in providing the necessary Bond.

After a lengthy discussion

Proposed by Mr. Doyle

Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That the Clerk write the Insurance Company and ask them to state definitely the date of intended issue of the Contract Guarantee".

Several Members pointed out the Guarantee had very little to do with the Solicitor's Advice or the Councils attitude. The Officials of the Council were continually sending in adverse reports of the work and Members of the Council were complaining of the manner in which the Scavenging was neglected.

Clerk pointed out the Council had no standing with the Insurance Company at date. The matter was purely one between the Company and Mr. Gahan.

Eventually it was agreed to write to Mr. Gahan and to give him fourteen days in which to have the Contract Documents completed.

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Allotments Acts
1938 Season.

Circular H. 133/1937 dated 12th November 1937 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re above.
Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cullen

It was decided to carry out the instructions of the Department and to issue the necessary advertisements. It was also decided to continue the present Holdings as allotments.

Corporate Estate.

Priory Steet Premises - Reps. late Mr. Finn.

Under date 19th November 1937 the following letter was read from Council's Solicitors :-

"We have your letter of the 25th ult. and 15th inst. herein.

In our opinion the Council can ignore the points mentioned in the copy letters attached to the previous letters on behalf of the occupiers.

Section 19 and 24 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1931 have been quoted with the suggestion that the claim by Mrs. McDonagh was late. The Notices served on us by Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor Specify that the claim is made under Part V of the Act. Section 47 in that part of the Act states that the person to whom the part applys shall be entitled to a reversionery Lease subject to the terms specified in the Succeeding Sections.

In view of our several letters on the matter we do not understand why the Council considers it has any choice in the matter.

If, however, the Council would be better satisfied we will obtain Counsels opinion on hearing from you.

Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitors are anxious to have the matter decided without delay as part of the property is in need of urgent repairs."

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

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The matter was referred back to the Finance Committee.

Free Milk Scheme.

Under date 19th November 1937 Clerk reported that Mr. Dooley, Contractor, called in connection with Recipient Thomas Ronan's complaint of sour milk. He stated he would not remember the 5th October 1937. He continually supplies 112 families with milk out of the same churn and never received a complaint. He does not supply milk in bottles.

Mr. Redmond stated he was shown the sealed bottle and understood it (bottle and milk sealed) was supplied by Contractor.

Mr. Dooley's explanation was accepted as Satisfactory.

Contract with Mr. Dooley

Clerk reported he had not at date received Council's Solicitors' Advice in connection with the Ministers P.H. 91930/37 of the 6th instant.

Grant Instalment

Circular P.H. 84057/37 dated 9th instant was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating a recoupment from the Free Milk Grant of £15.12.0 being final instalment of year 1936/37.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Town Surveyor's Reports.

Under date 23rd November 1934 Town Surveyor reported as follows :-

"I inspected premises of (1) Messrs. Williams, Quay, (New Ross Engineering Co.) (2) and Mrs. Ellis, John St., in connection with their applications for Licences to store petrol. Also (3) premises in occupation of Irish American Oil Co., on Quay. In the case of (1) spirit is stored in two underground tanks of 1,000 gallons which are situated inside building underneath floor of showroom or garage

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(which is also a continuation of workshop) and 500 gallons in one underground tank in uncovered area adjacent to garage.

In the case of (2) Mrs, Ellis, Spirit is stored in Three underground tanks which are situated in covered Shed at rere and connected with dwelling and shop in occupation of applicant. The supply or services to and from Standards (or pumps) on road (or pavement) pass underneath floors of living room and workshop. Premises are not isolated or detached

In the case of Irish American Oil Company, Spirit is stored on floor of premises (overground) in metal containers and steel cylinders. Premises do not appear to be adequately ventilated and no special precautions appear to have been adopted for absorption of possible leakages from containers. These premises are not isolated and immediately adjoin a dance hall where numbers of people frequently assemble. It appears desirable that store of this character should be adequately isolated."

Town Surveyor advised the Meeting to have the advice of their Solicitors.

Clerk intimated the Solicitors had already advised on the case of the Irish American Oil Company.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

It was decided nem. con. to have the advice of the Solicitors to the Council.

Surface Traps.

Street Inspector under date 21/11/37 reported on surface trap outside Mr. French's Medical Hall:-

"Having got complaints of flooding in Mr. French's (Chemist) and the Shop next door occupied by Mrs. Kiely I investigated and found the drain choked. I spoke to the Agent Mr. Colgan & he had it seen to."

Several Members drew attention to the antiquated gratings used as surface traps all over the town. They were a disgrace to the age

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On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to undertake the substitution of Modern Surface traps as soon as possible.

'98 Centenary Meeting

Chairman intimated in accordance with the desire of the Council Mr. Redmond and himself attended the County Meeting in connection with these celebrations. It was intended that the 5th June 1938 celebrations would be a county one and would be held in New Ross in conjunction with the County Feis. There would be a Meeting held soon and he asked the Members to support him by their attendance.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor.

The following Notice of Motion was duly handed in by Mr. James Rossiter and initialled by the Chair:-

"I beg to give notice that I intend moving at the next Council Meeting a notice asking for a Sworn Inquiry into the following matters:-
Cost of Cross Lane Wall contract
Work carried out at Mr. O'Connor's approach.
Sanitation Scheme for Council's houses
And why the Town Surveyor fails to carry out the Council's orders.
Signed, James Rossiter."

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. W. Lonergan
Ht. 12.37

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Monday the 13th day of December 1937.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council including:-

1. Return of Rate Collection to date
2. Council's Solicitors' letter - O'Connor -v- The Council.
3. Result of Notice to Quit.
4. Outstanding Accounts in connection with Various Schemes.
5. Letter from the Tottenham Estate in connection with Mrs. Murphy's house No. 18 Bullawn.
6. Letter from Council's Solicitors re Mr. Dooley's Contract.
7. Letter from Mr. Williamson re delay in Submitting Accounts.
8. Sewer Connections
9. Letter from Minister of Posts & Telegraphs re Cross Lane Pole.
10. Payment of Government Levy on Mr. Williamson's Contract.
11. D. J. O'Connor - v- The Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman and
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

Accounts amounting to £525. 9. 10. were presented, examined and recommended for payment.

Scavenging Account.

Bill dated 1st December 1937 for work carried out by Mr. Gahan from the 1st to 31st October 1937 for £20. 16. 3 (being 4 weeks and 3 days @ £4. 12. 6) was recommended for payment subject to a deduction of £5. 0. 0 for unsatisfactory service as advised by the Town Surveyor.

Scavenging Contract.

£200 Contract Guarantee Bond between Peter Gahan, The British General Insurance Company Ltd., London and the Council dated 7th December 1937. was considered.

Committee recommended that the Solicitors be instructed to prepare and have executed the usual Contract Deed.

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Rates Position

Clerk reported on Form 61 as follows:-

Total Collector's Warrants	£4902.14.1
Collected at 30/11/37	4076.8.7
Discount allowed	113.10.1
Amount not collected	3712.15.5
Percentage Outstanding	53.0
Same at 30/11/36	52.8

Committee considered the collection satisfactory.

Rents.

Under date 4th December 1937 the following letter was read from the Council's Solicitors :-

"New Ross Urban District Council
Re Notices to Quit.

"We duly received your letters of 30th ultimo and 6th inst. herein, and note that settlements have been made with the following tenants :

Thomas Purcell, 5. K. L. Place.
Mary O'Neill, William Sheet
Thomas Furness, 5. K. L. Place
John Moran, do.
Annie Murphy, Town Wall
Andrew Cullen, William Sheet
Tim. Carthy, do.
Ellen Malone, 5. K. L. Place
James Holden, do.

In view of this, we instructed the Court Messenger not to demand possession of the premises occupied by each of These tenants, today.

No definite settlement was arrived at in any of the remaining cases by us except Mrs. Annie Peare, Bunnow Lane, called and offered to discharge her rent at the rate of 6/= per week, which she stated is the best offer she could make with any prospect of carrying it out. We informed her That we would submit her offer to the Council for their instructions. Mr. Patrick Grace, Town Wall also called and we made a tentative settlement that £5-0-0

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be paid by Friday next, and 2/6 per week off the arrears thereafter. We did not therefore demand possession in theses cases either until we see whether that amount will be forthcoming. Reps. Cornelius O'Brien, 5. K. L. Place. One of this lady's lodgers has, we are informed already left the Premises, and the other is prepared to leave immediately he procures rooms. Subject to his leaving, we have been offered a payment of £2.0.0 at the end of this week and a weekly reduction of the arrears.

Assuming therefore that these three tenants will effect the settlements suggested above, there are left the following;

John O'Brien, 5. K. L. Place
Sylvester O'Leary, do and Subtenant.
John Ryan, William Sheet
William O'Leary 5. K. L. Place and Subtenant.
Michael Whitty, Town Wall. do.

We shall be glad to have your instructions as to whether the Council wishes to continue the proceedings against these tenants and take up possession."

Clerk reported that subsequently John O'Brien, 5. K. L. Place lodged £2.0.0 and promised a further £1 on Monday. Solicitors advised acceptance of the £2.0.0. but the withholding of a receipt pending the payment of £1.0.0. In the case of Sylvester O'Leary, Mrs. Holden called and handed up the Keys of the doors of rooms in the house. She stated Mr. O'Leary had the Keys of the front door in London and that she got into the house through the windows. To prevent a repetition of this the Council should take action.

John. Ryan, William Sheet wrote that he would pay all arrears as soon as he received his cheque from Mr. Rocke under an accident compensation claim.

Clerk reported a phone message from Messrs M. 5. O'Connor & Co., Mr. Ryan's Solicitors. They confirmed the statement there was a claim and he (Clerk) informed the Solicitors that if £4.10.0 was paid forthwith

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the Council would probably delay proceedings under the Notice to Quit. He owes £4. 19. 7. Solicitors stated they would advise him to pay.

Committee considered the settlements arrived at as satisfactory and recommended acceptance and that the Solicitors be instructed to take whatever steps they deemed advisable. in the other cases.

New Ross Gas & Electricity Company.

Correspondence was read from the Liquidator dated 11th, 18th and 22nd November 1934 that having discharged the arrears of rates a sum of £17. 5. 0 (being 3 months light to May 1935 £23. 5. 0 less allowance £6) remaining due to the Gas. Company.

Clerk reported the Company owed £18. 12. 0 for Water Supply &c. and the Liquidator's letters showed that he would set the amount of his claim against same leaving £1. 7. 0 due to the Council for which a dividend will be paid in due course. The cheque for £17. 5. 0 was duly lodged to the Council's credit.

Committee recommended payment of £17. 5. 0

Free Milk Contract.

Under date 3rd December 1934 the following advice was read from Council's Solicitors :-

"New Ross U. D.C.

Re/ Free Milk Contract.

" We have read the file submitted to us for the purpose of advising the Council as to the amount properly payable to Mr. James Dooley for milk supplied prior to the date of acceptance of his final tender viz :- 13th July 1934.

Prior to the final tender, a tender was received from Mr. Dooley dated 23rd March 1934, which was accepted by the Council, but by letter of the 2nd April 1934 the Department withheld sanction of it and advised an advertisement for fresh tenders.

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In the same letter the Department approved of :-
"The temporary arrangement for the continuance of the
issues of milk for a brief period".

We understand that the temporary arrangement referred to was between the Council and Mr. Dooley, under which the latter would supply milk to the Council at 1/2 per gallon, until such time as a contract, which the Department approved of, was entered into.

This second effort to find a Contractor was unsuccessful and meanwhile Mr. Dooley continued to supply milk under the temporary arrangement.

By letter dated 1st June 1937, the Department again directed that the Contract be advertised and the letter contained the following reference to the temporary arrangement with Mr. Dooley :-

"In the meantime the arrangement with Mr. Dooley
"may be continued, if he agrees to supply the necessary
"milk to the 30th June 1937 at 1/- per gallon and
"reduces the price for the milk already supplied to the
"same amount".

This reference could have no other effect than to create a complete deadlock in regard to the milk supply.

In the first place, the Department were not in a position to revise the price of milk already supplied at 1/2 in the temporary agreement with Mr. Dooley's consent.

In the second place it precluded the Council from making a fresh agreement with Mr. Dooley, unless he complied with a condition, which the Department had no power to impose.

The Council thereupon sent a deputation to the Department with a request to release them from the obligation of re-advertising the Contract and their request was not acceded to.

The Contract was advertised for the 3rd time and Mr. Dooley's tender of 1/- per gallon from the 13th July 1937 was accepted and sanctioned by the Department.

During all this time, milk was supplied

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by Mr. Dooley and accepted by the Council, under the temporary agreement and no notice of alteration of the terms of this agreement appears to have been given to Mr. Dooley.

Under these circumstances we are clearly of opinion that Mr. Dooley is entitled to be paid at the rate of 1/2 per gallon for all milk supplied by him up to the 13th July 1937."

Clerk reported that Mr. Dooley was paid at the rate of 1/= per gallon from the 1st August on and that the bills before the Committee were restricted by 2d per gallon from the 13th to the 31st July.

Committee recommended the Council to act on the advice of their Solicitors and that a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Department.

Mr. Williamson's Claim for Payment of Government Levy

Under date 23rd November 1937 the following letter was read from Councils Solicitors :-

"New Ross Urban District Council.

Re/ Contractor Williamson's Claim.

for payment of Government Levy.

"With reference to the sum of £21. 10. 0 claimed by Mr. R. C. Williamson, Contractor, in respect of the Government Levy on 68 Tons of cement and 18 Tons Snowcrete and colourcrete at 5/= per Ton.

This levy appears to have been imposed on the 14th May 1935 more than twelve months after the contract was signed.

We have been unable to find any Statutory Authority which transfers this liability from the Contractor to the Council.

We may also mention that no evidence has been submitted to us that the amount was paid by the Contractor. It would be well if the Council ascertained from their Engineer, on what grounds he certified this

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amount was due to the Contractor, and the Council should be given an opportunity of inspecting the Contractor's receipts."

Committee recommended that the Clerk obtain the necessary information for the Solicitors.

Waterworks Scheme Extras

Under date 7th December 1937 the following letter was read from the Council's Solicitors :-

"New Ross Urban District Council.

Re/ Water Works Improvement Scheme

Extras.

"Referring to previous correspondence herein.

We enclose copy letter which we wrote to the Engineers on the 23rd ult., and a copy of their reply dated 1st inst.

The latter in our opinion is of very little help to the Council, as it appears to be in the nature of a reasoned argument in favour of the Contractors case. In our opinion the Council are entitled to much more definite information from their Engineers than he has already afforded them in reference to the following items in the extras:-

£20.2.6 - Delay in beginning the Contract.

Duty on Hydraulomat and extra duty

Council's claim for delay in completing Contract.

In regard to the first of these items. We think no useful purpose will be served in pressing the above further, so far as it relates to actual delay. We still think it must have been obvious that the foreman's remuneration invited the closest inspection before being passed by the Engineer. The work this man was doing, if our instructions are correct, was overseeing the removal of pipes from the Railway Station, and for this he received much greater remuneration than the most skilled employee on the Contract.

In regard to the second item. The explanation received from the Engineer is far from satisfactory

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The Council were not made aware of the instructions which the Engineer alleges he gave to the Contractor, these instructions being to omit Customs duties from the tender.

The Contractors did not act on these instructions and accepted the condition contained in paragraph "A" of the Special Conditions and General Specification, nor did they refer to the question of duties in the Sealed Bill of Quantities. In our opinion this item must be dealt with under the arbitration clause in the Special Conditions.

In reference to the third item. The principal portion of this claim depends upon whether sufficient water was available when required to test the Water Tower.

There is a definite difference of opinion on this simple fact. On the one hand, the Town Surveyor and the Water Inspector flatly contradicted the assertion of the Engineer, and in our opinion the claim should be dealt with under the Arbitration Clause

We have today received a letter from the Engineer stating that a representative of the Contractor will be in New Ross on Thursday next and will call upon us between 12 and 1 o' clock.

We think this occasion should be used by the Council with a view to an amicable adjustment of the points in dispute.

Clerk reported receipt of the letter on the 8th December (Holyday) and that Mr. Maconchy arrived in Town same evening and called to the Office at 10' o'clock on Thursday morning. There was no time left to Summon the Council.

Copy letter dated 23rd November 1937 was then read from Council's Solicitors to Consulting Engineers as follows:-

New Ross Urban District Council

Re/ New Ross Waterworks Improvement Scheme

Extras.

" The questions raised by our letter of the 21st July and your replies of the 1st September have been

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considered by the Council. We are instructed to state at once that the Council are wholly dissatisfied with the manner in which the extras and the other questions have been dealt with by you. The Council, as the source from which these charges must be met have never been ~~dealt with~~ consulted by you. in regard to them and it was not until these charges had been certified by you that the Council were given an opportunity to consider them.

Contractors Claim for delay at commencement of work - £20.2.6.

Council still consider that the wages charged for the Foreman at the rate of 28/6 per day are excessive. This man, so far as the Council are yet aware can make no claim to be a Skilled worker. The wages paid to him are out of all proportion to those paid to the Skilled employees on the contract even including the Plant-Maker's Skilled Director. It would have been within your knowledge at the time that these charges might ultimately appear as an extra and the Council find it difficult to understand how you passed them. The charges under this heading ought to have been included in the March Form B. If this had been done it would have enabled the Council to have examined the matter when the facts were fresh.

Having regard to the clear intimation in the correspondence at the time that Way-Leave might not yet have been arranged and to the further fact that Paragraph 18 of the general Conditions gives the obligation of arranging Way Leave and means of access on the Contractor, the Council consider the Contractors should not have been allowed to come to New Ross without further inquiry.

Duty on Hydraulomat £20.16.0.

The Council does not accept as satisfactory your reason for allowing this item to be charged. Paragraph "A" Page 26 of the General conditions and Specification specifically states that the gross contract figure shall include any customs duty applicable at the date of the contract. This document has been signed by

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the Council and the Contractors and the Council is unaware of any source from which instructions to the contrary should come.

Further we can find no annotation to the Bill of Quantities by the Contractors in this case relating to customs duties.

Apparent Delay in Completion of Work.

The Council consider that the information submitted by you on which you certified is not sufficient to waive a claim for delay. No explanation is tendered as to why men ceased to work on holidays, other than Church holidays.

The Town Surveyor and the official in charge of the Waterworks both emphatically deny that there was at any time insufficient water to test the Tower. They state that it was possible at any time in July, August and September with an hour's notice to cut off the town Supply at night and to fire the Tower.

There are two other items which the Council consider should not have been certified without at least some reference ~~from~~ by you. The sum of £6.0.0 charged by the Contractors under Section 70 and the sum of £50.0.0 charged by the Engineers under Section 84 of the Specification.

Having regard to what we have stated the Council consider that the item of £22.2.6 for delay must be abated. They will refuse to pay the duty on the Hydraulomat and the extra duty unless the reasons for so refusing are satisfactorily disposed of.

In regard to their claim for delay the Council point out that there were references from the Department to delay during the contract period which presumably you were aware of and they are not impressed that two months of the delay is explained by an allegation of insufficient water which was not true in fact. Under these

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circumstances they are not disposed to waive a claim for delay.

Unless a satisfactory explanation is forthcoming on the above points or an effort is made to adjust the difference the Council will proceed as they may be advised."

Copy letter dated 1st December 1937 by way of reply was read from Consulting Engineers as follows:-

New Ross Waterworks.

"We have your letter of the 23rd instant. We are sorry to see that the Council is dissatisfied with the notice they received from us re certain extras which were unavoidable incurred. The work involved was essential for the proper carrying out of the contract, the total cost of which at £2831.18.5 is only £128.17.0. more than the Contractors tender £2703.1.5 - an increase of less than 5%

Re the Contractor's claim of delay at commencement of the work, reference which you say that the Council still consider the wages allowed @ 28/6 per day are excessive. Please refer to the voucher which was forwarded from Messrs Campbells as to the sum paid. We have not got a copy here, but the Contractors state that it contained a sum for expenses on carting, and that the net wages and lodging allowance ~~per day~~ work out at about £1 wage and 5/= lodging allowance per day, and not 28/6 wage. The man, they state was in charge of works for them previous to going to New Ross.

With regard to delay on our part in putting the matter of this claim before your Council, it was first raised to us in March, 1936, but we did not allow for same in the early certificates as we were endeavouring to get the Contractors to withdraw. We have spoken to them from time to time on the subject on behalf of your Council, hoping to obviate a claim, but had to include for it in the "Completion Certificate," as they insisted. This is why the item was not mentioned in earlier form "B". Since receiving your last letter we have again

approached the Contractors about it, but they still persist in making the Claim.

With reference to paragraphs 2 on Page 2 of your letter, the Town Clerk in his letter to us of the 2nd January 1936, states that he was informed by you that all documents were in order and "there is nothing in the way of starting work."

Our interpretation of the relative clauses re provision of way-leaves, No. 18 and 87, is as follows:-

The Council undertook under clause 87 to provide way-leave through land other than Public Roads and this clause overrides Clause No. 18. Therefore the Contractor was not under obligation to acquire the site itself, which includes the ground under which the pipes were laid. With reference to Clause 18, the Council provided the Contractor with access to the Site of the works, as public roads were available.

As there had been ample time for the matter of way leaves to be dealt with, and there were in course of being dealt with by the Council, would it not have made a reasonable Settlement more difficult to have had the Contractors trying to come to terms with the land owners at the Same time as the Council? The Contractors had with laudable intentions actually ordered the pipes in December to save delay. Hence the early delivery of same.

Duty on Hydrautomat.

With regard to the duty on the hydrautomat, we have nothing to add to the explanation given in our letter of the 1st. Sep. 1937, except that had it been originally included for in the tender, the Council would equally have had to pay it, and that our instructions to the Contractors to tender without adding for the duty on this item were issue partly as it might have been difficult in the time at the disposal of the tenderers for them to ascertain duty,

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a matter which may lead to dufficulties in comparison of tenders, which we wished to avoid.

With regard to there being no annotation re duties on the Bill of Quantities, the Master Builders have ~~a~~ special labels which are pasted on to the Sealed envelope containing the Bill of Quantities, or the documents themselves, stating that the tender is submitted only on the conditions thereon, and which cover any additional duties, after date of tender, being paid to them.

Apparent delay in completion of Work.

With regard to a claim by the Council against the Contractors for delay in completion of the works, we note your remarks but consider, as the Council's Technical Advisers on this Contract, that the Council would be ill advised to proceed with same. A claim of this nature is, we know, very hard to substantiate and we have already expressed our opinion in the matter. The Contractors were undoubtedly delayed by inclement weather and the provisions of the conditions of Employment Act. Further, we are still of opinion that there was insufficient water to make such tests as and when we required them at the tower. The insufficiency of the water supply in the town, which had been going on for some time, was actually the subject of a special enquiry called for from us in September, 1936. The Contractors could also point to having been delayed in starting the concreting of the tower owing to the difficulty in getting correct aggregates, which were the subject of prolonged tests.

With regard to paragraph 2 page 3 of your letter, the sum of £50 which was at the disposal of the Engineers was set by us against the installation of a gauge, painting, Laboratory Tests, and rock excavation, but this was not set out separately as there appeared to be no necessity for so doing. With regard to your mention of a sum of £6. under Section 70, this clause refers to

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testing of pipes, please let us have further particulars of what is objected to, as we do not know why this arises.

We wish to add that, apart from the Contractors claim for delay and failure to annotate their Contract Documents which would appear to turn on a legal issue rather than a technical one, we are satisfied that in all fairness there are no other deductions that might be justified in connection with the Contractor's account. We have already stated that we regret not having brought the extras to the notice of the Council earlier. We consider that the Council should, if dissatisfied, ask for our representative to be present at the Meeting in which discussion of same takes place.

Our representative will probably be visiting New Ross to inspect work on the Tower next week, and could bring the files and discuss the whole matter with you, in order to have any outstanding difficulties cleared up. Please let us know if this would be convenient to you."

Committee recommended that the matter be left in their Solicitor's hands for settlement or arbitration as he may advise..

Clerk reported that on receipt of letter dated 18th November 1937 (read at last Council Meeting) from the Contractors threatning a Writ, Mr. Colfer called and advised payment of £150 without prejudice to the outstanding claim. He (Mr. Colfer) had since sent on his cheque.

Committee recommended the refund of the amount to Mr. Colfer.

Priory Street Premises
Corporate Estate.

Committee considered letter dated 19th November 1937 from Council's Solicitors re above referred from last

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Council Meeting. In view of the possibility of obtaining a higher rent from each of the occupiers under a yearly tenancy which would be much in excess of that to be had under a reversionary lease to Mrs. McDonagh and as Mr. Kelly, Solicitor for the occupiers had set forth a contrary opinion to that of the Council's Solicitors.

Committee recommended the Council to obtain Counsel's opinion on the whole question.

Miss M. Hennessy.
Priory Sheet.

Clerk reported the Lease in this case would soon expire and Miss Hennessy owed ~~£15.15.0~~ £18.18.0 or ~~3 3/4~~ 4 1/2 years rent. to 29th September 1937

Committee recommended handing the matter to the Solicitors for attention.

Tottenham Estate
House No. 18, Bullawn damage.

Under date 25th November 1937 the following letter was read from the Agent to above Estate:-

"Tottenham Estate

Re: House in the occupation of Mrs. Annie Murphy.
No. 18 Bullawn

Town Improvements Clause Act 1847.

"With reference to the Notice dated 26th March 1937 received from the Town Surveyor, I recently inspected the premises in question and find that apparently your Council demolished a house between two houses the property of this Estate without giving me any notice that they were going to do so, and I find that the demolition of this house has damaged both the houses the property of this Estate, viz:, No. 18 Bullawn in the occupation of ~~Michael Sutton~~ Annie Murphy and No. 19 Bullawn in the occupation of Michael Sutton.

I must hold the Council responsible for all damage done to these two houses the property of this estate, and must ask them to have the necessary repairs carried out without delay."

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Committee recommended that Mr. Shortall be asked for a report and opinion on the subject.

O' Connor -v- The Council.
Plaintiffs' Costs.

Under date 29th November 1937 a letter was read from the Councils Solicitors as follows:-

"New Ross U. D. C.
Denis J. O' Connor.

"The above costs will be in the list for Thursday next.

The case stands adjourned at the request of the Council in view of a settlement which was arrived at. The terms of the settlement were that the proceedings would be dropped if the Plaintiff's costs were paid. These costs have been divided into two parts, one being the costs of the action which are being Taxed by County Registrar, and as the fees are all prescribed The amount payable will be £12.7.11. The remainder of the costs incurred by Mr. O' Connor are Solicitor and Client costs and they amount to £33.17.6.

We have gone carefully over the Bill and in our opinion the correct amount payable is £28.14.4

Having regard to the settlement arrived at, the Plaintiff may apply on Thursday next to the Circuit Court Judge for an order for payment of this amount as representing the loss sustained by him, and the Judge has power to give a decree for this amount by way of damages.

It will be an inexcusable waste of money to allow this order to be obtained against the Council as it will mean that there will be a further Sum payable in respect of the costs of the Order. We have Therefore no hesitation in advising the Council to issue a Pay Order for £51.3.3 being £12.7.11. the Taxed costs of the action, £28.14.4 Solicitor and Client costs in lieu of damages and £10.1.0 witnesses expenses.

We will be glad if you will bring this matter

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before your Meeting on Tuesday so that we may be in a position to inform the Plaintiff's Solicitor and have the Proceedings Struck out."

Clerk reported he advised the Solicitors there would be no Meeting until 14th December 1937 and in any case that as their letter was received on the 30th (Tuesday) there would not be time to call a Council Meeting in time before Thursday.

Letter dated 1st December 1937 was read from Councils Solicitors as follows:-

"New Ross U.D.C.

O'Connor - v- The Council

Re/ Costs.

" I am afraid there is some little confusion in reference to the above.

On the day on which we received the Plaintiff's costs we sent them to you for the usual directions to tax. Before there was time to obtain these directions, the Plaintiff's Solicitors asked us to return the Bill for amendment. It was only yesterday that the bill was returned in proper form. The portion relating to the action has already been lodged for taxation. We satisfied ourselves that the other portion was correct and that a sum not exceeding one pound might be taxed of the bill. This bill being outside the Circuit Court, must be taxed in the High Court at an expenditure approximately of £5 / £10.0.0.

We believed that the usual fortnightly meeting of the Council would be held last night, when the Council would formally accept our advice to pay this part of the bill, less the disputed item, and avoid the expense of taxation, otherwise we would not have written you, but would have acted on our own responsibility, feeling sure the Council would approve of our action.

We will send you the taxed costs of the action when we receive them next week, together with the Solicitor and Client Bill, so that the Council may issue the necessary draft[s]

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Meanwhile, to enable the Solicitor for the Plaintiff to have the action struck out on Thursday next, we have given them our personal undertaking to pay.

In due course the Auditor may ask you to explain why the Solicitor and Client portion of the bill was not taxed before payment and we will be glad if you will give us an opportunity of putting the facts before him."

Adjourned pending receipt of taxed costs.

Letter from Mr. Williamson

Under date 17th November 1937 the following letter was read from above :-

"I am sorry for not answering yours of the 29th ult. No account was furnished for the erection of the 34 houses, to the date of furnishing same to the Surveyor. It is general to furnish any outstanding particulars to the Surveyor on completion, for the final certificate. I gave Mr. Shortall these particulars, on my last visit, when the houses were inspected.

I enclose accounts for both the Housing and Sewerage Schemes, showing balance due to me for £264.16.0. There is also a balance due on the old contract for about £30, which please include in payments. I hope the matter will be in order for payment at your next Meeting."

In view of the difference between Mr. Williamson's figure under the Sewerage Scheme and the Certificate and that no dates were specified as requested.

Committee adjourned consideration for further information generally and decided to recommend payment of £100 on Housing Account.

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Cross Lane Wall Accounts

Clerk again reported the Post Office and Messrs Roche and Graves & Co., were pressing for the amounts due to them for materials supplied. Arrangements should be made to pay the accounts. The letters were before the Meeting.

Adjourned.

The Meeting Adjourned.

V.O. Mynett
21/12/24

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Tuesday the 14th December 1937.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and to consider :-

1. Report of Finance Committee.
2. Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Heath re house vacated by Mr. Denis Rochford, deceased.
3. Waterworks Improvement Scheme
4. Road Traffic (Petroleum Spirit) Regulations 1933
5. Meter Repairs
6. Letter from Harbour Commissioners.
7. Scavenging Contract.
8. Application for Tenancy of House No. 14 Town Wall.
9. Mr. Rossiter's Notice of Motion.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O' Gorman, Chairman
T. Redmond
T. Martin
J. Murphy, P.C.
V. A. Doyle
A. Cullen.

Vote of Condolence and Adjournment.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C., and supported by Mr. Cullen a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. John Murphy, U.D.C., Bridge Street on the death of his wife and that the Meeting adjourn for a week as a mark of respect.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. James Rossiter, P.C., U.D.C., on the death of his niece.

The Council having gone into Committee.

Application for Water Supply.

Mr. Crowley, Mary Steer, applied for and was

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granted a water Supply for Domestic purposes on the usual conditions.

Mr. Edward Browne applied for like to his premises at Cross Lane.

As the Council could not locate the premises the application was adjourned for particulars.

House to Let.

14 Town Wall.

John Culleton, Irishtown and Seamous O' Faoláin, 14 Town Wall applied.

Clerk reported the usual advertisement was issued and produced a copy.

Several Members stated Mr. O' Faoláin intimated to them he wished to apply for house occupied by Mr. Whitty in which he was a Subtenant.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

Mr. J. Culleton was elected.

Application for House T. K. L. Place

Mrs P. Donnelly, Irishtown applied for house at above.

Clerk in reply to Mr. Martin stated there was no house vacant. He repeated his report to the Finance Committee that Sylvester O' Leary through a Miss Holden handed in certain Keys but not possession.

Letter H. 101635/37 dated 12th December 1937 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health informing the Council that no objection would be raised to Filling any vacancy in these houses from the list of occupants of houses for demolition provided the vacated houses will be unoccupied pending demolition.

It was decided that the Town Surveyor obtain a Key to the vacated house of Sylvester O' Leary, procure a new lock, bolt the windows and report to the next Meeting and that an advertisement be issued for a tenant according to the instructions in the letter from the Department

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Leave of Absence of Mr. O'Grady.

Mr. O'Grady, Sanitary Sub-Officer, Street and Water Inspector applied for 6 days leave ~~of~~ commencing on the 20th instant. He had no leave since his appointment.

Chairman stated the Finance Committee had provisionally granted the leave.

Granted.

Finance Committees Report

Payment of Accounts.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle

Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to pay the accounts recommended by the Finance Committee.

The advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs Doyle & Murphy and the accounts ordered to be paid.

The Meeting Adjourned.

T. A. Sinnicks

21/12/34

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Tuesday the 21st day of December 1937

A Meeting of the New-Ross Urban District Council was this evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Tholsel, New-Ross to transact business adjourned from last Meeting.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding
Thos. Redmond
Thos. Martin
J. E. Walsh
V. a. Doyle
J. Rossiter
T. Cooney
J. Prendergast
A. Cullen

The Minutes of the Finance Committee having been read

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The report and recommendations were adopted.

Vote of Sympathy

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor on the death of his Sister-in-law Miss Murphy.

Weighbridges

Clerk reported a visit from the Inspector Weights & Measures, Sergeant Scanlon. On a date in last October he warned the Council, by their Weighmaster, that the Weighbridges were out of adjustment. On his inspection Today the bridges were worse than in October by 4 lbs. each. He cancelled the stamp and gave instructions to the Weighmaster that he would prosecute if any use was made of the bridges pending the stamping of same. The Council made no attempt to obey the law.

Town Surveyor stated he got instructions from the Council to have the weighbridges cleaned and he employed men and a Plumber to do it. He could not estimate the cost of putting the bridges in order but would say between £7

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and £28 each. Messrs Avery & Co., were the only firm to apply to.

Weighmaster under date 21st December 1937 reported as follows.

"With reference to both Weigh-Bridges, Sergant Scallan tested same on the 20th inst., and he did not stamp same as he found they were not correct and he instructed me not to use same again until they are properly repaired and he notified to come and test them again.

Awaiting further instructions."

It was decided that an estimate be got from the firm.

Allotments.

Council's Solicitors under date 2nd December 1937 wrote enclosing tracing of map the subject of Lease dated 8th May 1937 and asked for a copy to be attached to the Counterpart.

It was decided to get this done.

Repainting &c. of Tholsel.

Town Surveyor under date 21st December 1937 estimated @ £60 including renewal of plaster to ceiling over stairs &c.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Corporate Estate

Mrs. McDonagh's Lease.

Under date 13th December 1937 Council's Solicitors wrote that about a year ago they told Mrs. McDonagh's lawyers the renewal of the lease would take place without recourse to the Court. They postponed proceedings. They are now impatient at the delay and want a definite statement by return.

Clerk intimated the Finance Committee made a recommendation on the question.

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Free Milk Scheme
Contract.

Under date 24th November 1937 Council's Solicitors enclosed Contract for execution by the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
It was decided to have the deed duly executed in accordance with Solicitors advice.

The Deed was then embossed and witnessed by the Presiding Chairman.

Acquisition of Allotments Acts.

Letter dated 26th November 1937 H.96404/37 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating that the 41 persons for whom the Council provided allotments during current season were elegible at the reduced rent.

Letter G. 836/35 dated 13th November 1937 was read from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin re loans of implements.

Letter G. 1145-35 A. 51 dated 3rd December 1937 was read from the same that one Spade and 3 Forks were purchases. Charges for same should have been at the price quoted by Mr. Peter Kehoe.

Clerk reported an inspection by Mr. Inspector O'Donovan to whom he explained the position.

No order.

Letter H. 96.404/37 dated 14th instant was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating the recoupment of £27. 9. 11 loss sustained by the Council providing; during the 1937 allotments Season with provisions under the Acts.

Mr. Rossiter's Notice of Motion
Call for Sworn Inquiry

In accordance with notice duly published to each Member, Mr. Rossiter moved his motion. The Cross Lane wall cost the Council £276. 8. 8 and the Town Surveyor's estimate to have the work done by

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contract was £185. It, according to the Surveyor would cost £45 more to complete it according to the Specification drawn up by him. In his opinion this sum could not complete the wall per specification. The work done by the Surveyor on the approach to Mr. O'Connors premises should have cost 30/- but they found it cost £85 and the costs of the threatened action at law. The Sanitation Scheme to Council's houses was also under estimated by a considerable amount.

Mr. Redmond seconded the motion provided Mr. Rossiter agreed and the Council permitted the deletion of the words in the motion "and why the Town Surveyor fails to carry out the Council's orders". In his opinion this might lead to legal action.

Permission having been granted and Mr. Rossiter having agreed to the said deletion.

Mr. Redmond seconded and said the inquiry was obviously necessary to clear the air. There was no doubt the matters dealt with by Mr. Rossiter required evidence on oath. He had no intention whatever to put Mr. Shortall out of his position but he wanted these matters cleared up.

Mr. Rossiter objected to the presence of Mr. Shortall during the debate.

Chairman ruled that as charges were being made against an officer he must be allowed to be present and to answer the charges if he thought fit.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the charge that Mr. Shortall was responsible for law costs in connection with the case O'Connor -v- The Council. The Council was responsible as Mr. Shortall offered to send in an estimate and the Council ordered him to proceed without same.

Mr. Cullen stressed the point that Mr. Rossiter's motion concerning the Cross Lane Wall was dictated by reason of his belief that this work should have been done under his contract for the erection of the houses at Cross Lane.

Mr. Walsh objected to an inquiry by reason

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of the cost which would be added to the existing expenditure complained of.

Town Surveyor replying stated the work on the approach to Mr. O' Connor's premises cost about £30 not £85. He had nothing to do with the law costs. The work was properly done and he was prepared to have that statement substantiated. The Cross Lane Wall was a perfect job. and the materials used were of the best. His estimate was based on the work being undertaken by a Contractor who would have all the necessary paraphernalia. He had to buy everything for the work which was carried out to his entire Satisfaction. The £45 now estimated to complete the job could be done by any Contractor at the price. He would welcome an inquiry provided the Council paid his costs. It would be unfair to force an inquiry under circumstances in which the rates would bear the Councils costs but he should pay his own. After further discussion there Voted for the motion :- Messrs Rossiter, Redmond and Martin. 3.

Against :- Messrs V.A. Doyle, J.E. Walsh, J. Cooney, J. Pendergast A. Cullen and the Chairman. 6.

The Motion was declared lost.

Acknowledgment of Vote of Sympathy.

Mr. John Murphy, U.D.C., wrote acknowledging vote of Sympathy.

Chairman having wished the Members a Happy Xmas

Proposed by Mr. Chairman

Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The next Meeting was fixed to be held on Tuesday the 11th day of January 1938 owing to the Xmas holidays

The Meeting ended.

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Monday the 10th day of January 1938

A Meeting of the Finiance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider :-

1. Mr. Lynch's Salary.
2. New Housing Scheme.
3. Sanitation Scheme
4. Weighbridges
5. Painting of Tholsel
6. Application for Overdraft to pay Mrs. Fitzgerald for Field.
7. Applications for Loans to foot over expenditure on various Schemes.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.
J. Rossiter, P.C. and
A. Cullen.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment viz:-

Wexford Co. Board of Health	£1. 16. 9
Clyde Shipping Co.	2. 12. 5
Peter Gahan	20. 16. 3
Peter Gahan	11. 9
Messrs Holland Ltd.	6. 1. 0
Hibernian Insurance	2. 14. 0
Ellams Ltd.	1. 9. 9
Office Requisites	3. 11. 2
T. J. Morrissey..	5. 12. 6
Electricity Supply Board	23. 19. 11
Graves & Co.	8. 8
Irish Tourist Association	5. 0. 0
James Cooney	1. 17. 6
Messrs Cullen & Son	4. 0
Matthew Doyle	2. 0

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Cartage from Priory Street.

Account 5/= certified by Sanitary Inspector was considered and adjourned for more particulars.

Account £5.0.0 from Mr. Gahan.

This represents a balance which Mr. Gahan states is owing to him for October 1937 Scavenging.

Adjourned.

Rates Poundage.

Miss Finn applied for commission on her collection of Rates i.e. £1824.3.9 Poor Rate and £2341.9.9 @ 6d in the £ = £104.2.9

Clerk reported the total Warrant as £7902.14.1. Receipts to 31st December 1937 £4165.13.6 and discounts £113.10.1 leaving £3623.10.6 outstanding.

Payment recommended subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Heath.

Income Tax on Property.

Demand for £185.18.0 tax being at the rate of 4/6 in the £ on a Poor Law Valuation of £823.15.0 was considered.

Adjourned for Clerk's attention

Housing

Letter dated 28th December 1937 was read from Architect that he had requested Messrs Hamilton to submit an amended tender. Mr. Hamilton can obtain a Bond from the Bank of Ireland in lieu of an Insurance Bond. If the Council, after consultation with their Solicitor, approve a considerable saving would be effected. He was in communication with the Department and hoped to have the scheme under way this month.

Clerk reported a telephone talk with the Department, Mr. Hamilton, and Architect today. Department had applied to the Department of Finance for the loan. In about a fortnight the usual application would be made to the Local Loans Commissioners. Mr. Hamilton promised to call

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to Tholsel on Tuesday morning.
Committee recommended acceptance of Bond from Bank of Ireland provided Council's Solicitors advised the exchange.

Charleton Hill Field

Letters dated 24th November and 21st December 1937 were read from Council's Solicitors that Mrs. Fitzgerald was anxious to close the sale by receiving the money.

Clerk reported the Department would sanction an overdraft on the Consolidated Capital account to pay Mrs. Fitzgerald pending the advance from Loan.

Recommended that application made for ~~Loan~~ overdraft be confirmed so as to pay Mrs. Fitzgerald and take over the site.

JB

Lease- Miss M. Hennessy.

Letter dated 4th January 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors that there was a renewed Lease registered on 12th August 1905. They applied to Miss Hennessy for the arrears of rent intimating that proceedings will be instituted if same is not discharged this week.

No order.

Mr. Lynch's Arrears of Salary.

Letter dated 16th December 1937 was read from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, requesting to be informed of the present position.

Letter P.H. 96807/37 dated 17 adh Mí Na Nodlaig 1937 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister is satisfied the Councils resolution of the 9th October 1934 must be interpreted as placing Mr. Lynch on a revised salary scale of £30 increasing by £10 annual increments to a maximum of £60 per annum in respect solely of duties in connection with the supervision of milk supply and that in addition remuneration at the rate of £12 per annum continued to be payable to him for meat inspection

Recommended acceptance of the Department's decision.

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Loans or Budgeting

Outstanding certificates and certified accounts relating to Sanitation Scheme, Cross Lane Wall, Costs in O'Connor -v- The Council, and Waterworks Improvement Scheme were again presented. The amount must be met by Borrowing or the Rates. So far as can be ascertained at date the amounts are Sanitation Scheme £124. 13. 8, Cross Lane Wall £137. 8. 8 13 Housing Scheme (after allowing for the second loan of £300) £30. 1. 2, Costs O'Connor -v- The Council and cost of Work £153. 10. 11, Waterworks Improvement Scheme £400. 0. 0 (This is an estimate so far as £125 of it is concerned). Total £815. 13. 3.

Provided the amount can be borrowed Committee recommended payment.

Cement Levy Claims

Letter dated 29th December 1937 was read from Mr. Shortall that "the amount certified is in accordance with information supplied to me by Clerk of Works for Scheme (Mr. M. Hanlon) who was instructed by me to note quantity of cement used in contract after levy in question had been imposed."

Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Mr. Williamson.

Adjourned.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
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Tuesday 11th January 1938

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross this evening at. 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and to consider :-

1. Letting of House No. 52. S.K.L. Place.
2. Recommendations of the Finance Committee
3. Byelaws for Stamping of Meat.
4. New Housing Schemes
5. Appointment of Clerk of Works pursuant to circular S. 5/36
6. Applications for Loans to foot over-expenditure on the various Schemes.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Martin, T. Cooney, A. Cullen, T. Redmond, J. Callaghan, J. Rossiter, V.A. Doyle, T.E. Walsh, J. Murphy, W. Ronan and G. Dooley.

Minutes Objection

Mr. Cooney objected to the Signing of the Minutes on the ground that they were incomplete in so far as there was an omission of a Statement made by Mr. Rossiter in moving his motion for a Sworn Inquiry into the Town Surveyor's conduct of the various Schemes.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan the Minutes were Signed - Mr. Cooney Waiving his point.

Vote of Sympathy

Proposed by Mr. ~~Chairman~~ Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Chairman a vote of Sympathy was passed to Mr. Richard Power on the death of his Son

Scavenging Contract

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Ronan
The Seal of the Council was embossed on this Contract in accordance with instructions from Solicitors.

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Finance Committees Report.

The Minutes of this Committee were read and signed
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the Accounts ordered to be paid. The Advice Notes were then signed by Messrs J. Murphy, W. Ronan and the Chairman.

Arising out of the reading of these Minutes Mr. Chairman drew attention to the item of 5/= cartage of sewer matter from Priory Street. Mr. Rossiter, a Member of Committee, complained of this filthy stuff which was left on the Street for two days.

Sanitary Sub Officer, who had same removed, certified the bill. As Sanitary Officer he undertook to employ Mr. Gahan to remove a danger to public health.

Town Surveyor objected to the Signature as under the Public Bodies Order 1925 he only was authorized to certify

On the Motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to pay the bill and that in future the Sanitary Sub-Officer be empowered to ~~hear~~ have objectionable matter removed without delay

Lighting of Irishtown on Fair Mornings.

Mr. Ronan again drew attention to the importance of having the Fair Green lighted.

No order.

Letter from Tottenham Estate
Damage to two houses at Burraun.

Town Surveyor verbally reported he had not time to answer the letter dated 22nd December 1937 and that notice must have been served on the Landlord. under the operations of the Council complying with the provisions of the recent Housing Acts as the house demolished was condemned. He asked the Council to obtain legal advice on the matter. So far as he recollected the roof was removed by

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the Owner and the Council ordered him to demolish the rest of the building. Mr. Gahan's tender for the work was accepted but on the Council's refusal to indemnify him against injury to adjoining property and as on the advice of Council's Solicitors Mr. Gahan was requested to provide an indemnity to the Council the Contract was not proceeded with.

It was decided to inform the Tottenham Estate that the Owner had the roof removed and the Council did not demolish the house. as soon as the Report was received from Town Surveyor.

Weighbridges

Town Surveyor under date 11th January 1938 reported as follows :-

"Pending receipt of Messrs Averys' Quotation for repairs to public Weighbridges, which only came to hand this morning, I arranged to have repairs of a temporary character carried out on the 7th instant at an approximate cost of about 30/= Quotation received proposes to re-condition machine on Quay at an all-in- cost of about £20-0-0 and Drishtown machine at an all-in-cost of about £35-0-0. A new steel-yard is required for latter machine at a cost of about £14.0.0. It is understood that a new twenty ton capacity machine to comply with recent Road Traffic Statutory requirements (steel-yard type) would cost about £400 and an automatic type £500. It is understood also that a substantial Grant-in-Aid may be available towards cost of installing an up-to-date machine. I am making further enquiries to this effect."

Allotments Acts.

Circular G. 836-35 dated 31st December 1937 was taken as read

Ordered that the terms of same be complied with and that the usual tenders be invited in due course

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Petroleum Licences Renewal.

Advice dated 8th January 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors that as Sections 14 and 15 and 16 of the regulations made under the 179th Section of the Road Traffic Act 1933 applied their opinion is that the facts stated in the Town Surveyor's Reports do not contravene the sections the owners are entitled to renewal of their licences.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
The renewals were granted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

S. T. Moyreau

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Tuesday the 25th day of January 1938.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Acts enabling and to

1. Elect a tenant to house No. 19 Ard-na-Greine, Recently vacated.
2. Apply for £800 to pay Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs O'Toole for Housing Site.
3. Consider Slaughter of Animals Act.
4. Resolution from Youghal Council - Town Traders and Co-Operative Creameries.
5. Consider necessity for application for increased Grant under the Free Milk Scheme
6. Registration under the Dairies Act 1935.

Present :- Messrs T. Murphy, P.C. Presiding, T. Cooney, T. Martin, J. Callaghan, A. Cullen, T.E. Walsh, T. Redmond, J. Rossiter, W. Ronan, V.A. Doyle.

Vote of Sympathy

A letter was read from Mr. Richard Power, Thanking the Council for Vote of Condolence on the death of his son

Rate Collector's Poundage.

Letter G. 2676/38 dated Eanair 22. 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath Sanctioning the payment of poundage at the rate of 6d to Miss Finn in respect of Lodgments up to the 31st ultimo on foot of her warrant.

Noted.

County Council Demand.

Notice dated 18th instant was read from the Secretary to the Council that the matter of arrears of demands due by Councils will be considered at Meeting to be held on 14th proximo.

No order

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School Meals Grant.

Circular P.H. 93164/37 dated 21st January 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating recoupement of £11 being 2nd instalment 1937/38.

Noted.

Free Milk Scheme.

Replying to Mr. Redmond, Clerk intimated £270.6.1 is the allocation for year ending 31st March 1938. The amount was fixed by reference to the previous years expenditure when the Council obtained tuberculin tested milk at 10½d per gallon. At present the price was 1/2 per gallon to July and 1/= thereafter. Result the Council was obliged to reduce the quantity from 1½ pints to 1 pint to recipients with 2 children. The Council could easily absorbe another £50. The number of families supplied is 120 and the total number of children last month was 191.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.

It was unanimously agreed to send an application for an increase in the Grant for the year ending 31st March 1939 on the grounds that the Departments regulations impose the distribution of 1½ pints of milk where the Council may now - under existing grant - only distribute 1 pint and as the cost of milk has increased from 10½d per gallon tuberculin tested milk to 1/= per gallon for ordinary milk.

Complaints re milk.

Clerk reported that on the 20th instant, Mrs. Finn, William Street called and stated that the milk supplied to her the previous evening was sour. She had two Councillors to verify her statements. Both tasted the milk.

Mr. Martin stated he tasted the milk and found it sour. He also stated he had two complaints of non-delivery excepting every other day.

Mr. Callaghan stated he had several like complaints.

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Ordered that the Contractor be asked for an explanation.

Weighbridges

Weighmaster under this days date reported as follows:-

"With reference to the Weighbridges, Avery's man tested and repaired them temporary so as I could work them for the Fair and market. Mr. Shortall inspected both Bridges while he was doing them. I weighed none from the 11th instant to the 17th inst. when I was instructed by Mr. Shortall to continue weighing. Sergt. Mc Gill came to me to the Scales on Saturday Jan. 22 inst. and told me he only gave permission to weigh for the Fair day. I weighed none since as I am awaiting instructions."

Town Surveyor under same date reported as follows:-

"I interviewed Mr. Raftis, Borough Treasurer, Waterford, and also Mr. Sheedy, Borough Surveyor, and was informed that a Grant of £400 was being allocated to the City through Roads Department towards cost of erecting new 20 ton public Weighbridge estimated to cost £600."

Surveyor verbally reported he was in communication with Sergt. Scanlon to allow the Council to continue using the Weighbridges pending repair and the result of the Councils decision on his proposal to provide a 20 Ton Scales. Messrs Avery's man would be in Wexford during the week and he hoped with his assistance to prevail on the Inspector to permit the use of the existing bridges.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee with a recommendation that they would also consider an application to the County Council as the road authority to provide a Weighbridge under the Road Traffic Act 193

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Building Byelaws

Arising out of a discussion on the derelict Walls of the town caused by demolition of houses

Ordered that Clerk obtain a copy of Model Building Byelaws from Department.

Corporate Estate

Miss Hennessy, Priory Steet.

Letter dated 15th instant was read from Council's Solicitors that they applied for payment of arrears of Lease Rent. Miss Hennessy promised to pay on account by Tuesday on Wednesday. They required instructions in the event of non-payment whether to proceed for ejectment or by Civic Bill to collect the arrears.

Clerk reported he replied that the matter was in their hands to deal with as advisable.

Clerk's letter was confirmed.

Tottenham Estate

Complaint re 18 and 19 Bullawn.

Letter dated 25th November 1937 was read from the Agent to the Estate

Town Surveyor under date 25th instant reported as follows :-

"Regarding tenement no. 18 in occupation of Mrs. A. Murphy and concerning which Mr. A. G. Davis Estate Agent, stated in a letter dated 25th November last - addressed to Town Clerk stating (inter alia) that "your Council demolished a house between two houses the property of this Estate without giving me (Mr. Davis) any notice that they were going to do so and I find that the demolition of this house has damaged both the houses, the property of this Estate." I will be recalled that the house which is alleged to have been demolished was the property of a Mr. Hammond of Ballyleigh and was until recently occupied by two tenants - Merigan and Meaney. These premises were also the subject of a demolition order under the Housing Acts. Mr. Hammond's servants

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unroofed this building, (not the Council's Servants), but the walls were not interfered with (and are still standing, surrounded by a hoarding) on account, principally, of the unstable condition of No. 18 which would probably collapse if walls of Hammond property had been demolished. No 18 was also the subject of a "danger notice" issued by me in March last and concerning which no action has yet been taken. Judged by recognised standard the tenement in occupation of Mrs. Murphy is also entirely unfit for human habitation"

Clerk read the Town Surveyor's Report dated 13th April 1937.

Ordered that copy of Mr. Shortall's Report be forwarded to the Agent to the Estate

Town Traders and Co-Operative Creameries.

Circular and copy resolutions M/4/62/38 dated the 15th instant was read from the Youghal Urban Council
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Doyle
The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Means Test - Unemployed Assistance

Resolution dated 21st January 1938 was read from the Cobh Urban Council re above.
On the Motion of Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Martin
The Resolution was adopted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
8/2/38

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Monday the 7th day of February 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council. including the following :-

1. Letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with expenditure incurred in the removal of Telegraph Poles, Cross Lane Wall.
2. Application for Loan of £1530 to meet excess expenditure on various Schemes.
3. Applications for ranges from Tenants
4. New Housing Scheme.
5. Weighbridges.
6. Messrs O'Connor -v- the Council.
7. Michael Street School - Rates.
8. Outstanding Accounts
9. Matters adjourned from last Finance Committee Meeting.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman.
A. Cullen
J. Rossiter
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The following Accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

James Wooley	£40. 9. 9.
do.	2. 17. 0
John Furlong	2. 17. 0
Electricity Supply Board	23. 19. 11
do.	4. 9. 7
P. Gahan	17. 19. 10
M. Wall	1. 10. 0
James Gladney	2. 0. 0
James Cooney	1. 10. 0
British & Irish Steam Packet Co.	1. 9. 8
Messrs Brooks Thomas	4. 4. 0
C. Tenant & Co.	1. 5. 10
P. Kehoe.	7. 4. 0
Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy	8. 0. 11
T. J. Dunphy	29. 11. 4

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Mrs. Charters	£	7.	7. 5
Messrs Cullen & Son			4. 6
James Warren		4.	16. 0
Messrs Graves & Co.			1. 0
Miss K. Nugent			3. 4
Messrs B. Hennessy			2. 2
J. J. Shortall			12. 3
M. Doyle			2. 0
G. S. Railways			9. 5
do.			3. 1
A. R. French			7. 3.

Washing Irishtown

Account from Contractor Gahan dated 1st to 31st January 1938 washing and cleaning Irishtown and Rosbercon after Fair 10/= was considered. Sanitary Inspector's certificate dated 7th February 1938 was read as follows:-

"As the last Fair was small I did not have the pavements washed.

Sweeping of Streets and pavement was carried out in the usual manner. I cannot therefore certify this amount.

A smaller amount might be granted if the Council sees fit to do so for the extra trouble."

Committee recommended payment of 5/=

Car Hire - Waterworks.

Arising out of an account from 2nd June 1937 to 17th December 1937 and only presented to the Council on the 20th January 1938.

Committee recommended the Council should in future insist on a written explanation in all cases where accounts are not furnished in time for the Finance Meeting.

Removing Slates after Storm.

Under dates 14th and 31st January 1938 Contractor Gahan claimed 10/= for removing slates &c. from John Street, Quay, Charles Street, Neville Street and Michael Street and 10/= for

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like work on Bridge Steet, Quay Steet, Quay, Priory Steet and Cross Lane.

Inspector O'Grady certified as follows
" I cannot certify this bill as cleansing Streets would be part of contractors duty".

No order.

Repairs to Clock.

Contractor Roche under date 24th January 1938 claimed as follows:-

" To repairs to Town Clock.
Overhead beam gave way in storm and pendulam crashed down and broke carrying disc connecting rods. and Pallet Pendulem rod repaired. Taking clock assunder and reassembling including £1 to man as helper.
10 days work £4. 5. 0."

Clerk stated Mr. Shortall verbally reported he was satisfied with the work and the price was reasonable. He could not certify as there was no authority from the Council.

Rezered to Finance Meeting.

Income Tax Schedule A £185. 18. 0

Ten day Notice dated 28th January 1938 was considered.

Adjourned Further on the Clerk's request— Clerk stating there would be no tax so far as the houses were concerned.

Rates on Michael Steet School.

Under date 14th January 1938 a letter was read from Rt. Rev. Mgr. Cleary, P.P., V.G., as follows:-

" On the 28th August 1934 I paid rates on Michael Steet School £1. 12. 8
On 27th August 1935 £1. 12. 0
On 15th July 1936 £1. 13. 0
I understand that National Schools are exempt from Rates, if that information is correct I shall be thankful for a refund of the above

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mentioned items."

Adjourned for inquiry.

Housing

Letter H. 107913/37 dated 2nd February 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the acceptance by the New Ross Urban District Council of the tender submitted by Messrs H. & A. Hamilton, 41, Thomas Street, Waterford, for the erection of 76 houses for the sum of £32,661. 15. 10., the houses to be erected in concrete block walls with interlocking concrete roofing tiles and wooden windows."

Telegram from Architect todays date was read as follows :-

"Please ring me this afternoon before four."

Clerk reported several phone messages between the Department and Architect and Contractors. Department through Architect will consider the letter H. 107913/37 sufficient to start work as soon as the Council pass the resolution accepting the tender of Messrs Hamilton. The Department of Finance passed the loan and the Local Loans Commissioners are now engaged on formalities. If an overdraft is required the Department will have no hesitation in giving sanction.

Under date 20th January 1938 Council's Solicitors wrote as follows :-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

Having regard to the fact that the advertisement for tenders provided for the Bond of an Insurance Company in lieu of Sureties, it is a matter for the Contractor whose tender is accepted (not the Council) to agree to a Bond of the Bank of Ireland. Accordingly if the Contractor is agreeable

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and the Bank is willing we see no objection."

On the 18th the British General Insurance Co., Dublin wrote as follows and enclosed draft :-

"We have been instructed by the Contractors to issue the requisite Contract Guarantee Bond in this instance and believing that you require it to be completed on your form of Bond we shall be glad to receive draft for approval in due course. We enclose herewith copy of the form we usually issue for your guidance."

Committee recommended as regards the Bond that it be submitted to the Solicitors and as regards the other matters that on receipt of the necessary documents the Council should proceed with the Scheme without undue delay.

Vacant Houses.

Clerk reported receipt of Keys of houses Nos. 28 and 22, Ard-na-Greine from James Delaney and Patrick Grace. respectively. Tenant P. Grace left No. 22 and moved two doors up. to his sister's house (Mrs. Bent). He owed £14.0.0 rent and had received Notice of Ejectment.

Committee recommended that Mrs. Bent be at once informed that it is a breach of her agreement to sub-let the house and that in the special circumstances She be requested to hand back possession.

Telegraph Poles £7.18.7

Under date 13th January 1938 H.107/50/37 a letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that representations have been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in regard to the

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delay in payment of claim amounting to £7. 18. 7 for expenses incurred in the removal of telegraph poles on a housing scheme site at New Ross and to request that you will be good enough to furnish your observations in the matter."

Recommended that the Department be informed of the circumstances and that the Council have not yet decided to apply for the requisite Loan.

Weighbridges

Your Surveyors Report dated 11th January 1938 was again read.

Members of the Committee intimated they had been approached to use all their influence to have the Weighbridges in commission for tomorrow.

Recommended that as it would not be possible for the Council to undertake repairs before tomorrow the matter be ~~read~~adjourned.

School Meals.

Under date 5th February 1938 the following letter was read from Mrs. O'Brien, Hon. Sec. School Meals Committee :-

"At a Meeting of the Urban School Meals Committee on Friday the 4th inst., the financial position was under consideration and in view of your letter of the 7th April 1937 it was decided, to discontinue meals to the Schools as from the 4th instant pending an official Statement of funds of said Committee from you."

Copy letter dated 7th April 1937 referred to from Council to Committee was read as follows :-

"Will you kindly notify your Committee that the money which you are to expend during the coming year is not to exceed £107. The Council will be glad if you will make arrangements not to exceed this figure.

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Any expenditure over and above will have to be borne by the Committee. Kindly note this so as to avoid any misunderstanding later on."

Clerk reported he had written the Rt. Revd. Chairman of the Committee to continue the meals over the Council's Meeting and if at all possible in the general interests of the Children and the Town to continue to the end of the Financial year. Monsignor Cleary called in reply and Stated the Committee found they had expended the amount allotted all but Some £2.11.0 and could not continue. The daily expenditure was as follows:-
St. Canice's School 1/6; Christian Bros. 3/4½; St. Joseph's 4/4½ and Michael Sheet 3/10½. There were approximately 200 School days and in the opinion of the Committee £107 would not Suffice. It was all a matter for the Council. He would not do anything.

Clerk advised Committee that at 13/1½ per day the year required £131.5.0 and the unexpired portion £24.18.9. based on the Committee's figures.

Committee considered it rather exceptional that the School Meals Committee required any Statement of its own expenditure from the Council and That without allowing the Council time to consider the matter at all to order the cessation of the meals.

Recommended the Council to inform the School Meals Committee that if they have exhausted the funds allocated to them the Council are prepared to finance the provision of meals for 14 days more out of next years Estimates unless before the end of the Financial year 31st March 1939 the Committee obtain funds otherwise. The Committee to be further informed that the School Meals Acts determine the funds and the Council has no legal right to increase or decrease same.

The Meeting Adjourned

T. W. Lomasney
15. 2. 38

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Tuesday 11th February 1938

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial, pursuant to the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
T. Redmond, M.C.C.,
J. Murphy, P.C.
J. Rossiter, P.C.
T. Martin
T. Cooney
A. Cullen

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Vote of Condolence and Adjournment.
Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A Vote of sympathy and adjournment was passed to the Very Rev. M. O'Byrne, P.P, Ballindaggin, Mr. Hl. O'Byrne, New Ross, the Mrs. Mary and Annie O'Byrne, His Lordship, the Bishop of Ferns and Clergy on the demise of the Very Revd. M. O'Byrne, P.P. Piercestown, of this Town.

The Meeting adjourned for one week without transacting any business.

P. O'Gorman
15. 2. 38

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Tuesday the 15th February 1938

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman
J. Callaghan
T. Martin
A. Cullen
T. Redmond
T. Cooney
J. Murphy, P.C.
J. E. Walsh
J. Rossiter.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee were read.
On the motion of Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Martin
The recommendations of the Committee were adopted subject to an amendment of the recommendation in connection with Mrs. Bents house to delete all words for which substituted "That Mrs. Bent be notified she cannot keep lodgers or continue to house the family who left House no. 22."

National Free Milk.

Letter P.H. 4731/38 dated 9th instant was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath that "a further communication" will issue in connection with an additional allocation of funds.

Year ending 31st March 1939
On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney
It was decided to issue an advertisement for the coming years Free Milk Supply.

Applications for Free use of Large Room.

The Feis and Donach and '98 Commemoration Committees applied for and were granted the free use of the Large Room provide due notice was given and that the

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Room was not otherwise previously engaged.

Fire Brigade

Arising out of a communication from Mrs. Fitzgibbon, Charles Street a discussion took place on the provision of fire lighting apparatus and a brigade. It transpired volunteers cannot be got.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to ask the Garda to interest themselves in this work. The Town Surveyor offered his services to train in the use of the appliances.

Valuation Appeals.

Letter dated 3rd instant was read from the Valuation Office transmitting Decisions on Appeals.

Noted.

Scavenging Contract.

Long letter was read from the residents of No. 1 to No. 7 Ard-na-Greine complaining of the refusal of the Contractor to remove the contents of ashbins from the rere of their premises.

Chairman read the relative clause of the contract under which contractor engaged to remove same on "Urban Roads and Streets."

Town Surveyor pointed out that in his opinion Contractor's lorry could not pass through the roadway at the rere of the houses.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman,

It was decided that Committee of Chairman and Messrs J. Murphy and T. Redmond with the Surveyor, inspect and report.

Electoral Act 1923-35.

Letter dated 4th February 1938 was read from the residents of No. 1 to No. 7 Ard-na-Greine complaining

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of the refusal of the Contractor to remove the contents of ashbins from the rere of their premises.

Chairman read the relative clause of the contract under which Contractor engaged to remove same " on urban roads and Streets "

Town Surveyor pointed out that in his opinion contractors lorry could not pass through the roadway at the rere of the houses.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided that a Committee of Chairman and Messrs J. Murphy and T. Redmond with Surveyor inspect and report.

Electoral Act 1923-35.

Letter dated 4th February 1938 was read from the Clerk Claratheachta enclosing two copies of Electors Lists 1938 Revision of Register.

Clerk reported handing the copies to the Rate Collector.

Approved.

Allotments Acts.

Letter dated 27th Jan. 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing original Lease dated 8th May 1937 herein.

Noted.

Weighbridges Summons.

Clerk reported he received a Summons to attend at Court to answer a charge of using the Weighbridge whilst unstamped at the Suit of Sergt. McGill. The Offence took place on the 22nd January 1938. Clerk produced extracts from the Minutes in connection with this matter and explained that the Town Surveyor got permission to use the Weighbridge at Gristown on the January Fair Day and continued to use thereafter owing to representation from cattle Dealers

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and Farmers up to the 22nd.

Decided to instruct Council's Solicitors to attend the hearing and an order was given to have the bridge on Quay put into proper order.

On the motion of Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

a Committee of Chairman and Messrs Murphy and Redmond were deputed to inspect the Drishtown Weighbridge and ascertain if a convenient Yard can be had to transfer the Weighbridge from its present unprotected Situation. Surveyor estimated £10 as the cost of removal.

Refund of Rates to School Manager.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the Finance Committee relative

Decided to refund the rates paid in error subject to the opinion of the Department.

Finance Committee's Report.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

It was decided to pay the bills recommended.

The Advice Notes were then Signed by Messrs Chairman, J Murphy and J. E. Walsh. and the bills were ordered to be paid.

Marcus Roche's Account

Replying to Members, Town Surveyor stated in his opinion the work was necessitated by the damage done to the masonry of the clock by the Storm. It was not ordinary repairs.

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the fact that the clock was not Striking.

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Decided to defer payment until the clock was put into commission.

School Meals.

Arising out of the recommendation of the Finance Committee on above

It was decided to ask the Board of Heath of Wexford and Kilkenny to contribute Towards the Meals. distributed to children from the rural areas attending urban Schools.

The Meeting Adjourned.

8/3/38 S. O. Murphy

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Monday the 7th day of March 1938

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 5 o. clock in the Tholsel, New Ross to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O. Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.
J. Rossiter, P.C.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

People Newspaper £1.6.6 ; Ellams Ltd. 11/- ; Hely Ltd £1.12.0 ; P. Hehoe 6/6 ; P. Gahan £3.8.0 ; P. Gahan £10.17.0 ; Same £5. ; T. Hartnick £9.15.6 ; Moran Bros. £5.7.8 ; T. Lee 16/= ; J. Cooney £1.10.0 ; Ryan Bros; £31.15.0 ; Cork Hardware Co., £2.9.0 ; Staunton Iron Works £3.14.6 ; Income Tax £2.17.3 ; Refund Co. B.O.H. £50 ; S. A. Miller & Son 8/= ; People Newspapers £12.3.0 ; Irish Builder £3.1.0 ; Echo £3.13.6 ; Independent £3.10.0 ; Irish Press £3.14.0 ; Irish Times £3.7.0 ; G. S. R. 1/1 ; M. Doyle 10/=

Free Milk Scheme

Bill for £21.15.1½ from Mr. Contractor J. Dooley, Garranbehy was defered pending his replies to Council's letters in connection with complaints of non-delivery and delivery of sour milk contrary to his contract with the Council.

Scavenging Contract.

Under date 1st March 1938 Mr. Contractor P. Gahan wrote as follows :-

"I wish to draw your attention to enclosed Bill £5 deducted in Oct. £3 in Jany's and £1 for removing slates off streets after storms

I would like the Finance Committee to point out how the spent the £5 and £3 stopped on me as I done the work.

The removal of slates from different

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streets and footpaths on 2 occasions took a considerable amount of time not being suitable for the manure heaps. We had to take them on separate journeys."

Clerk pointed out the contract provided under the 2 A heading of the Specification for removal and cutting of grass, cleaning of water channels and surface traps &c. as distinct from general scavenging. The Town Surveyors certificate omitted this item.

Recommended (1) Payment of the £5 deferred from October account (2) That the Town Surveyor be asked for particulars of the £3 omitted from his February 1938 certificate or a reason for non-certification and (3) that the Council adhere to decision regarding the £1 charged for removal of slates from the streets.

Rates paid in error.

Under date G. 7831/38 Marta 4th 1938 the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :-

" With reference to your letter of the 22nd ultimo relative to a refund of rates stated to have been paid in error by the Right Rev. Manager of St. Michael's National National Schools, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that so far as he is concerned he will raise no objection to the refund proposed."

Clerk advised the Committee that even though there would be no objection by the Minister there appeared to be no legal liability to refund. The error arose by reason of the neglect of the Education Authorities failure to apply within the Statutory time for revision or petition under the Charity Section of the Valuation Acts. and there would appear to be no remedy.

Recommended the refund of the Rates received on the understanding that in the event of a Surcharge the Rt. Rev

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Manager would undertake to repay.

Cross Lane Wall a/cs.

Under date H. 7054/2/38 1st March 1938 letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the long overdue accounts to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs of £7. 18. 7.

Under date 22nd February 1938 letter was read from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor that he was instructed to apply for £16. 15. 0 and 10/= costs being amount due to Mr. John B. Roche, Ballyanne Since November 1936. Proceedings will be instituted for recovery within Seven days without further notice.

O'Connor - v- The Council.

Clerk intimated the accounts due in this action remained unpaid.

Loan Required.

Clerk again Submitted Statement of amount required to balance the excess expenditure on undertakings as shewn by the Council's accounts.

Recommended application for the necessary loan or loans to liquidate all amounts due and to balance the Excess expended to date.

Refund of £50 paid in error.

Under date 1st March 1938 letter was read from County Board of Heath that a payment of £50 had been duplicated due to their Engineer's certificate.

Recommended the refund of £50

Income Tax.

Letter 777 T. J. M./ A.O.D dated 1st March 1938 was read from the Inspector of Taxes, Wexford reducing the tax to tax on head rents £12. 14. 0 @ 4/6 in the £ = £2. 17. 3.

Clerk intimated the letter relieved the Council of all tax on property assessed Since on payment of

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the £2.17.3 the Council would deduct it from the next Head rent when paying it.
Recommended payment of £2.17.3.

Rate Collection.

Clerk submitted the collection position as at the end of February 1938 as follows :-

Total Warrants	£7902.	14.	1
Collected	£4456.	0.	10
Discounts allowed.	£113.	10.	1
Outstanding	£3333.	3.	2

As compared with the same date in 1937

Total Warants	£7970.	15.	0½
Collected	£4416.	3.	6½
Discounts	£110.	13.	4
Outstanding	£3443.	18.	2

The outstanding in both years includes vacant premises and irrecoverable Rates as yet unascertained for the present year. The outstanding is £110 less than last year. Position is practically the same as last year on the same date.

Possession of Mrs. Fitzgerald's Field.

Letter dated 24th February 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors as follows :-

"We now enclose the Key of Mrs. Fitzgerald's field and the Council is now at liberty to go into possession.
Will you kindly acknowledge receipt."

Clerk reported he handed the Key to the Contractor and that he had now possession of the sites.

Sundry Accounts Overdue

Clerk reported that on the 24th and 26th February 1938 Notice requiring payment within 14 days or a reason for non-payment to the following for the amounts shewn opposite each name and the date the debt was incurred :-

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Jacob Bros., South Steet, New Ross due since Jan. 1937
Mrs. B. Ronan Pondfields £2. 14. 10.

Dup Sent same	Jacob Bros., South Steet	due	since	Jan. 1937	£2. 14. 10
	Mrs. B. Ronan, Pondfields	"	"	Sept. 1936	£1. 6. 6
	C. Dempsey, Creywell Road	"	"	" 1936	£1. 14. 10
	Ryan Bros., Irishtown	"	"	Nov. 1936	17. 8
Dup	W. G. Roche, Royal Hotel	"	"	Mar. 1937	£3. 7. 3
	R. C. Williamson, Enniscorthy	"	"	July 1935	£1. 7. 6
	Miss Granger, Mary St.	"	"	June 1934	£2. 11. 4
	Mrs. M. Keans, John St.	"	"	Oct 1932	£1. 14. 10
	Mr. J. Nolan, Fairgate	"	"	Oct 1932	£2. 3. 4
	J. Kehoe, Chapel Lane	"	"	Feb. 1932	£1. 12. 2
	W. N. Neville, Bawn more	"	"	Aug 1930	£12. 10. 3
	J. Rossiter, Ely's Walks	"	"	July 1935	£2. 0. 4
	P. Gahan, Priory Steet	"	"	Jan. 1937	£3. 8. 0
	J. O'Neill, Waterford Road	"	"	July 1936	£2. 8. 4
	L. Morrissey, Tollyhouse Lane	"	"		£3. 17. 6
	Edward Walsh, South St.	"	"	Feb. 1935	£1. 16. 8
Dup	A. A. Butler, South Steet	"	"	May 1936	8. 9
	C. D. Hearne, Flower Hill	"	"	May 1937	£4. 10. 0
	Mrs. Moran, Priory Steet	"	"	Aug. 1936	£1. 18. 4
	P. Warner, The Quay	"	"	Oct. 1937	£2. 4. 2
Dup	P. Rossiter, Cross Lane	"	"	Sep. 1937	£6. 18. 4
	Mr. Jas. Kelly. Michael Steet	"	"	July 1937	17. 8
	Miss Mary O'Brien, Irishtown	"	"	Sept. 1937	£2. 6. 10
	Mr. P. Kehoe, Fairgate	"	"		£4. 9. 0
	Messrs Hearne & Son, Waterford	"	"	1937.	£54. 6. 0
	T. Doyle, Priory Steet	"	"	1932	£9. 11. 8

Mr. Dempsey wrote that his Landlord was responsible.

Mr. C. D. Hearne paid £3 under protest pending further particulars.

Mr. J. Rossiter returned the letter as it was for Mr. P. Rossiter.

Mr. J. Rossiter refused to pay the account of £2.0.4 stating "it is extortionate".

Mr. P. Rossiter returned the letter and asked for duplicate of particulars

Mrs. B. M. Ronan wrote "I am not aware

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of owing the Council anything and I do not know what it is for."

Mr. Edward Walsh wrote "The Contractor is responsible for this account. For particulars apply to E. T. Lalor, Solicitor, South Street."

Committee recommended (1) that the accounts due over one year and where no attempt is being made to settle same be handed Solicitors with instructions to look for a decree without notice. (2) That in all cases under dispute like action be taken and that with instructions to Solicitors to sue for costs and (3) that in all other cases like action be taken unless the amount be paid before the end of the present financial year.

Arrears of Rent

All houses with low rents.

Special Notice was served on the 21st February 1938 on the following:-

T. McCarthy, William Street	£2. 3. 2	Paid arrears in full
Mary O'Neill, do.	£3. 8. 7	
Patrick Murphy do.	£2. 11. 6	Paid £2. 0. 0
Nicholas Cashin, Tollyhouse Lane	£2. 15. 6	Paid £1. 7. 6
Kate Furness, do.	£2. 0. 2	
Anastasia Ryan, do.	£4. 5. 0	Paid £1. 0. 0
Mrs Ellen Cullen, Buneen	£2. 15. 9	
Kate Hanlon, do.	£5. 1. 11	
P. Grace, Cockpit Lane	£3. 15. 10	
Mary Cotton, Cross Lane	£2. 6. 9	
Mary Connolly, do.	£2. 1. 6	
P. Dunne, Chapel Lane	£3. 9. 9	

Clerk asked the Committee to consider the exceptional trouble and annoyance caused by tenants who occupied decent houses at exceptionally low rents. An order to obtain possession and the prosecution of that order to the last point would very materially assist. And

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Tenant had not paid one penny for months.
Adjourned to next Meeting.

New Range

Under date 26th January 1938 a note was read from Mr. Thomas Boyle, William Street agreeing to pay half the cost of a new range @ 1/= per week.
Noted.

Account due by Mr. T. Doyle

Clerk reported Mr. Doyle called and promised to pay £4 on last Saturday. Letter dated Today was just received from him that a cheque promised to him did not arrive. Clerk intimated this man also owed £28 rates and the position was bad.
Recommended delay for a few days. Thereafter the Water to be cut off and Mr. Doyle sued for the amount due

The Council - with - Kathleen North.

Clerk reported Mrs. North had not yet completed her Agreement & Bond in connection with the house occupied by her late father Denis Rochford.
Recommended that Mrs. North be again requested to complete the documents within fourteen days.

Letter from Mrs. Bent.

Under date 27th February 1938 the following reply was read from above :-

"I beg to state the Council were rightly informed that I had others beside myself at above address. I set apartments to my brother, his wife & 3 children, the last born in my house one week ago, they are expecting more suitable accommodation soon.

In doing so, I was not aware I was breaking any rules, as a ~~and~~ number of Council tenants have done the same,

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and I do not expect to be denied the same rights, unless the Council consider me an undesirable tenant, in that case I would like to know the reasons, as my rent is paid to date & will be, although I expect my stay to be as short as the the warning I have received from them, until then, may I claim the indulgence of the Council."

Recommended that the Council adhere to former decision and that the Finance Committee's last decision be now operated.

The Meeting Adjourned.

W O'Gorman

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Tuesday the 8th day of March 1938.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial and to consider :-

1. Application by Irish Tourist Association for subscription.
2. Allotments Acts - Tenders to be considered
3. Weighbridge - Letter from Department.
4. National Free Milk Scheme - (a) New Season's allocation (b) letter from Minister in connection with complaints (c) further complaints (d) Tenders for new supply to be considered.
5. Sanitary Sub-Officer - Letter from Minister
6. Housing (a) Clerk of Works - Letter from Minister (b) Notice of Motion by Mr. Cullen.
7. Resolutions - (i) Dungarvan Urban Council and Co-Operative Creameries (ii) Youghal Council - Town Traders and Co-Operative Creameries calling for Special Conference in Dublin in connection (iii) Newry Anti-Partition
8. Applications for vacant houses Nos. 22 and 26 Town Wall.
9. Finance Committees recommendations

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J.E. Walsh
J. Murphy, P.C.
T. Cooney
T. Redmond
A. Cullen
J. Brewer
J. Prendergast
J. Rossiter
T. Martin
G. Dooley

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed
The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee were read and
On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Dooley
The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the amounts ordered to be paid.
The Advice Notes were then signed by Messrs J.E. Walsh

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and George Dooley and the Chairman.

National Free Milk
Allocation for 1938/9 Season.

Circular P.H. 32/38 dated 24th February 1938 was read stating the sum assigned for current year is £270.6.1. The Grant cannot be increased. The conditions are similar to last year

Tenders for Supply.

Advertisement inviting tenders having been read. The following tenders were opened and considered :-

From James Dooley, Garranbeky

Supply of Pure New Milk @ 1/= per gallon from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1939 delivered and in accordance with conditions of scheme. Sureties Nicholas Woods, Ballymartin and George Dooley, Hoodsgrove.

From Jack Ronan, Knockmullen.

Like supply and conditions @ 1/= per gallon from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1939. Sureties Edward Browne, Creacon and William Doyle, South Street.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
That the tender of Mr. Dooley be accepted.

Proposed by Mr. Martin
Seconded by Mr. Cullen
That the tender of Mr. Ronan be accepted

There voted for Mr. Dooley - Messrs Redmond, Pender, Rossiter, Cooney, Walsh, Dooley and the Chair. 7.

For Mr. Ronan - Messrs Martin, Brewer, Cullen, and J. Murphy, P.C. 4.

Subject to the Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Heath Mr. Dooley's tender was accepted.

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Further Complaints re Milk Supply

Recipient Wm. Cass - left without milk March 2nd 1938 and yesterday. Two children under five years and cannot afford to buy milk.

Recipient John Doyle - no milk 1st and 2nd March and several times. No money to buy milk.

Letters from Department

Letter P.H. 4731/38 dated 22nd February 1938 was read requesting a copy of Contractors explanation regarding the complaints and a Statement of the action taken by the Council.

Letter P.H. 4731/38 dated 7th March 1938 was read asking reply to letter dated 22nd February 1938

Reply from Contractor.

Under date 8th March 1938 Mr. James Dooley's reply was read as follows :-

"I am sorry that you should have any complaints about the milk supply. As you know it is impossible for me to know what takes place on delivery. It is possible that at the time I had to buy a couple of gallons of milk and the mixing may have made a difference. I assure you that it would not suit my business to supply anything but the I am sorry if I have caused you or the recipients any inconvenience. If there were any cases of non-delivery it is due to sickness among the men."

Clerk reported the Finance Committee deferred payment of Mr. Dooley's February account as no reply had been received from him to last evening

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to accept Mr. Dooley's explanation in the circumstances and particularly in view of the rather severe

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winter and that on the whole complaints were very few.

Allotments Acts

Tenders for supplies.

From Bryan Hennessy, South Steet, New Ross:-

41 x ½	cwt	Seed Potatoes	British Queens	£8. 4. 0
41 x 1½	"	"	Kerr Pink.	£24. 12. 0
41 x ½	oz.	Cabbage	Seed	17. 0
41 x ½	oz.	Parsnip	"	4. 7
41 x ½	oz.	Onion	" Spring	17. 1
41 x ½	oz.	"	" Autumn	17. 1
41 x ¼	st.	Shallots		3. 6. 5
41 x 100		cabbage plants		X 2. 1. 0
41 x 1	cwts.	Special fertilizer 8½ %		20. 10. 0
				£ 61. 9. 2

From Peter Kehoe, North Steet, New Ross.

"I have pleasure in quoting for the undersigned goods

41 x ½ cwt British Queens Seed Potatoes @ 6/6 per cwt.

41 x 1½ cwt. do do. Kerr Pinks or Aran Chief } 6/= do.

41 x ½ oz. Cabbage Seed @ 4d per packet.

41 x ½ oz. Parsnip do. " 3d do.

41 x ½ oz. Onion do. James Keeping 5d do.

41 x ½ oz " " Reliance 5d (Each)

41 x 100 Cabbage Plants @ 1/3 per cwt. 100.

41 x 1 cwt. Special Complete fertilizer manure 8½ % Nitrogen @ 9s = 9d per cwt.

41 x 100 Onion Plant Tripoli @ 1/3 per 100.

Hoping to receive your most esteemed order which will have our best attention."

From Furlong and Hanrahan, New Ross:-

British Queens 7½ per stone

Cabbage Seed 8d per oz. (Parsnip cheaper)

Parsnip Seed 2d per oz.

Onion James Keeping 9d per oz.

Onion Ailsa Craig 1/= per oz.

Cabbage Plants 1/3 per cwt.

Farm yard manure 5/= per ton.

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Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen
The tender of Mr. Peter Kehoe being the lowest was accepted subject to sanction.

Letting of Two Allotments.

There were twelve applications for 2 allotments. It was decided nem. con. to grant them to Philip Browne (family of 7) and James Holden (family of 4).

Petrol Licence Application.

Messrs Moran & O'Brien applid for and were granted renewal of licence.

Town Traders and Co-Operative Societies

The Youghal Circular M/488/1938 re above was read.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman the Sligo Corporation resolution was passed amending the Youghal Resolution and that 3 Members be appointed as soon as arrangements are completed for the holding of the Conferences.

Weighbridges.

Under date S. 5067/2/38 24 adh Feabhra 1938 letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Heath as follows :-

" With reference to your letter of the 17th instant in regard to ~~the~~ any application of the Urban District Council for a grant towards the purchase and erection of a new weighbridge, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Heath to state that it is noted that the contents of the Town Surveyor's report enclosed with that letter refered to a weighbridge for use in Waterford County Borough under the Road Traffic Act, 1933. Any expenditure necessary, for the maintenance of the weighbridge provided under the

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Public Heath acts in New Ross, would have to be met by the Council as part of their sanitary expenses."

No action.

Town Surveyors Report.

Replying to Mr. Dooley, Mr. Shortall Stated the Quay Weighbridge was now in good working order. No change in the condition of the Bridge in Irishtown as it was proposed to remove it to a convenient yard for better protection. He made the necessary inquiries from yard owners but was not in a position to give definite news yet.

Mr. Michael O' Byrne, South Street wrote under date 16th Febuary 1938 as follows:-

"Dear Mr. Barry,

On behalf of my relatives and myself I wish to thank you and the Members of your Council for Your Kind message of condolence on the death of my brother. We much appreciate your sympathy in the great loss we have sustained.

Yours very Sincerely.

Michael O' Byrne."

Ordered that a copy of the letter be inserted on the Minutes

Relief Schemes.

Arising out of a verbal complaint by Mr. Martin that farmers were being employed as Carters whereas Carters Maher & Sheehan were idle who lived only by horse and cart.

It was decided to draw the County Surveyor's attention to the complaint.

Adjournment.

On the Motion of Mr. Redmond

Seconded by Mr. ~~Horton~~ Murphy

It was decided nem. con. to adjourn all other business at 8.30 p.m. to allow the Members of the Council to attend a lecture by Father O'Driscoll on Foreign Mission Work.

P. Monaghan 22/3/38

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Special Meeting.

14th March 1938.

Death of the Lord Bishop of Ferns.

Chairman issued the following notice :-

"Most Rev. Dr. Codd, Lord Bishop of Ferns, as you are aware, died on Saturday last, and it is but fitting that the Urban Council should meet at the earliest possible moment to voice the sympathy of the people of the town and condole in the diocese general bereavement and so I am issuing this notice informing you that the Council will meet in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 8.30 this evening, for this purpose, and to make arrangements for the official attendance of the Council at the obsequies terminating in Enniscorthy Cathedral on tomorrow."

Present :- All the Members of the Council excepting Mr. Dooley.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the Vicar General and Clergy of the diocese and with the relatives and friends on the death of the Lord Bishop.

Funeral Arrangements.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided that the Council attend the obsequies officialey.

Maces.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Budge)

It was agreed that the Council would carry the maces to the Funeral.

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Mr. Walsh, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Shortall and Mr. O'Grady kindly placed their cars at the disposal of the Council to enable them to attend at the Cathedral for the mass and the interment

The Meeting then Ended.

L. M. O'Gorman

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Tuesday the 22nd day of March 1938.

A meeting of the new Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1847 and the various Public Health Acts. The Meeting also considered all matters adjourned from last meeting including Mr. Cullen's Notice of Motion in connection with the erection of 46 houses to complete the Charleton Hill Scheme.

Present:-

Messrs. P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman; J. Cooney; J. Murphy, P.C; J. Redmond, M.C.C., J. Brewer; A. Cullen; John Murphy (Bridge); J. Pendergast; J.E. Walsh, M.C.C., V.A. Doyle, H.C.

. The minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Tourist Rate.

Circular dated 29th January 1938 was read from the Irish Tourist Association Dublin asking for a grant in aid under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act 1931.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond.

Seconded by Mr. Brewer.

It was now con decided to grant £5. It was also decided to ask the Association to give special place to New Ross in any publication of theirs concerning the '98 Celebrations and the County Fetis.

Relief Works.

A further letter dated 19th March 1938 was read from local carters complaining of the employment of carters who were well off and were farmers.

Decided to forward a copy to the County Surveyor.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 22nd March 1938 Mr. Shortall reported Committee consisting of Mr. Redmond and Mr. Murphy P.C., inspected the rere of houses Nos. 1 to 8 Town Wall. A quantity of rubbish obstructed the passage at back of Nos. 6 and 7. A motor lorry belonging to Contractor Lahan could not get through. Committee recommended having the dust bins left at front gate for removal by Contractor.

Town Surveyor also reported several personal interviews with yard owners in Irishtown with a view to housing the Irishtown Weighbridge. Messrs Teehan and Fitzgibbon are willing to let their yards. Surveyor

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suggested that a committee of the council meet the owners and discuss terms.

no order.

Dungarven council Resolution.

Addendum to Youghal Resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney,

Seconded by Mr. Walsh,

This addendum requesting the Government to confine the business of co-operative creameries to the sale of milk and milk products, was passed.

Free milk scheme.

Tenders for Printing Order Books.

Messrs Moran Bros. New Ross tendered to supply 12 Books of 100 pages for £1:7:0 c.e., 2/3 each. Messrs Cullen & Sons, New Ross tendered for 14 Books for £2:0:0 c.e., 2/10 each.

Messrs Moran's tender was accepted.

Letters from Department.

Free milk Tenders.

Letter P.H. 9365/38 dated 14th March 1938 was read requesting to be informed if the 1/- per gallon was for tuberculin tested milk and whether the tenderers were duly registered.

Clerk reported he had replied that the milk in each case was not tuberculin tested and that Mr. Dooley was registered.

Letter P.H. 4731/2/38 dated 16th March 1938 was read directing the Council's attention to the condition governing the supply that milk supplied must come from our dairy herds. This is in connection with Mr. Dooley's explanation re complaints

noted.

Employment Schemes (Urban Roads) 1938/9.

Letter dated 18th March 1938 was read from the Secretary Wexford County Council enclosing copy of a letter dated 16th March 1938 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to a grant of £2795 provided the Council provide £385 out of revenue.

Clerk reported copies of both letters were circulated to each member. He had a telephone conversation with the County Surveyor who promised to call to the office on tomorrow to discuss a scheme.

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After a lengthy discussion
Proposed by Mr. Murphy P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.

It was decided that the County Surveyor be asked to meet Messrs The Chairman, V.A. Doyle, J. Murphy P.C., and Mr. Redmond to discuss the question with him.

Valuation Lists.

Printed letter S.R. 6173 dated 25th February 1938 was read from the Valuation Office transmitting the Lists for the year ending 28th February 1939.

Clerk reported a drop in the valuation of the town and that the requisite notice required by the Act had been duly pated.

Public Bodies Order 1925 Art 8

Circular Letter 14/1938 dated 26th January 1938 herein was duly read.

No order.

Weighbridges Summons.

~~Valuation Appeals 1937~~

Letter S. ~~2078~~ dated 22nd February 1938 was read from Councils Solicitor reporting that they attended on the hearing. The justice dismissed the summons under the Probation of Offenders Act.

No order.

Valuation appeals 1937.

Letter S. 2078 dated 3rd March 1938 was read from the Valuation department acknowledging the receipt of appeal to Circuit Court by the Great Southern Railway Company.

Allotments Acts.

Letter H 9012/38 dated 12th March 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of the scheme submitted subject to a rent of 16/9 being levied on any "employed person". Certificates should be completed and returned to the Department.

Letter G. 1145/35/A.51 dated 19th March 1938 was read from the Department of Agriculture concurring in the acceptance of Mr. Peter Kehoe's tender. Until the number of unemployed persons has been determined the minister will not be in a position to intimate the total quantity of seeds &c. for which he will be prepared to make a grant.

Noted.

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Clerk reported Thos. Flynn Upper Mary Street had not returned the shovel and spade supplied him notwithstanding several reminders.

Ordered that Mr. Flynn be informed unless both are returned within 14 days the Council will take action.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

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Monday 11th April 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider the Clerk's Estimate for the provision of money required by the County Council as and for Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1939.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The following Accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

Jas. Dooley £22.4.6 ; Jas. Dooley £21.15.1 : E.S.B. £3.1.10 E.S.B. £4.2.3 ; E.S.B. £23.14.11.: M. Doyle 4/= Free Press £7.4.0 ; Dollard Ltd £5.6.0 : P. Kehoe £51.0.4 People Newspaper £1.12.0 : Putman & Sons 5/5 ; M. Roche 6/8 ; Cullen & Son 5/6 ; K. Nugent 3/4 ; B. Hennessy 6/11 ; A. R. French 5/3 ; J. Gorry 1/6 ; National Bank Ltd £277.17.3 M. O'Brien £2.0.0 ; E. A. Finn £12.9.8 ; Hibernian Insurance £8.7.10 ; L. Barron £6.6.5 ; Jas. Cooney £1.10.0 ; J. Furlong £11.15.0 London Midland & Scottish Railway Co. £1.13.0 : Averys Ltd £16.15.0 P. Gahan £25.7.9.

Mr. Gahan - Arrears.

Letter dated 1st March 1938 was again read from Mr. Gahan requesting for what reason the £3 was stopped from his account in January and £1 for removing slates

Clerk reported having Submitted copy to the Town Surveyor on the 11th March 1938 and no reply was received

Adjourned.

Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923.

Letter dated 9th March 1938 was read from the Department of Finance intimating a Pay Order for £7.12.3 for arrears of rates in the case of John Harney. Mary Street.

Noted.

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Employment Scheme Vote.
Grant £1450.
Council £200.

Letter dated 29th March 1938 was read from the County Surveyor asking for the above £200 as this work is now practically complete.

Payment recommended and that the County Surveyor be requested to furnish particulars of each of the Streets under the various Relief Grants.

Accounts Due.

Letter dated 29th March 1938 was read from Mr. Halor, Solicitor stating that Mr. Edward Walsh, South Street does not owe £1. 16. 8 for water connections as the work was executed at the request of Mr. Michael Walsh, Building Contractor, Haggard, Glenmore, Contract price for the house erected was £540. 10. 0.

Refered to Clerk for attention.

Letter dated 11th March 1938 was read from the Town Surveyor that the account submitted to A. A. Butler was in accordance with the Councils Scale and that it is a matter for the Council to consider whether the amount of 8/9, made up of Plumber 5/= and Councils workman 3/9, is excessive.

No order.

Irishtown Weighbridge.

Consideration was given to a matter of housing this Weighbridge in a convenient yard.

Committee considered that it would be more economical to change the Weighbridge to the corner of Evoy's house, erect an 8' wall at one side with entrance and exit gate. sufficiently high to prevent trespass.

Recommended that a Committee of the Council be appointed with Mr. Shortall to have plans prepared and estimate submitted accordingly.

Housing fees. Clerk applied for and was granted usual maximum Housing fees.

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Lease of Priory Steet Premises

Under date 5th instant the following letter was read from Councils Solicitors :-

"We are glad to inform you that a wholly unforeseen circumstance has altered the Council's prospects of successfully resisting Mrs. McDonagh's claim for a new Lease.

According to the information in our possession until recently viz :-, a copy of the Lease (the original Lease was we belive lost many years ago) and the acceptance by the Council of rent up to September 1936, we believed that the Lease expired in September 1936.

Mrs. McDonagh was apparently under the same impression and her notice applying for a new Lease was served accordingly, just prior to September 1936.

We have discovered that the word "last" was omitted from the copy lease and have verified this error by reference to the Councils rent book of 1837.

In accordance with the Councils directions we submitted a case to Counsel to advise on the points recently raised by Mr. Kelly.

Counsel has now advised that the points raised by Mr. Kelly have no bearing on the matter, but that Mrs. McDonagh's Notice was late. He further advises that there is no provision in the Act for the extension of time for Service of Notices under that part of the Act viz;: Part 5 applicable to this case. He added that recently however, Judge Dowell in the Dublin Circuit Court, in dealing with a Lease for Lives, held that where a Lessee did not know of the date of the expiration of the Lease, there was great hardship, and he gave permission to serve the requisite notices.

An appeal was lodged against this decision (Bower & Co. v Donvell & Others 71 I.L.T.R. 239), but the result of the appeal has not yet been

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published. Counsel is of opinion that the decision was wrong and in the circumstances he advises that the Council refuse to grant a renewal of the Lease."

Committee recommended that Council act on same.

Poor Rate

Statement of Demand by Co. Council.

Dated 22nd March 1938 the Statement showed that a sum of £3415. 4. 11 would be required by the County Council and would be demanded, made up of Roads £569. 14. 0 County Services £1066. 13. 6; Poor Relief £1665. 8. 4; Board of Heath Charges £96. 2. 0; Separate Charges £17. 7. 1, making a Total of £3415. 4. 11 as against £3193. 6. 6 last year. The increases are shown under the heading of Roads approximately £19, County Services £100, Poor Relief £110. The other heads show slight reductions.

Clerk's Estimate

Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1939 duly circulated to the Committee and Members of the Council was considered and adopted.

The Rate is 5d in excess of last year made up of ½d in the £ on the maintenance of Main Roads 2½d in the £ County Services and 2½ in the £ Poor Relief. Board of Heath Charges are down by ½ in the £.

Arising out of the County Council Estimate, Clerk pointed out that the £569 shown as required is the New Ross Urban contribution towards the main roads in the County and is based on the proportion of the rateable valuation of the Town to the rateable valuation of the County so that it has no relation to the expenditure on the main roads within the Urban Area as particular roads.

Committee considered that representation should be made to the County Council to have the roads (a) from Woodville to the Top of Graywell (b) from the Spout to Wexford Street and (c) from the Borough Bonnday, Charleton Hill to Farrell's Cross put into condition as at present

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they were Seriously delapidated
Recommended accordingly.

The Meeting then ended.

Rio Foreman
17/4/38

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Tuesday the 12th day of April 1938

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 p'clock, to transact business, including financial, and the following pursuant to the provisions of the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Public Health Acts and Section 7-(6) of the Infectious Disease (notification) Act 1889:-

1. Measles Notification - Intention that a Resolution be proposed, Draft attached.
2. Letting of houses nos 3, 10 and 28 Town Wall.
3. Loan £1530 - Letter from Minister.
4. Mr. Cullen's notice of Motion for the completion of houses on site.
5. Unemployment Relief Scheme 1938/39.
6. County Council Estimate
7. Clerks Estimate for Poor Rate to be provided to meet County Council Demand for the year ending 31st March 1939.
8. Finance Committee's Report.
9. Slaughter Licences.
10. Business adjourned from last meeting.

Present:- P. N. O' Gorman, Chairman, J. Brewer, J. Murphy P.C. T. Redmond, T. Cooney, V. A. Doyle, T. Martin ~~P. Ronan, G. Dooley~~.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Late Bishop of Ferns.

Letter was read from the Right Revd. the Vicar Capitular of the Diocese thanking the Council for vote of sympathy.

Rate Collector's Report.

Application for extention of time to complete Collection.

Miss Finn, under date 12th April 1938 submitted the following Report:-

"I beg to report the following particulars in connection with the Rate Collection at 31st March, 1938 viz:-

Poor Rate.

Warrant for year ending 31/3/38		£3421. 17. 5
Collected to 31/3/38	£2559. 16. 9	
Discount allowed to Landlords	49. 3. 3	2609. 0. 0
	Outstanding	£812. 17. 5

Town Rate.

Warrant for year ending 31/3/38		£4480. 16. 8
Collected to 31/3/38.	£3328. 7. 6	
Discount allowed to Landlords	64. 6. 10	3392. 14. 4
	Outstanding	£1088. 2. 4

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Since 31st ult. a sum of £444·1·6 has been collected reducing the amount outstanding to £1456·18·3., the latter amount includes uncollectable rate.

I shall be grateful if the Council will grant me an extention of time to close the collection and I will endeavour to do so as early as possible".

Clerk reported the position last year as:-

Poor Rate outstanding £889·0·6

Town Rate " 1297·11·5

an improvement in the collection without allowing for an increased rate this year of over £286.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman,

Seconded by Mr. Murphy,

The date was extended to the 31st May 1938

Member's Resignation.

Mr. James Rossiter P.C.

Under date 12th April 1938 a letter was read from Mr. Rossiter as follows:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as member of your Council. Please inform the amount of fine which you impose, and I will remit same."

Clerk advised that the resignation was by the letter effected. The Council must now declare a vacancy and had within one month to fill it if so desired.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney,

Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

A vacancy was declared on the Council and the requisite notice was signed by Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Redmond J. Cooney and countersigned by the Clerk and same ordered to be placed on the front door of the Thobel.

Easter Week

Crossboyne Celebrations.

Letter was read from the Secretary of the Easter Week Commeration Committee inviting the Council.

It was decided that any member of the Council who desired to attend should do so.

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Municipal Flag.

The same Committee suggested the Council should float the municipal or National Flag during Easter week as a commeration of the events of the 1916 Easter Rising.

Chairman pointed out the Council had no flag.

Clerk reported Mr. Redmond and Mr. Murphy were appointed to procure a flag

Mr. Redmond stated that the result of his investigations was that a good woollen flag would cost £1.

It was decided that Clerk be provided with the address and name of a firm supplying flags and that he would order same.

Allotments Acts.

Mr. John Ledger was appointed to the plot vacated by John Doyle.

National Free Milk Scheme.

letter P.A. 9365/38 dated 1 April 1938 was read from the Department of local government and Public Health approving of the acceptance of Mr. J. Dooley's Contract for the supply of milk @ 1/= per gallon to 31st March 1939.

It was decided that the requisite Contract be prepared and completed by Councils Solicitor.

Notification of £155 recoupment.

Under date 26th March 1938 Department of Local Government and Public Health notified above recoupment being 3rd and 4th instalment for year 1937/8.

Noted.

Employment Relief Scheme 1938/9.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond,

Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

It was decided to provide £389 out of revenue to qualify for the grant of £3180 and that that amount be budgeted for.

Clerk reported a phone conversation with the County Surveyor who stated he would not be able to meet the Committee of the Council until next week.

Mr. Redmond suggested there should be no necessity for the

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expenditure of £215 for maintenance of Urban Roads for a few years considering that over £8000 had been expended during the last 1½ years and over £3000 would now be expended. Therefore the £215 could be allotted towards the £389 now required.

Several members complained of the footpaths leading into the town. The surface was delapidated.

It was decided to place these matters before the County Surveyor on his visit.

£1530 – Loans.

letter S.9860/1/53 dated 31st March 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with reference to (a) the provision of Sanitary Accomodation to 50 artizans Dwellings and (b) the provision of Water Tower.

Referred to Clerk for attention.

Dump at Chamberstand.

Report from Caretaker Cooney under date 12th instant was read as follows:-

"There is no gate on dumping ground for some time and there were lot of old tins and glass dumps in at night time. I told Mr. Shortal about it some time ago and nothing have been do about it the old gate is here but it is broken. Mr. Hickey lorry stuck in it and broke it. I be very thankful if some thing was do about it".

Chairman and Mr. Cooney stated the dump was in a disgraceful state. The gate was originally fixed by the Town Surveyor to open out on the road and no lorry could pass in.

On the motion of Mr. Martin,

Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

It was decided to erect the iron gate to be taken from Council's filled at Charleton Hill to open inwards and that the entrance be arranged to provide for easy access by lorries.

Irishtown Weighbridge

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the Finance Committee

Decided to appoint a Committee consisting of the Members present at the meeting with Messrs G. Dooley and W. Roman to meet on site on Wednesday week at 6.30 o'clock p.m.

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Finance Committee's Report.

The minutes of the Finance Committee having been read.
Proposed by Mr. Doyle,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,
The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the amounts ordered to be paid.
The advice notes were then signed by Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. E. Walsh

£3 due to Scavenging Contractor.

Town Surveyor explained that the £3 was deferred by order of the Council. He did not refuse to certify.

Mr. Murphy submitted the £3 had to do with the cutting of grass and cleaning of culverts and the Town Surveyor did not certify for same.
Decided to refer back the arrears due to Contractor to the Town Surveyor.

Poor Rate Estimate.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney.
The Clerk's Estimate of the monies required to provide for the Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1939 was adopted.

Employment of Carters

Under date 23rd March 1938 the County Surveyor wrote in connection with the complaints of Messrs Sheehan and Maher that all the Carters got work in due rotation and in fact these men got more than their share.

Approved.

The meeting adjourned.

P. N. O'Gorman
Ch. H. 38

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Monday the 25th day of April 1938

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o' clock to consider the Estimates for the Town Rates for the year ending on 31st March 1939 pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O' Gorman, Chairman
T. Redmond
J. Murphy, P.C.

Clerk submitted the estimates which were examined in detail by the Committee, shewing separately the monies required for Housing Loans £2438 - including a provision of £700 on £15,000 out of loan of £34,600 for Charleton Hill Housing Scheme. Watermains, Sewers, Urban roads &c. £1659. £505 to qualify for £4050 Roads Relief Grant 1938/39 and ordinary Expenditure including provision for uncollectable rate and discounts under the Small Dwellings Act £3194. Making in all £7796.

The Estimated Receipts, after making provision for over-assessment last year of £87 nett and Charleton Hill Housing Scheme £360, is £3726. 0. 0. Leaving a Sum of £4070 to be found by rate.

The nett effective valuation of the Town for Town Rate purposes is £8410, resulting in a rate of 9/6 in the £ or the same as last year.

Committee decided to reduce the estimated Expenditure on the following :-

Law Costs and Expenses by		£35
Repairs Artizans Dwellings by		£50
Town Clock & Weighbridges by		£50
Sewers and Watermains by		£35

Thus reducing the rate in the £ by 5d or the equivalent of the increase in the Poor Rate.

Committee also decided to omit the item of £215 for road maintenance in view of the provision for the expenditure of £4050 on Urban Roads during the coming year and of the reconstruction of the streets during the past year and a half thus reducing the Town Rate

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by 11d in the £ as compared with last year.
Committee then adopted a Town Rate of
eight Shillings and Seven pence in the £
and a Domestic Water Rate of 1/3 in the
£ and recommended same to the Council.

The Meeting Ended.

R. O'Connor
26. H. 38

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Tuesday 26th April 1938

A Meeting of the NewRoss Urban District Councie was held in the Tholsel, NewRoss, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, the Local Government Act 1925, the Various Public Heaelth Acts and any Acts enabling and the following :-

1. Notice of Motion by Mr. Cullen - Housing Scheme
2. Roads - Grant of £870 subject to contribution of £120
3. Report of committee - Duffstown Weighbridge (if any).
4. Election of Councillor to fill the office vacated by Mr. Rossiter
5. Clerk's estimate of Town Rate required for the Service of the year ending 31st March 1939.
6. Business adjourned from last Meeting.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. E. Walsh, T. Redmond, T. Martin, J. Murphy. (Budge) J. Murphy P.C. T. Cooney, W. Ronan, J. Prendergast, A. Cullen

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

"Irish Travel"

Letters dated 19th and 23rd April 1938 was read from the Irish Tourist Association agreeing to give a full page in "Irish Travel" to the '98 celebrations and Feis Carman in NewRoss in the may number and thanking Mr. A.A. Butler for his contribution of 530 words and two pictures.

Decided to thank Mr. Butler and the Association.

Employment Schemes 1938/39

Letter from the Secretary, Wexford County Councie dated 13th April 1938 and accompanying copy letter were not read as each Member had received a copy.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was unanimously decided to accept

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the Governments offer and to provide the £120 out of this years rate.

Replying to a Member Clerk reported he had not yet heard from the County Surveyor in connection with the intended consultation.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to meet the Councils Committee on Friday next a noon.

Corporate Estate.

Lease to Mrs. McDonagh

Letter from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor.

Dated 14th April 1938 a letter was read on behalf of Reps. M. J. Finn deceased from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor that he understood some decision has been arrived at herein and he would be glad of a report.

Decided to hand the letter to Councils Solicitors for reply.

Letter from Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor.

Dated 12th April a letter was read from Mr. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor, Dame Steet, Dublin that he had been instructed to apply to the Court to have this matter decided and he would be glad to Know what the Council intended to do. His Clients late Solicitor Served the notice late. He is however satisfied his Client will not be prejudiced by this error.

Clerk reported he handed a copy of the letter to Councils Solicitors for action.

Decided to leave the matter in the Solicitor's hands.

Three Bullet Gate Store.

Dated 26th April 1938 letter was read from M. Reville occupier of adjoining premises drawing the Councils attention to the bad State of this Store on account of which his property is being constantly damaged - children having easy access.

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Referred to Town Surveyor for his inspection and report.

Town Traders & Co-Operative Creameries.
Youghal Urban Council.

Letter dated 23rd April 1938 was read from above that a Conference will be held in The City Hall, Dublin on the 17th May 1938 at 11.30 a.m., and requesting the Council to appoint Delegates.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

Mr. Chairman and Mr. Walsh were appointed and agreed to attend and Clerk was directed to inform the Town Clerk of Youghal of the names.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Change of Fortnightly Meeting.

Mr. Murphy handed in Notice of Motion as follows:-

"I beg to give Notice of my intention to move or have moved for me at the next available Meeting of the Council the following Resolution:-

"That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient to alter the existing arrangements for the holding of Council Meetings on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month by the abolition of the Meeting fixed to be held on the Fourth Tuesday or any other date and for this purpose that any resolution or resolutions of the Council creating the said Meetings be revoked this Council now resolves to revoke all such resolutions or resolutions or so far as same relates to the holding of a Second Council Meeting

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viz each month on the Fourth Tuesday or any other day or date and for that purpose that all things necessary be done to give effect to this Resolution.

S. O. Murphy.

Dated this 26th April 1938."

Tenders for Printing.
Rate Collecting Books.

Two tenders were received. Messrs Moran Bros., New Ross quoted for one Book of 700 pages and one Book of 600 pages Small Dwellings Per sample printed on best paper £7.10.0. Messrs Cullen & Son, New Ross quoted for Set 1 2 books of 350 pages each numbered and bound per sample £4.0.0
On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the lower tender was accepted.

Allotments.

Dated 20th April 1938 letter was read from Councils Solicitors as follows :-

" We find there was no Lease of the portion of the Windmill Lane field owned by the nuns. We prepared an Agreement some time ago for a letting for allotments for 11 months at £10. This Agreement was sent to Mr. T. J. Kelly, Solicitor for the Nuns but it has not yet been signed".

Dated 23rd April 1938 letter was read from Councils Solicitors as follows :-

" We have received a demand from Mr. T. J. Kelly on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy for payment of £10.0.0 which was payable in two instalments on the 1st May 1937 and 1st September 1937 respectively, representing the rent of the Allotments field.

We shall be glad if you will either send the cheque direct to Mr. Kelly or to us for him.

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"We enclose draft of a fresh agreement for the new term which we have received from Mr. Kelly. It is in similar terms with the agreement for last year, with the exception of the addition of clause 4 which binds the Council the Council to keep the drains, fences, ditches, hedges and gates."

Clerk reported the Pay Order was lying at the Finance Office since the March 1938 Meeting. The Auditor however informed him he would not pass the payment until the lease was before him.

Decided to inform the Solicitors that pending the receipt of the lease no payment can be made and it was also decided to submit the Draft Lease to the Department for approval.

Complaint of Trespass.

Letter from Mr. William Donovan

Dated 25th April 1938 the following letter was read from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor herein:-

"I am instructed by my client Mr. William Donovan, Mary Street to communicate with you in reference to the continued trespass on his lands of Bishopsland adjoining the houses recently built by the New Ross Urban District Council at "J. K. L." Place.

Apart from the continued trespass of persons on my client's lands a large quantity of refuse consisting of tins, boxes old boots and other objectionable articles have been deposited on my client's land there.

My client ~~will~~ would be glad if your Council could take some steps to remedy his grievance in these respects.

Unless some steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of the trespass my client will be obliged to take such action

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as may be advised."

Clerk advised the Council to obtain legal advice. Several Councillors held there was no necessity

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to inform Mr. Kelly that the Council had no obligation in the matter.

Scavenging Contract.

Dated 23rd April 1938 a letter was read from Colr. Tyndall on behalf of the British Legion, New Ross that the Contractor had not properly removed the Legion's ashpit.

Street Inspector's Reports.

Dated 26th April 1938 Mr. O' Grady reported as follows :-

"The daily Scavenging and cleansing of streets has not been satisfactory. Ashbins were not removed or streets cleansed in the upper area on the 18th April. Ashbins were not removed or streets cleansed on Quay, Conduit Lane and Lady Lane on the 19th. Ashbins were not removed on 25th at Ard-na-Grani.

I have had a large number of complaints from householders who lodged the required amount to have ashpits cleansed. Some of these have not been cleansed for more than a month after the proper time.

I complained to Mr. Gahan on the 13th, 15th, 18th and 20th and 23rd April about these omissions.

Barrack Lane, Conduit Lane and branch lanes, Lady Lane and Floods Lane are not properly cleansed or swept.

Ashpits at the British Legion, Walter Cleare's High Hill and Mrs. O' Brien, William Street have not been done at the proper time.".

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Town Surveyor's Report.

Dated 26th April 1938 Mr. Shortall reported as follows:-

"The daily Scavenging has not been satisfactory for some weeks past. On the 18th inst., the Upper area was not attended To. On the 19th instant The Quay was not cleaned and contents of dust bins were not removed from Lady Lane up to a late hour. On yesterday the bins were not attended to at Ard-na-Greine. The cleansing of Street surfaces leaves much to be desired."

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided that the Town Surveyor dock the Contractors Account and that Clerk communicate the contents of the Report to The Insurance Company.

Co-Option of Member.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

Mr. James Rossiter P.C., was co-opted in the room of the same his permission having been obtained.

Roadway at Gate of Cemetery

Mr. Cullen complained of the bad State of repair of the roadway outside the main gate at St. Stephen's Cemetery.

It was decided to communicate with the County Surveyor. to have it remedied.

Town Surveyor's Reports.

Dated 26th April 1938 Mr. Shortall reported as follows:-

"On accordance with recent order to have new Kitchen cookers installed to your houses in occupation of J. Ryan, Abbey View, and

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J. Frizelle, Haughton Place, proposals were invited from local traders for supply of same. Three offers have been received at prices varying from £5. 5-0 to £6. 10. 0 each. In view of the recent abatement of Import duties on such goods it is not improbable that Keener prices may now be obtained.

Weighbridge at Irishtown

Dated 26th April Mr. Shortall reported as follows :-

"Your Special Committee having met on site on 20th Instant to consider proposed transfer and repair of Public Weighbridge at Irishtown unanimously recommended that this machine be removed and re-erected at site to be selected on Quay. Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, Thos. Redmond and James Brewer."

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Walsh,

It was decided that the same Committee meet on Friday at 7 o'clock to inspect a locus on the Quay and to report to the Council.

Gate for Dump.

Dated 26th April 1938 Mr. Shortall reported as follows :-

"I inspected iron gate at new building site Charleton Hill with a view to having same erected at Manure Depot (Chambersland). This gate is in bad repair and is only 8 feet wide. A gate not less than 9 feet wide would be required. Estd. cost £1. 10. 0."

It was decided to provide the new gate.

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Hawkers on Quay.

Mr. Walsh informed the Meeting he was deputed as Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners to ask the Council to join the Commissioners in action to prevent Hawkers from setting up on the Quay to sell their wares.

Clerk stated Commissioner T. Lyne had advice from the Councils lawyers on this matter and it might save costs if the Council had the advice before them.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cullen

It was decided to appoint Mr. Chairman as a Committee of the Council and that the advice referred to by the Clerk be handed to him

Finance Committees Report.

Town Rate Estimates for year ending 31st March 1939.

The Recommendations having been read
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cullen

The rates as adopted by the Committee were approved and a Town Rate of 8/7 in the £ and a Water Rate of 1/3 in the £ adopted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
10/5/38

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Thursday 28th April 1938.

A Conference arranged between a Committee of the Council and the County Surveyor to discuss the Expenditure of £4050 was held this evening in the Tholsel, NewRoss at 2 o' clock. p.m.

Present :- Messrs P. N- O' Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy. P.C.
J. Redmond.

The County Surveyor and Assistant P. O' Neill were in attendance.

The following list of works were submitted and agreed upon subject to inspection of the Town by Committee:-

High Hill in so far as not covered by the £870 Grant; Conduit Lane and surroundings of Post Office in so far as not covered by same grant; Borough Boundary at Bawnjames to Rosbercon Church - road and Footpaths; Railway Bridge to Chulcomb, Chapel Lane, Follyhouse Lane, Abbey View; Upper and Lower William Sheet in so far as not covered by last loan, Surface dressing of Irishtown and other sheets not covered by former loans. Reconstruction of Quarry on High Hill if possible, Maiden Lane (Little Hill), Upper Maiden Lane, part of Irishtown Known as Galavan's Yard.

Committee recommended that where there are derelict Sites in the Town so situate as to invite nuisances the owners should be approached forthwith and the Sites cleared and levelled and if possible where this does not take place within a limited time prosecutions will issue.

The Conference Adjourned.

P N O'Gorman
Col 5-/38

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Monday 9th May 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel New Ross this evening to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding
J. Rossiter, P.C.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-

Hely's Ltd. £1.8.1; Peter Gahan £14.3.4; People Newspaper, 19/=; A.G. Daves £10; A.G. Davis £2.18.6 Messrs H. & A. Hamilton, E.A. Finn £6.12.2 E.A. Finn £4.4.6 A.G. Davis £10.0.0: A.G. Davis 19/=; A.G. Davis £2.18.6 P. Gahan £18.10.0; E.A. Finn £3.6.6; B. Hennessy 5/= Ellams Ltd. £2.8.9; Cullen & Son 5/= J. Freeman 14/= Steel & Co. 16/6 Hely's Ltd. £1.8.1; Messrs Bakalbreak £2.2.1 Ryan Bros. £3.0.0 Jas. Cooney £1.17.6; Waterford & N.R.P.S.C £11.6.0 National Bank £1.14.5. Bank of Ireland £1184.7.4 People Newspaper 19/=

Annuities to Local Loans.

£1184.7.4 Was recommended as the May 1938 instalment of Principal and Interest on the Councils various loans.

Scavenging Contract.

£15.3.4 account from 1st to 30th April 1938 was certified for £14.3.4 - the deduction of £1 being for "work undone"

Recommended payment of £14.3.4.

£10 Rent of Allotments

Notice of above as due to the Tottenhams Trustees being half-years rent under the Lease to 31st March 1938 was considered.

Recommended payment.

Housing Certificate £3000.

Letter dated 6th May 1938 was read from Contractors enclosing the Architects certificate for £3000.

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Payment recommended as soon as requisite instalment of Loan received

£300 Loan.

Detection of Carriers of Scarlet Fever.

Clerk reported that on Friday last Dr. Kissane called and ordered a letter to be sent to the Wexford Board of Health asking them to contribute something towards above. Also that Dr. O'Kelly of University College be ordered to go on with the work that the money was alright

On Saturday afternoon the following wire was received from Dr. O'Kelly :-

"Is examination one gross Scarlatina Swabs Sanctioned."

Neither of the orders were carried out as the Clerk had no authority from the Council in the matter.

He called on Saturday, as arranged with the County Medical Officer of Health, at the offices of the Senior Officials at Custom House, Dublin interested.

The Government cannot consider any application for a loan or sanction to the expenditure of public funds unless on the requisite form and in accordance with the regulations. The Council can only consider a scheme when it is placed formally before the Meeting in writing duly specifying the nature of the work, the total cost and its constituents, and in accordance with the regulations specifying the legal authority for the proposed expenditure if abnormal - and subject to Sanction.

Special Meetings of the Council may only be convened in accordance with statutory authority and Standing Orders, if any, implementing same.

Waterworks &c. Services.

Clerk presented a form of application for new Services and renewal of waterworks &c Services setting out (1) application by Consumer (2) Signature of Presiding Chairman that same granted (3) Town Surveyor's Estimate (4) Collector's certificate that cash received and requested the Council to agree to having the work carried out

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pending Council Meeting in cases of urgency and that the Forms should then be presented to the next available Meeting for confirmation - excepting if the Council desire new Services. The work would not be undertaken in the event of any dispute before submission to the Council.

Committee recommended adoption.

Monies due Mr. Williamson

Clerk reported that this Contractor called and asked for the monies due to him. His bill is for £768 made up of Final Certificate Sanitation Scheme £67.12.0, Extras on Same £65.9.0, 3/4 Housing Scheme £21.10.0

Mr. Williamson disagreed with the Council's Solicitors as regards the £21.10.0. - Government Levy on Cement and the Town Surveyor's deduction of £10.6.0 in Final Sanitation Certificate. As regards the latter he stated he only applied for the actual expenditure and therefore there could be no deduction from his contract price of £777.17.0

Mr. Williamson promised to submit his contentions to this Finance Committee Meeting but no letter was received

Adjourned pending receipt of Mr. Williamson's letter.

Charleton Hill Housing Scheme
Clerks Report.

Under date 9th May 1938 Clerk reported as follows:-

"As ordered by the Council so as to enable the consideration of Mr. Cullen's Notice of Motion to complete a Housing Scheme at Charleton Hill prepared by the Architect, Mr. Downes, the following comparative figures are submitted :-

Cost of 50 Houses	
50 Houses - Building cost	£16421.12.2
Cost of Development	3564.16.0
or	
Cost per House	328.8.8
Development x 76	46.18.1

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Total	£375. 6. 9.

Cost of 49 houses.

Cost of Building	£15594. 8. 1
Cost of Development	1515. 11. 3

or

Cost per house	318. 5. 0
Cost of Development	30. 18. 7
Total	£349. 3. 7

Showing a saving in building and Development of £26. 2. 3 per house.

These figures do not include cost of land, legal expenses, contingencies Architects' fees.

Therefore these items would be spread over 99 houses rather than 50 houses. As regards the Architects' fees, the architect would be entitled to £1 per house for lay-out plans even though the 49 houses were not undertaken.

The all-in-cost per house is expected to exceed the statutory amount on which the Government pays a full $\frac{2}{3}$rds of £350. There will be no change in the Government Subsidy.

The Council is aware there is a contract for the erection of the 50 houses and there can be no change in the contract figures. The £26. 3. 2 referred to is concerned only with the 49 provided it is carried out by the same Contractor and on the same plans.

Taking the 99 houses therefore the reduction per house is approximately £13. 0. 0.

There is unlikely to be any change in the rent assuming that it will be fixed at 3/6 per week. Under the provisions of the Housing acts the Council are obliged to ~~pay~~ provide a rate to meet the difference between an economic rent for the houses after provision for the Government Subsidy and the rent the tenant is able to pay.

The rates therefore benefit to the extent of at the rate of £6. 0. 6 % per annum for 35 years on the £13. 0. 0 per house of the 99 houses at

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the rate in the £ fixed by the Council for each year."

Committee recommended consideration by the Council.

The Meeting then ended.

P. O'Gorman

Mt. St. 38

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Tuesday the 10th day of May 1938.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel New Ross this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business, including financial and the special business of which due notice was given.

Present:- Mr Jas P. Gorman. Chairman. J. Murphy P.C. T. Martin. Hallaghan. J. Rossiter. T. Redmond. W. Roman. J. Walsh. A. Cullen. T. Cooney. J. Murphy & J. Dooley.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Roads Relief Grant.

Minute of Meeting between Council's Committee and the County Surveyor and Assistant - O'Neill was read on the motion of J. Walsh.
Seconded by T. Redmond the findings of the Committee were adopted.

Advice Notes.

On the motion of Mr Chairman
Seconded by J. Walsh the advice Notes were signed and the amounts ordered to be paid

Rates Period Extension.

Letter C. 1537/4/38 dated 28th April 1938 was read from the Dept of Local Govt & Public Health refusing grant extension to Collector to 31 instant and requesting her to lodge the balance of warrant forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Cooney
Seconded by Mr Redmond. It was decided to inform the Dept that it would facilitate the Council if the Minister would allow the extension for this year.

Allotments Acts

Letters dated 30th and 10th May 1938 were read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Lease of two acres at Wendmeil held the property of the Misses Nunn for Council's Use
Proposed by Mr Dooley
Seconded by Mr Chairman the Seal of the Council was embossed and witnessed by Mr Chairman.

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Public Lighting.

M.E.S.B. under date 6th inst 1938 submitted a tender for the existing 87 public lamps. during the year to 31st March 1939 for £287·19·3 payment to be made as to £48·0·4 on 31st May 1938 and £23·19·11 per month thereafter.
Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney
The tender was accepted.

Light at Roberson
Corner of Mr. Doyle's Store.
On the motion of Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,
It was decided to ask for a quotation for a new light at this point.

Scavenging Contract
Letter dated 3rd inst., was read from the British General Insurance Co. Ltd. Dublin acknowledging the receipt of reports from the Council's officers re failure to properly carry out his contract by Mr. Lahart.
Town Surveyor and Street Inspector replying to questions stated there was a slight improvement.
On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen.
It was decided to acquaint the Sureties that owing to the improvement reported further action was stayed for the present.

Mercy Convent National School
Acknowledgment Ed 502/38 dated 28th April of Council's letter was received from the Education Board Dublin.
Proposed by Mr. Cooney,
Seconded by Mr. Cullen,
It was decided to ask the Board when it is to be expected the new school will be started.

Miss Finn's House.
Miss Finn tenant of house in Priory Street, the subject of dispute as to present ownership, wrote asking that necessary repairs be carried out to the roof.
Adjourned pending decision as to ownership and that

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in the meantime Town Surveyor inspect and report.

'98 Commeration Committee and Feis Committee.

Letter dated 10 adh Bealtaine 1938 was read from above inviting the Council to join in the intended procession on the 5th next month.
Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Martin,

It was decided that the Council accept the invitation.

Letter same date from same asking for the use of the Large Room, Tholsel for three nights per week from now to the Feis to prepare decorations.

Granted subject to the Room being not otherwise engaged.

Letter same date from same applying for the use of the Large Room for the Historical Exhibition from 2 nd to the 6th June inclusive.

Granted.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 10th May 1938 the following was read:-

"I met your special Committee appointed to visit and inspect proposed site on Quay for re-erection of Irishtown public weighbridge on Friday. 28th. April. Present:- Messrs P.N.O'Gorman (Chairman.); John Murphy P.C., George Dooley and Wm. Ronan. Surveyor having outlined proposed Scheme for weighbridge and cattle pen it was decided that drawings and estimate be furnished for same to meeting of Council proposed to be held on 10th. inst., Drawings are furnished herewith. All-in estimate to take up, remove weighbridge from its present position to that indicated on plan submitted. including overhauling and repairing machine, constructing enclosed cattle pen in p.C. concrete, walls and flooring £75-0-0."

Memorial from Users of this Weighbridge.

22 signatures protested against the Council's order to remove to Quay as inconvenient and dangerous, asking the Council if they were prepared to compensate for accidents by cattle falling into the river. Fairs are held in Irishtown. Loss of sales would also result by the change.

Protest by Residents.

Eleven signed a Protest against the proposed removal as they consider the weighbridge can be put in commission for a much less sum than its removal would cost.

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Mr. Cooney pointed out the Council had after due consideration and the unanimous recommendation of the Special Committee appointed by the Council decided to remove the scales.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Cullen.

Mr. Cullen then handed in a notice to rescind the Councils decision.

Store at Three Bullet Gate.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Mr. Shortall, under date 10th inst reported as follows:-

"Members of same Committee (Messrs Murphy and Ronan) also recommended that debris at ruins of store formerly occupied by Mr. John O'Neill, Three Bullet Gate, be offered to Council's Housing Contractor, Mr. Hamilton.

Town Surveyor stated he had asked Messrs Hamilton to remove the stones.

It was decided to put a coat of plaster on the walls as soon as the debris was cleared.

Change of Meetings.

Mr. Murphy P.C. Notice of Motion.

Mr. Murphy moved his motion, seconded by Mr. Redmond. Much more work can be done and more expeditiously by a monthly meeting. Too much time was occupied by useless discussion and on several occasions the Council realized that when meetings were adjourned for one reason or another the work for the month was much better done.

The motion was unanimously passed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen.

It was decided to hold the Finance Committee Meeting on the Friday preceeding the Finance Meeting at 7.30 O'clock p.m.

£1350 Loan.

Letter H. 9860/38 dated 2nd May 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re above enquiring if the defects mentioned in the Ministers letter H. 18785/37 have been remedied and if the £137.8.8 will be sufficient to meet all outstanding

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liabilities in respect of the 13 House Scheme, also enquiring to what schemes the amounts of £14·10·2 and £26·14·2 referred and requesting particulars.

Referred to Clerk for reply.

Free milk Grant.

Agreement & Bond with Mr. Dooley.

Letter 9th May 1938 was read from Councils Solicitors intimating above had been signed by Mr. Dooley, Contractor, and sent to Dublin for stamping.

noted.

The Meeting adjourned.

P. O'Connell
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Thursday 12th May 1938.

The Conference summoned on the following requisition was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 3 o' clock :-

"I have just received a message from Mr. P. O'Neill that the County Surveyor will be in New Ross on Tomorrow at about 3 o' clock p.m. The County Surveyor thinks that on account of his hurried visit last time the Committee might like to meet him in connection with the expenditure of Relief Grants, here in the Tholsel, and asks me to notify you."

Present :- Messrs T. Redmond, J. Murphy, P.C., J. Rossiter, P.C., The County Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill attended.

There was a general discussion on the position when the County Surveyor stated the £215 for Urban Road Maintenance under the Transferred Roads Order will have to be provided at last up to October as the resurfacing of the streets was not provided for under the present (Summer) Relief Scheme. Mr. Murphy drew up the question of stepping the High Hill. He had been approached and he understood several Members of the Council likewise that aged and infirm people as well as several Members of the public who used the thoroughfare objected to stepping.

It was decided that the High Hill be done in rough macadam with concrete retention.

Mr. Redmond suggested the reduction of the area under the quarry at High Hill by cutting it off diagonally.

Mr. Murphy suggested complete filling up of the quarry and on next Arbour Day handing it over to the Christian Brothers and having it planted by the boys of the School.

As regards Galavan's yard it was agreed that the present Housing Contractor be offered the stones on the site provided Messrs Hamilton levelled the site.

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Committee went over their decision of last Conference with the County Council Officials and confirmed same.

The Meeting Ended.

R. O'Gorman
M. S. 38

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Tuesday the 24th day of May 1938.

a meeting of the new Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, new Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact business pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Public Health Acts. The following special matters were considered:-

1. Building of 49 extra houses.
2. Transfer of Weighbridge at Irishtown.
3. Letting of Houses Nos. 16 William Street and 40 J.K.L. Place.
4. Fire Fighting Appliance Demonstration.
5. Borrowing for Scarlet Fever Preventive measures.

Present:- Messrs. P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman; J.E. Walsh; G. Dooley; A. Cullen; W. Ronan; T. Cooney; J. Callaghan; T. Redmond; J. Murphy, P.C; J. Rossiter; J. Brewer; T. Martin; J. Murphy; J. Murphy and V.A. Doyle.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

Minutes of Meeting of this Committee dated 10th May 1938 were read and signed.

Proposed by Mr. Dooley,

Seconded by Mr. Cooney.

The Recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

Feis and '98 Celebrations

Meeting arranged to meet at the Tholsel, New Ross at 1.45 P.M. on 5th June 1938 from thence to march to place allotted in the procession on the Quay.

It was also decided to fly three National Flags on to-morrow at noon.

Rates Extension Sanctioned.

Letter G. 1587/6/38 dated 21st May 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health agreeing to extension to the 31st instant and stating the minister is prepared to consider proposals regarding payment of poundage to Rate Collector.

Noted.

Town Rates Estimate.

Letter G. 13101/2/38 dated Bealtaine 17 1938 was read from the

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Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting copy of above in respect of the current financial year.

Decided that same be supplied as soon as possible.

Abstract of Accounts.

Letter A.S dated 17/5/38 was read from the Department of Local Government and public Health requesting to be furnished without delay with above for year ended 31st March 1938.

Clerk reported that as he was very busy over the preparation of the rate documents he would be unable to attend to same for about three weeks.

Noted.

Fire Fighting Appliances.

Letter 20th inst. was read from Messrs Henry Ford & Co. inviting the Council to a demonstration in New Ross at 3 o'clock on to-morrow.

no action.

Allotments Acts.

Letter H. 96404/37 dated 16th May 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the loss on the scheme amounted to £27.5.5". The sum of £27.9.11 was refunded. A sum of 4/6 should therefore be returned to the Department.

Agreed.

Conference with County Surveyor.

Relief Grants (Roads)

Minutes of Conference held on 12th May 1938 were read and adopted.

Public Lighting.

Letter dated 16th May 1938 was read from the E.S.B. That in view of the acceptance of their tender arrangements were made to continue the existing lighting

Weighbridge at Irishtown.

Mr. Cullen's Notice of Motion.

Clerk intimated due service of the notice on each member.

Proposed by Mr. Cullen,

Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

That any resolution of the Council agreeing to transfer

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the Weighbridge at Irishtown to the Quay be rescinded."

There voted for: Messrs J. Redmond, J. Cooney, J. E. Walsh; J. Murphy, J. Dooley P. N. O'Gorman. 6.

There Voted against Messrs J. Murphy, J. Martin, J. Rossiter, J. Callaghan, A. Cullen, V. A. Doyle; W. Ronan. 7.

Clerk intimated there were 10 members present and all voted on the resolution to move the scales from Irishtown. As there was an increase in that figure by 4 at the present meeting the majority vote ruled.

The motion was declared carried.

Town Surveyor was ordered to bring in an Estimate and specification for completely walling in the Scales at Irishtown.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 24th May 1938 Mr. Shotall reported as follows:-

"There are several slates missing from house occupied by Miss Finn. Priory Street cost of repair £2.10.0. He arranged to have exterior walls of Shambles and Fish house limewashed. He had shingle &c. removed from site of store at Three Bullet Gate free of charge. If walls smoothened primed and plastered the estimated cost is £15.0.0. He made arrangements to clean the '98 monument at a cost of £1.10.0."

Council decided to wait on decision of Court relative to Ownership of Miss Finn's House. No action was taken on the proposed expenditure of £15. All other matters agreed to..

Bunting for Fete and '98 Celebrations.

Mr. Redmond again drew attention to the necessity for purchasing Tow new flags and having Same erected with the necessary poles

Clerk warned the Council that in his opinion there was no authority for expending any money on flags and asked for a vote. Mr. Redmond stated they would accept responsibility. The Council agreed there was no necessity for a Vote as they all would accept responsibility.

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Friday 3rd June 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5. o'clock to consider the Collectors Schedules of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31st March 1938 pursuant to the Public Bodies Orders 1925 and 1929.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O. Gorman, Chairman
V. A. Doyle.

Miss Finn presented the Schedules of Uncollected Rates on the Statutory Forms, which were examined and determined as follows :-

That sums of Poor Rate amounting to £49. 14. 8 and Poor Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £132. 8. 6 be cancelled

That Town and Domestic Water Rate amounting to £87. 5. 3 and Town and Domestic Water Rate on Vacant premises amounting to £180. 7. 8 be cancelled and that sums of Poor Rate £149. 2. 10 Town and Domestic Water Rate £185. 4. 4 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable."

The Meeting Ended.

Thos Redmond,

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Tuesday the 7th day of June 1938

A meeting of the new Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, new Ross at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to receive the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Council on the Lists of Uncollected Rates and to make the Poor Rates, Town and Domestic Water Rates for the year ending 31st March 1939 pursuant to the special notice duly served.

Present:- Messrs J. Redmond, J. Murphy, J. Martin, J. Rossiter, A. Cullen, J. Cooney and W. Ronan.

The Minute of the Finance Committee was read and approved.

The Rate Collector, miss Finn read the lists of uncollected rates to be brought forward to the new year.

Clerk intimated that only 1.7% of the total collectable rate was cancelled.

The following Resolutions were then adopted viz:-

Uncollectable Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.

"That sums of Poor Rate amounting to £49.14.8 and Poor Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £132.8.6 be cancelled. That Town and Domestic Water Rate amounting to £87.5.3 and Town and Domestic Water Rate on Vacant premises amounting to £180.7.8 be cancelled and that sums of Poor Rate £149.2.10 Town and Domestic Water Rate £185.4.4 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable."

Passed unamiously

Poor Rate

Proposed by Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.

"That we raise the sum of three thousand five hundred and sixty pounds ten shillings and eight pence as and for Poor Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a rate of seven shillings and ten pence in the pound for the financial year ending 31st day of March 1939 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross pursuant to the local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the other acts incorporated therewith and that same be collected in two moieties together with arrears of one hundred and forty nine pounds two shillings and ten pence the first on or before 30th day of

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September 1938 and the second on or before 31st March 1939. That public notice be given of said rates having been made by printed placards duly posted or by advertisment."

Passed unamiously

Town Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy

Seconded by Mr. Looney.

"That we raise the sum of three thousand six hundred and eighty nine pounds eighteen shillings and five pence as and for Town Rate and for that purpose make a Town Rate of eight shillings and seven pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on 1st day April 1938 and ending on 31st day of March 1939 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross rateable under the above mentioned acts for the purposes therein mentioned of which Town Rate of eight shillings and seven pence in the pound the sum of two shillings and seven pence in the pound is for general purposes under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854. the sum of two shillings and nine pence is for Construction and Maintenance of Urban Roads under the Local Government Act, 1925 and a Sanitary Rate of three shillings and three pence in the pound under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts. The said Sanitary Rate of three shillings and three pence in the pound includes three pence halfpenny in the pound under the Education (Provision of Meals)(Ireland) Acts, 1914 and 1917 and one penny in the pound for the purpose of a Free Milk Scheme and shall be collected in two moieties together with arrears of one hundred and eighty five pounds four shillings and four pence the first on or before 30th September 1938 and the second on or before 31st March 1939."

Passed unamiously

Domestic Water Rate

Proposed by Mr. Ronan

Seconded by Mr. Martin.

"That we raise the sum of two hundred and ninty two pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence as and for Domestic Water Rate and for that purpose we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and three pence in the pound und the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts; on the valuation of the premises supplied with water for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1938 and ending

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on 31st day of March 1939 and we hereby fix :-
that the said rate be payable on the 7th day of July 1938
and shall be collected in two moieties - the first on or before
the 30th day of September 1938 and the second on or before
31st day of March 1939."

Passed unanimously

Signing of Books.

Proposed by Mr. Rositer,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.

"That the Presiding Chairman and five members of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books and the Resolutions making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon, and the Collectors Warrants and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books and documents".

"That the Presiding Chairman and five members of the Council sign the books in which the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate are made out and the Resolution making the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate and the adoption of the Rate (Town) on said Books, the endorsement and the Collector's warrants affixed to said Rate Books and to be affixed to Collecting Books, to signed by Presiding Chairman and five members of the Council present at the meeting and to countersigned by the Clerk and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council."

Passed unanimously.

Clerk reported due publication by Posters of notice of Deposit of Poor Rate and Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate Book for Inspection."

The Books and Warrants were then duly signed and sealed and

The Meeting Ended.

M. C. Murphy
14/6/38

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June

Monday 13th ~~November~~ 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o' clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding
J. Murphy (Bridge).

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

J. Dooley. £26.18.0 J. Dooley £21.13.3; Cullen & Son 15/-; Government Publication's Sale Office 4/7; E.S.B. £48.0.1; E.S.B. £2.3.6; James Cooney £1.10.0; Power & Co. 5/-; Irish National Assurance Co. £2.4.0 Hibernian Insurance Co. £17.11.6; P. Gahan £22.1.0; Hely's Ltd. £1.17.5 B. Hennessy 3/6 Moran Bros. £13.15.7; M. Doyle 10/- K. Nugent 10/1 P.J. O'Farrell 6/8 A. R. French 10/6; P. Kelly £2.16.0; Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £3000; E.A. Finn £8.6.11

Account from Sergeant Cody.

This tenant's account for 4/-, being 3 panes of Glass in Sashes paid to J. Freeman

Clerk reported the Town Surveyor refused his certificate as he had no Knowledge of the work and it was a matter for the Council.

No recommendation

Mrs. Bent - Town Wall.

Clerk reported this tenant had been duly served with notice by registered post, but up to date no reply had been received.

Recommended that the matter be brought before the Council.

Miss M. A. Hennessy.

Letter dated 7th instant from Council's Solicitors was read that they had received a further payment of £3 of the £18.18.0 arrears of rent due to the Council. £13 paid

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in all. Miss Hennessy stated that she paid income tax on the property yearly and she alleges she is entitled to a refund of this tax for six years. Solicitors requested instructions.

Committee recommended that as the income tax matter was one for Miss Hennessy and being technical the Council may not advise.

Messrs R. J. Campbell & Co., Account £155. 5. 8.

Statements dated 11th and 31st May 1938 were submitted being balance of account furnished £155. 5. 8.

Clerk reported this matter was in the hands of the Solicitors

Committee recommended that the Statements be forwarded to the Solicitors

Mr. Shortall's Bill £10.

Clerk reported that Mr. Shortall was anxious to get refunded £10 paid by him for wages on the Cross Lanes Wall Scheme. He was out of pocket for a considerable time

Committee recommended that the Council deal with the matter

Allotments Acts.

Mr. Shortall submitted accounts 1936 and 1937 for fees for maps and surveying land and marking out allotments £6. 6. 0

Payment recommended subject to Sanction of the Department.

New Housing Scheme

Certificate £3000.

The Contractor presented certificate for above amount.

Clerk reported that this would be £6000 paid but the new advance had not yet been received from the Board of Works.

Payment recommended on receipt of the necessary funds.

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Interest on Loans.

Clerk drew the attention of the Committee to Section 80 of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 relating to power to borrow money at a lower rate of interest to pay off securities at a higher rate. He had not time to examine beyond 1911 whether the Section had been repealed. At the end of March 1938 a sum of £13126 remained due, monies borrowed at a 5¾% rate of interest from local loans whereas the present rate ~~Rate~~ is 4¾% and as low as 4% to their Treasurers.

In view of the difficulty of wading through a pile of Local Government legislation, Clerk suggested that a question be directed to the Department on the Subject and that he be empowered if necessary to confer on the matter when next in the Department.

1% on the outstanding amount at the end of the year would represent £131.4.0 approximately per annum.

The Committee recommended the Council accordingly.

Change of Meetings

Chairman having read the note on his notice convening the Meeting that future Meetings would be held on Friday at 7.30 p.m.

Committee recommended that the fixing of the time and day of Meeting was a matter for the Committee and that as the day and the time ~~was~~ were originally fixed by the Committee and no change made or suggested that the Meetings continue as heretofore.

Poundage to Rate Collector.

Bill £70.19.7.

Collector applied for poundage on collection as follows:-

To poundage on Poor Rate collected and lodged from 1st January '38 to 4th June '38 viz:- £1217.4.6 @ 6d in the £

£30.8.7.

Same on Town & Domestic Water Rate collected

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and lodged for same period viz:-
£1622. 3. 0 @ 6d in the £.
£40 : 11. 0.

Committee recommended payment at the full poundage rate in view of the satisfactory collection.

The Meeting ended.

S. O. Murphy 14/6/88

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Tuesday the 14th day of June 1938

A meeting of the new Ross Urban District Council was held in the Thotel, New Ross at 7·30 o'clock this evening to transact business including financial and the following special business viz:-

1. Reports on 64 houses unfit for human habitation - dated 26th May 1937 - orders necessary.
2. Mrs. McDonagh -V- The Council - House at Priory Street.
3. 49 new Houses - advertise for erection.
4. Letter from Typographical Association - recognised printing offices.
5. Finance Committees Report - and matters adjourned from last meeting.

Present:- Messrs J. Murphy P.C., (Presiding)
J Murphy, Bridge,
J. Pender,
T. Cooney,
N. Ronan,
A. Cullen,
V. A. Doyle.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,
Mr. Murphy was moved to the chair.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Finance Committees Report.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee were read.
Mr. Cooney objected to the recommendation relative the the hour of meeting. The Council at last meeting changed the hour to 7·30 on the Friday prior to the monthly meeting.
Chair explained the change was outside the Council and a matter only for the Committee according to law.
It was agreed that the next Meeting be fixed for 7 o'clock p.m on Tuesday the 12th of July next.

£10 to Mr. Shortall.
Proposed by Mr. Cooney,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman,
It was nem. dis decided to refund Mr. Shortall the £10.

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Lease to mrs. McDonagh.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,

Seconded by Mr. Cooney,

It was decided to act on Solicitor's advice. As the houses at present required repairs it was also agreed that, subject to the Solicitor's advice, necessary repairs be undertaken in so as estimate received from The Town Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan

Seconded by Mr. Cooney.

The Recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted, subject to above matters decided by the Council, and the bills ordered to be paid.

The Advice Sheets were then signed by Messrs Doyle. Ronan and the Chairman.

The Minutes were then signed.

Valuation Office.

On Form R. 2 this office under date 7th instant transmitted the case of Reps. Bridget Cashen, value £13. for revaluation - improvements.

Dr. Walsh, Airmount, New Ross wrote requesting a reduction in the valuation of house on road to Mount Garret - known as Rockwell

Ordered that both be handed to Rate Collector.

Free Milk Scheme.

Letter dated 8th inst. was read from the Acting County Medical Officer of Health, Wexford that the Department of Local Government and Public Health are awaiting particulars of the number of samples taken and results of examinations as to cleanliness and quality of milk supplied on Fom F.M. 4. The doctor added " It seems that you have not received sufficient information in this matter recently and I would be glad if you would send me your observations."

Ordered that Clerk communicate with the Veterinary Inspector and report.

Fishtown Weighbridge

Town Surveyor's Repot

Under date 14th June 1938 the following was read from Mr. Shortall.

"I estimate cost of enclosing Fishtown Weighbridge in 9" p.c.

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concrete, 7 ft. over ground level, providing sliding gate to same, coping existing masonry wall and repairing pier to be £60.0.0.

A quotation has already been received from Messrs. Avery to repair and renew all defective mechanism in weighbridge for sum of about £35."

Clerk reported the Council reduced his Estimates under this heading so that the present rates will not provide for the expenditure.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy. (Bridge)

Consideration was postponed to next meeting to enable notice to members.

Messrs Hamiltons' Application.

Under date 7th inst Contractors to the 76 Housing Scheme wrote they were unable to remove the debris from the site at Irishtown known as Galavan's yard, under the conditions laid down by the Council, but they would remove same now if permitted.

Adjourned pending decision on erection of wall to Irishtown Weighbridge.

Lighting at Messrs Doyles' yard corner.

Quotation of £7.2.7 for erection of a lamp as requested was read from the Electricity Supply Board.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Dail Elections.

Notice was read from the County Registrar that he would require the Thatch, New Ross on Polling Day 17th inst.

Granted.

Allotments Acts - 1938 Season.

Letter dated 30 adh Bealtaine 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting completion of Claim on Form R.

Clerk was ordered to prepare same and submit.

Typographical Association.
Wexford District.

Under date 1st instant the following was read from above.

"I have been instructed to inform you that the following firms are the only recognised Printing offices as working

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under Trade Union Rules and wages :-
"The People" newspapers Ltd. Wexford ; "The Echo" Enniscorthy and Redmond Bros. Enniscorthy.

It is hoped that Printing required by your Council will only be done by these firms."

Clerk reported the Council gave the order for printing of Rate Books to Messrs Cullen & Son, New Ross who tendered @ £4 as against a tender of £7.10.0 from Messrs Moran Bros. New Ross. The Council are bound to accept the lowest tender at all times unless in exceptional circumstances. He was unable to advise if being non members of a union constituted such.

Mr. Cooney contended that as Messrs Moran Bros. paid Union wages and as Messrs Cullen only employed members of their family preference could be given to Messrs Moran Bros.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy (Bridge)
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.

"That no action be taken on the letter"

Proposed by Mr. Cooney,
Seconded by Mr. Cullen,

"That a direction be requested from the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

There voted for the Amendment: Messrs Cooney and Cullen.

Against :- Messrs J. Murphy; J. Pendergast; V.C. Doyle ; and the Chairman.

It was decided that no action be taken.

Meetings once per Month.

Under date Meitheamh 1.1938 L.G.15028/38 a letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that provided the date fixed for the monthly meeting is the prescribed date for which authority has been previously obtained the alteration would be a matter for the Council.

Decided to confirm the holding of monthly meetings in accordance with the letter.

Renewal of Petrol Licence.

The Irish Shell, Dublin applied for and ~~was~~ were granted renewal of licence subject to a satisfactory report from the Town Surveyor.

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Roads Relief Grant 1938/39 £2190.

Letter dated 11th inst was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council relative to above requesting to be informed if the Council are agreeable to provide £265.

Clerk reported provision was made in this years estimate.

Decided to so inform Mr. Frizelle.

School meals.

Letter P. H. 175'49/38 (A) dated 13adh meitheamh 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting return on Form S.4 from Michael Street, National School.

Clerk reported the Hon. Secretary called and stated she had visited the school eight times and could not get the Return. She refused to go again.

Ordered that Clerk write and obtain the Return or an explanation.

Letter from Board of Education.

Under date 3rd inst. B. B. 38220 the Secretary wrote the sketch plans of the new school to replace the present St. Joseph's National School, New Ross, have been received by the Architects and are being considered.

No order.

Votes of Sympathy.

The Council voted condolence with Mr. James Rossiter P.C. on the death of his brother in law and with Messrs Ryan Bros on the death of their brother.

The Meeting ended

P. St. J. Gorman

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Monday the 27 th day of June 1938.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 8.15 p.m to fix the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council in accordance with Section 9 (1) of the Local Elections Act 1927.

Present. Messrs :- P. N. O Gorman, Chairman; T. Redmond; J. Murphy P.C; G. Dooley; T. Martin; J. Rossiter P.C: W. Ronan and J. Murphy.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

Thursday the 30 th day of June 1938 at 12 O'clock noon was fixed for the holding of the Annual Meeting.

The Meeting ended.

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Thursday the 30th day of June 1938

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross at noon to-day pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act 1937.

Present. Messrs P. N. Ogorman,
J. Rossiter,
T. Redmond,
G. Dooley,
W. Ronan,
J. Murphy P.C.,
V. A, Doyle,
T. Martin and
J. Murphy (Bridge).

The minutes of the last Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. Dooley,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, M.C.C.,
The outgoing Chairman Mr. P.N. Ogorman was re-elected unamiously.

The Chairman having intimated his intention of accepting the Office signed his Declaration.

Election of Committees.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, M.C.C.,
Messrs A. Cullen; J. Murphy, P.C., and W. Ronan were elected to act on the St Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Dooley,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman,
The outgoing members of the Finance Committee were re-elected.

It was decided to continue to hold the Meetings of the Committee at 5 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceeding the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Dooley.
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge). All the outgoing members of the other Committees were re-elected.

The Meeting ended.

P.N. Ogorman 28.6.38

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Monday 11th July 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O' Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P. C.
J. Rossiter, P. C.

Arrears of Rent.

Collector drew attention to the following arrears which in her opinion could be avoided as the tenant is working or there is sufficient means to pay :-

Bridget Holden	S. K. L Place	£2.4.0
John O' Brien	same	3.11.6
John Moran	same	6.7.4
John Walsh	same	4.0.0
William Finch	same	4.18.2
Michael Malone	same	4.4.6
Robert Donnelly	same	1.4.6
Michael Browne	same	2.8.10

Recommended that notice of the arrears be sent out by the Clerk giving a fortnight in which to pay after that Council's Solicitors be instructed to collect and to sue the Sureties for the arrears and costs.

Mrs. Bent.

Under date 11th inst., Rent Collector Reported as follows:-

"I understand that Mrs. B. Bent has vacated the Council's house at Ard-na-Greine - the amount of rent due is £2.17.2

She has left in occupation of the house a Sub-Tenant, Patrick Grace, whom the Council recently ejected from No. 22 for arrears of rent amounting to £14.14.10."

Recommended that copy of the Report be handed Solicitors as this matter is in their hands.

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Rates and Arrears.

Under date 11th inst., Rates Collector reported as follows:-

"Re Richard Cooney - Rates & Arrears.
to 31/3/38."

"I attach letter received from Solicitor in reference to Proceedings taken by me in above case. The amount due to 31st March last for Rates is £10.8.11.

I shall be glad to have the Council's instructions."

Copy letter referred to:-

"The Sheriff has returned me the above Decree with an endorsement of "No Goods" thereon. Will you please let me have your further instructions in reference."

Recommended that Council seek legal advice before proceeding further or taking any action.

Change of Surety

Clerk reported that Mr. Edward Cooper, South Street, New Ross, signed the Agreement and Bond vice Mr. M. Roche in the case of the tenancy of Mrs. Cody, William Street.

Recommended Council to approve and accept.

County Council
Annual Estimate and Demand.

Above Demand for the financial year ending 31st March 1939 was read.

Recommended adoption.

Accounts adjourned.

Graves & Co. £47.12.5 - money not yet obtained by loan
T. Hartnick 1/= - Account not certified.
G.S. Railways 3/2 - Not certified as Surveyor considers same wrong.
Peter Kehoe £2.11.3 - Not to be paid pending proof of delivery of the spraying materials to each of the 4/= plotholders and that the

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Government Inspector changed from Soltoair to the ordinary stuff.

Sergeant Body's Account 4/=.

This account was again before the Meeting and a letter from the Sergeant complaining that a Series of Repairs were required before he took up the tenancy and that he reported on them to the Town Surveyor who called and that nothing was done since.

Recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to the Town Surveyor for a report for next Meeting.

Scavenging Contract.

Arising out of examination of Contractor's accounts Members of the Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the grass cutting. It was mentioned that where the position beyond Priory Street was brought to the Contractors notice he submitted the County Council should cut the grass.

Committee recommended that if complaints continue the Council should consider asking the County Council to undertake the complete contract next year.

Plumbing Contract.

As this Contract is expired for some time Committee recommended advertising for tenders for repairs to watermains &c., including the supply of all lead piping, Solder, Taps &c., and the provision of the necessary labour under the supervision of the Town Surveyor, in accordance with a specification prepared by the Town Surveyor

Saturday Cleansing.

Arising out of the consideration of the Scavenging Contract Cllr's attention was drawn to the Saturday evening hours of cleansing and it was pointed out that this commences about 4 o'clock which is pure waste of money.

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Recommended that Contractor's attention be drawn to paragraph 8 of the Specification which definitely fixes 7.30 p.m as starting time.

Outstanding Debts due to Council.

Clerk drew attention to the correspondence in the Chairman's file relating to bills due for water &c. and advised the Council to deal with same through the Solicitors.

Recommended that this be done

Income Tax deducted from Dividends.

In view of the fact that the Council do not make a profit on any of its undertakings. Clerk requested the Committee to consider an application, through the Minister, for a refund of the sums deducted. This tax is deducted at source and is the only income tax paid by the Council because so far there is not legal method of getting it refunded.

Committee recommended that the Clerk interest himself in this matter and report later.

Bank Rate of Interest 4%
Loans to Council.

Clerk drew attention to this present high rate. The rate was fixed long before 1921 between the Local Government Board and the Irish Banks. In view of the prevailing low rate of interest the Committee might consider a campaign for a reduction.

Committee recommended the Council to put this matter before the Municipal Authorities Association or the General Council of County Councils.

Municipal Authorities Association

In view of the Resolution by the Cashel Urban Council relative to the recent Financial Agreement between the Government and England on the matter of loans

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prior to 1921 from Local Loans.

Committee recommended the Council to appoint delegates to the Conference and to pay the necessary fee for the Reports.

Bills.

The following Accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn	£	5.	4.	8.	James Dooley	£ 21.	11. 11.
T. J. Dunphy		39.	0.	2	Mrs. Charters	3.	5. 1
F. Hartnick		12.	17.	6	National Bank Ltd.	106.	3. 11
Ryan Bros.		9.	0.	0	Messrs Graves & Co.		2. 9
do.		2.	5.	0	Messrs Cullen & Son		7. 6
J. Freeman		1.	15.	3	A. R. French	1.	15. 3
P. Gahan		29.	3.	0	Dept. Local Govt & Pub. H.		4. 6
Ellams Ltd.		1.	2.	6	Electricity Supply Board.	23.	19. 11
Jas. Cooney		1.	17.	6	J. J. Shortall		6. 6. 0
Clyde Shipping Co.		2.	7.	10	People Newspaper		2. 18. 0
Wexford. Co. Co.		120.	0.	0	M. Doyle		4. 0
G. S. Railways.				7	Messrs H. & A. Hamilton	2800.	0. 0.

The Meeting

P. O'Gorman

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Tuesday the 12th day of July 1938

An adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7. oclock pursuant to the Council's Resolution.

Present:- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding.
J. Rossiter P.C.,
P. N. Ogorman.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Rossiter P.C.,

It was unanimously decided not to alter the old arrangement for the holding of the meeting of the Finance and Housing Committee, i.e., time - 5 oclock p.m., the day - Monday preceeding the Finance meeting of the Council unless adjourned.

The meeting ended.

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Tuesday the 12th day of July 1938.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business including financial and the following special business :-

1. Lease of Priory Street Premises - letters from Solicitors to Council.
2. Demolition Orders - Fix date for preliminary inquiry.
3. Finance Committee's Recommendations.
4. 49 Houses Charleton Hill.
   (a) Advertise for tenders for erections.
   (b) Draft advertisment.
   (c) Department's letter re Council's proposal to appoint new Architect.
   (d) Architect's letter re Carpenters.
   (e) Letter from same re Sewerage.
5. Sanitary Sub-Officer - letter from Department re permanent appointment.
6. Comprehensive Sewerage Proposal - Correspondence.
7. Meat Bye Laws and Public Health Byelaws :- Correspondence.
8. Adjourned Reports of the Sanitary Inspector.

Present :- Messrs R. N. Glynnan; Chairman; J. Murphy P.C., J. Rossiter P.C., J. Murphy (Bridge); T. Martin; T. Cooney; J. Callaghan; J. Redmond; W. Ronan; G. Dooley; A. Cullen; V.A. Doyle.

Clerk intimated he had just received a verbal message that the Town Surveyor was ill

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken and signed.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held yesterday evening were read.

On the motion of Mr. Dooley,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge).

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted and the bills ordered to be paid.

The Advice Notice were then signed by the Chairman and messrs V.A. Doyle and G. Dooley.

Allotments Acts.

Circular G. 3246/34 dated 4th instant was read from the

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Department of Agriculture in connection with spraying material for the 41 plots.

Clerk reported that the plots are sprayed.

Free Milk Grant.

Notification P. H. 10173/2/38 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating recoupment of £45 first instalment for the 1938/39 period.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

School meals grant.

Notification P. H. 17549/38 dated 4th instant was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating recoupment of £32 first Instalment for 1938/39.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Sanitary Salaries

Intimation dated 22nd June 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating recoupment of £20 for the 1937/38 year.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Corporate Estate - Priory Street Premises.

Letters dated 18th and 25th June were read from the Council's Solicitors. They received instructions from the Clerk and the Council to resist the application by Mrs. McDonagh for a new Lease. It is not advisable for the Council to interfere in reference to these houses until the Judge has made a definite order. They enclosed a notice from Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor calling on the Council to apply to the Minister for permission to grant a ninety nine year lease. as already advised the Council need not deem it expedient to comply with this notice.

On the motion of Mr. Dooley,

Seconded by Mr. Murphy P.C.,

"It was unanimously resolved that this Council having read the Notice dated 22nd June 1938 from Mr. Hugh Fitzpatrick her Solicitor, Dublin, in the matter of Landlord & Tenant Act 1931, Anastasia McDonagh wife of Patrick McDonagh, Ashdale Road, Terenure in the county of the city of Dublin, Applicant, and the New Ross Urban District

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Council, Respondents, calling upon the Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for permission to grant a lease for ninety nine years in respect of the premises the subject matter of this application hereby resolve that we do not deem it expedient to comply with this notice."

Roads.

Letter dated 12th instant was read from Mrs. A. Fleming, North Street, New Ross complaining of a pool of water at the top of the steps leading into her house caused by the bad surface of the footpath and resulting in a dampness to her house. The rats are mining under the wall from an open sewer at the foot of the steps.

The Clerk was directed to refer the matter of the footpath to the County Council and the Sanitary Inspector was requested to inspect the sewer and report back.

Sale of Manure.

Mr. Donovan, Mary Street, New Ross applied for the unfinished heap of manure opposite the gate of the dump for £3.0.0.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Donovan's offer was accepted on the usual conditions.

Annual Estimate.

Letter R.M/32 dated 13th Meitheam 1938 was read from Roads Department of Local Government and Public Health inquiring how it is proposed to meet a sum of £215 for road maintenance.

Clerk reported that he had replied arrangements were made with the County Surveyor to provide any expenditure that may be necessary at the end of the year.

Approved.

Rate Collectors Poundage.

Letter Lg. 2676/2/38 dated 13th Meitheam was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of poundage as proposed by the Council to the

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Rate Collector.

Appointment of Auditor.

Letter A. 18475/38 dated 24th June 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health appointing Mr. P. Fraher to audit the Councils accounts for the two years ended 31st March 1938.

Tenders for Printing.

Messrs Cullen & Sons tendered at 67/6 for supply of 4 Abstract Books and messrs Moran Bros. tendered at 24/- for same.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney.
Seconded by Mr. Cullen.
The lowest tender was accepted.

Great Southern Railways.
Valuation Appeal.

Letter dated 8th instant was read from the Law Agent of the Railway Company notifying the Council that the appeal will come on for hearing in Dublin on 25th July 1938.

Petrol Licence Renewals.

J. Murphy, Priory Lane applied for a renewal of his Petrol Licence.

Granted subject to a report from the Town Surveyor.

Irish Shell Company also applied for a renewal of their licence. The application was dated 1st June 1938 and was referred to the Town Surveyor for his Report to a subsequent meeting of the Council.

Replying to Mr. Redmond Clerk informed the Council that nobody could trade with petrol without a licence excepting subject to the penalties of the Law. The Town Surveyor had not reported back on the application yet.
On the motion of Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.
It was decided to request the Town Surveyor to forward his Report immediately and an explanation of the delay in sending it in since the date of the last Council Meeting.
It was also decided to issue a temporary licence

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to the Irish Shell Company if necessary.

Old Range at Fishouse.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.

Mr. J. Blanch, Windmill Lane who applied for was granted an old range at Fishouse for 7/-

Three Bullet Gate. Property.

Under date 11th instant Miss Reville complained of the bad condition in which the premises adjoining her property were left on demolition by the Town Surveyor. Her house and store as a result are constantly wet and damp.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy P.C.,

The matter was referred to the Town Surveyor for his report.

Application for Water and Sewerage.

Letter was read from Mr. Murphy, Cushenstown that he intended to build a house at Greywell and would like to know how far the Council would be prepared to go in the extension of the water and sewer mains. The letter also stated there may be another house built on this site.

After a short discussion no action was taken as the Council considered the locus was outside the Urban Boundry.

Town Surveyor.

Reduction of Salary.

Mr. Rossiter drew attention to the above matter and requested to be informed of the present position. His recollection was that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health asked the Council to give the reason why they intended to reduce the Surveyor's Salary and so far as he was aware no reply was given to him.

It was ordered that all correspondence be placed before the Council at the next Meeting.

Street Inspector's Report.

The Street Inspector reported the daily scavenging has been fair

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for the past few weeks, but the sweeping of streets has not been well carried out. The men take the bins and leave papers and rubbish on the streets. The grass on Priory Street and Victoria Place needs to be cut.

The public Lighting has been satisfactory excepting in Quay Street, John Street, North Street, Mary Street and the Quay on which were only the all-night lights lighting. He proposes to deduct an amount to cover this off the next monthly payment.

The meeting ended.

P. N. O'Gorman
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Tuesday Monday 8th August 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and the following special matters:-

1. Mc Donagh -v- The Council - Appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court Judge.
2. Demolition Orders - (a) Letter from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor for Mrs. O'Toole. (b) Recommendations from Councils Solicitors before making Orders.
3. Result of Arrears of Rent Notices.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
T. Redmond, M.C.C.
J. Rossiter, P.C.

Bills

Accounts amounting to £3776.8.4 were presented, examined and recommended for payment.

£3,500 Charleton Hill Housing

Architects' certificate for this amount was submitted making a total payment to date of £12300 out of Contract for £32661. 15. 10.

Recommended for payment as soon as available.

Public Lighting

Account £23. 19. 11 (month of July 1938) less 10/= being a reduction certified by Street Inspector for non-lighting of 12 lamps for 4 nights (8th, 9th, 10th & 11th July) Quay Street, John Street, North Street, Mary Street and the Quay.

£23. 9. 11 recommended for payment.

Scavenging Contract Account.

£15. 15. 0 presented by Contractor reduced to £15. 3. 4 (Error in one day) restricted by 17/6 being for hire of two men and horse and cart to cleanse Conduit Lane, Coopers Lane, Hutchinsons Lane and the Quay owing to filthy condition. Town Surveyor recommended £14. 5. 10 for payment.

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The following copy Report of Sanitary Inspector to the Medical Officer of Health was read dated 25th July 1938

"I hereby draw your attention to the condition of Conduit Lane, Coopers Lane, Hutchinson's Lane, and the Quay. The cleansing of these lanes and streets not properly carried out. I am having these cleansed today as they have become a danger to health and are a nuisance. R. A. O'Grady."

Clerk reported sending copies to the Contractor and his Guarantors.

Letter dated 29th July 1938 was read from Guarantors as follows:- "Re Contract Guarantee Bond 176699 Peter Gahan New Ross U.D.C. We duly received your letter of 26th instant enclosing copy of report issued by Street Inspector for which we thank you and we regret to learn the position

No doubt you will Keep us advised as to developments. Branch Manager."

Clerk further reported the Scavenging Contract will expire on 14th September 1938 and arrangements should be made by the Council for the Scavenging Work to commence after that date.

Committee considered this work badly neglected and recommended payment on the Town Surveyor's certificate of £14.5.10.

Grass cutting, cleaning of Channels, traps, &c.

Clerk reported the Contractor's Account for above was held over by Town Surveyor as he could not certify for it in full. In his (Surveyor's) opinion this work properly belongs to the maintenance of roads and should be undertaken by the County Council.

Clerk further reported a visit from the County Surveyor some time ago. He complained the non-cutting of grass and failure to Keep the Channels and traps free were an injury to the roads and offered to employ a man @ £3 per week. in the Town for this work if the Council would allow him the £1 per week allowed the present Contractor.

Committee recommended the Council to accept the County Surveyor's offer.

Contractor's Bill £8.15.0

Mr. Gahan under date 6th August 1938 wrote

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"Kindly put before your Council the enclosed accounts and oblige."

January	1938	Balance on a/c.	£ 3. 0. 0
February	1938	" " "	£ 4. 0. 0
April	1938	" " "	1. 0. 0
May	1938	" " "	15. 0

Committee made no recommendations but referred the bill to Town Surveyor.

Great Southern Railways. – Quinquenial Valuation Appeal.

Clerk reported having received due notice of appeal and writing the Valuation Office requesting to be informed if it was essential that the Council attend the hearing.

Under date 15th July 1938 Valuation Office replied "it is not necessary that the Council should be represented" but it is open to them to give evidence. It would probably not be possible for the Council to be involved in the legal and accountancy technicalities now and in any event this would be superfluous as the Valuation Office and its Counsel will deal with them. The Council would have to bear their own costs unless they confined the matter to general representations.

Committee recommended that no action be taken.

Lease of Priory Steet Premises.

Letter dated 16th July 1938 was read from Councils Solicitors that after a hearing of 2½ hours the Judge granted the Lease ~~to~~ of four houses at Priory Steet to Mrs. McDonagh. The case seemed to give the Judge considerable difficulty. They intend obtaining Counsel's view on the question of appeal.

Letter dated 19th July 1938 was read from same as follows :-

"McDonagh – v- The Council.

"I wrote to Counsel to advise on the long winded judgment of the Circuit Court Judge in the above case with a view to considering the advisability of an appeal.

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I have now heard from Counsel and in my opinion there are good grounds for appealing and I advise the Council to do so.

Unless I hear from you in a day or so I will lodge the necessary notice. The Council should pass a resolution at their next Meeting directing an appeal.

Committee recommended the Council to pass the necessary resolution.

Ashpits at Trinity Hospital.

Contractor Mr. Gahan under date 3rd instant wrote that he received an order to cleanse two ashpits. The Council always allowed 6 ashpits as there are 6 houses. Not cleaned for over two years.

Committee referred to the Sanitary Inspector.

Arrears of Rates - Richard Cooney.

Letter dated 20th July 1938 was read from Councils Solicitors concerning Rate Collector's Report and letter stating "No Goods" returned by Sheriff. Notice for examination could be served. If the evidence disclosed means to pay the Justice will make an instalment order. From their knowledge he has no means to pay. Unless the Council can satisfy themselves to the contrary they do not advise further expenditure to recover the debt.

Committee recommended that the amount be Struck out.

Rates on New Buildings

Edward Walsh, School House Road.

Mr. Lalor, Solicitor, under date 13th July 1938 wrote requesting the Council to reduce the rate demand by 2/3rds for seven years - as the building is a new one.

Recommended that the question be submitted to the Valuation Department.

Arrears of Rent Notices

Clerk reported having served notices as directed with the following results:-

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John Moran - One half arrears to be paid by The British Legion. 5/= per week to be paid ~~by the British Legion~~ until October when £1 per week will be paid, as he will start work in Mail Store. Paid 16/= and 5/= since.

Robert Donnelly - To pay 5/= per week. Is working on Housing Scheme.

Michael Malone - Paid 5/= and states he will pay 1/= extra until paid off.

B. Holden - Paid £1 and will continue to pay off arears

J. O'Brien - Paid £1 and to paid on Monday but did not.

B. Tench - Paid 16/= and 6/= and will continue to pay 6/= per week.- Missed Monday.

J. Browne - Paid 5/= understand he is leaving for Waterford.

Committee recommended postponing further action pending further report.

Committee also examined weekly Pay Sheets and Bills.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Connell

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Tuesday the 9th day of August 1938.

A meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business, including financials, and the following special matters of which notice given:-

1. Finance Committees Recommendations inter alia:-
   (a) McDonagh -v- The Council. - Appeal.
   (b) Demolition Orders - Letters from Solicitors relative.
   (c) Arrears of Rent notices results.
2. Minutes of meeting re Demolition Orders.
3. Letting of houses at J. K. L. Place, Ard-na-Greine and William Street.
4. Consulting Engineer Comprehensive Sewer Scheme - Applications for post.
5. Charleton Hill Housing Scheme - Tenders for erection of 49 additional houses.
6. Public Health Byelaws.
7. Municipal Authorities Association - Correspondence.
8. Ordinary monthly meeting business.
9. Housing Survey of Urban District.
10. Business adjourned from last meeting.
11. Transport & General Union - New Wages Agreement.
12. Milk & Dairies Act re:- Report from Veterinary Inspector.
13. Leaseholders' (Associations) Resolutions.
14. Town Surveyor's Salary - Correspondence.

Present: The whole Council excepting Mr. Dooley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, taken as read, were signed.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

The Minutes of Meeting held on yesterday evening having been read. A general discussion ensued during which the Town Surveyor and the majority members of the Council agreed the Supervision of the Town Scavenging, the grass cutting, cleaning of water tables, culverts and surface traps was not properly carried out.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.
The Recommendations of the Committee were adopted, the bills ordered to be paid and the advice notes

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signed by Messrs V. A. Doyle, J. E. Walsh and the Chairman.

Scavenging Contract.

Clerk intimated this Contract would expire on the 14th September 1938. Arrangements might be made at this meeting for the cleansing of the Town for another year.

Notice of motion by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy, P.C., gave notice that arrangements be made for the cleansing of the town &c. at next meeting. Contract and Direct Labour to be considered.

New Ross Tannery Company.

Complaint of flooding from road.

Under date 8th instant a letter was read from above that the surface water from Henry & William Streets flooded their premises during heavy rains and on subsiding left a slimy deposit. The Council should remedy the complaint.

Town Surveyor stated that until there was a proper sewer in William and Henry Street and a proper surface on the roads flooding could not be prevented. The matter was one for the County Council.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond

Seconded by Mr. Murphy P.C.,

The Street and Sanitary Inspector 1 was ordered to inspect and have the necessary remedy of having the surface traps cleaned carried out, as a temporary measure. Copy of letter to be sent the County Surveyor.

Petrol Licence Renewal.

Under date 19th July 1938 letter was read from Irish Shell Dublin that although the Council granted the renewal on 19th July 1938 subject to inspection of Town Surveyor they had not yet received the licence from May to September which was due to delay in issue of licence last year.

Clerk reported the Town Surveyor visited him on 28th July and reported verbally "no change".

The Licence was posted to the Company same evening.

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Association of Municipal Authorities.

Under date 18 adh Lul 1938 letter was read from above requesting the council to appoint 2 delegates to Galway conference.

~~Mr. Murphy P.C., and the Town Clerk were appointed.~~

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Murphy P.C and The Town Clerk were appointed.

Allotments Acts.

Letter dated 22nd July 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that "you have not yet submitted Certificates in respect of the Applicants provided with Allotments by your Local Authority during the current season and failure is causing inconvenience to "This Department".

Clerk reported the Certificate were sent the Department of Agriculture on 2nd May 1938 and he sent copies to the Department of Local Government and Public Health on 23rd July 1938.

Letter H 9012/3/38 dated 30th July 1938 was read from same that 19 of the 41 persons for whom allotments have been provided are eligible at reduced rent. Certificate 3(c) should be completed in cases of list appended.

Clerk reported that the Auditor was engaged in the Offici and a Housing Survey under weigh. He would attend to the letter during the week. The office work is more than wholetime.

Irish Transport Union.

Undated the following written notice signed M. Martin Hon. Sec. and John C. Murphy Chairman was read "We the undersigned officials hereby make a demand from this date for 45/- per week for labourers at 47 hour week. Please notify all intending Contractors so as this may cause no inconvenience to those concerned."

It was decided the Council had no interest in the matter as all contracts stipulated for the wages to be paid.

Leave of absence.

Town Clerk applied for annual leave of absence

Proposed by Mr. Murphy P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman,

Leave granted provided supply substitute. Clerk named

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Miss O'Brien who was accepted.

Valuation Department.

Under date 7th July 1938 Offig Luachala acknowledged receipt of lists of Tenants requiring revision in the Urban District

noted.

Free Milk Supply

Reference P.H. 101/73/3/38 dated 5th August 1938 Department of Local Government and Public Health intimated issue of recoupment being .2nd instalment 1938/39 of £68.0.0

Noted.

Old Gate Sold.

Wm. Donovan Mary Street offered 5/- for the old iron gate (Charleton Hill Field).

Decided to offer it to Mr. Donovan for 7/6.

Auxilary Traps necessary.

Mr. Martin drew attention to the scarcity of surface traps for draining the road between William Street and Henry Street.

Ordered that County Surveyor be informed.

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the traps at Barrack Lane end of Michael Street. They were full for months.

Ordered that the Street Inspector have this remedied unless scavenging Contractor attended to same at once.

Sealing of Documents.

Agreement & Bond - Free Milk.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy,

Seconded by Mr. Ronan,

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the Deed James Dooley (Garrenbehy) with the Council - Agreement and Bond dated 9th May 1938.

Conveyance - Part Charleton Hill Field.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman,

Seconded by Mr. Doyle,

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the Deed

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Eileen Mary Williams and others 1st Part. Mary Sarah O'Toole 2nd Part. The New Ross Urban District Council 3rd Part. - Conveyance dated 25th May 1938.- Part of the lands of Southknock - south side of William Street - about one acre statute measure.

Draft Mortgage to secure £415.
National Bank Limited.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy.
Seconded by Mr. Cooney,

The Draft mortgage for £415 to defray expenditure on road reconstruction under Government Relief Schemes was approved.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy.
Seconded by Mr. Cooney,

The following resolution was adopted:-
"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 8th March 1938 the sum of £415 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd to defray a portion of the expenditure incurred on the carrying out of certain road works for relief of unemployment to be repaid within 5 years with interest thereon at the rate of one half per cent. under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4% per annum said loan to be secured by a mortgage over the rates available for that purpose. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage."

The meeting

P. O'Toman

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Monday 12th September 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- J. Murphy, P. C., Presiding.
J. Rossiter, P. C.

Bills.

The following Accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment viz:-

L. Barron £7.0.0 ; E. A. Finn £7.5.10 ; Jas. Dooley £20.10.4 ;
Doyle Bros. 4.0 ; Moran Bros. £33.16.5 ; Edw. Kehoe. £3.0.0
John Davey 9.0 ; Jas. Cooney £1.10.0 ; P. Gahan £3.19.3
E.S.B. £23.19.11 ; J. Furlong. £4.6.0 ; J. Hanahan 5.

Scavenging Contractor's Account.

Accounts £15.15.0 for cleansing of Streets, removing bins &c. 4 weeks and 3 days from 1st August to 31st August. and £4.10.0 for cleaning culverts, traps, &c. and cutting grass on Quay, Charles Street, Roberecon Hill, Bunow Lane, Chapel Lane, Michael Street, and Bewley Street for the same period were received from the Town Surveyor who stated verbally he was not prepared to certify same.

Committee decided the matter be adjourned

Arrears of Rent - Mrs. Bridget Bent, Ard na Greine.

Letter dated 12th August 1938 was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, enclosing cheque for £3.13.6. arrears of rent collected from Mrs. Bent.

Noted.

The following letter dated 9th September 1938 was read from Messrs Edward Lalor, Solicitor and Peter Gahan, South Street, New Ross :-

"Referring to the Bond signed by us in connection with the house, your Council's property, presently let to Mr. Thomas McGrath of Ard-na-Greine, New Ross, we hereby give you formal notification that, as

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and from this date, we are withdrawing our security for the Rent and other outgoings."

Committee recommended that notice be served on the tenant, Thomas McGrath, requiring him within 7 days to provide solvent Sureties and that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to collect from the foregoing Sureties the arrears due at date. Committee also recommended that unless solvent Sureties are provided that the house be advertised.

Miss Finn submitted rent sheet and pointed out that no rent had been collected on the house in William Street to which Mr. Michael Martin had been elected tenant.

It was pointed out that the Bond had not been completed in this case. The Surety specified, Miss J. Rice, had refused to sign the Bond. The elected tenant substituted the names of Mr. J. Reeves, High Hill and Mr. Thomas Bailey, Mary Street.

Committee considered that the Sureties mentioned were not sufficient in this case and recommended that Mr. Martin provide solvent Sureties within 7 days otherwise the house will be readvertised for letting.

Clerk of Works - 76. Housing Scheme.

Clerk reported that the period for which Mr. Hanlon was appointed expired on 31st August 1938

Committee recommended that the Council pass a resolution asking the Minister to sanction Mr. Hanlon's appointment as Clerk of Works to the end of the 76 Housing Scheme. Committee also recommended that the Council's Solicitors opinion be obtained on the matter of payment of Clerk of Work's fees during complete stoppage of Work.

Scavenging Contract 1938/1939.

Clerk submitted the Specification and conditions as amended in accordance with the transfer of the grass cutting &c to the County Council and reported pending

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a copy to the Town Surveyor for approval but no reply had been received.

Committee approved of the Specification and Conditions submitted provided the Council carry out the work by Contract.

The Meeting ended.

Thomas
13.4.38

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Tuesday 13th September 1938.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Thokael, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business for th pursuant to the various Public Health acts and the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the following special matters :-

1. Usual Monthly business
2. Finance Committee's Report.
3. Charleton Hill Housing Scheme - Correspondence.
4. Housing Survey Reports
5. Medical Officer of Health's reports - Vent Shafts and nuisances.
6. Scavenging of the Town - Contract. Direct labour &c.
7. Business adjourned from last Meeting and already on convening notice now
8. Families in one room - letter from Department
9. Allotments Acts - letter from Department
10. Comprehensive Sewerage and William Street Scheme
11. Architects Recommendations on 29 new houses at Charleton Hill
12. Letting of House No. 24 And- na- Greine.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman. T. Cooney, T. Redmond, W. Ronan, A. Cullen, J. Rossiter, J. Murphy, Budge, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Martin.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed

Scavenging Contract.

The following letter dated 8th September 1938 was read from the County Surveyor :-

"In reply to your letter of the 7th instant I beg on behalf of the County Council, to accept your offer to deal with the cutting of grass, and other similar works (scavenging) in the New Ross Urban Area for the sum of £1 per week. This work, of course, does not include removal of ashbins &c., nor anything other than keeping of the grass cut and the gullies clear. The Agreement also is provisional, as I may find that it will be impossible to carry

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out the work satisfactorily at the figure mentioned.

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter
Seconded by Mr. Martin

That the Council accept the offer of the County Surveyor to carry out this work in accordance with the terms specified in his letter

New Ross Tannery Co.

Complaint of flooding from road.

Acknowledgement dated 16th August 1938 was read from the County Surveyor with reference to above and stating the matter is having attention.

Allotments Acts

Letter dated 22nd August 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth reference No. H. 9012/2/38 with reference to the Allotment Scheme carried out in the Urban Area pointing out that there is an increase of £20 in the actual expenditure on the Scheme over the estimate submitted by the Council on Form E. and requesting to be informed whether the rent fixed for employed applicants has been revised in the light of the increased expenditure.

In conjunction with the foregoing a letter H. 9012/4/38 dated 26th August 1938 was read stating that 20 of the 22 applicants for whom the Council have provided allotments are eligible to receive allotments at a reduced rent, and adding that R. Donnelly and R. Roche are ineligible to receive allotments at a reduced rent

Clerk pointed out that only two of the men who held the plots are employed and so far as the increased rents are concerned it might be possible to take up those two plots and give them to unemployed persons. In his, Clerks, opinion it would not be possible to get an increased rent. Clerk also reported that this matter had recently been dealt with by the Auditor who went through the accounts and was satisfied

The Council took no action on the

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matter.

Section 68 Housing Act 1931.
Mr. Edward Walsh and Mr. Frank Doyle.

Letter S.R. dated 19th August 1938 was read from the Valuation Department as follows:-

"In reply to your communication of the 18th instant with reference to the premises of Mr. Edward Walsh Rosbercon, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that as a Grant appears to have been made in respect of these premises under the Housing Acts, the question of the reduction in Rates that should be allowed under these acts is a matter for the Urban District Council.

This office makes indication that a reduction in rates should be allowed, only in the case of buildings to which section 12 of the Local Government Act 1927 is applicable. This Section is not applicable to houses erected under the Housing Acts.

The letter from Mr. Lalor, Solicitor, which you enclosed, is returned herewith.

Letter dated 17th August 1938 was read from Mr. J. P. Coghlan, Solicitor on behalf of Mr. Frank Doyle, Priory Street, as follows:-

Clerk pointed out that under Section 65 of the Housing Act. 1931 the remission of rate must be granted so long as a Government Grant or Subsidy was given towards erection.

Noted.

Valuation Appeals.

Letter dated 17th August 1938 was read from Mrs. W. Charters, John Street and letter dated 18th August 1938 from Messrs Coffey & Son on behalf of M. J. Furlong, Templescoby, owner of premises situate at North Street appealing against Valuation on the ground that same is excessive.

Ordered that the matter be referred to the Commissioner of Valuation for the next revision

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Finance Committee's Recommendation.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held yesterday evening were read
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
The recommendations of the Finances Committee were adopted and the accounts ordered to be paid.

The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., T. Cooney and the Chairman.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the Finance Committee, Mr. Martin asked what steps had been taken to have the house vacated by J. Heuston put into a proper state of repair. The premises were in a very bad state and unfit for occupation by any tenant at the present time. He understood that an separate estimate for the work had recently been before the Meeting.

The Town Surveyor stated that he had not received any orders to have the repairs carried out.

Ordered that an advertisement for tenders be issued by the Town Clerk for the carrying out of the work in accordance with the Surveyors Specagications. It was also decided to have the necessary repairs to No. 19. Ard na Greine and No. 46 T. K. L. Place included in the advertisement.

Letter dated 7th September 1938 was read from Edward Broaders, William Street, asking to have the door of his house repaired as it is in a dangerous condition. It was also pointed out by a Member of the Council that houses occupied by Mrs. Mary Murphy, Church Lane and T. McLoughlin, William Street were in need of repair.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor have the necessary repairs carried out.

County Council Demand

Letter C. 13101/4/38 17th August 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath enclosing copy of a letter received from the County Surveyor regarding the New Ross Urban Estimate and asking the Clerk

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for his observations in the matter.
Referred to Clerk for his attention.

School Meals Grant.

Circular P.H. 17549/3/38 dated 24th August 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating a recoupment of £21. 3. 1 from the School Meals Grant being final instalment year 1937/38.
Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Leave of Absence.

Mr. O'Grady applied for annual leave of absence
Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman
Leave was granted.

Irish Republican Prisoners Defence Association Resolution

Letter undated was read from above protesting against the treatment of Republican prisoners in Northern Ireland and the treatment in general of the Catholics and Nationalists minority by the Northern Ireland Government.
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Martin
That the Resolution be adopted and that a letter of protest be sent to the Northern and British Governments

Mortgage to Treasurers.
Loan of £415. Roads Improvement.

Letter dated 13th September 1938 was read from the Council's Treasurers re "Mortgage to secure loan of £415"
On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was agreed
That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Charge known as mortgage to secure £415 New Ross Urban District Council - to - the National Bank Ltd.
The Seal was then embossed and witnessed by the Chairman.

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Irishtown Weighbridge

Mr. Roman requested to be informed of the present position in this matter.

Clerk stated that the Council were waiting on drawings and estimates from the Town Surveyor before coming to any decision

Surveyor stated that his recollection was that the matter ~~be~~ was adjourned to next month.

Adjourned to next Meeting.

Sanitary Sub-Officer, Street and Water Inspector. Permanent Appointment

Mr. Rossiter introduced this matter again. In his opinion the Council should appoint Mr. O'Grady permanently at once.

The Chairman pointed out there was no letter from the Department in connection with any appointment.

The Meeting then adjourned.

F. Roman
18/10/38

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Monday 17th October 1938.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the adjourned Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman.
J. Murphy, P.C.,
J. Prendergast.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn	£ 6. 7. 3	Hibernian Insurance	£2. 5. 0
Jas. Dooley	19. 11. 11	People Newspaper	11. 6
Ellams Ltd.	3. 5. 4	Graves & Co.	8. 8
Helys Ltd.	9. 5	B. Hennessy	3. 9
P. Kehoe	2. 11. 3	E. S. B	24. 9. 11
Jas. Cooney	1. 17. 6	E. S. B.	1. 13. 8
J. S. Barry	7. 10. 11	Commissioners of Public Works.	1433. 9. 8
National Bank	198. 3. 3	P. Gahan	34. 12. 4

£25 for Swabs.

The County Medical Officer of Health certified an account for £25 as payable to the Dublin Pathological Laboratory for examination of 50 Throat Swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci at 10/= each

Committee decided that as no order was given by the Council the bill be referred to the County Board of Health.

Rate Collection.

Clerk submitted on Form (61) the present rates position. 41 % was collected as against 40. 5 % last year at end of September as follows :-

This year.

Total Warrant	£7877. 12. 3		
Collected	3112. 4. 4		
Discount allowed	105. 10. 3		
Total	3217. 14. 7	Outstanding	£4659. 17. 8 ~~£4704. 5. 9~~

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Last Year - to 30th September.

Warrant	£7902 · 14 · 1
Collected	3198 · 8 · 4
Outstanding	4704 · 5 · 9.

Ground Rents
Irishtown and Cross Lane.

Arising out of accounts for rent due to the Tottenham Estate 9/3 and £1 · 19 · 3
Committee considered something should be done about Galavan's yard site and the purchase of the Ground Rent on Cross Lane Land.

Water Tower &c.
Contractors Account again

Statement of account dated 30th September 1938 "To amount of account furnished £155 · 5 · 8 was submitted.
Clerk reported the Solicitors informed him that notwithstanding they had written Contractors several times no ~~connection~~ communication had been received.
Referred to Solicitors.

Repayment of Loans.

The following were submitted and recommended for payment :-
Quay Road £33 · 0 · 5. Sanitation Scheme £31 · 1 · 0. Roads Improvement £134 · 1 · 10. Total £198 · 3 · 3.

Local Loans Fund.

Housing £1000 · 6 · 5, Sewerage & Diversion Loan £49 · 3 · 2. Filtration £46 · 3 · 11, Water Tower £81 · 15 · 10. Waterworks and Sewers £256 · 0 · 4 Total £1433 · 9 · 8. Gross Total for half year £1631 · 12 · 11.

Housing and Sewerage Expenses.

Account for advertising from Irish Times £2 · 14 · 0 was recommended for payment as soon as funds available.

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Scavenging Contract.

Accounts for deferred or struck out amounts (January a/c. £3. February a/c. £4. April a/c. £1. and July a/c. £5. 3. 11.) were submitted

Adjourned for Town Surveyor's Reports on same.

Expenses of Delegate to Galway.

Committee recommended refund of usual train fare and minimum scheduled expenses to Delegate to the Conference of Municipal Authorities held in Galway on 13th and 14th September 1938.

Public Lighting Contract.

Letter dated 16th September 1938 was read from the Electricity Supply Board in connection with the deduction of 10/= from the August account due to non-certification by the Streets Inspector. The Boards charges do not permit of deductions in respect of lamps temporarily out of operation which might be on account of faulty time switches &c.. Every endeavour is made to operate the Public Lighting System at maximum efficiency.

~~Committee recommended that legal proceedings be taken.~~

Committee recommended payment of the deferred 10/= in the circumstances.

Outstanding monies

Bills due to the ~~County~~ Council.

Solicitors to Council under date 19th September 1938 reported as follows :-

"The following have paid the accounts

Mrs. M. Kearns, John Street,	£1. 14. 10
Miss Granger, Mary St.	1. 11. 4
Mr. C. D. Hearne Flower Hill	2. 5. 0

Mr. P. Warner, Quay Paid £1 and will pay the balance within one month.

Mr. Dempsey, Greywell states his Landlord is responsible. She has been applied to but no response received.

We shall be obliged if you will let us have your instructions as to whether you desire us to

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take legal proceedings against the outstanding debtors"
Committee recommended that legal proceedings be taken.

Solicitors also reported (16th September 1938) that in response to application to Mr. James Rossiter, Messrs Hearne & Co., Waterford, Mr. Patrick Rossiter and Mr. Laurence Morrissey the following letters were received. They requested instructions in each case and they think Mr. Patrick Rossiter's letter requires the careful consideration of the Council's officials before further proceedings :-

From Messrs Hearne & Co.

"With reference to your letter of the 6th instant- Account due to the New Ross Urban District Council for water services to the District and Fever Hospitals as agreed for the sums of £54. 6. 0 we have this before us and we hope to discharge this account within the next three or four weeks.

The contracts we entered into should have been completed two years ago and this account would have been discharged in the ordinary course had not obstructions arisen in the course of the work through the Board of Health and Public Assistance and through the Local Government Board. There is a sums of over £5,000 due to us there and we are expecting within the next week or two to get some satisfaction through Claims made and admitted, but not discharged.

We shall keep the matter before us and will pass this cheque through you in due course."

From Mr. James Rossiter per Mr. Kelly, Solicitor

"I have been handed your letter of 6th inst. addressed to my client claiming the sum of £2.0.4 fee due to the New Ross Urban Council. My client does not admit this amount as due and he has several times pointed this out to the Town Clerk. I am instructed that when the particular job in respect of which this claim arose was being carried out by my clients to premises in Marsh

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Lane, the Council's employees spent more time than was actually necessary to do the work. My client states that one man could have done the work in at least 1½ or two hours, and furthermore there was only 4 feet of lead piping used. Without prejudice my client is prepared to pay the sum of £1. 5. 0 in Settlement of the Council's claim, and if the Council are not satisfied to accept this figure they are at liberty to take whatever proceedings they may be advised for the recovery of same."

From Mr. Patrick Rossiter.

"I received your letter of 7th inst. asking for payment of £6. 18. 4 supposed to be due by me to the New Ross Urban Council.

Perhaps you have not got the bill of items of this a/c. I enclose copy of same and the items which I object to. But as it stands I refuse to pay this amount

Item No. 1. Labour to Excavation 1 man 5 days.

This man worked 2 days opposite house at Wexford St. looking for water main which never existed there and after these 2 days a person told Mr. Shortall that the main was no nearer than opposite Miss Culletons house 65 feet from where he was working

Item No. 2.

I do not expect I would be responsible for bringing the main up to my houses. I hold that Mr. Shortall should have it made known to the Council and also to me before he saddled me with the price of 65 feet of lead piping and a man for 3 days with Plumber standing by.

Item No. 3. Plumber £1. 4. 0

¾ days is the time the plumber would take if watermain was opposite house

Item No. 4. Solder 4 joints. Two joints were necessary as only one stop cock was required for I have two stopcocks one in each yard

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which is equal to any of Council's own property.

Item No. 5. 1 Ferrule. No objection

Item No. 6. 2 Stop cock covers 6/= Only one is necessary.

Item No. 7. 2 Stop cocks. Only one is necessary.

Item No. 8. Setting Stop cock covers 2 men ¼ day each. As only 1 Stop cock cover is necessary half that time could only be charged.

I enclose another sheet items and for which I am prepared to pay.

Water Supply to house at Wexford Steel.

Item No. 1.	Labour to excavation 1 man 1 day.	£.	7. 6
" 2.	Average amount of lead pipe that would be used 12 ft @ 8d.		8. 0
" 3.	Plumbers time ¾ day		10. 6
" 4.	Solder 2 joints		2. 0
" 5.	1 ferrule		2. 2
" 6.	1 Stopcock Cover		2. 6
" 7.	1 Stopcock		3. 0
" 8.	Setting Stop cock Cover. 2 men ⅛ day each		1. 10
		£	1. 17. 6.

I am prepared to pay this amount £1. 17. 6 without prejudice in full settlement of this account."

From Mr. Morrissey

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter received of the 8th inst. for the sum of £3. 17. 6 for range erected in my premises for the past 5 or 6 years ago Wm. Carty the mason that put it in told us after it was all in that it was a left handed one and that it was not much good. From that day to this we could not get any good of it, you could not stand the smoke from it, we would have to leave all the doors

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and windows open for to leave out the smoke, the kitchen do be like a coal yard, you could not keep it clean. We never could use any part of it only the grate. I have reported same to Council on several occasions and told them for to take it out and put the grate back that was in it before. Mr. Shortal came up about it and he sent up Peter Kehoe, North Street the man that he bought it from. Peter Kehoe said he could do nothing with it he said that make of range was never any good."

Committee recommended that Solicitors again apply to Messrs Hearne & Co. and take proceedings in all other cases excepting Mr. Patrick Rossiter and Mr. James Rossiter and that copies of both letters be sent to the Town Surveyor for his consideration and report as recommended by Solicitors.

Houses at Town Wall
Occupier - T. McGrath - Sureties.

Clerk reported that on 22nd September 1938 above tenant was informed of the Council's order to provide Sureties within seven days in the place of Messrs Lawlor and Gahan resigned. Sureties have not been so far provided.

Committee recommended proceedings be taken for possession of the house unless Sureties are provided forthwith.

Clearance of Debit Balances.

Letter S. 9860/2/38 dated 27 adh Lughnasa 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath requesting to be informed when the legal expenses in connection with the Council's Sanitation Scheme would be available. The deficit on this scheme is £124. 13. 8.

As regards the deficit on the Water Tower Scheme

the Minister inquires the present position in regard to the extra expenditure on this work. This information should be furnished as soon as possible. The claim of the Town Surveyor for fees in connection with the Sanitation Scheme is already dealt with in the Ministers letters of 28th May and 25th July 1938.

Clerk reported these matters were in their Solicitors hands.

Referred to Solicitors for attention.

Housing - Charleton Hill.

Dated 29th September 1938 letter was read from Solicitors requesting terms of appointment and correspondence in connection with the Sanction of Mr. Martin Hanlon as Clerk of Works. to this Scheme. They are inclined to the opinion that unless the appointment is terminated by a weeks notice or a weeks payment in lieu thereof he is entitled to payment up to the date of termination of his Agreement.

Sanction of Clerk of Works.

Letter H. 7547/4/38 dated 6th October 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning Mr. M. Hanlons continued employment "as Clerk of Works' on the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme for a further period not exceeding 6 months ending on 28th February 1939 on his existing terms."

No recommendation

Architects Reply.

Galvanized Iron Water pipes.

Under date 7th October 1938 the following letter was read from Mr. Downes :-

"I have your letter of 29th ult. with reference to Water pipes.

Galvanized iron pipes were specified in the first instance for reasons of economy and because it is the usual practice to use pipes of this material

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The question of using lead pipes instead of galvanized iron arose when Mr. Shortall (as I was told) informed the foreman on the job that galvanized iron pipes if used for New Ross water might give trouble. On receipt of this information I took up the matter of the extra cost of lead pipes with Messrs Hamilton.

However I am making further enquiries as to the suitability of galvanized pipes for New Ross and I hope to write you again about this in a few days.

Adjourned pending further report.

Audit.

Clerk reported The Audit of the Councils Accounts was still proceeding

Repairs to William Sheer House. (late Deuston)

Clerk reported issue of advertisement inviting tenders for repairs to this house on the date he received the Specification from the Town Surveyor 26th September 1938.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman.
18/10/38

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Tuesday 18th day of October 1938.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Thobel, New Ross at 7.30 o'clock to transact ordinary business, including financial and the following special business:-

Finance Committee Recommendations
Charleton Hill Housing Scheme correspondence.
Scavenging of the Town for ensuing year. - Tenders.
Wages under Scavenging Contract - Union demand.
Debts due the Council - letters from Solicitors.
Irishtown Weighbridge.
Sanitary Inspectors Permanent Appointment.
Adjourned business
Auditors Appointment.

The notice convening the Meeting also stated the usual Meeting was not held on the 11th of the month owing to a Retreat in the Parish Church and was adjourned to 18th.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O Gorman, T. Cooney, T. Redmond, J. E. Walsh, J. Murphy, P.C., J. Murphy (Bridge) A. Cullen, J. Callaghan, V. A. Doyle, W. Ronan.

The Minutes of the Meeting were read and signed.

Votes of Sympathy.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond Votes of Sympathy were passed as follows :-
To Mr. Councillor T. Martin - on the death of his brother-in-law.
To the Provincial of the Order of St. Augustine and the Prior of that Order in New Ross on the death of the Very Rev. E-A. Lonian O.S.A.
To the Very Rev. L. Coghlan, P.P. Raheron - death of his sister Mrs. Meade.

Small Dwellings Act.

The G.S. Railways wrote asking to be allowed 16/= discount as owing to stress of business etc. the closing date was overlooked.

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Decided that as the receipts were cancelled on closing date the Council regretted inability to agree to the allowance.

Valuation Department.

Intimation dated 1/10/38 was read from Mr. P. O. Reilly will commence the Annual Revision on 10th instant.

Noted.

Electricity Supply Board.
Erection of poles on roads.

Letter dated 17th September 1938 was read intimating intention to erect a Low Tension Overhead extension to Charleton Hill Housing Scheme. This will necessitate breaking up of roads.

Clerk reported he sent the original letter to the County Surveyor and informed Electricity Supply Board the roads were in the County Council hands.

Allotments

Circular H. 101/38 re adh Deis Samhain 1938 was taken as read.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Callaghan

It was decided to adopt last years schemes and to invite applications from unemployed persons by public notices.

Petrol Licences Renewals.

Applications were read from Mrs. Ellis and the Irish American Oil Company

Mrs. Ellis application was granted and that of the Oil Company deferred pending Town Surveyor's Report.

Audit.

Auditors notice (Form 12 Article 26.) was read dated 19th September 1938.

Noted.

Scavenging Contract.

Letter dated 3rd instant was read from the Irish

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Transport + General Workers Union, New Ross Branch requesting the Clerk to make it clear to intending Contractors for Town Scavenging that Trade Union Wages be paid and Trade Union labour employed only

Clerk reported receipt of this letter after invitations for tenders by advertisement had been issued.

Decided this was a matter for the Contractor.

Tender Received.

Mr. Peter Gahan, Priory Street, tendered as follows dated 11th October 1938 :-

"I beg to apply for the Contract of Domestic Scavenging, Cleaning of Streets, removing bins and other works.

Cleansing streets and removal of Dust bins &c.@ ~~£7.10.0~~ per week.	£7.18.0
Cleansing Lavatory on Quay @ per week	2.0
Ashpits @ per pit	4.0
Washing Inishtown + Rosbercon after fairs @ per week	15.0
Taking gear to Inishtown + Rosbercon and back per time	5.0
Drawing materials, Stones &c. per Ton	2.6

Peter Gahan.

Letter of assent enclosed + if Sureties £12. Less John Brennan, Camblin, Thomas Haddock, Listerlin as Sureties."

Letter of Assent from Insurance Co.

Messrs Ferguson + Co. Dublin, Insurance Brokers, under date 15th October 1938 wrote to their Agent stating if Mr. Gahans Bond is the same as Mr. Cooney's last year the price would be £8.10.0. This quotation is based on the details in Mr. Cooney's case.

Town Surveyor after examination of the figures stated last years price was £3.10.0 per week and this years £7.18.0 an increase this year of £228.16.0.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

"That Mr. Gahan be offered £7-0-0

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per week and that he pay for the Bond."
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Callaghan
"That Mr. Gahan's tender be accepted and that he employ trades Union men at Union wages."
There voted for the Amendment :- Messrs Callaghan, Cullen and Cooney. 3.
Against and for the Proposition :- Messrs Murphy, Redmond, Walsh, Murphy, Ronan, Doyle and the Chairman. 7.
The motion was declared carried.

Valuation Office.

Form A. 40 was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Closing of Barrack Lane.

Clerk reported no reply was received from the Department relative. The Town Surveyor supplied a map of the Lanes but it had not been forwarded.

No order.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Dated 18th instant Mr. Shortall reported Statutory Notice was served on Mr. Davis reference to building occupied by Civic Guards. Some of the dangerous fabric has since been removed.

The cost of constructing new pair concrete gate piers to Depot Chambersland £5. 0. 0.

Decided that the work be carried out.

School Meals.

Circular P.H. 91/38 dated 1st instance was taken as read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heart. requesting the usual returns.

Clerk reported having sent on the Returns.

Sanitary Salaries.

Completed Form 135 was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

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Free Milk Supply.

P. H. Circ. 98/38 dated 27th September 1938 was read. Clerk reported Returns were forwarded and the Veterinary Inspector asked to supply requisite information.

Sale of Manure.

Mr. Laurence O' Brien, Arnestown, offered for a heap of manure @ 20/- accepted.

Finance Committees Report.

The Minutes of this Committee were read pro
Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Cooney
The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted and the amounts ordered to be paid and that further legal proceedings re debts due be stopped pending the next Meeting of Finance Committee.

Traffic Byelaws.

Clerk reported a visit from the Superintendent of The Civic Guards in connection with proposed byelaws. The Superintendent agreed to supply a draft for circulation to the Council and Clerk asked him to appear before the next Meeting to confer with the Council. to which he assented.
It was decided to confer with the Superintendent and that copies of the draft byelaws be sent each Member meantime.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Connell
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Friday 4th November 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider and recommend changes if desired necessary in the existing method of notification of Tenancy Sureties and prosecution of Sureties to defaulting tenants and of debtors on old accounts due to the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, M.C.C., and T. Cooney.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

Jas. Cooney £1. 10. 0 ; James Dooley £25. 0. 5 ; Helys Ltd. £1. 10. 0; P. Gahan £17. 12. 7 ; Free Press 12/6 ; People Newspapers £2. 4. 6 Electricity Supply Board £23. 19. 11 ; M. Wall 13/= ; John Doyle 1/= ; Dn. Kissane £1. 9. 0 ; Dn. Fitzgerald 5/= ; Messrs Power & Co. 2/= ; C. Tenant & Co. £2. 3. 5 ; T. Hartrick £5. 7. 6 ; A. G. Davis 9/3 ; A. G. Davis £1. 19. 3 Messrs H & A. Hamilton £2800; Free Press 13/= ; Free Press £1. 0. 6.

The following amounts were recommended for payment subject to production of original accounts from the Creditors :- Edw. Kehoe £3. Edward Kehoe 5/= ; John Murphy 15/= : John Davey 9/=.

Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme

Accounts from Engineer.

Accounts for expenses from 3rd September 1938 to 27th same month £35. 3. 11. and part fees £ were recommended for payment subject to the sanction of the Minister after production of original bills for sustenance whilst on the work. The amounts to be paid as soon as funds are available

Bills for repairs to water Services.

Council Houses.

Committee considered Mr. Hartricks accounts. Bills continually shew small amounts for plumbing work to Council's houses Recommended the Council to make a rule that all tenants pay for such minor

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repairs in future.

Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

Contractors again submitted a statement of £155.5.8 as due.

Clerk reported that he had an interview with the Council's Solicitors and Mr. Colfer again stated although they had written the Contractors several times no reply had up to yesterday, been received.

Referred to Solicitors

R. C. Williamson.

Mr. Williamson wrote, dated October 12th 1938, enclosing £1.7.6 amount due to the Council. He had an account against the Council for £197.4.0 for a long time and unless he receives payment at next Meeting of Council he will hand the bill to his Solicitor without further notice.

Clerk reported the bill referred to was made up of £65.9.0 extras on the Sanitation Scheme; £77.12.0 Final Certificate on the same Scheme £21.10.0; 5/= duty on cement and £31.2.3 on an old contract. The extra for duty on cement was submitted to Council's Solicitors and they advised on 23rd November 1937 "This levy appears to have been imposed on 14th May 1935 more than twelve months after the contract was signed. They could find no Statutory Authority transferring this liability to the Council". No evidence has been submitted to us that the amount was paid by the Contractor. The Engineer should be asked to inform the Council of the grounds on which he certified for this amount. The Council should be given an opportunity of inspecting Contractor's receipts. These requests were transmitted to Mr. Williamson on 24th December 1937 but the documents have not been received to date.
Mr. Shortall replied that he certified the account "in accordance with the information supplied to me by Clerk of Works for Scheme (Mr. M. Hanlon) who was instructed by me to note quantity of cement used in contract after levy in question had been imposed.

The Final Certificate shews a deduction of £10.5.0 from the £77.12.0 claimed as due to him by Mr. Williamson

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and there appears to be a sum of £16.16.0 due to the Council by way of contra. Clerk also reported that as the Council had not yet received sanction to proposed loan to meet outstanding debits on Capital Account and the various accounts for extras &c. there was no money available to meet the Sanitation Account bills.

Recommended that Clerk try again to get the necessary information and request the Department for their decision on the loan.

Council's Solicitors

Legal Expenses of Sanitation and Waterworks Schemes.

Under date 2nd November 1938 letter was read from Mr. Boeger stating they are not able to give an estimate until they know a little more of the work intended for them. They would be glad of an approximate idea of the intentions of the Council.

Recommended that Clerk obtain the legal expenses to date and furnish same to Department so as to facilitate the sanction to loan.

Scavenging Contract.

Clerk reported he had not received the Insurance letter of Assent from Mr. Gahan. It would appear from correspondence which Mr. Gahan received that there would be delay in this matter. Mr. Gahan suggests that as he would be covered by Insurance Third Party and Workmen's Compensation the Council might consider accepting two Sureties in lieu of the Bond. This would save the Council £12 and he would be prepared to accept the Contract otherwise on the Council's offer as he understood it.

Recommended that Clerk obtain from Mr. Gahan the names of two Solvent Sureties before the Council Meeting and that the Council decide the matter.

Michael Martin's Tenancy.

Dated 3rd November 1938 above wrote as follows:-

" I received the Key of house No. 5. William Street

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and visited it and found it was not fit for habitation as there has none repairs been carried out on the house yet. There are ten pains of glass broken and the cooker is badly broken. The front door is also broken and I also found that the house was not properly whitewashed. Hoping the matter will receive your attention."

Referred to Council

Inspected Houses.

Letter from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor.

Under date 10th October 1938 a letter was read from above as follows:-

"As I understand the above premises have been recently inspected by the County Medical Officer of Heath and as it is the Landlord's intention to carry out certain repairs to these premises I would be obliged if you would let me have a copy of the report when same comes to hand dealing with these premises and also state what improvements or repairs will be necessary to be carried out. My client Mrs. Kennedy does not want to expend any money on repairs if the houses are likely to be condemned. Please let me have this information at your earliest convenience."

Clerk reported the inspection results are in the Architects hands and until the Council decided to condemn or otherwise he could not reply to Mr. Kelly.

Recommended that Clerk get into communication with the Architect and inform Mr. Kelly of the present position.

Priory Steet Premises

Letter from Solicitors

Under date 28th October 1938 Mr. Colfer wrote as follows:-

The sum of £37. 15. 4 has been collected by us on foot of rents from the four houses

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in Priory Street.

This money will be payable to the Urban Council if their appeal is successful and if not it will be payable to Mrs. McDonagh.

The tenants have refused to pay any further rent until urgent repairs are carried out to the roofs &c. Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor has suggested that the money in our hands be used for these repairs and as the suggestion has our entire approval we will be glad of your agreement."

Clerk reported an interview with Mr. Coffey since and that he recommended the Council to agree to the expenditure.

Committee recommended the adoption of the Solicitors' advice.

Adjustment of Loans Accounts.

Treasurer under date 21st October 1938 requested permission to adjust a sum of 9/3 from Interest to Principal and permission to charge £4.4.2 to the debit of Sewerage Loan being an error in their books.

Recommended the Council to formerly agree.

Rent Collection Returns.

Under date H. 25957/1938 dated 2nd November 1938 a letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requiring the submission of the monthly returns outstanding.

Clerk stated that due to the Audit, Housing, Sewerage &c. Schemes this work was in arrears. It is a new arrangement and requires a deal of attention and work.

Recommended that Clerk submit the Returns at the earliest possible date.

Closing of part of Barrack Lane.

Letter dated 1st November 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of 29th September last, forwarding copy of a letter from the Reverend Mother Superior, Convent of the Sisters of Mercy, New Ross regarding the proposed

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acquisition of ground by the Sisters of Mercy.
I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request you to state under what enactment and for what purpose the land originally came into the possession of the Council."

Recommended that the copy of the Deed Mullins to the Council be sent the Department with Mr. Shortall's map showing the ground proposed to be taken by the Nuns and requesting the Minister's consent to the proposition

Sureties for Tenants in Default.

Committee considered this matter pursuant to Council's Resolution at last Meeting.

Recommended that proceedings be instituted in all cases in the hands of Council's Solicitors in which a settlement is not arrived at and agreed to by Finance Committee.

Debts due the Council.

This matter referred to Committee by Council was considered.

Recommended that proceedings be continued in all cases in Solicitor's hands in which a settlement is not agree with Finance Committee and that Solicitors advice in the Rossiter case be carried out.

Tenants & Sureties &c.

Committee considered the question of arrears of rents and matters arising out of the Resolution of the Council at last Meeting. It was suggested that in letting the new houses at Charleton Hill the Council might consider the abolition of the flat rent existing and substitute a differential rent. This would help to decrease the arrears

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tendency by reducing the rents on those whose means do not allow of the flat rent.

On the matter of Sureties there can be no question as the Councils Solicitors long since advised that the Council are bound to let the houses only where Sureties are provided.

Recommended that in all future lettings applicant provide four weeks rent in advance to be held by the Council as a pool in the interests of the Sureties and that all such tenants in arrears over two weeks be reported to the Committee. Recommendation on the change of the flat rent be deferred.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

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Monday 8th day of November 1938

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial, pursuant to the various Acts enabling. The following special business, of which due notice was given, was transacted viz:-

1. Recommendations of finance committee.
2. Scavenging contract for ensuing year.
3. 17th Register of Electors 1939 and 1940.
4. Adjourned business
5. Tenders for printing
6. Road Traffic Byelaws.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, W. Ronan, T. Cooney, T. Redmond, J. Callaghan, A. Cullen, J. Murphy, P.C., J.E. Walsh, V.A. Doyle, J. Dooley.

The Garda Superintendent was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Byelaws - Road Traffic Act 1933.

Superintendent Feeney said his duty was to ask the Council to pass a code of Byelaws hereunder. It was not his intention to disturb the existing conditions unnecessarily but certain matters required attention and he was sure the Council would consider the code in the general interest. He then went through his draft and explained same.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

It was decided that the Superintendent supply the Town Clerk with a copy and that he would have copies prepared and circulated to the Members of the Council.

Condolence

Letters of Acknowledgement.

The Father Provincial O.S.A and the Prior of the Order in New Ross wrote thanking the Council for

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Vote of sympathy on the demise of Father Foran. O.S.A.

Very Rev. L. Coghlan, P.P. Rosbercon. wrote thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his sister. and sending his blessing to the Council.

Employment Schemes Vote.

Under date 27th October 1938 Secretary Wexford County Council wrote intimating a grant of £1925 provided the Council puts up £265.

Clerk intimated this had reference to the Government communication of 10th June 1938 for Autumn and Winter works and the £265 had been agreed to by the Council.

Decided to so inform Mr. Fuzelle and to request the Department to extend the period for labour from 3 to 6 days.

Finance Committee's Recommendations

The Minutes of this Committee were read.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh

Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The recommendations were adopted and the bills ordered to be paid.

The advice sheets were then signed by Messrs W. Ronan V. A. Daye and the Chairman.

Scavenging Contract

Under date 8th November 1938 Mr. Gahan wrote that owing to the Council complaining to his Insurance Company of his work under the last contract they refused to renew the Bond for him. He is prepared to adhere to his former offer to reduce his tender by £12 and provide two Solvent Sureties o in lieu of Bond and offers Mr. W. Morris, Merchant, South Steet and Mr. Peter O. Hanlon, Merchant, Priory Steet as Sureties. Employees Liability Insurance Interim Protection note from the Scottish Union and and National Insurance Company was enclosed and a third Party Insurance Policy with Lloydes London on his Commercial Motor Vehicle dated as expiring on 21st April 1939. If Sureties are not accepted he would have a Bond from another Company in the course of a few

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days.

Clerk advised the Council to wait for the Bond.

Town Surveyor suggested the acceptance of the Sureties as he would be in a position to stop payment in the event of complaint due to breach of the contract and the Council could terminate the contract at any time on breach.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to accept the Sureties named provided Mr. Gahan accepted the Council's offer of £7. per week and the reduction of £12 mentioned by Mr. Gahan.

Allotments Acts.

Tenders for printing posters inviting applications for allotments were received from Messrs Moran Bros., 50 for 8/= and from Messrs Cullen for 8/6.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen

The lower tender was accepted.

Chamberland Dump.

Town Surveyer's Report.

Under date 8th November 1938 Mr. Shortall reported as follows:

"Messrs Ryan Bros., have undertaken to erect concrete gate piers at manure depot, Chamberoland, at a cost of £5.10.0. It is proposed to provide and erect a pair of wrot iron entrance gates, 10 feet wide, at a cost of £2.10.0. Illustration attached."

Agreed.

Petrol Licences

Messrs New Ross Motor & Engineering Co., Quay and Mr. P. Murphy, Henry Street applied for and were granted renewal of licence.

Town Surveyor reported he could see no objection.

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Clerk reported the Town Surveyor informed him he saw no objection to renewal of Licence to the Oil Company. on the Quay.

Granted.

New School at Michael Street.

Closing of Barrack Lane.

Mr. Murphy drew attention to the fact that it took from 29th September 1938 to 1st November 1938 for the Department to reply to the Councils letter in connection with above matter.

After a discussion

Proposed by Mr. Murphy

Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to ask the T. D's of the County to use their influence to forward the Councils proposal to grant the nuns request.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. N. Foran

13. 12. 38

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Monday 12th December 1938.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 5 o'clock, in the Tholsel, New Ross, to transact business for the Finiance Meeting of the Council. Notice of all matters dealt with was duly given.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding
J. Prendergast.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-

E.A. Finn £7.14.0; E.A. Finn £4.2.10; P. Wall £5.2.0 Ryan Bros. £3.0.0; J. Furlong £18.2.0; Jas. Comey £1.14.6 Edw. Kehoe £3.5.0; John Murphy 15/=; John Davey 9/=; Mrs. Hannah Mernagh £1.3.0; Glenfield & Kennedy £6.15.0 T. Hartnick 5/=; Helys Ltd 4/3 A.S. Donaldson £2.11.11; Messrs Ellams Ltd. £1.5.0; National Bank. £104.14.6 Electricity Supply Board £23.19.11; Jas. Dooley £20.16.4 Colfer & Son £42.6.3; £ P. Gahan £15.3.4; Mrs. B. Hogan £1.6.9; T.J. O'Connor £50.0.0 T.J. O'Connor-£20.0.0; M. O'Brien £2.10.0: P. Gahan £3.3.9; Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £2,400.0.0 Messrs Colfer & Son £42.0.0.

Scavenging Account.

Account £29.6.8 for Scavenging &c. being 4 weeks and 2 days @ £7. per week less £1 per month (Bond) was returned by Town Surveyor uncertified under the following cover letter "12th December 1938 - Re attached account the work generally has been reasonably well carried out during period covered by statement of account furnished."

Committee considered the letter as sufficient certificate and so recommend payment at the old rate.

Account 15th to 30th September and for October for £24.5.5 being extra under new contract was also presented.

Dated 2nd December 1938 the following letter was

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read from Peter Gahan, Priory Street, New Ross:-

"In reply to your letter of the 14th I am prepared to accept terms of Contract at £7. per week less £1 per month (re Bond). The Sureties are prepared to sign the document when called upon"

Finance Committee recommended Council to order preparation and completion of the Contract document. As regards the account presented for payment at the prices agreed on in new contract Committee recommended payment provided Council's Solicitors advise the same.

Water Tower and Arrears.

Another Statement from Contractors dated 2nd instant was presented.

Clerk reported Solicitors called today and stated that as they are instructed to deal with this dispute as they advise they made an offer to pay the extras caused by the increase of wages under the Wages Act and on the extra rock excavations. This means there will be £50 reduction on the account furnished. No reply has at date been received from Messrs Campbell & Co.

Letter S.28376/1/38 dated 9th November 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath enclosing for the Council's observations the following letter dated 24th October 1938 from Messrs Campbell & Co.:-

"New Ross Waterworks"

"We would like to draw your attention to the fact that despite frequent requests on our part, the Engineers' Certificate in connection with above, has not been paid by the New Ross Council. Our Contract is dated October, 1935, and the following are details of certificates issued and the amounts paid against same:-

Cert. No. 1	13/3/36	£500	Paid	16/4/36	£500
2	5/5/36	£775		29/5/36	£775
3.	1/7/36	£600		14/7/36	£600
4.	1/9/36	£310		12/9/36	£310
5.	7/11/36	£150		9/2/37	£150

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Cert. No. 6. 2/2/37 £446.1.6 Paid 12/3/37 £190.18.5
26/11/37 £150.0.0
£2781.1.6 £2675.18.5

Balance due £105.3.1

We will appreciate if you will be good enough to go into the matter with a view to having the present unsatisfactory state of affairs rectified"

Clerk reported he replied to the Department this matter is in Council's Solicitors hands and they would reply.

Clerk also reported Mr. Colfer called and stated a reply, setting out the facts, had been sent the Department.

Bill for Reports on Swabs £25.

Under date 17th November 1938 the Director of the Trinity College, Dublin School of Pathology wrote as follows :-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, please note that the enclosed account was not, as your letter implies, for supplying swabs to be used by the Medical Officer of Health. The swabs were supplied free, and the bill was for the reports which we made after they had been used on patients and sent in for our examination.

These infected swabs were sent to us in May by the Medical Officer of Health, ~~The swabs were supplied free~~ for the purpose, as we understood, of diagnosis of cases of sore throat in New Ross. He stated at the time that the account was payable by the New Ross Urban District Council. They were accordingly examined as usual, and the reports sent in were accepted by the responsible authority for the help of the medical officer in charge of the cases.

Having sent in the bill at the usual rate in due course, we received payment from

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the Wexford Board of Heath and Public assistance. On the 30th August we were requested by the Secretary of that body to return the payment, as it was due to us by the Urban District Council. This we did, and forwarded to you the accompanying Statement on the authority of the Board of Heath.

As the reports were sent by us in response to the request of your Medical Officer of Heath, and were received by the medical officer responsible for the patients, I am returning to you the statement as the fee charged is still payable. It makes no difference to us whether it is paid by the County Council or the Urban District, but it is still due, and I have to request you to come to some agreement, and to pay the sum asked for, which is certainly not open to any repudiation"

Committee recommended "no action" on the letter as the Council did not order the work to be done.

£14 due to John Furlong.

Certificate No. 84 - Repairs to No. 19 William Street.

Committee recommended payment of £14 (as certified) subject to production of complete particulars by Mr. Furlong.

Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme.

Fees to Engineer.

Letter dated 12th November 1938 was read from Mr. O' Connor requesting a payment on account of fees hereunder. Fees for the Preliminary Report on the works amounting to £22,000 would be £220.

Letter of same date was also read from Mr. O' Connor stating he included for daily sustenance allowance instead of submitting Hotel bills. Stopping for occasional meals en route for several Public Bodies and obtaining receipts from Hotels involves a lot of trouble. He enclosed a copy of an account submitted to the County

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Mayo Board of Heath shewing this matter of sustenance in like manner as submitted to this Council.

Clerk reported that on receipt of the letters he communicated with Mr. O'Connor and asked him to interview the Department with a view to advising the Council to pass a payment. No reply received.

Committee recommended payment of £50 part fees and all expenses subject to sanction by the Department and also recommended the Council to apply for an overdraft on Capital Account of £600 for this work. until such time as Loan and Grant have been received or sanctioned.

John Butler's Rent. £38. 15. 4.
Out of Newtown.

Letter dated 29th November 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors that under the Land Acts this rent was redeemed at 20 years purchase payable in Land Bonds. £923 represents the value of the Bonds (including compounded arrears). The appointed day is the 23rd July 1937 and interest at 4½% will be paid to the Council from that date. No payment will be made however unless the Council makes title and the necessary documents must be lodged by the 16th of next month. Full statement will be ready as soon as the Councils Charters &c. are examined prior to the year 1764 when the Lease was granted to George Brehon.

No recommendation.

New Ross Gas. Co.
Finial Payment.

Letter 17th November 1938 was read from the Liquidator enclosing 13/10 on the Council's bill for £1. 7. 0 as finial dividend.

John Heane & Son Ltd
Bill for £54. 6. 0 due to Council

Council's Solicitors submitted a letter 25th November 1938 received by them from above. Messrs Heane

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are not prepared to pay until their claims exceeding £8000 have been satisfied by the County Wexford County Board of Heath. Copy letter addressed by Messrs Hearne to the Department accompanied this letter threatning to make a public statement unless their accounts amounting to £8407. 4. 9 were paid.

Committee considered that as there is no dispute between the Council and Messrs John Hearne & Sons, Waterford, Solicitors be instructed to proceed with collection and recommend same.

Delay in letting house
No. 19 William Steer.

Clerk reported receiving the Keys on 21st July 1938. Advertisement was issued for new tenant on 22nd July 1938. Mr. Martin was elected on 9th August 1938. One of the Sureties refused to sign the Bond. At next Meeting Council agreed to the substitute. Specification for repairs was received on 26th September 1938 and advertised on the same day. John Furlongs tender was not accepted but on 8th November 1938 Mr. Shortall reported he succeeded in getting him to undertake the work. The new Keys were recived on 23rd November 1938 and handed Mr. Martin on 24th November 1938.

No recommendation.

Vacant House
20 Ard-na-Greine.

Clerk reported advice from tenant James P. Doherty that he would vacate above on the 10th instant. As usual this tenancy was advertised. as soon as Keys received.

Arrears of Rent.

Letter H. 25954/2/38 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath in reference to returns of rent collection for each month from April to October 1938 in connection with each housing Scheme. There is a consistant increase in the

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amount of arrears outstanding at the end of each month. The Minister enquires "what action the Council have taken or propose to take in order to compel the tenants to pay off these arrears."

Committee then considered the November 1938 Return which set out the following position:-

William Street Scheme. Months Rents £12.13.4 collected £12.10.11. £24.5.3 arrears.

William Steet Lower, Fairgate, Church Lane and Tollyhouse Lane. Rents £13.15.0. Collected £12.6.5. Arrears £42.4.4.

Buneen & Cockpit Lane. Rents £15.6.8. Collected £15.18.11 Arrears £19.16.9.

8 Town Wall. Rents £16.10.8. Collected £14.10.2 Arrears £27.11.6.

23 Town Wall. Rents £35.10.6. Collected £29.4.10 Arrears £105.8.11

5 Cross Lane & 5 Buneen Lane. Rents £10.5.0. Collected £10.2.6 Arrears. £10.10.1

34 J.K.L. Place. Rent. £27.4.0. Collected £25.14.0 Arrears £98.0.0

Total arrears on 31st October 1938 £297.6.4

do. 30th November 1938 £307.16.10.

Committee considered there should be no arrears on the William Steet, Church Lane Tollyhouse Lane, Schemes owing to the very low rents. £27.11.6 due on the 8 houses at Town Wall should be cleared at once and recommended that the Council ask the Minister to suggest the action to be taken to compel the tenants to pay off these arrears.

Valuation of Houses (34 J.K.L. Place).

Committee considered one of the causes of arrears in rent as due to the high valuation placed on these houses and

Recommended a petition to the Commissioners of Valuation to reduce the valuation as the houses may only be let to persons unhoused from unhealthy houses.

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Rates Position

30th November 1938.

Clerk reported as follows :-

Warrant for Town and Domestic Water Rate	£4167. 18. 9
Collected and Discounts	2087. 6. 3
Leaving outstanding	2080. 12. 6
Warrant for Poor Rate	£3709. 13. 6
Collected and Discounts	1859. 16. 0
Leaving outstanding	1849. 17. 6

Committee considered this as very satisfactory

Housing

Charleton Hill Scheme

49 Additional Houses.

Letter H. 8611/6/38 dated 9th December 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enquiring "whether the Architect has yet submitted his report on the tender received from Messrs H. & A. Hamilton for the erection of 49 additional houses at Charleton Hill"

Clerk reported that on the 6th September 1938 Mr. Downes reported on the tender. The price was too high. There was a slight drop in building prices for some weeks. Increased price is not justifiable. He suggested postponment of the matter pending the Settlement of the William Street Sewerage question or until it is definitely known when available "a new advertisement for tenders could then be issued and it is to be hoped that competitive prices would be obtained."

Clerk also reported that an exact copy of the letter was sent the Department on the Minutes

Committee recommended the Council to cause a copy of the letter to be sent to the Department.

76 Houses - Charleton Hill

Galvanized Pipes.

Letter dated 8th November 1938 was read

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from the Architect as follows :-

"With references to my letters dated Sept. 6th and Oct. 7th, I have given further consideration to the question of substituting lead for galvanized iron piping. Owing to the particular nature of the ground at New Ross and having regard to expert advice which I have taken on the matter, I advise that lead pipes should be used. However, having in mind the importance of not increasing the contract sums, I find that by using one coat instead of two coats of distemper in the houses, and by reducing the two concrete turning circles to forty feet diameter, no extra cost would be incurred if lead piping is used. I would be grateful if you would submit these proposals for your Council's approval.

I would also respectfully suggest to your Council the importance of effecting an immediate start on the Sewerage for Williams Street, because it will not be possible to occupy the houses until this part of the Scheme is completed."

Clerk reported the substitution would amount to £64. 10. 6.

Letter dated 5th December 1938 was read from same that Mr. Downes had been informed it would be necessary to have the permission of the Council for the authorization of this variation.

Committee recommended the Council to save the £64. 10. 6 as suggested by Mr. Downes and to refuse permission to change the piping as specified and sanctioned by the Department.

Grant for purchase of Land.

Attention was called to a Report in the "Free Press" of October 29th last that - at a Meeting of the Wexford Corporation held on the prior Monday

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night it was stated the Government contributed £3000 towards the development of land for a housing site of which £450 was towards the purchase of land. If a like grant could be obtained for the Town it would be very much help to permit the Council to let the new houses at reasonable rents and

Recommended the Council to consider this matter.

General Re-Valuation of property, houses and land in Ennis.

Committee considered this question and noted a Bill for the purpose has been introduced in the Dail. At present the valuation of the town is very much in excess of actual value. High valuation is responsible for increased rates in the town inasmuch as it is responsible for vacant premises. The Conference of Municipal Authorities at Galway this year definitely condemned a revaluation of Ennis and in fact recommended the abolition of the existing system of valuation on property and land in favour of valuation on site values. This substitution would completely relieve tenants from rating and place the onus on owners of the Soil. At present the owner is exempt from rates even if the property is unoccupied but he enjoys the rent and his property is enhanced at the expense of the ratepayers. Increased valuation will mean a local reduction of necessary expenditure and an increase of rates and taxes.

Committee recommended consideration of this matter as effecting the general finances of the Council and start a campaign against this method of increasing taxation.

The Meeting Adjourned.

D. M. O'Gorman

18.12.38

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Tuesday 13th December 1938.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial and the special business of which notice was given pursuant to the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, A. Cullen, J. Brewer, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Martin, J. E. Walsh, T. Redmond, W. Ronan.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

A vote of sympathy was passed to Coln. Tyndall, Oaklands in his bereavement occasioned by the death of son in such tragic circumstances abroad.

Corporate Estate
Houses at Priory Street

Under date 12th December 1938 a letter was read from Council's Solicitors re the repairs to the 4 houses above in dispute between the Council and Mrs. McDonagh. The roofs require re-roofing and re-lathing. Contractor advises spending £250. The Council and Mrs. McDonagh should agree to this expenditure at once " the entire cost to be borne by whoever succeeds in the case which will be heard early in the summer. The houses are depreciating and tenants living in great hardship and refuse to pay the rent.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

The Town Surveyor was ordered to inspect and report.

Application for Large Room.
Irish Culture Class.

Application was read from the Secretary, Mr. Barton

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for the use of this room on Sunday nights from 8 to 10.30 p.m. for "Irish Dancing and other subjects in Gaelic."

Granted on the usual conditions i.e. payment of 1/= per night and that the room is not already engaged.

Road Traffic Byelaws.

Clerk reported he was unable to prepare and have distributed to the Council the draft Byelaws handed him by the local Superintendent of the Guards. The Superintendents' copy merely mentioned the various Sections by number of the Dublin Byelaws and it would be necessary that each Councillor should have the full text before him.

Adjourned.

Title Deeds.

Letter dated 16th December 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors as follows:-

"Referring to our conversation this morning concerning the difficulty of keeping track of title deeds and particularly Leases, in relation to the expiration dates.

I think your suggestion that we take over the custody of the Deeds and open a register in relation to them, will avoid the possibility of documents being mislaid in future. Therefore if the Council decides to adopt this course we are prepared to accept the responsibility of custody."

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was agreed to hand over custody to Solicitors.

Allotments Acts.

Letter H. 90, 2/8/38. dated 9th November 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. intimating refund of £30. 14. 3 hereunder

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

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Representative Rents

Letter "A" re above was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting the completion of the usual form.

Letter dated 21/11/38 was read from same acknowledging the receipt of completed form.

Closing of Barrack Lane

Letters were read from Messrs Allen, Corish, Keating and Esmond, T. Ds that they had interviewed the Department re above and hoped for a speedy successful result.

Clerk reported a visit from Mr. Keating who stated it was the opinion of the Department that it would require an Act of the Dail to close the Lane.

Adjourned.

Employment Relief Scheme.

Letter dated 15th November 1938 was read from the Secretary Wexford County Council that the £265 for above referred to the grant notified the Council on 10th June last.

Clerk reported she wrote for confirmation of his statement made at last Meeting in case the intimation read at last Meeting referred to another grant.

Noted.

Letter R.U/205/109 dated 18adh Samhain 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to the number of days' employment per week on above works stating "it is not proposed to amend the regulations" as suggested by the Council.

No order.

Finance Committees Recommendations

The Minutes of this Committee were read and signed

Proposed by Mr. Redmond

Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the bills ordered to be paid subject to the reservations therein

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The advice notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs Murphy & Ronan

Scavenging Contract.

Arising out of these Minutes letter dated 13th December 1938 was read from Council's Solicitors as follows :-

"In reply to yours of today's date in reference to the Scavenging Contract :-

The Council offered the Scavenging Contract to Peter Gahan if he would do the work for £7.0.0 per week less £1.0.0 per month and also to accept Sureties for the due performance of the Contract in lieu of a Bond, provided the Sureties were Solvent

Two Sureties were named by Peter Gahan and duly approved of by the Council and on the 14th November Peter Gahan was so informed and the terms of the offer repeated.

Peter Gahan did not reply to this offer until the 2nd December when he accepted it in the following words "I am prepared to accept the terms of the Contract at £7.0.0 per week less £1.0.0 (re Bond) The Sureties are prepared to sign the documents when called upon."

Peter Gahan's new Contract began to run therefore on the 2nd December. The old rate applies up to that date.

Further consideration by the Council cannot effect the matter and is not necessary."

Re-Valuation Bill in Dail

Arising out of same Minutes the Chairman stressed the necessity for a vigorous campaign against above. Re-valuation would mean increased expenses for every Town in Eire with no compensating advantage to the Towns

Mr. Redmond held that so far as New Ross was concerned the valuations were too high already and there was no reason for a re-valuation which must tend to an increase.

Mr. Walsh objected to re-valuation as an

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imposition and undertaken at a time when the towns people found it difficiet to live by reason of the burthen of taxation local and national.

Mr. Murphy followed and expressed the opinion that the the only people who might benefit were the landlords who never paid a penny rates, licenes, duties, income tax, death duties, electric lighting charges and as a consequence livlihood would increase. There would be no hope of letting business premises as instanced in this town where the valuations were so excessive that shops were idle and where even the landlords recently asked the Council to assist them in reducing the valuations.

Mr. Cooney followed and although he contended re-valuation might be necessary in a few instances on shops in the town yet travelling shops reaped the benefit of freedom from valuation or cater the town from villages where the valuation was small. He agreed there was no reason for this Bill

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh the following resolution was adopted and copies ordered to be sent to the local T.D's and to all the Councils in Eire requesting each to call on their T.D's to vote against the Bill.

Resolved "That this Council views with alarm the introduction of a Bill in Dail for the Re-valuation of Eire particularly in Urban areas. The existing rateable valuation is excessive and tends towards the crippling of the resources of our people leading gradually but surely towards a position which must impair the credit of all Local Authorities in the State. Commercial values of property in the towns are decreasing and a primary cause is because of a basis of valuation on which rates and taxes are imposed which is unreasonable and unreliable. Should re-valuation take place it is impossible to estimate its detrimental effects on local finances by reason

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of an already rate which yearly increases to foot expenditure on Social Services. Our people who find it difficult to pay demands on the existing valuation will be forced to either default or restrict the provision of the bare necessaries of life. Institutions will suffer with no material advantage in any form. In fact there is no reason for this Bill. The Council recommends the Dail to vote against this Bill and instead to introduce legislation on the lines laid down by the Association of Municipal Authority in Resolution unanimously adopted at their 25th annual Conference held in Galway on 13th September 1938 the basis of taxation to be on capital land value and Ground Rents so as to render the owners rateable and tenants free from this burthen.

And it is further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each Urban Authority in Eire for consideration and approval with a request that each Authority call on their T.Ds to vote against any Bill for an increase in the rateable valuation."

Irishtown Weighbridge.

Chairman drew attention to this matter. The Council should put this Weighbridge into commission in view of the Fat Cattle Market. Cattle are being sent away from town because of no provision for weighing.

Clerk produced the Rent Book and pointed out the receipts per year were only about £8 and not more than £6 for years.

Mr. Redmond suggested the Scales as located at present was useless. It should be removed to the level beside Every's house.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided that a Committee consisting of Messrs the Chair, Redmond

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Ronan and Brewer visit the site on Friday at 10.a.m and submit a Scheme.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 13th inst., Mr. Shortall reported "I have had dangerous chimney stack and portion of gable wall to premises in occupation of Mr. P. Nolan, South Street taken down and reconstructed"

No. Order.

Street Inspectors Reports.

Under date 12th inst., Mr. O'Grady reported as follows:-

"The public lighting at night has been satisfactory
The daily Scavenging has been satisfactory.
The cutting of grass and cleaning of traps has been satisfactory.

The hedge in Tottenham Estate property was causing an obstruction in Robert Street and was a danger to persons walking in Robert Street.
I spoke to Mr. O'Neill, Surveyor, about this and he had it cut.

The stone post which stands at the corner of Marsh Lane and Priory Place is a danger to traffic and should be removed as also another post at the corner of William Street and Neville Street.

The portion of wall which subsided at School House Road has not been repaired and is a danger. I saw Mr. Colfer re fixing railing at little Hill which was a danger to the public."

It was decided to communicate with the County Surveyor in connection with the wall at School House Road.

The Meeting adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
10/1/39

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Monday 9th day of January 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O' Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy. P.C.
T. Redmond, M.C.C.

Dangerous Wall - School House Road.

Clerk reported a visit from Assistant County Surveyor Mr. P. O' Neill hereon. If the wall was erected by the Parish Priest, Rosbercon and the sewer laid by him it would be in the general interest to be able to confirm same.

Committee recommended that the Councils Solicitors be asked to investigate and advise the Council.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn £6.2.11 Messrs B. Hennessy 4/8. Messrs Graves & Co. 9/4; P. Gahan £31.12.9; P. Gahan 10/-; M. Wall £1.6.6; Jas. Cooney £1.10.0; Jas. Dooley £25.19.0; Munson Supply Co £1.4.6; Electricity Supply Board £23.19.11; Electricity Supply Board £4.13.4; Hibernian Insurance £2.14.0 Irish Tourist Association £5.0.0; A. R. French £3.2.4 Petty Cash £20.0.0; Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £2000.

Accounts Generally

Article 13. Public Bodies Order 1925.

Arising out of the examination of accounts of Scavenging Contractor, Mr. Gahan, Committee decided they were presented late for the Meeting. As however they arose out of a contract over a period Committee recommended payment but

Recommended that the Article governing This matter be in future strictly enforced.

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£2000 to Messrs H. & A. Hamelton, Waterford.

Committee recommended payment and that the Architect be ~~recommend~~ reminded the Council would like a detailed report on the progress of this Housing Scheme.

£3.2.4 to Mr. A. R. French

Invoice Form contained orders for 10 days commencing 18th August 1938 Committee recommended payment but recommended the issue of an order for each purchase in future in accordance with the Public Bodies Order. Council cannot otherwise know the extent of their indebtness

Liquidation of Debts due on Capital Account.

Under date 16 adh Mr Na Nodlaig 1938 the following letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth :-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd ult in regard to the proposal of the New Ross Urban District Council to obtain a loan for the purpose of clearing debit balances on various works. I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Heaelth to state that arrangements should be made to obtain the necessary loan from the Council's Treasurer. The loan form is returned herewith for amendment accordingly of the reply to query II (page 1). The maximum period for repayment of the loan which could be allowed would be ten years which represents the equated period of the various loans in question and the reply to query V (page 1) should also be amended accordingly.

The proposal to include in the proposed loan a sum of £400 in respect of extras on the contract for the water towers cannot be considered until the matters in dispute with the contractors have been cleared up and the amount, for which the Council is actually

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liable, determined."

Clerk reported that on receipt he conferred with the Chairman and he considered it would be better to ask for an overdraft from the Treasurer and lodge the Council's Investments as Security. This would very much reduce the interest and avoid the expenses of the Mortgages. He, Clerk, communicated this to the Department on the 3rd January 1939 but no reply had been received.

Committee recommended the Council to adopt this action and to press for an overdraft on Capital Account unless a longer period of repayment is granted. It is to be understood that £115 per annum be collected and set aside towards the liquidation of the overdraft.

£191. 17. 3 Income Tax - Year 1938/39.

Demand for above on Council's houses &c. Valuation £840. 17. 0 was presented.

Committee recommended an appeal and submission of necessary particulars by Clerk.

Light at corner of Doyle's Store Rosbercon.

Arising out of the Electricity Supply Board monthly account for Public Lighting.

Committee recommended Council to again ask the Board for quotation for above.

Rates Return up to 31st December 1938.

Clerk submitted the Rates position as follows:-

Total Warrant	£7877. 12. 3.
Collected and Discounts	4126. 8. 3.
Leaving uncollected	£3751. 4. 0

Rent Collection

Clerk submitted the Collection for December 1938 &c. as follows:-

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20 houses William Steet Rent £24.3.9. Corrected £24.3.3
11 do. do.
2 do. Langate
5 do. Church Lane } Rent £14.6.0 Corrected £14.8.3.
8 do. Tollyhouses Lane
10 do Buneen Lane } Rent £15.6.8 Corrected £15.0.10
10 do. Cockpit Lane
8 do. Town Wall Rent £16.10.8 Corrected £21.2.0
23 do. Town Wall Rent £36.15.0 Corrected £34.9.10
8 do. Cross Lane }
5 do. Buneen Lane } Rent £10.5.0 Corrected £10.9.9.
34 do J.K.L. Place Rent £24.4.0 Corrected £22.6.0

The areas outstanding at 31st December 1938 amounted to £296.16.6 as against £294.6.4 at 30th November 1938.

Committee went through the Rent Collector's Sheets and marked a number of cases for immediate attention.

Letter H.25954/3/38 dated 3rd January 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth in reply to Council's query as to the action the Council should take to collect arrears of rent as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th ultimo regarding arrears of rent outstanding on houses erected by the New Ross Urban District Council, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that any action to be taken in connection with the collection of these arrears is a matter for the Urban Council."

Report on Unhealthy Houses.
Housing Survey 1938.

Circular No. 92/1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting above which should be entrusted to the County Medical Officer of Health and Surveyor.

Recommended that the Survey be carried out and that the County

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Medical Officer of Health be so informed. Committee considered the Department should be asked if this is necessary considering the Survey recently made when over 100 houses were reported on.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Connell
10/6/38

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Tuesday 10th day of January 1939.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and the following Special business :-

1. Finance Committee's Report.
2. (a) Arrears of Rent
   (b) choked drain High Hill
   (c) Waterworks - additional main.
2. Auditors Report and abstracts of Accounts for two years ended 31st March 1938.
3. Sanitary Sub-Officer - Acting County Medical Officer of Health to be in attendance to advise on the possibility of making permanent appointment.
4. Barrack Lane - Letter from Department.
5. Letting of Houses - election of tenants to T.K.L. Place and Town Wall.
6. Allotments Acts - sanction to Scheme.
7. Sewerage Scheme - letter from Department. Plans of whole scheme necessary.
8. Housing (Inspection of Districts) Regulations, 1936 - Representations from Architect and Medical Officer of Health as to houses unfit for human habitation. Notices to demolish. (Section 23) Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1931.
9. Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture - Markets in Urban Districts.
10. Adjourned business
11. Tenders for lead piping and Winding Town Clock.
12. Waterworks - Town Surveyor's Report 13th December 1938.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman,
V. A. Doyle,
T. Martin
J. Murphy, P.C.
T. Redmond
T. Cooney
J. Callaghan
J. Murphy
W. Ronan
A. Cullen.

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The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed

Votes of Condolence

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P. C.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Carty, New Ross in her bereavement occasioned by the deaths of her brother Martin and her sister Kate.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Martin

a vote of sympathy was passed to the President of Eire on the death of Mrs. Hyde

Congratulations to Mr. Staunton

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,

The Council tendered respectful congratulations to Canon Staunton, Kilkenny on his elevation to the See of Ferns.

Closing of Barrack Lane.

Letter H. 28923/2/38 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Council should proceed in accordance with Section II of the Housing Ireland Act 1919 and lease the Plot in Barrack Lane at the best price or the best rent that can reasonably be obtained.

Mr. Redmond pointed out the real question put to the Government was as to the closing of part of Barrack Lane to facilitate the erection of a National School. as well as to close up a dumping ground and worse in the interests of Public Health.

Clerk reminded the Council there was the difficulty of closing a right of way and there appeared to be no law entitling the Council to close the lane.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to ask the Department to inform the Council if it is permitted to close the lane (at Top) in the circumstances.

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Bewley Street.

Mr. Doyle drew attention to the roadway here since the breaking up of it due to the installation of Sanitary conveniences to the 47 houses there.

Decided to draw the attention of the Assistant County Surveyor to same.

Re-Valuation Bill.

Letter was read from the Bray Urban Council and resolution agreeing with the New Ross Council and from the County Secretaries of Galway, Limerick, Wicklow, Cork and Carlow, and the Clerks of the Councils of Dunlaoighaire, Castlebar, Kilkee, Kilkenny and Youghal. That their Councils would consider same.

Allotments Acts.

Letter 9012/4/38 dated 21st December 1938 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath that the Minister has approved of the Scheme submitted for the 1939 season subject to a rent of 16/10 being charged to any employed person. 32 of the persons submitting certificates are eligible. M. Jefford, M. Hayden, R. Roche and P. Browne are not eligible. Certificates 3(c) should be completed in respect of J. Hamilton, P. Walsh, M. Cahill and J. Kernaghr.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The 32 persons referred to were selected for the plots and if the four mentioned failed to provide the 16/10 their plots to be given to four unemployed persons.

Irish Culture Class.

A letter was read from the Secretary, asking for the use of the lavatory during their dances on Sunday nights.

Decided to refuse same in the interests of Public Heath.

Safety First Resolution:

On the motion of Mr. Redmond

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Seconded by Mr. Chairman
This Resolution from the Traffic and Safety First Association of Ireland was unanimously passed.

Lead Piping Tender.

Mr. Peter Kehoe, New Ross tendered to supply 6 cwt. weight of ½ inch 6 lb. lead piping at 28/3 per cwt.
No other Tender received.
Town Surveyor stated the piping was not on the list of the Combined Purchasing Board and that the price was reasonable.

Accepted.

Winding of Town Clock.

Mr. Marcus Roche, New Ross, tendered at £6 per year.
There was no other Tender.

Accepted.

County Wexford Committee of Agriculture

Letter dated 20th December 1938 was read from the Secretary, that the following resolution was unanimously adopted by his Committee :-

"You may have seen the discussion at the Meeting of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture relative to Markets in Urban Districts.

Several Members pointed out that in other parts of the country the Urban Districts extensively advertised their Fairs and Markets for various commodities with consequent benefit to farmers and merchants.

The following Resolution was adopted unanimously :-

"That the Urban District Councils of the County be requested to consider the advisibility of taking steps to develope markets for agricultural produce in their areas."

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,

The following Committee were appointed to discuss ways and means viz:- Messrs the Chairman, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, W. Ronan.

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Irishtown Weighbridge.

Under date 10th January 1939 Town Surveyor reported as follows :-

"I met your Special Committee appointed to consider matter of repairs to or transfer of cattle-weighbridge at Irishtown, on 16th ult. Present :- Messrs W. Ronan and T. Redmond. It was suggested that quotations be invited for provision and erection of a suitable or modern weighbridge to be erected and enclosed on vacant ground adjoining house in occupation of P. Every, Fair Gate, and also that an estimate be submitted for repairs to existing weighbridge and adjoining cattle pen.

Resulting from enquiries, Messrs W. & T. Avery, Manufacturers propose to supply and erect :-

(1) a modern 40 cwt Machine (Type No. 145 as per attached illustration) for sum of £120.0.0

(2) Same machine with automatic ticket printing steelyard for sum of £140.0.0

(3) To supply and erect a guaranteed second hand machine similar to No. 2. for sum of £75.0.0

(4) To repair and recondition existing machine at Irishtown for sum of £36.0.0

Estd. cost of enclosing adjoining pen with concrete surrounding wall £33.0.0.

If any of proposals No. 1 to 3 are considered it would be necessary to erect a cattle pen surrounding same with a concrete wall about 8 feet high and hut to cover steelyard at an additional estimated cost of about £65."

He also submitted quotations and drawings from Messrs Avery, Dublin.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to consider above next Meeting.

Fire Hose Quotation

Under date 10th January 1939 Town Surveyor reported as follows :-

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~~For~~ "Quotations have been received from Messrs Merryweather & Sons Ltd., Manufacturers, for supply and delivery of fire hose and couplings complete at rate of £4. 10. 0 per length of 45 feet. These are urgently required"

It was decided to accept~~ed~~ the tender

Account £16. 15. 0 due to J. B. Roche.

Letter dated 10th January 1939 was read from Mr. Kelly on behalf of above that unless the amount is paid within 6 days his client will proceed for recovery.

It was decided to inform Mr. Kelly the Council hoped to meet this bill at next Meeting.

Acknowledgement of Sympathy.

Colonel Tyndall wrote thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his son.

Corporate Estate.

Letter dated 12th December 1938. was again read from Messrs Colfer & Son in connection with repairs to houses at Priory Street. Town Surveyor stated he would have a report for next Meeting. He was ill since last Meeting.

Adjourned.

School Meals Grant.

Intimation of recoupment P.H. 17549/4/38 dated 23rd December 1938. of £18. second instalment 1938/39 year was read.

Clerk reported receipt and lodgment.

Milk & Dairies Act 1935.

(Date of Commencement) No. 5 Order 1938.

Noted.

Finance Committee's Report.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read.

On the motion of Mr. Martin

Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The report was adopted and the bills ordered to be paid.

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The advice Notes were then signed by Mr. Chairman, Mr. J. Murphy, P.C., and Mr. W. Ronan.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Monday 23rd January 1939.

An adjourned and Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the laws enabling and to deal with the following matters of which due notice was given:-

1. Supplemental road and footpath works, - Relief Scheme. Copy letter attached.
2. Provision of contribution of £193 towards No. 1. above.
3. William Street and Rosbercon Section of Sewerage Scheme.
4. Housing - (a) Result of Conference. (b) Determination on Medical and Engineering reports condemning houses for demolition.
5. Right Rev. Dr. Staunton - Consecration at Enniscorthy.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, T. Martin, J. Callaghan, V. A. Doyle, J. Murphy, P.C. J. E. Walsh, T. Redmond, J. Murphy, Bridge, W. Ronan, J. Brewer, A. Cullen.

Employment Schemes Vote 1938/39.
Roads (Urban) Supplemental.

Under date 18th January 1939 a letter was read from the County Surveyor notifying a provisional allocation of £1397 herein subject to a local contribution of £193. and the two conditions (1) That at least 90% will be expended before 31st March 1939. and (2) that the works be carried out under the regulations.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The Council agreed to put up the £193.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy. P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney.

It was decided to arrange by telephone with the County Surveyor to meet the committee of the Council appointed to and conferred with under last grant so as to agree with the expenditure of £1394. The Meeting to be arranged for 3 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday next if at all possible

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Provisional Selection of Works.

1. Continue footpath from Boheen to Cemetery.
2. Footpath at Railway station - Raise.
3. Cross Lane. Footpath above and below.
4. Watertable Cross Lane. Mary Street.
5. Flagway Robert Street to Parish Church
6. Path Priory Street and Henry Street - extend to Victoria Street.
7. Bradleys to Dunphys Quay - Bridge.
8. Priory Lane - Path very low.
9. Footpath Lower William Street.

~~10.~~

Right Rev. Dr. Staunton
Consecration at Enniscorthy Cathedral.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P. C.,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

It was decided that the Council attend in state at above Sacred ceremonies

The following signified intention to meet at The Tholsel, New Ross at 9.15. a.m. and attend at Enniscorthy accompanied by the mace, Town Clerk, Town Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

It was decided to present an Address of Welcome to the Diocese, loyalty to him in his exalted office and congratulations on his elevation to the Bishoprick of Ferns. That the cost of the address be defrayed by subscription as far as possible from each Member of the Council and Officials - the balance to be collected in the Town.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

The following Committee were appointed to arrange matters in connection with the Address :-
Messrs The Chairman, T. E. Walsh, T. Murphy, P.C. and T. Redmond.

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Auditor's Reports and Abstracts of Accounts.
2 years 1936/37 and 1937/38.
On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
The Reports were adopted.

Rent Collection
Circular Letter No. 2/39 dated 7th January 1939 was read.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. McLoughlin
21.2.39

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Wednesday 25th January 1939.

A Meeting of the Committee appointed to confer with the County Surveyor on the works to be undertaken for the expenditure of £1394 was held in the School. Today pursuant to Councils Resolution

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
T. Redmond
J. Murphy, P.C.

Mr. O'Neill, in the absence of the County Surveyor who was ill, attended.

The Town Clerk reported he had received a list of particulars from the County Surveyor of works which could be undertaken by the Council under the Grant.

The Chairman read the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 23rd January 1938 setting out a list of the works which the Council required consideration.

Committee discussed the various Sheets and the following were selected to be undertaken To expend the sum of £1590:-

1. High Hill 30 lin yds. Tar Mac and concrete estimated cost £40
2. Charleton Hill to Urban Boundary at Fever Hospital 100 lin. yds. 3" tar Mac. surface dressed estimated cost £85.
3. West Turn (Wexford Sheet) to Urban boundary at Stephenstand 150 lin yds. W.B. Macadam surface dressed estimated cost. £93. 15.0
4. Brennan's Lane 115 lin yds. 2" tar Mac. surface estimated cost £38.
5. Two Lanes at Chilcomb, Rosbercon 900 lin. yds. 3" tar Mac. surface estimated cost £450.
6. Cross Lane. 330 lin. yds concrete footpath estimated cost £77.
7. Neville Sheet. 160 " " " " " " £56
8. Michael Sheet 220 " " " " " " £73
9. Upper Mary St. 200 " " " " " " £70
10. High Hill 150 " " " " " " £45
11. Robert Street 50 " " " " " " £20
12. College Road 600 " " Tar. Macadam " " £60
13. Irishtown 280 " " concrete footpath " " £112
14. Wexford St. 150 " " tar Macadam " " £19

Committee considered that the rest of the recommendations of the Surveyor be excluded and instead

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Church Lane and Lady Lane should be resurfaced and if possible the Schoolhouse Road Wall should be included, That the footpath at Rosbercon be raised 6" over the level of the road. That the footpath be raised from Murphys to Dunphys on the Quay. and that the in front of St. Stephen's Cemetery be reconditioned

Mr. O'Neill promised to attend to all the matters mentioned and it was ordered that he get a copy of the works mentioned at last Meeting. for the County Surveyors consideration

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Monday 13th February 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman.
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn £10.10.3 : Jas. Dooley £21.7.7 ; Moran Bros. £11.13.3 J. Freeman 14/9 : T. J. Dunphy £36.3.8 : B. Culleton £1.19.4 Mrs. M. Charles £3.5.9 : P. Kehoe £9.6.4 : J. Furlong £6.17.6 P. Gahan £32.5.12 : Messrs B. Hennessy £4.7.4 ; E.S.B £23.19.11 E.S.B. £5.9.11 : Jas. Cooney £1.10.0 : Helys Ltd £1.16.9 : Ellams Ltd £4.18.10 : National Bank Ltd. £5.3.6 : Messrs Graves & Co. 9/4 : Dept. Local Government and Public Health £12.12.0 : People Newspaper Ltd. 12/6 . Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £1500. Messrs B. Hennessy £2.2.4. Messrs Graves & Co £47.9.8 : Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs £7.18.7 : A. Nolan £3.12.0 : M. Roche £16.15.0 R. C. Williamson £31.2.3 : R. C. Williamson £65.9.0 : Dept: Local Government and Public Heath £7.18.7.

Sanitation Scheme.

Certificates for £67.12.0 and £65.9.0 were again presented and Committee recommended payment out of the loan obtained to meet same as soon as money available

Committee also recommend the preparation of the cost of this Scheme with a view to charging same to the tenants by a small weekly addition to the rents.

Cross Lanes Wall.

Certified Bills from B. Hennessy (£2.2.4) Graves & Co. (£47.9.8) Minister for Posts and Telegraphs (£7.18.0) Alex, Nolan (£3.12.0) M. Roche (£16.15.0) re above work were again presented.

Committee recommended payment as soon as loan

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money received and available.

Housing Inquiry - Loan.

Account 3061/39 dated 8th February 1939 was considered for £7. 18. 8 being the Departments charges for above held in August 1934.

Payment recommended.

Rates Poundage.

Miss Finn's account as follows was presented.

Commission on Poor Rate collected to 31st January 1939 £2022. 16. 6 @ 6d in the £. £50. 11. 4.

Same Town and Domestic Water Rate £2214. 19. 6 @ 6d in the £. £55. 7. 5. Total £105. 18. 9.

Payment recommended subject to sanction.

R. J. Campbell & Co.

A further statement of account for £155. 5. 8 was presented.

Referred to Councils Solicitors.

School Meals Accounts.

Arising out of examination of above Committee considered 2½ per pint for milk delivered in quantities, as high, in view of the price of 1/= per gallon under the Free Milk Scheme.

Recommended that Committee be asked to obtain tenders in future.

Debts due the Council.

Great Southern Railways £1. 15. 7. for water supplied last quater. Letter was read from Company the amount should be £1. 10. 0. Clerk reported £1. 15. 7 correct. Company also wrote the consumption was due to leakages caused by heavy frost in December and asked for a reduction.

Recommended collection of £1. 15. 7.

Workmens Club £6. 2. 6 for laying service to Barretts Park. Councils Solicitors wrote (6th February 1939) that Mr. James Connolly, Secretary pointed out the amount was irrecoverable in law as statute barred being due for 12 or 13 years. The Club was in embarrased circumstances but wished

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to discharge their liabilities as far as possible. Mr. James Brewer was prepared to pay £3. in full discharge of the debt. Solicitors advised acceptance and stated the offer reflects credit upon the Club and Mr. Brewer.

Clerk reported the account started on 21st July 1929 and on 18th February 1930 the Council granted a rebate of £1.

Committee recommended acceptance of the £3. on account of the debt.

Tenants' Bonds.

Solicitor under date 14th January 1939 wrote in connection with Council's instructions to issue proceedings for recovery of arrears of rents from Sureties on the Bonds that in the cases of tenants Thomas McGrath, Michael Whitty, Cornelius O'Brien, Michael Browne and Patrick Grace the Agreements were dated between 1934 and 1937 and all the Bonds were dated 9th August 1938. There must therefore have been rent due prior to the signing of the Bonds and unless the Sureties were made aware and fully understood that on signing they became immediately liable for the rent then due the Court would not hold them liable beyond the rent which accrued due subsequent to the execution of the Bond.

Clerk reported the Bonds were signed and sealed on the same day as the Agreement and the wrong date on the Bonds was an error due to the date having been filled in on Stamping. None of the Sureties could possibly take oath and say they signed the Bonds in August 1938. No Key was handed out until the Sureties and the Tenant signed the Agreement. He advised the Council to proceed on the Bonds.

Clerk also reported he understood Messrs James Hanrahan, E. T. Lalor and P. Gahan intended to contest on their Bonds- Mrs. Hanrahan on the grounds that although two Sureties were mentioned the second surety did not sign and also that he paid £1 to the Collector and told her he was finished with any further liability. Messrs Lalor and Gahan on the ground that unless judgment was obtained against Mr. Gahan

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they could not sue the tenant. He (Clerk) advised the Committee to give instructions to issue proceedings in these cases. and in that of Mr. Ronan, Knocknullen.

Committee recommended proceedings.

Withdrawal of Surety.

Mr. Michael Sheahan, North Street under date 14th January 1939 wrote as follows:-

"I beg to notify you that on and from the date of this letter, I will not be responsible under my Bond with you for rent in tenancy of M. Martin."

Recommended acceptance subject to Solicitors opinion on like matter and that the tenant be requested to provide as Substitute.

Loan of £1130.

Under date S.454/3/39 9th February 1939 letter was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing letter of sanction to above. The £400 in connection with Water Tower is excluded pending full particulars of the total expenditure.

The sanction stated that of the sum of £1130 sums of £41.4.4 and £137.8.8 are repayable to expenditure under the Housing of the Working Classes. Acts. and the balance under the Public Health Acts. The loan to be obtained from the Councils Treasurer and to be repayable over ten years with interest at usual rate.

Committee recommended the Council to pass the necessary Resolution enabling the loan and all things requisite in connection with same

William Steet and Roobereon Sewers.

Under date 11th instant, Engineer, Mr. O'Connor submitted his estimate for above at £6836.14.0 divided up as follows:-

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	William Steet.	Rosbercon.
Totals for Works.	£2,626 . 17 . 0	2,000 . 0 . 0.
Provisional for Insurances	160 . 0 . 0	90 . 0 . 0.
" " Extra works and contingencies	150 . 0 . 0	100 . 0 . 0
" " rock excavation	500 . 0 . 0	100 . 0 . 0
" " Tidal flaps and minor items	50 . 0 . 0	30 . 0 . 0
Engineers and Solicitors Fees. Quantities, Printing and other expenses (approx.)	400 . 0 . 0	350 . 0 . 0
Land and Wayleaves	50 . 0 . 0	50 . 0 . 0.
Resident Engineers Salary	90 . 0 . 0	90 . 0 . 0.
Totals for each section	4026 . 17 . 0	2810 . 0 . 0.

Clerk reported the Rosbercon figures included a sum of £580 for a Pumping Station.

Committee adjourned consideration to next Monday at 5 o'clock. They considered it essential that the Engineer be asked to attend and assist the Committee to reduce the estimates considerably.

Engineers Fees &c.

Application for £600 Overdraft.

Letter S. 2255/3/39 dated 4 adh Feabhra 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath that no Sanction could be given to payments proposed at this stage. Repayment of travelling and subsistence expenses is a matter for the Council subject to the vouchers being retained for audit. The specific payments proposed to be made under this heading should be reported to the Department of Local Government and Public Heath and consideration would be given to authorising a small overdraft accommodation to cover that item and a small payment on account of fees. Any further payment should be deferred until contract documents. have been submitted.

Clerk reported he communicated with Mr. O'Connor

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that the Council could not consider any further payment in view of above.

Letter dated 10th instant was read from Mr. O'Connor (Engineer) that the plans were lodged on 6th instant prior to the Departments' letter. His outlay was very considerable and he would be obliged if the Council re-submitted their application and pass the necessary resolution that his fees be paid. His fee for Preliminary Report is £220 less the £50 already received. He will discuss the plans with Department Engineer, Mr. Ryan, next week.

Committee recommended application for overdraft accommodation for £220 plus advertising and Office expenditure and that the legal amount be paid to the Engineer when sanctioned by the Department

The Meeting Adjourned to Monday next at 5 o'clock p.m.

P. O'Connell
21. 2. 39

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Tuesday 14th February 1939.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and matters of which due notice was given.

Present:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, (Bridge)
A. Cullen,
W. Ronan,
J. Brewer,
T. Martin.
T. Redmond.
T. Cooney.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI.
Vote of Supreme Sympathy on His death.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, M.C.C.

"That We, the Chairman and Members of the New Ross Urban District Council in Meeting Assembled, most respectfully tender to the Lord Bishop of Ferns the profound sympathy of the Council and of the people of New Ross in the loss to the Church and the World occasioned by the death of our Holy Father His Holiness Pope Pius XI. The Council mindful of His Lordship's recent excitation by the Holy Father desire also that our Bishop will please to accept a tender expression of condolence with himself as he must feel this loss in a special manner.

May His Soul rest in that Bright Peace He so earnestly desired and may The world reap the reward for which he gave His Glorious life - Peace."

Passed in silence all the Members standing

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Vote of Condolence with Fr. Kelly.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan a vote of sincere sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Very Rev. James Kelly, New Zeland - a distinguished son of New Ross - whose early demise occurred recently.

It was agreed that the Council's sympathy be conveyed to His Grace, The Most Reverend Dr. Kelly, Archbishop of Melbourne and Mrs. O' Toole, America, and Mr. Gannon, Arnestown.

The Meeting Adjourned to Tuesday next at 7.30 o'clock. p.m., as a mark of respect to the Departed.

M. O'Ronan
21.2.39

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Monday 20th February 1939.

An Adjourned Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 5 o'clock in the Cholsel, pursuant to Resolution of Committee and to meet Mr. Engineer O'Connor in connection with the Sewers at William Steet and Rosbercon.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.

Mr. O'Connor attended.

Sewerage Scheme.

Chairman informed Mr. O'Connor the Committee adjourned consideration of his estimates for the William Steet and Rosbercon Section of the Sewerage Scheme for his attendance with a view to a reduction in the figures submitted.

Mr. O'Connor went into the figures and after an explanation of the position having reference to maps, conditions, &c., Stated in all likelihood it might be taken for granted there would be less rock than anticipated and with other reductions the Committee might consider the estimates would be reduced by £800. The figure of the estimates was not material for borrowing & purposes as any over borrowing need not be undertaken.

After a very lengthy discussion and examination generally

Committee recommended (1) the adoption of the Estimates (2) That as soon as Sanction is received the necessary advertisement be issued for tenders (3) the Clerk get into communication with the Department by telephone with a view to (a) immediate Sanction of the Scheme (b) ascertaining the period of repayment (c) the amount of Government Subsidy (d) obtaining an appointment for Council's Deputation in connection with the financing of the Scheme.

Engineers Fees.

On application by Mr. O'Connor Committee recommended payment of £50 on account of Fees to Engineer.

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The Committee unable to reach on the other matters before them decided to submit same to the Council.

The Meeting Ended.

P. O'Connor
11-2-39

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Tuesday 21st day of February 1939.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o' clock to transact business including financial and ordinary and special business of which due notice was given.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O' Gorman, Chairman.
T. Cooney
J. Brewer
T. Martin
A. Cullen
T. Redmond
J. Murphy (Bridge)
J. Murphy, P. C.
J. E. Walsh
W. Ronan.

Late Holy Father Pope Pius XI

Bishop's Reply.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns wrote acknowledging vote of condolence and thanked the Council "for their Resolution which so feelingly and with such understanding expessed the loss which the Church and all humanity has sustained by the death of His Holiness".

Late Martin and Kate Nugent.

Mrs. Carthy (Sister) wrote "deep gratitude" for the Council's vote of Sympathy in double bereavement.

Late Wife of the President of Eire.

Dr. Hyde from Frenchpark thanked the Council "Sincerely for Kind expression of Sympathy" on the death of his wife.

Rate Collection

Clerk reported the position on 31st January 1939 as follows :-

Total Warrants	£7877. 12. 3
Collected and Discounts	£4323. 8. 9
Outstanding	£3554. 3. 6

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Finance Committee's Report.

The Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee dated 13th and 20th February 1939 were read.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to start the Sewerage Scheme at William Street and further consider the Rosbercon Scheme. with the Engineer particularly as regards the Pumping Station.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The recommendations of the Committee - with above reservation - were adopted

The Advice Notes were then signed by Mr. Chairman and Messrs J. E. Walsh and T. Murphy, P. C., and the amounts ordered to be paid - application to be made for loan of £6834 to the Commissioners of Public Works. for the start of the Sewerage Scheme.

The Chairman then signed the form of Application.

Free Milk Scheme.

Circular P. H 21/39 dated 20th February 1939 No. 15/39 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health allocating £270. 6. 1 to the Council for above.

Ordered that the terms of the Circular be carried out

Revaluation Bill

Letter dated 9th February 1939 No. 15/39 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing copies of above for distribution to the Council.

Clerk reported having distributed the copies.

Letters were read from the following adopting the suggestion of the Council to oppose this Bill:- Loughrea, Limerick County Council, Donegal County Council, Cobh, Athy, Birr, Fermoy, Mallow, Kerrish, Killarney, Ballybriggan, Callan, Monaghan, the following marked it Read and Noted :- Howth & Tullamore.

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Allotments Acts.

Letter G. 1145/35 dated 21st January 1939. was read from the Department of Agriculture inquiring in what circumstances all the requisites were purchased from Peter Kehoe. whereas British Queens, parsnip onion seeds and cabbage plants were available at lower rates from other merchants who submitted tenders. Also asking for the Clerk's certificate that one spade and one shovel and one fork purchased replaced his rendered unfit for further use by wear and tear.

Clerk reported he replied to Department that the Council accepted the lowest all-in tender and the Council was of opinion no tender would be received for separate items. He, Clerk also submitted the certificate requested.

Approved.

Tenders for Requisites.

Letter dated 13th January 1939 was read from same Department approving of the supply of requisites to persons considered as "unemployed". The Council should now obtain tenders.

Tenders from Peter Kehoe.

Clerk reported and submitted duplicate of request to Messrs B. Hennessy, Furlong & Hanahan and Peter Kehoe for above.

Peter Kehoe only replied as follows:-

41 x ½ cwt. British Queen Potatoes @ 4/= cwt.	£9. 4. 6.
41 x 1½ " Kerr Pinks do. 7/6 "	23. 1. 3
41 x ½ oz Cabbage Steed Flower of Spring 5d per ½ oz	17. 1
41 x ½ oz Onion " James Keeping 6/ "	1 0. 6
41 x ½ oz " " Autum Variety 7/ " "	1. 3. 11
41 x ½ oz Hollow Ground Crown Parsnip Seed 3/ per ½ oz	10. 3
41 x 100 Cabbage Plants 1/3 per cwt.	2. 11. 3.
41 x 1 cwt. Manure Special fertilizer 8½% Nitrogen 9/9 per cwt.	19. 19. 9
	58. 8. 6.

Council considered the quotation for manures very high and ordered that his attention be brought to same.

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Clerk reported that as the Department required tenders from three Merchants in his opinion the Council could not consider the single tender submitted.
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
It was decided to accept Mr. Kehoe's tender in view of the lateness of the Season and as the plots were ready for paving.

Lamp for Rosbercon.

E.S.B. under date 19th January 1939 tendered to supply a light at Doyle's corner for £8.0.9.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Budge)
It was decided to accept the offer.

Quay Weighbridge

Report under date 1st February 1939 was read from the Weighmaster as follows:-

"With reference to the Weighbridge on the Quay. I discovered it was out of order on Monday January 30th and I weighed nothing on it since that date. but reported the matter to Mr. Shortall. Awaiting further instructions from your Council."

Town Surveyor stated he asked Messrs Avery's to undertake the repairs without charge. They replied their work on this weighbridge was over one year old and they could not undertake it free.
On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge)
It was decided to get the Weighbridge repaired and that in future the Town Surveyor be empowered to undertake urgent work of this description the cost not to exceed £2 to £5.

Electoral Act.

Letter dated 1st February 1939 was read from the Registrar enclosing registers for Rate Collector.
Clerk reported handing the Registers to Collector on receipt.

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Closing of Barrack Lane.
Sale of Mullin's Plot to Mercy Nuns.

Replying to Mr. Cooney Clerk stated the Department referred the Council to Section 11 of Housing (Ireland) Act 1919 in reference to the Sale of Mullins plot. The Sub-Section 11 (c) empowered the Council with the consent of the Department to sell and Sub-Section 11 (3) "provided the land was sold at the best price that can reasonably be obtained".
On the motion of Mr. Murphy P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to close Barrack Lane on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health from the corner meeting the lane from South Street side at the Michael Street end and to offer same to the Mercy Convent for grounds on which to erect a National School. and also to offer Mullins Plot to them subject to the Sanction of the Minister.

Scavenging Contract

Letter dated 4th February 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors that Contract and Bond is now ready for execution by Mr. Gahan & Sureties.

Noted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Connor
Ch 3/3/39

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Monday 13th March 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman.
J. Murphy, P.C.
Y. Martin
Y. Cooney
A. Cullen.

Bills.

The following Accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-
Jas. Dooley £19. 15. 6; Messrs B. Hennessy £11. 10. 0 Messrs Moran Bros. £1. 3. 10; People Newspaper Ltd £1. 15. 0; G.S. Railways 1/7: Messrs Merryweather & Sons Ltd. £22. 5. 6; P. Gahan £24. 0. 0; Clyde Shipping Co. £4. 8. 0; Jas. Cooney £1. 10. 0. J Freeman 2/6; Doyle Bros. 6/9. Doyle. Bros. 3/3. John Furlong. 9/=; M. O'Brien £1. 17. 6. E. A. Finn £7. 0. 11: M. Doyle: 4/=; Peter Gahan. 2/6. Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £1500 Messrs B. Hennessy £1. 0. 0: Electricity Supply Board £23. 19. 11.

P. Gahan - 15/= Washing Irishtown.

Account for above examined. Town Surveyor did not certify as "Irishtown and Rosbercon not hosed". Water Inspector certified as "washed down."

Referred to Town Surveyor for his further report.

McDonagh - v- The Council.

Account for £2. 7. 0 was presented from Mr. Michael Kenny, New Ross, being car hired by Town Clerk on above case - 2 days hearing before the High Court on Circuit at Wexford - per instructions to attend received from the Court.

Payment recommended.

Public Lighting

Arising out of the February 1939 account and the certificate by Mr. O'Grady, Street Inspector, attention was

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drawn to non lighted lamps in the Town.
Committee recommended payment of the account. Mr. O'Grady to be requested to verify his certificate.

Town Surveyor's Certificates.

No. 99. Ryan Bros. - £2 Repairs E. Broaders house.
" 95. M. Roche, Ballyanne - 19/= Haulage charges and purchase of Slepers.
" 98. Ryan Bros. - £5. 10. 0 Building of Piers to Chamberland
Committee recommended payment subject to more detailed particulars of the expenditure

Printing

Moran Bros. tendered 7/= for 50 Annual Revesion Posters and Cullen & Son 7/6

Clerk reported as Morans was the lower and it was imperative the posters should be displayed within 3 days of 28th February 1939. The order was given to them.
Agreed.

Barrack Lane.

Clerk reported he visited above with the County Surveyor and Mr. P. O'Neill. In the Surveyor's opinion it will be necessary to obtain a rough sketch of the lay-out of the new school and grounds. Surveyor recommended the runs to erect a concrete wall at each end.
Committee considered that the runs should not be asked to do anything at all as the decision of the Council was very definite that the Lane be closed by Order of the Council.

Letting of House - T. K. L. Place.

Long letter was read from Mrs. Hannah Murphy, Bullaun complaining of undue bother about her house.

Letter was read from Town Surveyor dated 25th February 1939 in which Mr. Shortall stated Mr. Boyd, - Tottenham Estate - had agreed to examine the house for himself and would then consider acting on Mr. Shortall's Notice of 1937

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At the request of the Chairman Committee agreed that he would take Mr. Shortalls letter to ~~Mr. Boyd~~ Devs and would communicate with the Clerk.

Surety on Bond Retired.

Clerk reported he advised Mr. John Murphy, Quay, that his co-Surety, Mr. Michael Sheehan, North Steet, had intimated his retirement from the Bond of Mr. M. Martin. with the Council. He also wrote Mr. Martin to procure another Surety but no reply received.

No recommendation.

Clerk reported he wrote the late John O'Brien's daughter to procure a new Bond and Agreement for house presently occupied by her. No reply received.

Committee recommended that the Surety, Mr. James Ryan be interviewed in connection with same.

Rates Poundage.

Letter 7643/39 3rd March 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning payment of poundage at sixpence to Miss Finn in respect of lodgments up to 31st January 1939.

Loan of £1130

Letter dated 28th February 1939 was read from the Treasurers that above repayable over 10 years with interest at the usual rate has been sanctioned by the Directors and requesting a copy of the Council's Resolution.

Recommended that the Bankers request be Satisfied.

Due Messrs Delap & Waller

Waterworks Scheme Fees.

Letter dated 24th February 1939 was read from above claiming balance of fees and Expenses £38. 17. 6.

Recommended payment as soon as supplemental loan is arranged and available.

Water Meters.

Clerk reported having notified on 1st March 1939 all

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Consumers listed by Water Inspector as having Meters out of order.

Letter was read from Mount Carmel Convent that Mr. Shortall arranged to have the meter repaired many months ago. They were enquiring into the matter and think there must be some mistake.

Letter was read from Mr. Smith, Belleville requesting to be informed of the date of the inspection. He took all the action he could. Mr. Gorden put in a new meter when the Council asked him to do so. He cannot understand now why it is out of order.

Letter was read from Mrs. Hearne, Baronjameo. She was never made aware of any defect in the meter. In fact she is paying for more water than the Supply justifies not to speak of the annoyance caused by Scarcity of water. She asked to be informed how and where the meter could be repaired.

Clerk reported Mr. Martin Cullen called and stated the meter is not his property. It belongs to Mr. Neville. In fact he has no idea where the meter is

Clerk also reported Mr. Peter Cullen called and stated the meter outside the Good Shepherd Convent is registering there can be no loss to the Council's funds because the January 1939 account received from the Council gives the complete register figures and the amount demanded is paid.

Adjourned to Council Meeting.

Hire of Cars by Water Inspector.

Arising out of an account from Mr. N. Wall for £2. Committee considered full details of the journey should be available by the Council before payment to Mr. Wall. The Committee cannot understand how an inspection of the Waterworks can be made in a motor car, as Mr. Butler, the previous Water Inspector walked the track while he was in office. Committee considered the occupants of the car should also be named in Mr. O'Grady's certificate. Even in an emergency the hire of car should be immediately notified to the Clerk in writing.

Committee recommended this.

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Rent Arrears.

Clerk submitted a Return showing :-

Arrears on 31/1/39	£281. 16. 11
Accrued for month	£131. 8. 4
Rents received for month	£138. 17. 5
Due at 28/2/39.	£274. 7. 10

Rates Position.

Total Warrants	£7877. 12. 1
Collected and Discounts	4528. 19. 8
Outstanding 28th February 1939	3348. 12. 5.

or 42.6% outstanding as against 42.1% same time last year.

The Chairman then left the Meeting to Keep an appointment.

On the Motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen
Mr. Murphy presided.

Town Clerk
Whole Time and Pensionable.

Under date 13th February 1939 letter was read from the Town Clerk that the post after almost 9 years was not pensionable although whole time occupied. He respectfully asked the Committee to consider an application to alter this position by determining the post as whole time and that it was never possible to do the work in part time and also to agree that it carried pensionable rights.

Committee after discussion unanimously agreed that the post should never have been part time and that the Council agree to the Clerk's application.

Clerk advised the Committee that in his opinion Notice of Motion would be required as the change would involve expenditure and was not ordinary business.

Outstanding Accounts.

£6. 18. 4 by P. Rossiter.

£2. 0. 4 by James Rossiter.

Committee recommended that Town Surveyor be requested to send report so as to enable collection before end of

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financial year.

Housing Survey.
Section 23 Housing Act 1931.

Clerk submitted Official representations under the above Section from the Medical Officer of Health and Mr. J. V. Downes. Architect on 52 tenements within the Urban Area suitable for occupation by persons of the Working Classes that the 52 dwellings are unfit for human habitation and are not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered so fit. The Committee should now consider the representations and if satisfied recommend the Council to order the proceedure under the section to be put into motion. Notices as heretofore, would be served by the Councils Solicitors and a Meeting of the Council held to determine on any undertaking submitted by the owner of each dwelling. On the instructions of Councils Solicitors the Order for demolition last made was suspended pending this present survey as it was contended by present owners there were worse houses in the Town not on the list. The present list is expected to remedy this grievance.

After examination of the Reports.
Committee recommended the Council to act on the Representations and to operate the Section of the Housing Act.

The Meeting Ended.

R W Lomax

14/3/39

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Tuesday 14th March 1939.

A Meeting of the Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and ordinary and Special business of which due notice was given.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Martin, J. Murphy (Bridge), J. E. Walsh, Y. Redmond, J. Brewer, T. Cooney, J. Callaghan, A. Cullen G. Dooley, V. A. Doyle, W. Ronan.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The Minutes of this Committee were taken as read and signed

The Minutes of this Committee dated 13th February 1939 were read and approved, the name Davis ending second line of page 40 being substituted for the name Boyd.
On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted and the Bills ordered to be paid.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman and messrs J. Dooley and J. E. Walsh.

Arising out of consideration of the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the item of 15/- for washing Irishtown and Rosbercon by Mr. Gahan, the Town Surveyor stated he had not seen whether any washing had been done but he did know the hose did not leave his store. He was satisfied if Mr. O'Grady certified it was washed To accept it.

Referred back to Finance Committee.

Street Inspector replying in connection with non-lighted lamps stated that the Council had previously known that the Electricity Supply Board would not and could not be held responsible for accidental non-lighting and there was no use Therefore in reporting.

Accepted.

In connection with the letting of House No. 38 T.K.L Places to Mrs. Murphy, Chairman said he called on Mr. Davis

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but could not get him to agree to leave the dangerous house at Bullaun untenanted pending demolition. However Mr. Davis stated that when he received the order for demolition Mrs. Murphy can leave.

With reference to Water Meters, Inspector O'Grady informed the Council his reports were accurate at the time made. As an instance one of the Consumers, Mr. Smith, complained that a new meter was installed but as a fact the meter on the 9th January 1939 when he visited the house was on a shelf and was not installed until the 12th January 1939.

Decided to delay shutting off the water in all cases pending the quarterly inspection by the Inspector of meters on the 31st instant.

Mr. O'Grady submitted full particulars requested in connection with car hire £2.0.0.

In connection with the letter from The Mount Carmel Convent Town Surveyor stated he had no Knowledge of the statement in the letter that he undertook to have the meter repaired. As regards these nuns who were an enclosed order he was in agreement with the Clerk's Suggestion that it would be unnecessary expenditure on the nuns to repair the meter and keep it in order. The Meter was only installed when there was a School there.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to acquaint the Nuns that they need take no action on the meter and in the future they would receive a water supply for domestic purposes for the sum of £1.0.0 per annum.

Mr. Murphy, P.C., handed in the following Notice of Motion :-

"I beg to give notice of my intention to move at the next available Meeting of the New Ross Urban Council

"That the application of the Town

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Clerk to determine that the work of his position could not have been performed in a part time capacity, that it required whole time employment, and that the post is pensionable since appointment, be, and is hereby so determined, any and all other resolutions of this Council notwithstanding - subject to sanction".

Signed:- John Murphy.

14th March 1939".

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

"That this Council satisfied that each of the houses numbered from 1 to 52 in the official representations made by the Medical Officer of Health of the District and representations of the Architect, Mr. Downes, employed by the Council to make the housing Survey. of each of the said houses numbered from 1 to 52, that each house which is occupied by persons of the working classes is unfit for human habitation, and is not capable of being rendered so fit, is as stated therein, now order, that each person having control of each such house, receive notice of the time, (being not less than twenty-one days after the service of such notice) and place, at which the condition of the house and any offer of carrying out the works or the future use of the house which he may wish to submit, will be considered by the Council, and that the Solicitor to the Council be authorized to give effect to this order."

Passed Nem. con.

Thanks for Sympathy.

The Nuncio apostolic wrote acknowledging and expressing his deep appreciation of the sentiments contained in the Council's letter of condolence on the death of the Holy Father.

William Gannon Annestown wrote acknowledging letter of sympathy in connection with the death of his nephew Fr. Kelly.

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Valuation Office.

Circular S. R. 7077 dated 27th February 1939 was read from above intimating the forwarding by them of the revised Valuation Lists for the year to February 1940.

Clerk reported the Lists were open for inspection and that the usual notices had been posted.

Ellen M. Maher, South Steet, under date 15th February wrote asking to have her premises at 5 South Steet put on the List for revaluation.

Solicitors Costs.

Letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing Bill of costs for period commencing the 12th August 1934 to November 1938 and Requisition Form.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.

Mr. Coghlan was appointed to act on behalf of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.

The Requisition Form was duly sealed and witnessed by the Chairman. and Clerk as directed by Solicitors.

Corporate Estate
Newtown Property.

Long letter was read from Council's Solicitors received 20th February 1939 setting out the present position. The rent was £38. 15. 4. Purchase money agreed £1053 payable in Land Bonds but the Sums provides for the redemption of a Lay Tithes Rent of £6. 10. 0 per annum payable to the Kilkenny Corporation. All necessary proceedings have been taken. Record No. is S. 11982. County Wexford. New Ross Urban District Council owners. Solicitors Suggested that a copy of their letter be sent to the Minister for Local Government and Public Heaeth asking the Minister to issue a minute on the matter. The appointed day fixed is 23rd July 1934.

Clerk reported that in view of Mr. Coffey's letter he had sent a copy of the letter and the request for the minute.

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Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
Approved.

Revaluation.

Letters were read from Wexford Corporation, Cork Corporation, Dundalk Urban District Council, Dublin County Council Limerick Corporation, and Nenagh Urban District Council all approving of above except the Dublin County Council who were examining into the Bill.

Easter Commemoration Committee

Invitation to the Council to attend above on St. Patrick's Day was read from the Secretary
It was decided that as usual any Member that wished could attend.

Return of Officers.

Circ. 18/39 S.R. was read and the Clerk ordered to send on the particulars requested.

Electoral Acts 1923 to 1925.

Letter dated 10th March 1939 was read from the Acting Registrar, Wexford enclosing list of Revision Courts for 1939.

Clerk reported posting same. The date for the New Ross Revision is the 6th April 1939.

National Free Milk Grant

Notification of Reccipment issue of £79- 4th instalment 1938/39 was read.
Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Tenders for Free Milk Scheme.

The following tender dated 13th March 1939 was read from James Dooley, Garranbehy :-

"I, James Dooley, New Ross, County Wexford, tender to supply New Milk under Free Milk Scheme to New Ross Urban Council according to the terms of your advertisement at one shilling and four pence 1/4

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per gallon".

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The tender was accepted subject to Sanction.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
It was decided to inform the Minister that in view of the high cost of milk quantities would have to be reduced unless the Minister would accede to a request to increase the amount of the grant. The allocation was based on the expenditure on the first consumption after the Scheme had been initiated and the Minister should find that it is now not possible to continue to give the quantity of milk when it could be bought at 8-10d per gallon as against the present price of 1/4 per gallon.

Weighbridge.

Under date 13th instant, Weighmaster R. Quinn reported the repairs to the Weighbridge on the Quay was done on the 25th February and gave every satisfaction since.

Allotments Acts.

Letters dated 14th and 21st February 1939 and 4th March 1939 were read from the Department of Agriculture refusing to Sanction 2 unemployed persons as they were not unemployed and Sanctioning the tender Submitted by Mr. Peter Kehoe for the Supply of Seeds &c.

Letters dated 27th February 1939 and 9th March 1939 were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health rendering ineligible P. Walsh, M. Cahill, R. Roche, for plots.

Letting of Four Plots.

The following applications were received

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Thomas Blanche, William Steet. married, four children, weekly assistance 14/=
M. Aspel, Michael Steet, married, four children, unemployment assistance 14/-
J. Furness, Mary Steet, married, 5 Children, earnings for past twelve months £25.
John Somers, William Steet, Single, weekly assistance 6/-
James Caul, Windmill Lane, single, weekly assistance 6/-
Michael Rowe, Mary Steet, married, three children, weekly assistance 13/=
John Reeves, High Hill, Single, sister living with him, Unemployment Insurance 16/=
The following were elected :-
John Reeves, M. Aspel, T. Blanche and J. Somers.

P. Ledger, Plotholder, complained that there was a breach made in the wall and the plotholders were using his plot as a right of way.

Letter. G. 1145/6 (A.51) dated 3rd March 1939 was read from the Department of Agriculture intimating a grant under Section 4. of the Acquisition of Land (allotments)(amendment) Act, 1934 and intimating that an order in payment of a grant of £53.15.10 was dispatched. The Minister excluded the cost of a padlock as the matter was one for the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Ordered That Clerk inspect and do anything necessary to remedy P. Ledgers complaint.

Mr. Gahan's Bond.
Proposed by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

It was decided that the Deed and Bond after alteration be sealed.

Clerk having read the Agreement pointed out that the Contract was not an all-in one for £7. as stated in the Agreement but that so far as he could remember the intention of Mr. Murphy who proposed it was that the £7 should relate to only the principal item, cleansing of

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Streets and removal of dustbins &c.

Messrs Murphy, Redmond & Walsh having agreed it was decided that the Solicitors be asked to amend the Deed accordingly.

Mrs. McDonagh -v- The Council.

Letter dated 12th December 1938, 10th, 6th and 4th March 1939 were read from the Council's Solicitors requesting Clerk to be in attendance at the hearing of the Court in connection with above and to bring his evidence being Minute Books and Charters in connection with Same.

Clerk reported attendance on the 7th and 8th instant in Wexford.

Letter dated 10th March 1939 was read from Same requesting certified copies of the Minutes relative to case Stated

Approved.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the report of the case which appeared in the "Standard" and objected to the evidence of Mr. Boyd as not true and altogether opposed by the Town Surveyor, Mr. Shortall.

Clerk reminded the Council that the matter is Sub judice and should not be discussed.

Chairman ruled that Mr. Cooney could proceed but that the result need not be reported.

Irish Culture Class.

Application was received from the Secretary that during Lent they could not have their Culture Class on Sunday night but the Parish Priest had given permission to have the Class on Thursday night.

Decided that Clerk give the room under the usual conditions

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of Sympathy was passed To R. Quinn, Weighmaster on the death of his mother

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Closing of Railway.

Chairman intimated to the Council that he had information that it was the intention of the Railway Company to close the line between Macmine and Waterford passing through the town. This would leave the town without any railway facilities and would be a great blow to new industries, fairs and business generally.

A lengthy discussion took place and on the Motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,

It was decided to forward a Resolution of Protest to the Secretary, Great Southern Railways, the Government and T.D.s of the County, the Wexford, Carlow and Kilkenny County Councils and the Minister for Industry & Commerce and that a Committee of Messrs Dooley, Walsh and the Chairman be appointed to make whatever arrangements they consider necessary in connection with this matter and in particular after receipt of replies to the Resolution to meet and arrange to interview the Secretary, Great Southern Railways, the T.D's of the County and the Ministers for Industry & Commerce. with a view to preventing closing of the line.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P.N. Forman
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Monday 20th March 1939.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council - called by the Chairman - was held this evening in the Vhalsel, New Ross, at 8.15 o'clock p.m., to make arrangements for a public reception to the Bishop of Ferns on the occasion of his first official visit to New Ross, Sunday April 16th.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
V. A. Doyle
John Murphy, P.C.
T. Martin
John Murphy, Bridge
Wm. Ronan
J. E. Walsh
Y. Redmond.

Chairman, having stated Mr. Dooley was unavoidably absent, outlined the reasons for calling the Meeting. The Bishop should be welcomed by the Council officially on his first visit to New Ross. Wexford and Enniscorthy had done their part and this town exceeded them in most things. Town and County should be present the moment he set foot in Ross to give him a welcome unequalled in the annals of the town.
On the Motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided to form a Committee of all present and Mr. Dooley, (3 to form a quorum) and with power to add, to take charge of the Reception and to make all arrangements for the occasion in consultation with the Right Rev. T. Monsignor & Venerable Archdeacon Cleary P.P., V.G., Rev. D.J. Barlow, C.C., Very Rev. T. B. Veale O.S.A., Prior and Rev. Bro. O'Loughlin, Superior. Christian Brothers.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P.N. O'Gorman
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Monday 27th March 1939.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.15 o'clock to consider :-

1. Letter dated 22nd March 1939 from the County Surveyor - Employment Schemes 1939-40 Roads (Urban) New Ross £2795 subject to a local contribution of £385 - Spring and Summer Works.
2. Free Milk Scheme - Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Heath considering Mr. Dooley's tender excessive @ 1/4 per gallon.
3. Closing of Railway at New Ross.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
G. Dooley
Y. Redmond
Y. Martin
J. Murphy, P.C.
J. Murphy
V. A. Doyle.

£2759 Grant (Roads)

The following letter was read from County Surveyor :-

"The Local Government Department has notified the County Council that they are prepared to make a grant of £2,795 subject to a local contribution of £385 for Relief Work in the Urban District of New Ross during the coming year. Further, the Department has now notified the Wexford County Council that it is proposed to release portion of above grant for spring and summer works to be put in hands shortly, and to be completed before the 30th September. This portion of the total grant amounts to £840, and is subject to a local contribution of £115. You will note that the £115 is portion of the total contribution asked for, namely £385.

I wish to know if your Council is prepared to put up a total of £385 towards a grant of £2,795. Further if this be agreed to it will be

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necessary to prepare a Scheme immediately for the expenditure of £955, and I should be glad if you will arrange to have a Committee consult with Mr. O'Neill in regard to the works to be submitted for approval. Forms in connection with this must be lodged with the Department before 31st instant so that you must take immediate steps in matter."

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Redmond, P.C.

It was unanimously decided to accept the Grant and provide the Sum of £385 from the rates.

Proposed by Mr. Martin
Seconded by Mr. Doyle.

It was decided a Committee consisting of Mr. Chairman, Messrs Redmond, W. Ronan and S. Murphy, P.C., meet Mr. O'Neill tomorrow at 3 o'clock p.m.

The following works were suggested for consultation :-

1. Quarry High Hill
2. Dump at Ard-na-Greine
3. Water tables and old surface traps
4. Cross Lane houses roads
5. Saunders Site

Free Milk Scheme.

Tender too High.

Letter P.H. 9630/39 New Ross U.D. (A) dated 24th instant (received 27th) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and Chairman notified that as the matter was urgent the Council could consider this a special Meeting.

Having regard to the price (1/- per gallon) accepted by Mr. Dooley last season the price tendered by him (1/4 per gallon) was considered excessive. He should be asked to reduce his price. If he refused further efforts should be made by advertisement to obtain lower price. No increase in allocation can be made. Special efforts,

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by personal visits to registered dairymen, should obtain competetive tenders and therefore a greater number of children could get the supply.

Clerk reported that on receipt of the notification he asked the Chairman to communicate with Mr. Dooley. He also wrote asking Mr. Dooley to call to the Office.

Mr. Chairman informed the Meeting that he went out to see Mr. Dooley and he resolutely refused to lower his prices. He, Chairman, was delighted with the new dairy arrangements recently made by Mr. Dooley and after a lengthy talk came to the conclusion that the 1/4 per gallon was a ~~lengthy~~ reasonable figure particularly considering that the price of 1/8 is current in New Ross, for some time.

Mr. Murphy, P. C. contended further advertising would only lead to cost and visits to other dairymen would be wasted of time. The people of the town were paying 1/8 per gallon and a reduction of 4d per gallon was not unreasonable.

Messrs Redmond, Doyle, Dooley, and Martin agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided to inform the Department that Mr. Dooley refused to lower his price; that in the considered opinion of the Council milk could not be obtained in New Ross at less than 1/4 per gallon for this Scheme and that no useful purpose could be served by compliance with the directions of the Department.

William Street Sewer.

Mr. Martin enquired as to the progress of this scheme. All the houses in Charleton Hill should be ready for occupation within a few months and unless work on the sewer started at once the houses could not be let with loss to the rates.

Clerk reported the Consulting Engineer wrote

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today that everything so far as he was concerned was ready and the Council could advertise. He, Clerk, notified Department by letter of this and asked for sanction to issue of necessary advertisements. Nothing could be done meantime.

Closing of Railway Lines.

Letters were read from the Minister for Industry & Commerce, Dr. Ryan, Minister for ~~Industry & Commerce~~ Agriculture, T. L. Esmonde. T.D., N. J. Frizelle, Secretary Wexford County Council, Carlow County Council, Secretary, Great Southern Railways, D. Allen, T.D., herein and all promised personal active support of the Council's attitude.

Mr. Murphy, P.C. pointed out a Railway Tribunal Sat some time ago to hear representatives from Towns likely to be effected by the proposed closing. In his opinion the Council should apply to the Secretary to hear the Council although the sitting of the Tribunal had ended. There should be no difficulty in getting heard. On the decision of this Tribunal the Minister for Industry & Commerce will determine the lines to be closed.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Dooley.

It was decided to ask Dr. Ryan and Mr. Gibbon to help the Council to obtain a hearing before the Tribunal and to attend with the Council's Deputation before the Tribunal.
It was also decided that Clerk write the Secretary for an audience.

Bishops Reception

Decorations Committee attended with the Council and arrangements were made for public decoration and the provision of Arches from the owners. Mr. Martin Hanlon undertook to see the Enniscorthy holders and the Clerk the rest. Committee in attendance were Messrs M. Hanlon, G. Donovan and P. Cullen.

The Meeting Adjourned. P. O'Connell 11-H.39

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28th March 1939.

A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with Mr. O'Neill was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at three o'clock pursuant to Resolution of Council.

Present :- J. Murphy, P.C.
W. Ronan.
Y. Redmond.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor was in attendance.

Mr. Redmond presided on the Motion of Mr. Ronan Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Cost to Council.

Clerk pointed out that the Council would require to budget for the sum of £843. for the coming year to meet the acceptances of grants. Totalling £6114. He wished to correct the impression at last Meeting that £385 only required to be found which would be balanced by relief from last years budget. The position is £338 must be found in excess of the figure found last year £505. a likely increase in rate of 10d in the £.

Commission to Mr. O'Neill.

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the fact that although Mr. O'Neill, Assistant to the County Surveyor is responsible for the carrying out of all works under the employment Schemes Votes in the Urban Area he receives no remuneration. The Schemes for which the Council will provide from the rates will total £6960. In his opinion it is but reasonable that the Council should grant at least 2% on the money expended to this Official. The Council received every consideration from Mr. O'Neill who attended the deliberations whenever requested and attended at the Council Office many times during the progress of the works

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided to request the Government through the County Council

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to allow 2% of the money expended.
on schemes to Mr. O' Neill as remuneration
for his services.

Committee in consultation with Mr. O' Neill then decided on the following works to be undertaken during the Spring period :-

1. Surface dressing Trushtown
2. Tar macadam footpath from Bosheen
3. Space outside St. Stephen's Cemetery in Tar macadam.
4. Extension School House Road
5. Upper Mary Street from Bewley Street to Nunnery Lane. Concrete.
6. Concrete Waterfables and gully traps in Mary Street.
7. Harry Allen's Arch. finish.
8. Michael Street, West Side. Concrete Footpath.
9. Concrete Water Tables and gully traps in Michael Street. Both sides.
10. Concrete Water tables and gully traps in Cross Lane. Both sides.
11. Path between William Street and Cross Lane. Steps to be reconstructed.
12. Neville Street. Footpaths and water tables and gully traps.
13. Bewley Street. Continue Footpaths and water tables and gully traps.
14. Fair Gate. Saunders site
15. Quany, High Hill.

Committee then adjourned so as to inspect the works and determine on and the Meeting then ended.

R. O'Toman
11/4/39

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Easter Monday 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock p.m., to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for the financial year ending 31st March 1940 pursuant to Article 80 Public Bodies Order (1925).

Present :- Y. Redmond, M.C.C. Presiding.
Y. Martin.

Bills

The following accounts were examined and recommended for payment :-

Miss E. A. Finn £8. 17. 2 : Jas. Dooley £20. 0. 7. Peter Kehoe £50. 9. 6 : A. R. French 2/3 : P. Gahan £34. 8. 6 : Messrs B. Hennessy £7. 4. 10 : E. Barron £6. 10. 3 ; Jas. Cooney £1. 17. 6 Wexford County Council £16. 10. 2 : Messrs Dollard Ltd £5. 11. 7 John Murphy £1. 10. 0 : Edw. Kehoe £6. : John Davey 18/-. National Bank Ltd. £194. 14. 11 : E. S. B. £37. 13. 8 : Hibernian Insurance £13. 11. 10 : A. G. Davis £12. 8. 6: People Newspaper £3. 18. 0 : J. Freeman 12/- : Government Publications Sale Office 6/10. : Moran Bros. £6. 8. 7: Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £1250 : Irish Press £5. 2. 0.

Poor Rate Estimate

Clerk presented above for the year to 31st March 1940 as follows:-

Maintenance County Roads	£755. 1. 7
County Services and Library	£1332. 12. 10
Poor Relief	£1809. 18. 0
Board of Health Charges.	£105. 1. 2
Repayment of Loans Union £141. 8. 2.	£ 19. 6. 5
Total	£4022. 0. 0

Compared with the year 1929 (11 years) this figure is 64 3/4 % up. 1929 figure £2441. Increases appear under all heads viz:-

	1929	1940.
Roads	£297	£664
County Services	£755	£2146
Poor Relief	£1122	£1590

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	1929	1940.
Board of Heath Charges	£30	£93.

The Rate in 1929 was 4/11 as against the present estimate of 8/2 in the £ and this Council has no option but to agree.

The total rate is made up (a) Construction and Maintenance County Roads @ 1/6½ in £ (b) County Services @ 2/8½ in the £. (c) Poor Relief @ 3/8 in the £. (d) Board of Heath Charges @ 2½d in the £ and separate charges @ ½ in the £. Increase over last year of 5d in the £.

Committee adopted the Estimates.

Solicitors Costs.

Certificate of Taxation of above was presented. Amount claimed 31st December 1936 to 31st December 1938 £246.8.7. Deductions £18.4.6. Credits £2.17.6. Due to Solicitors £225.6.7.

Committee recommended payment be deferred pending return and examination of the Bill of Costs from Solicitors.

Housing

Charleton Hill Scheme.

Letter H. 7477/39 dated 31st March 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning the continued employment of Mr. Martin Hanlon as Clerk of Works to 30th June 1939 on the existing terms.

R. J. Campbell & Co.

£155.5.8 due on Water Tower.

Above account was again presented and again Committee recommended that it be forwarded to Council's Solicitors.

Rates.

Clerk submitted monthly return to 31/3/39 on Form

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61 as follows:-

Total Warrants		£7877. 12. 1
Collected	£6060. 1. 10	
Discounts	105. 10. 3	£6165. 12. 1
	Outstanding	£1712. 0. 0.

100 / 21.7 / 78.3 % Collected

equal to 21.7% outstanding this year as against 24% last year. Same period.

100 / % / 76 Collected

The following report was read from the Rate Collector:-

"I beg to report the following particulars in connection with the Rate Collection at 31st March, 1939 viz:-

Poor Rate.

Warrant for year ending 31/3/39		£3709-13-6
Collected to 31/3/39	£2872.13.2	
Discounts allowed to Landlords	49.2.10	2921-16-0
	Outstanding	£784-17-6

Town Rate.

Warrant for year ending 31/3/39		£4167-18-7
Collected to 31/3/39	£3187.8.6	
Discount allowed to Landlords	56.7.5	3243-15-11
	Outstanding	£924-2-8

Since 31st ult. a sum of £110.16.8 has been collected, reducing the amount outstanding to £1601.3.6.; the latter amount includes uncollectable rate.

I shall be grateful if the Council will grant me an extension of time to close the collection. and I will endeavour to do so as early as possible."

Committee recommended extension to 31st May 1939.

John Leary, Rosbercon.

Rate Collector submitted the following letter dated 14th March 1939 from her Solicitor "The Sheriff has forwarded me the Decree in this case with a return of "no goods" thereon. Please let me have your further instructions in reference."

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Clerk reported Miss Finn advised it would be useless expenditure to proceed further.

Committee recommended the debt be placed on the irrecoverable list.

Rent Collection.

Clerk reported on usual monthly form as follows :-

Arrears due	28/2/39	£274. 7. 10
do.	31/3/39	276. 8. 2.

Collectors Report.

Clerk drew attention to the amount owing by John Culleton, Town Wall £4. 15. 10. Collector asked the Council to deal with it.

Committee recommended Council's Solicitors to collect and Sue the Sureties.

Tenants Bonds.

Tenant	Surety	Amount.
Nicholas Wall	Peter Gahan and James Byrne	£ 4. 4. 7
Ellen Doran	James Hanrahan	£ 2. 12. 7
James Ryan	Michael Furlong and James Hanrahan	£ 5. 7. 7.
Michael Whitty	John Kenan	£10. 0. 0
Thomas McGrath	E. T. Lalor and Peter Gahan	£ 5. 12. 0.
John Ryan	John Bailey	£ 8. 4. 0

Letters were read dated 18th, 23rd and 25th and 29th March 1939 ~~were read dated 18th, 23~~ from Council's Solicitors in connection with above. The Sureties had all paid excepting in the cases of Tenants Nicholas Wall and Ellen Doran. Civil Bills were issued in all cases excepting that of John Ryan. Although in all cases there was a threat of a defence only Mr. Hanrahan is going to Court having paid the £5. 7. 7 for Mr. Ryan. Mr. Baily Surety is expected to contest his liability on the ground that being illeterated he could not have

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have signed. Mr. Thomas Butler will attend to prove the Signature which he witnessed. Total Sued for £27. 16. 9 Outstanding £7. 1. 2.

Committee recommended. pursuit of the debt due by Mr. Hannahan and Mr. Bailey.

Release from Bonds.

The following letter dated 23rd March 1939 was read from Mr. James Hannahan :-

"As I have had to pay rent for others whom I did ~~not~~ guarantee rent for I cannot see my way to continue any longer. Will you please withdraw my name from Thomas Murphy's Bond, Ard-na-Greine. Mrs. McGrath, Ard-na-Greine. or any others whom I may have signed for.

Thanking you in anticipation."

Replying to Chair, Clerk stated Mr. Coffey's opinion is that it is open to a Surety on this class of Bond to Withdraw.

Committee recommended, in view of the importance of this matter and possible effect on the Funds of the Council that Council's opinion be obtained.

Outstanding Accounts.

Clerk reported Mr. O Neill, Assistant to County Surveyor presented account dated 26th July 1938 for Stand Pipe £6. 15. 0. 2 lengths of hose 1 Key & Box £8. 11. 0 being loans obtained from the Council during Street repairs. He also presented a letter acknowledging return of the Standpipe from Mr. Shortalls Office and requested a credit note. He (Clerk) advised Mr. Shortall and asked him to credit the return in his book and received the following reply under date 31st March 1939.

"Reference yours of yesterday, it will be noted that I reported to Council Meeting on the 8th November last as follows :- "The Hydrant

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Stand-pipe which was lent as ordered to County Council employees some time ago for Street robbing operations was recently returned in a useless condition. It is proposed to charge cost of replacement to borrowers." As you are aware this article has since been replaced and cost of same charged as proposed.

Committee adjourned consideration to the Finance Meeting of the Council. for decision.

John Heane & Son.

£54. 6. 9 - Water Supply.

Clerk reported recept of above and handing to Collector.

P. Rossiter £6. 18. 4.

The following letter under date 31st March 1939 was read from Town Surveyor by way of reply to copy letter sent him from P. Rossiters Solicitor dated 31st October 1938:-

"Reference to yours of recent date, the charges furnished by me are quite in order in every detail, and I have nothing to add or retract from same.

Regarding the observations of your correspondent that " after these two days a person told Mr. Shortall that the main was no nearer" &c., I have only to add that those remarks are merely in keeping with the customary cacophonics we are so well acquainted with from this quarter."

Clerk reported having sent copies to Council's Solicitors

Committee recommended approval of Clerk's Action

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James Rossiter £2.0.4 (Ryders).

The following opinion dated 31st March 1939 was read from Mr. Shortall in reply to copy letter sent him dated 31st October 1938 :-

"Reference yours of recent date, it will be noted that particulars of expenditure incurred in connecting with public water main at Marsh Lane to premises in occupation of Mrs Ryder were charged in Water connection Account Book to Mr. A. G. Davis, Agent, Tottenham Estate in July 1935, who applied for this connection and I am not aware that the applicant has raised any question regarding the validity or otherwise of charges furnished. I have no record of any contract or undertaking having been entered into by Council with your correspondent (J. Rossiter). In any event the charges furnished are quite in order."

Clerk reported having sent copy to Council's Solicitors.

Committee recommended approval of Clerk's action.

Water Meters

Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, Bury Street wrote under date 29th ult. that as the service is cut off from the garages and the supply is now only used to wash her car the Council might consider charging the minimum rate and avoid for her the expense of providing a new meter.

Mrs. E. Heame, Baunjames wrote under date 3rd April 1939 that her meter never registered more than charged for at minimum rate and that her supply is totally inadequate. In these circumstances she asked the Council to avoid for her the expenses of repair to meter if it is out of order.

No recommendations.

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The Revd. Prioress Mount Carmel Community wrote thanking the Council for their "Kindness and consideration" in the matter of water supply.

Sewerage Scheme.

Clerk introduced a cutting from yesterdays Press that Nenagh Urban District Council had been granted £6500 towards their £13,000 Sewerage Scheme. or 50% of a grant against our 40%.

Committee recommended that the Clerk to the Nenagh Council be requested to confirm and that the Council take up the question with the Minister.

Irishtown Weighbridge.

Mr. Shortalls report of the Meeting and recommendations of the Special Committee in connection with above dated 10th January 1939 was considered.

Committee recommended the Council to have Town Surveyor prepare necessary drawings and Specification (to include removal of existing machine) and that the work be advertised under the usual conditions. That application be made for loan and grant on receipt of documents from Mr. Shortall Should the Council decide on Nos. 1 or 2.

The Meeting ended.

P. O'Donnell
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Tuesday 11th April 1939.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial and the following Special business:-

1 Clerk's Estimate of Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March 1940. Copy already forwarded you.
2. Public Heart Byelaws.
3. Allotments Acts
4. Letting of Houses No 29 Town Wall and No 53 J.K.L Place
5. Notice of Motion by Mr. Murphy. - Pensionable appointment of Town Clerk.
6. Report on Dairies - Refusal of registration.
7. Vaccination Acts.
8. Adjourned matters.
9. Report of Finance Committee.
10. Closing of Railway Line - Further correspondence.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman.
J. Murphy, P. C.
J. Brewer,
J. E. Walsh
J. Redmond
J. Murphy (Bridge)
J. Dooley
W. Ronan
J. Martin
A. Cullen

The Minutes of the three previous Meetings were read and signed.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The Minutes were read

County Council - Standpipe

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes, Mr. Shortall pointed out that the letter from Mr. O'Neill amounted only to an acknowledgment of the receipt of the Standpipe but it was not intended as a credit note for the returns of the Standpipe in good order or as having been examined.

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On any case the signature on the letter was not his.
It was decided to send Mr. O. Neill a copy of Mr. Shortalls Report off. the 8th November 1938.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge)
The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs G. Dooley and J. Murphy, P.C. and the amounts ordered to be paid.

Poor Rate Estimate

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge)
The Clerk's Estimate for above was adopted.

Employment Schemes Vote.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the hours of work (3 days) and wages paid. He stated the County Council was paying 7/4 per hour in rural areas and 6/8 in New Ross.

Clerk replied the Council had no control over the County Council.

Lease of Plot - Three Bullet Gate.

Letter was read from Mr. Reville tenant beside above plot. By the demolition of shed that stood is on the plot the gable of his wall was opened to the weather. He asked that something be done.

Town Surveyor stated he inspected this some time ago. and suggested the plot might be let on lease for building a store as this would make the wall sound again

On the motion of Mr. Murphy. P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Walsh.
It was decided to ~~ask Council~~ advertise the plot for building of a store.

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Closing of Railway Line

Letters were read from Mr. Allen T.D., The Minister for Industry & Commerce, Wexford County Council and the Secretary, Transport Tribunal, that the latest date for Objs applications to be heard orally was in writing. The Chairman Mr. Dooley and Mr. Walsh to be available to Mr. Coffey.

January 1939

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Dooley

It was decided to ask Council's Solicitors to make out a statement of the Council's case against the closing of this line and to present it to the Tribunal in writing. The Chairman, Mr. Dooley and Mr. Walsh to be available to Mr. Coffey.

Pension for Town Clerk.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy in moving his motion of which due notice was given and circulated pointed out that the correspondence and attendance at the office alone would make it impossible for anyone to consider the post of Town Clerk in New Ross a part-time appointment. The Clerk was available ever since his appointment for more than the full ordinary working day. The Council was well aware of the duties carried out by their Clerk and the multitude of matters that cropped up at and between each Meeting could not have been performed by any one man in full working time. The position was always wholetime and never should have been considered otherwise.

Mr. Walsh in seconding the motion referred to the enormous increase in the Town Clerk's duties since the time of the late Town Clerk - over nine years. The late Town Clerk found it difficult to keep the affairs of the Council up to date so it must be impossible to consider the present Clerk as capable of doing 300 per cent more work in part-time - or four hours per day.

Mr. Cullen also supported the motion.

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The Motion was declared passed unanimously Mr. Dooley pointing out so long as the Clerk was available he need not be always present.

Bishop's Reception.

After consideration of matters connected with the Civic Reception it was decided that Council meet at the Tholsel at 11.50 a.m. on Low Sunday to March to Boundary to receive the Bishop.

Scavenging Contract.

Letter dated 3rd April 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Agreement and Bond as amended for execution by the Council on page 4 and six and return.
On the motion of Mr. Murphy. P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
The Seal of the Council was embossed on the documents.

Valuation Appeals 1939.

Clerk intimated he had appealed against the Valuations on the new houses as excessive owing to the fact that 50 of the houses were being erected for Slum clearance.
Approved.

Allotments Acts.

Letter dated 1st April 1939 was read from Mr. Edward Browne, Creacon, Newross, offering his field containing 1½ acres for allotments.
Letter H. 5413/6/39 dated 1st April 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the provision of further land for allotments enquiring as to No. of applications received to date. and pointing out that on Form E. sufficient land was shown for each of the 41 applicants.
Clerk, replying to the Chair, stated he had now 35 additional applications and he was offered

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ans 11 acred field or such part of it as required situate at William Steet adjoining the new Housing site. Mr. Brownes offer would be useless.

It was decided that Clerk reply to the Departments letter pointing out the Council wd be glad if the Department will favourable consider the offer.

Letter H. 5413/4/39 dated 29th March 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth enclosing copy complaint from Michael Rowe, Hay Steet relative to his application for an allotment.

Clerk pointed out that Rowe had since got the allotment vacated by Reeves, who since got a job.

Approved.

Letter 5413/7/39 dated 6th Apil 1939 was read from same Department that "the four applicants in respect of whom certificates were enclosed may be provided with allotments at the reduced rent"

Sanitary Salaries.

Intimation dated 30th March 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth of Pay Order for £15.14.9. being balance of Expenditure on above during the year ended 30th September 1938.

Noted.

Corporate Estate.

John Butler, Newtown.

Letter G. 7879/39 dated 16th March 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth. That the Minister will not be in a position to issue the necessary order until the redemption price has been fixed. Further Application should be made.

Clerk reported sending a copy on recupt to Solicitors.

Approved.

Sanction to Tender
Free Milk Grant.

Letter P. H. 9630 dated 5th April 1939 was read

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from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, sanctioning the Council's approval of the tender to supply and deliver milk at 1/4 per gallon provided the tenderer is registered under the Milk and Dairies Act 1935.

Sale of Scrap.

R. McDonald, Chapel Lane applied for an old disused range.

Town Surveyor fixed the price at 5/=.

Granted.

Thurlstown Weighbridge

Mr. John Murphy, Bridge handed in the following Notice of Motion :-

"I beg to give notice that I intend to move at the next available Meeting That any resolution agreeing to put any weighbridge in the Thurlstown be rescinded and that if it is agreed to purchase and erect a new Weighbridge same be erected on the Quay."

Statistics

The following Circular letters were taken as read :-

Circular No. H.43/39 - Operations under Housing Acts

Circular No 29/39 - School Meals Grant.

Circular No. H.42/39 - Returns under 1896-1931 Housing Acts and as amended.

Circular No H. 40/39 - Subsidy Housing Acts.

Town Surveyors Reports.

21st February 1939

14th March 1939

Mr. Shortall reported as follows :-

"I have had new gate piers and entrance gates erected to manure Depot. at Chambersland, as ordered. Their construction had only been completed when

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(according to report received from James Cooney, Caretaker) one pier was struck by Mr. P. Gahan's (Scavenging Contractor) lorry and damaged. This pier will have to be rebuilt. The entrance gates are recessed and are 10 feet wide."

Ordered that Mr. Gahan be requested to make good the damage to the satisfaction of the Town Surveyor.

" I inspected four tenements at Priory Street as ordered, at present in occupation of Messrs Finn, McCarthy, Maher and Lynch. The entire roofs and upper bedroom ceilings need to be taken down and reconstructed, chimney stacks (front and rere) rebuilt, roofs to buildings at rere repaired. Eve shoots and down-pipes restored, back walls replastered, back entrance gates and doors restored. Estimated cost £670."

"I had essential repairs carried out, as ordered, to public Weighbridge on Quay. on 25th ult.".

The Meeting Adjourned.

D. O'Gorman
2.5.39

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Monday the 1st day of May 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock after due notice to consider and make recommendations on :-

1. The Clerk's Estimate of Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for the year ending 31st March 1940.
2. Letters dated 3rd and 25th April 1939 from Council's Solicitors re Bond of James Hanrahan.
3. Letter from same dated 15th April 1939 in connection with Mrs. McDonagh's Lease.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.
Y. Redmond.

Estimates

Clerk presented the Estimate for the ensuing year and Committee examined it. The total expenditure is £9469 and Receipts £4073. Leaving £5396 to be found by Rate. Total Effective Valuation £8594 plus valuation of Artizan's Dwellings £586 = £9183. Rate in the £. of 11/9 produced £5395. This is an increase of 3/2 in the £ over last year.

Total Expenditure £9469.

This is made up as follows :-

Repayment of Loans - Housing	£3319
Repayment of other Loans viz:-	
Waterworks and Sewers	893
Roads	522
Present Sewerage Scheme	275
Miscellaneous	316
Total for Repayment of Loans	£5325
Road Maintenance and Relief Work	590
Provision of Meals and Milk	155
Public Lighting	350
Scavenging Sheets &c.	415
Law Costs, Printing and Advertising	150
Forward	£1660

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Forward.	£1660
Salaries and Office Expenses	1202
Repairs Dwellings and Property	200
Waterworks and Sewers	445
New Weighbridge	250
Misscellaneous (all set out in Estimate)	162
Uncollectable Rate and Discounts	225.
Total	£4144

Receipts.

This is made up as follows:-

Repayment of Housing Loan Charges	£1318
Water Rent and Rates	660
Rents from Dwellings and Property	1842
Increase in Rents - Sanitation Scheme	50
School Meals Grant	65
Recoupment Salaries	26
Miscellaneous	112
Total	£4073

Committee considered it would be in the public interest to curtail expenditure for the coming year and decided to reduce the estimates on the following by the amounts set opposite each item. The Council is recommended to carefully consider all calls for expenditure during the year so that the normal services may be met:-

Law Costs and Office Expenses	£125
Repairs to Dwellings	100
Sewers and Waterworks	200
New Weighbridge	250
New Sewer Repayment Loan	75.

and to increase the receipts from Waterworks by £100. Thus making a reduction of £850 or 1/10 in the £.

Waterworks Undertakings.

Clerk submitted an account for the year ended 31st March 1938 of this as follows:-

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Expenditure

Salary, part Salaries of Town Surveyor, Water Inspector and Collector	£305.	9. 6
Rates, Wages, Plumber materials,	196.	2. 5
Interest on Loans	253.	1. 3
Total	£754.	13. 2

Receipts.

Water Rate	£260.	15. 6
Water Undertaking	419.	5. 0
Total	£680.	0. 0

Deficit	£74.	12. 9
Add.		
Repayment of Principal	459.	0. 0
Half Superannuation	50.	0. 0
Net Deficit	£584.	0. 0.

Subject to balances at commencement and end of year.
Public Fountains are not taken into account in the receipts.

Committee considered it is time to revise the charges for water services and recommended :-

The water rate be increased to 1/6 in the £. with a minimum rate of 10/= per annum and that the Council consider increases in all charges to factories, garages, meters renters, business premises etc. with the least possible delay as the present charges are uneconomic.

Artizans Dwellings

In accordance with the provisions of Rates on Small Dwellings Act

Committee recommended an adjustment of the rents hereof to meet the rate. Also that 4d per week be added to the rent of the 48 houses provided with lavatories etc.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The Committee adopted the Estimates after alteration in red ink making the net amount

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to be found by rate £4546. requiring a rate of 9/10 in the £. and a water rate of 1/6 in the £ with a minimum rate of 10/= per annum for the service of the year ending 31st March 1940.

James Hanrahan's Bond. (Tenants)

Under date 3rd April 1939 Council's Solicitors letter was read:-

"I enclose a short statement of the facts relating to the Bond in the case of Ellen Doran.

I have a certain amount of doubt as to whether there was misrepresentation sufficient to allow the Surety James Hanrahan to escape liability.

Undoubtedly the Bond was placed before him by Miss O'Brien and it plainly intimated to Mr. Hanrahan that John Murphy was his co-surety, and his presence would considerably reduce Mr. Hanahan's risk.

A Court may consider that he is entitled to allege that there was misrepresentation where the fact was concealed from him that his co-surety did not and never intended to sign the Bond.

There are numerous decisions on this point which I have not had an opportunity of looking into. The merits of the case are entirely with the Council and the District Justice's sympathy would not lean towards a Surety who was endeavouring to escape a liability which he undertook.

If however the question of misrepresentation proves to be too strong, the District Justice may dismiss the case. In these circumstances I have decided to look into the Report of Decisions carefully and if I come to the conclusion that the District Justice will not be able to give a decree, then I think the case should be quietly withdrawn. This course is more satisfactory than to have the proceedings dismissed, as it would increase the difficulties of obtaining decrees against the remaining Sureties.

I am therefore having the case adjourned until after the holidays.

I have had a ring from Mr. O'Flaherty

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stating that he is not proceeding with the defence in Ronan's case and that the amount will be paid tomorrow.

There are one or two questions arising on Hanahan's Bond, which I would like to discuss with you. and I will do so some day this week."

Under date 25th April 1939 Solicitor's letter was read:-

"New Ross Urban District Council

- V -

Peter Gahan and James Byrne £4. 4. 7.

James Hanahan - £2. 12. 7

"We beg to report that we attended today on the hearing of a Civil Bill to recover the sum of £4. 4. 7 payable by Peter Gahan and James Byrne on foot of a Bond for the due payment of rent of Nicholas Wall. The District Justice made a decree for £4. 4. 7 and costs payable in four weeks.

In reference to the sum of £2. 12. 7 due by James Hanahan of North Steet, New Ross on foot of the joint and several Bond for the due payment of the rent of Ellen Doran, we have gone into this case carefully.

The Bond was prepared in the usual way and on Ellen Doran's instructions the names of Messrs John Murphy of Quay Steet, New Ross and James Hanahan of North Steet, New Ross, were inserted as Sureties.

Mr. John Murphy refused to sign the Bond and it was then taken to Mr. Hanahan who apparently signed the Bond without reading it, and as far as we can ascertain he was not informed of his co-surety's refusal to sign it.

In these circumstances we are of opinion that the District Justice will not grant a decree against Mr. Hanahan and we advise that the proceedings be withdrawn.

The Civil Bill stands adjourned for 14 days

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and we shall be glad to have the Councils instructions meanwhile.

Lengthy consideration was given to this correspondence and the difficulty of acting against the advice was fully appreciated.

Committee recommended the Council to continue proceedings taking into consideration Mr. Colfer's statement in the 5th paragraph of his letter of 5th April 1939.

Tenants Bonds.

Clerk reported that out of 4 cases the Council were successful in 3 and only the smallest amount was being contested. on technical grounds. Solicitors had other Bonds on which the Council intended to sue.

Committee recommended that the Bonds be obtained from the Solicitors and considered at next Finance Committee Meeting.

Mrs. McDonagh's Lease.

Letter dated 15th April 1939 was read from Councils Solicitors as follows:-

"We have received a letter from Mr. Kingsmill Moore K.C., with reference to Mrs. McDonagh's Appeal by way of Case Stated to the Supreme Court.

The income from the four houses at Priory Street up to the date of the expiration of the Lease was £14. 5. 4.

As a result of the proceedings in the High Court on Circuit the Council became entitled to the two houses now occupied by Patrick Lynch and Miss G. Maher, whose present rents are £20. 0. 0 and £26. 0. 0 respectively.

If the Council is successful in the Supreme Court they will be declared entitled also to the two houses occupied by Miss Finn and Guard T. McCarthy, whose rents now are we are informed, £26 and £24. respectively.

On the other hand if Mrs. McDonagh is successful in the Supreme Court the Council will have to grant a Lease to her of these two latter houses at a rent of approximately £13. 0. 0 per annum, being one quarter of the "market rent" as fixed by the Landlord

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and Tenant Act 1931.

Mr. Kingsmill Moore advises that a compromise be effected by agreeing to grant Mrs. McDonagh a Lease of the two houses, Finn's and McCarthy's at a rent of £26.0.0 per annum for a term of 75 years.

Therefore there are three possible results to be considered :-

(a) If the Council are successful the annual rent received will be £96.0.0

(b) If Mr. Kingsmill Moore's Suggestion is adopted, the annual rent will be £72.0.0.

(c) If the Council is unsuccessful the annual rent will be £59.0.0.

We cannot accept the responsibility of advising the Council to decline to accept Senior Counsel's advice, but we feel that if the Suggested compromise be accepted the Council, at this stage at least, ought to introduce a condition that their costs be paid by Mrs. McDonagh.

We shall be glad if you will let us have the Council's views.

Committee considered that by the Council's action an annual rent of £59 as against a Lease rent of £14.5.4 had been gained and it should be well worth a try for the £96. Again the difficulty appears to be Counsel's opinion but there was no statement in the letter that Mrs. McDonagh would agree to Counsel's suggestion. Again the two houses obtained by the Council were in very bad repair and required a considerable outlay. No information was forthcoming as to the terms of the lease, if any, and acceptance would mean a less rent by the interest on outlay for repairs.

Recommended that Mr. Coffey be informed the Council is not prepared to accept Counsel's suggestion as it was on Counsel's opinion the Council refused to grant the lease of these two houses originally.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P.L.O'Donnell
2.5.39

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Tuesday the 2nd May 1939.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council, was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the General Estimate of Rates, Town and Domestic Water, and the Finance Committee's recommendation thereon, for the service of the year ending 31st March 1940 and a letter from the Council's Solicitors in connection with Mr. Hanrahan's Tenants Bond. and issue of an advertisement for the appointment of a Resident Engineer in connection with the Rosbercon and William Street Sewer.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy (Bridge)
J. Murphy, P.C.
T. Martin
T. Redmond
J. Prendergast
V. A. Doyle

Finance Committee's Recommendations

Annual Budget

Proposed by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted subject to a general reduction of 3d in the £. Same to be effected if at all possible by cutting down the expense of road maintenance in view of the very large amounts being spent on reconstruction of urban roads.

Passed unanimously

Clerk expressed his disagreement with the reduction.

Water Rate

Proposed by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

That a water rate of 1/6 in the £ be adopted for the service of the year ending 31st March 1940 on all persons

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supplied with water for domestic purposes. Minimum ten shillings Passed unanimously.

Mrs. McDonagh - v- The Council.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Martin
That the recommendations of the Committee in this matter be adopted.
Passed unanimously.

Mr. J. Murphy, Bridge stated that he had no recollection of refusing to sign the Bond herein and that he believed that he told Mrs. Doran he would go surety. He was prepared to and would pay his share of the debt to the Council.

It was decided to inform the Solicitors of this and that the Clerk find out from Mr. Hanrahan if he would pay his share.

Sewerage Scheme.

Letter was read from Mr. O. Connor enclosing a draft advertisement for a resident Engineer as follows:-

" New Ross Urban District Council
New Ross Main Drainage
Appointment of Resident Engineer

" The New Ross Urban District Council invite applications for the position of Resident Engineer on the above scheme. The appointment will be a temporary one and shall continue only for the duration of the contract. The appointment may be terminated by either side on giving one weeks notice in writing. Remuneration will be at the rate of £5.5.0 per week

Applicants for the post must possess a degree in Engineering from a recognised university and have practical experience in Sewerage and concrete construction.

The appointment will be made on the

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recommendation of the Councils Consulting Engineer and will be subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Heath.

Applications, accompanied by copies of testimonials and details of experience should be received by the undersigned not later than noon o'clock on the 17th day of May 1939.

By order of the Council,
J. S. Barry,
Town Clerk".

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.

It was decided to advertise in accordance with same with the following words inserted in the second paragraph, second line, after "university" "or equivalent engineering qualifications" and Clerk was instructed to telephone the Engineer informing him of same and also to telephone the Department with a view to obtaining Sanction for the Sewerage Scheme.

Bishops Reception.

Clerk, acting as Honorary Secretary, submitted full detailed accounts of the receipts and expenditure.

Receipts	£50. 7. 8
Expenditure	£64. 0. 2

including suggested fee of £20 for the Address.

Committee having examined the items considered that a charge of £7. 0. 0 by Mr. O' Kennedy for Broadcasting was £3 in excess of what he estimated and that the decoration of the Town Hall which was understood to cost about £3. 0. 0 and actually cost £13. 6. 4 was altogether unreasonable. Town Surveyor who made the Estimate said that the major amount of £7. 10. 0 was by Ryan Brothers for hanging the decorations. He interviewed them and was told they had no profit

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on the transaction as most of the money was paid in Wages. Mr. J. Murphy, P. C. stated that after a conversation with the Town Clerk he interviewed Mr. Barton and he agreed to pay £3. of the £7. for Broadcasting.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The Clerk was ordered to pay all bills as far as possible and that Miss O' Rourke be asked to submit an Address for £15 and £20 and if any money thereafter was available that something be given to those who decorated the Stage in the Town Hall.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Thomas
9.5.39

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Monday 8th May 1939

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross. this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The following bills were presented, examined and recommended for payment viz:-

E. A. Finn £6. 6. 4 ; Jas. Dooley £12. 16. 2 : People Newspaper Ltd 11/= : T. J. Dunphy £22. 5. 8 : Mrs. Charters £8. 14. 11 M. Culleton £6. 9. 2: James Lalor £4. 1. 2 : Peter Kehoe £6. 6. 6: T. Hartnick £39. 2. 0 : Association of Municipal Authorities £3. 3. 0: John Furlong £5. 3. 3 : Government Publications 12/7 : Wexford County Council £18. 13. 6 : E. S. B. £3. 2. 6 : K. Nugent 8/4 P. Gahan £30. 3. 4 : Messrs Graves + Co. 9/4 : M. Hanlon 2/6 Ryan Bros. £8. 0. 0: Glenfield + Kennedy £1. 3. 6: Mrs. A. Ellis 8/= : Ryan Bros. £4. 0. 0 : Jas. Cooney £1. 10. 0

£. 2. 3. 0. T. Hartnick.

This bill for cutting water main etc. to Housing Scheme, Charleton Hill was adjourned as it was not certified by Town Surveyor and no reason was given for withholding the certificate.

£2. 10. 0 Irish Independent.

Committee compared with "Irish Times" for same advertisement £2. 2. 0.

Recommended that the Independent be informed and requested to give a reduction.

£3. 3. 0 Association of Municipal Authorities.

Under date 29 ath la D'Abrain 1939 Secretary Mc Cabe requested above for 6 copies of Annual Report for the year 1938. The next conference will be held in Cork and under the new constitution it is not necessary to appoint new delegates unless the Council desire. All Resolutions or matters that the Council decide to have brought forward at next conference should be handed

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to him in time for Quarterly Meeting fixed for 13th July.

Recommended payment and that the Representation remains the same.

Taxed Costs.

Certificate of Taxation was again presented £225. 6. 7.
Deductions £18. 4. 6

Payment recommended as soon as convenient. and objection would be futile

Rates

Extension of Time.

Letter G. 455/5/39 dated 25th April 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health "That provided the Collector closes her warrant satisfactorily by the 31st May 1939" the Minister will be prepared to consider proposals for payment of poundage."

Collection Report.

Monthly Return.

Total Warrants		£7877. 12. 1
Collected	£6526. 11. 2	
Discounts	105. 10. 3	6632. 1. 5
	Outstanding	£1245. 10. 8.

which includes irrecoverable rates from vacant buildings &c.

Examination Order.

Richard Kearns, Mary Street. £4. 16. 9.

Collector reported as follows under date 6th May 1939:-

"I enclose herein letter received from my Solicitor in reference to a decree which has been returned endorsed "no goods". The amount due to the Council is £4. 16. 9. I shall be glad to have your further instructions in reference."

Mr. Kelly's letter dated 29th April 1939 was read as follows:-

"The Sheriff has now returned me the Decree herein endorsed "No Goods". Kindly

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let me have your further instructions in reference."

Clerk reported. Collector is of opinion this Ratepayer's Wages is £3. per week. He is a plasterer by trade.

Recommended that legal proceedings be instituted for recovery.

Rent Collection
Month of April 1939.

Rents accrued during April		£131. 8. 8
Collected		120. 16. 0
	Short collected	£10. 12. 8
Arrears at close of March		£276. 8. 2
do. do. April		287. 0. 10.

Committee considered that Collector should be requested to present a detailed special report as the £10. 12. 8 appears very high for one month.

Thomas McGrath, Town Wall.

Letter dated 3rd May was read from Council's Solicitors as follows :-

"We are about to issue proceedings against the above to recover possession of the premises occupied by him and we shall be glad if you will let us know the amount of the weekly rent and also the amount due up to date of service of the Notice to Quit. i.e. 22nd ultimo.

Clerk reported reply was sent on the 5th May

Approved.

Application for House.

Private Patrick McNamara, Curragh Camp wrote (17/4/39) requesting a house at 5. K. W. Place for Mrs. Ellen Monaghan, widow of late Private James Monahan

Recommended that a form of application for one of the Ard-na-Gruine houses be sent him.

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John Culleton.

Under date 2nd May letter was read from Council's Solicitors as follows :-

"Referring to your letter of the 17th ultimo herein directing us to apply to John Culleton for payment of £9.0.4. arrears of rent. We have not received any response and shall be glad to have your further instructions in due course."

Recommended that legal proceedings for possession be taken.

Tenants Sureties

Payments of Penalties Received.

Under date 4th instant the following letter was read from Council's Solicitors :-

"We send you herewith cheque for £23.19.7 amount of accounts collected as follows :-

John Ronan, Knockmullen, amount due on Bond re Michael Whitty	£10.0.0
Peter Gahan & E.T. Lalor, amount due on Bond re Thos. McGrath	£5.12.0
James Hanahan, North Street, amount due on Bond re James Ryan	£5.7.7.
Secretary, Workmen's Club, in discharge of their account.	£3.0.0
	£23.19.7

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

We also send you herewith the following seven Bonds, upon which payments of the amounts due has been received :

Michael Whitty. Town Wall
Thos. McGrath. do.
Thos. Doyle. do.
Laurence O'Brien do.
Timothy Clifford. do.
James Ryan. Chapel Lane
Sylvester O'Leary, T.K.'s Place.".

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Petroleum Licence - New Premises
Irish Shell Ltd.

Letter dated 3rd May 1929 was read from the Secretary as follows:-

"We beg to refer to our letters of 29th March and 19th April regarding our proposal as from 18th May to transfer our store for petroleum spirit to a building on Mr. Laurence O'Brien's premises.

As we have not heard from you on the point we assume that this alteration will not affect your Council's licence and renewals thereof, and accordingly we propose to complete our tenancy ~~Agreements~~ arrangements for the new store unless you advise us to the contrary by the 8th May."

Clerk reported having Sent a copy to the Town Surveyor for Report

Approved.

£16. 16. 0 due by Mr. Williamson.

Clerk reported having received from the Town Surveyor on the 3rd instant details of account for £11. 18. 8 furnished by the Town Surveyor to Mr. Williamson on the 11th January 1933.

Clerk also reported Town Surveyor is attending to other outstanding items. It is possible these items may have been restricted from his certificates. As he, Clerk, only received the information this evening he asked the Committee to adjourn consideration for investigation.

Committee agreed.

Due by County Council - £15. 6. 0.

Clerk reported he had not heard from the County Council County Surveyor.

Adjourned.

Reports on Water Meters.

Clerk reported the following meters as out of order according to the Water Inspectors Book of Readings

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at end of last quarter :-

/ Augustinian Convent
M. Hearne, Flower Hill
/ Jas. Dooley, Garrenbehy
/ Mr. Hennissy, Ardroso
/ Mrs. Fitzgerald, Marsh Lane
/ Good Shepherd Convent.
C. D. Hearn, Bawnjames
Mr. Kehoe, Ballyleigh
/ J. Lynch, Marsh Lane
Purce Murphy, Dranagh.
/ Wm. Neville, Baunmore (no meter)
Mr. Cullen, Knockaville.

Clerk reported the following meters were not read for the Reasons given by the Water Inspector :-

A. J. Alexander, Mc Morrough
Mr. Smith, Belleville. (house closed up when Mr. O'Grady called.).
Mercy Convent (new meter. No reading).

Clerk reminded the Committee the Officials responsible had received orders to shut off supplies at last Meeting

Committee considered that as no notices had been served of cutting off on Messrs Kehoe, Ballyleigh, J. Lynch, Marsh Lane and P. Murphy, Dranagh, they should be first notified. In all cases recommended the Council to undertake to repair the meters at the consumers expense.- the Consumer to be given the option and to pay beforehand on the Town Surveyor's estimate of the costs.

Wages paid on Relief Works.

Clerk reported an interview with Mr. Assistant County Surveyor O'Neill relative to Mr. Ronan's question re above. Mr. O'Neill stated the town rate of wages was £2. 0. 0 less insurances net £1. 19. 11. against the country rate of £1. 10. 0 less insurances net £1. 8. 11

Noted.

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Mr. O'Connor's Fees.

Letter dated 25th March 1939 was read from above enclosing voucher for fees for work carried out viz:-

" Preliminary Report
at 1% of cost for works (£22,000). = £220.
Plans and Specification for
Wilkin Street and Rosbercon
at 1½% (2½% - 1%) of cost
for works £4,626. 69
Bill of Quantities
at 1½% of cost for Works (£4,626) 69
£358

Fees received on account 50
Fees now due £308.

Committee recommended a payment ex the overdraft of £300 as soon as available.

The Meeting Ended.

P. O'Connor
9.5.39

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Tuesday 9th May 1939.

The monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council including financial and also the Special business after due notice as follows:-

1. Allotments Acts
2. Leasing of Land.
3. Public Heath Byelaws - Conference between Dr. McDonald and Mr. Loefer.
4. Draft Mortgage for £1130 from National Bank for Approval.
5. New Sewerage Scheme - Correspondence.
6. Medical Officer of Health's Reports
7. Veterinary Inspector's Reports.
8. Inistioge Weighbridge - Notice of motion by Mr. Murphy
9. Petroleum Licence Irish Shell Company - Correspondence.

Present:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, A. Cullen, J. Callaghan, J. Brewer, T. Martin, T. Redmond, J. Murphy, (Bridge) J. E. Walsh, V. A. Doyle.

The Minutes of the previous two Meetings were taken as read and signed.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

The Minutes of last evening's Meeting having been read
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
The recommendations were adopted and the Bills ordered to be paid
The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by Mr. Chairman and Messrs V. A. Doyle and J. E. Walsh.

Nuisance in Hallway, Tholsel.

Clerk reported the back hall was continuously being used as a public lavatory and asked permission to have same locked and the Key retained in his office

Granted.

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Enquiry for Factory Premises.

Circulars were read from Messrs Battersby & Co., Dublin. They were looking for premises of 1600 square feet for a factory (Engineering Type) Employing 150 persons a proportion of which would be female labour.

Town Surveyor was directed to measure the Stores in Cars yard and some other places in Ros.

Gate Crash - Dump.

Mr. Contractor Gahan under date 6th May 1939 admitted getting jamed between the piers of this new gate but no damage was done. The gates open at right angles to piers had to be removed to get lorry through. Width 15' less 6" rangers. Width of road from pier to ditch 21 feet. Length of lorry 20 ft. Width with rims 9 ft.

Town Surveyor adverted to his report. His advice to Council stood.

No further order.

Allotments Acts.

Under date 19th April 1939 H.5413/4/39 letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath that provided the Council are satisfied that sufficient applications will be received no objection will be raised to the leasing of additional land for one year at £5 per acre per take.

Clerk reported 32 applications were sent local Labour Exchange on 3rd May 1939. On the 9th May 27 were returned certified.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to inform the Minister the Council consider the applications sufficient.

Loan of £1130 from Treasurers.

Letter dated 2nd instant was read from Treasurers enclosing draft mortgage for above loan.

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Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh and Resolved.

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 9th February 1939 the sum of £1130 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd for the purpose of paying off debit balances on various works - of which sums of £41. 4. 4 and £137. 8. 8 are referable to expenditures under Housing of Working Classes Acts and to be repaid over a period of ten years with interest thereon at the rate of one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rates rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4 per cent. per annum said loan to be secured by a mortgage over the rates available for that purpose. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said mortgage."

Corporate Property
William Steet Wall Damaged.

Letter dated 6th instant was read from Miss Finn "the wall has collapsed and is in a dangerous condition. She asked the Council "to have the necessary repairs carried out before further damage is done."

Town Surveyor was directed to inspect and report.

Shambles.

Mr. Travers, Tenant, wrote asking to have the slipping steps removed and the road concreted.

Town Surveyor was ordered to inspect and send in an estimate.

Plot at Three Bullet Gate.

Letter dated 20th April 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors re the advertising of above on a yearly tenancy that they would require a map of the

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plot and Original Agreement between the Council and John O. Neill.

Letter from same dated 5th May that they had not received the map.

Town Surveyor stated he would prepare the map at once.

Ordered that there be no further delay.

Printing of Rate Books.

Two tenders were received as follows :-
Cullen & Son 2 books of 350 pages numbered and bound and 2 of 300 pages like. The lot. £4. 0. 0
Moran Bros. like at £4. 0. 0. the lot.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
The order was given to Cullen & Son
nem. con.

Weighbridge
Motion by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy in view of the decision of the Council at last adjourned Meeting not to proceed with the erection of a new Scales at Enniscorthy or anywhere else asked leave to withdraw his motion

A long uncouth document from people who wanted the Scales was not read.

Irish Shell Co.
Application for Petrol Licence.

Town Surveyor returning on (9th May 1939) Plan handed him by Town Clerk on 30th March 1939 reported as follows :-

"Regarding application recently received from Messrs Irish Shell Ltd.. for a licence to store petrol in premises at Priory Lane (indicated on accompanying map) it is noted that proposed store is situated in the same range and under the same roof as lock-up workshop or garage used by Mr. James Murphy, Priory Lane, and separated

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from Same by masonry wall. It is desirable that all such Stores should be isolated as far as possible from adjacent buildings. It is only right to add, however, that the method of Storage proposed is in two Gallon Sealed tins and except in the case of fire or explosion the danger would not be regarded as serious."

Asked if there was any more risk than before the removal the Surveyor said no.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The licence was granted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

S.F. Hyde

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Monday 5th day of June 1939.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to consider the lists of uncollected Rates - Poor & Town & Domestic Water - for the year ended 31st March 1939 pursuant to Article 102 (2) of the Public Bodies Order 1925.

Present:- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C. Presiding
J. Murphy, Bridge.

The Rate Collector was in attendance. Schedules on Forms 53 Article 102 were presented, examined and determined as follows:-

Vacant Premises.

Poor Rate struck off as uncollectable £126. 10. 4 representing Valuation of £324 Town Rate struck off as uncollectables £148. 6. 5.

Town Rate & Domestic Water Rate.

Struck off as irrecoverable for the various reasons given £171. 8. 11. Brought forward as temporarily uncollectable £125. 5. 7.

Poor Rate.

Struck off as irrecoverable £134. 3. 4. To be brought into new rate as temporarily uncollectable £113. 15. 9.

Rates on Vacant Dwellings
County Wicklow Decision.

Clerk submitted newspaper report (25th May 1939) setting out Judge Comyns decision on appeal from the District Court in the case Paul Frith Rate Collector versus John Driver owner of an unoccupied house in Main Sheet, Arklow in which the Judge stated that "The Increase of Rent and Mortgage Act 1923 Sec. 16. made the landlord liable for rates on premises that were untenanted as if he had them in the occupation of a tenant. An Amendment in 1926 provided that this drastic Section should not apply to dwelling houses during any period not exceeding six months during which the house was unoccupied for the purpose of executing ~~the~~

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repairs or for the purpose of enabling the Landlord to obtain a Suitable tenant at a reasonable rent".

Clerk also submitted the relative Sections of the Acts.

Committee recommended cancellation of the rates for last year on all property whether residential or not and that the vacant dwellings be rated on the Landlords for this year.

Collector's Report.

Collector compared the 1938 and 1939 Rate Collection as follows :-

1938

Warrant	Poor	£3421. 17. 5	
	Town.	£4480. 16. 8	£7902. 14. 1
Collected	Poor	£3041. 8. 3	
"	Town	£3963. 12. 9	£7005. 1. 0

1939

Warrant	Poor	£3709. 13. 6	
	Town	£4166. 19. 5	£7876. 12. 11
Collected	Poor	£3285. 1. 3	
"	Town	£3665. 10. 10.	£6950. 12. 1

Approximately the 1939 collection is short of the 1938 one by £50.

Lease Expired

The Sovereign & Free Burgesses of New Ross to William Robinson Scarke Farmer dated 25th March 1840.

Clerk submitted original base which expired 25th March 1939. The property is known as Galavans Yard, Irishtown.

Committee recommended offering the ground for sale or annual letting without delay.

Overdraft Required.

Clerk intimated the payments made at last Finance Meeting were very heavy and included £1480. 14. 10. as the May repayments on loans and interest. The

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Bank (general Account) is overdrawn £260.11.8. The Bank Manager requested permission to transfer this amount from Capital Account as a temporary expedient. As soon as the Mortgage for the £1130 loan is completed there will be sufficient to repay the overdraft. As this is the lean season - there will be scarcely any rates collected for a couple of months - the Council should avoid every possible expenditure. The reduction in the Clerk's estimate yearly appears to be showing now. The increasing uncollectable arrears contribute somewhat also.

Committee agreed to the suggestions and recommended the Council to endorse same

The Meeting ended.

13/6/39 P.O. Mayo

Tuesday the 12th June 1939.

A Meeting of the finance committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 5 o'clock in the Tholsel, New Ross to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding
J. Murphy, Bridge
T. Redmond.

Rates
Monthly Return and Finals.

Clerk submitted Form 61. Total Warrant £7876. 12. 11; Collected £6950. 12. 4.; Discounts £106. 10. 3: Irrecoverable £570. 9. 0. carried into arrears £239. 1. 4 = 93% collection on warrant against 94% last year and 3.5 % vacant premises as against 3.9% last year.

Rents Return
Arrears.

Clerk reported Arrears on 30th April £287. 0. 10. at 31st May £265. 11. 5. Accrued £159. 11. 11. Collected £161. 1. 4. As however this includes arrears collected from Sureties of £20. 19. 4 the collected actually reads £140. 1. 9 or £19. 10. 2 uncollected of the rents due during the month.

Committee considered the Rents Sheets. Clerk drew attention to the following :-

Tollyhouse Lane	-	N. Cashin	£2. 13. 7.
Same	-	Mrs. Carroll	4. 8. 0
William Steet	-	M. Martin	13. 0
Church Lane	-	R. Power	1. 0. 11.

All houses 2/9 per week.

Committee recommended that notice be served on all above that arrears must be cleared off by next Meeting. Mrs. Carroll, however, who is a tenant since the house was built, is to be asked to pay off arrears as soon as she is able

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Bunnen Lane	- 3/10 Rent. -	Annie Peare	£2. 8. 2.
do.	- do. -	Kate Hanlon	£4. 9. 9.

Same recommendations as above.

Town Wall	- 10/4 Rent -	Sergeant Cody	£9. 8. 8.
do.	- do. -	Guard Feehan	£7. 13. 0
do.	- do. -	C. Hall	£4. 13. 0
do.	- 8/2 Rent -	R. V. Kelly	£1. 16. 9
do.	- 8/2 Rent -	P. Kehoe	£3. 6. 8
do.	- do. -	M. Maddock	£3. 5. 6
do.	- do. -	J. Cosgrave	£3. 5. 7
Bunnen Lane	- 4/3 Rent. -	K. North	£2. 14. 5.

Same recommendations as above.

J. K. L. Places	- 4/= Rent -	Martin Tobin	£6. 12. 8.

Clerk reported Mr. Lalor, Solicitor had now received the compensation for Mr. Tobin and called for particulars of rent to date.

Damage to House at J. K. L. Places.

Clerk reported having received information that the Council's idle house above was very damaged. He reported to Superintendent Feeney. Guard Dawin called but no report had been received since.

Irish Independent Bill.

Letter was read from the Manager that the account of £2. 10. 0 is correct being charged at 14/= per single inch column. The Irish Press could not be less than £2. 10. 0.

Clerk reported the Irish Press as £2. 11. 0. The Irish Times was £2. 2. 0

Committee recommended full payment.

Lock of Thatsel Door

Clerk reported this lock had not yet been returned by Mr. F. Hartrick. He wrote for it and got reply dated 15th May 1939 "I sent large lock for door To Dublin

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today. I could not get large Key for it in Ross and lock wants some repairs also." Nothing since.

Mr. Hartricks bills.

Clerk reported on the difficulty of obtaining accounts from Mr. Hartrick. Delay causes unecessary trouble over adjusting - by refund or additional charge - the accounts for water service repairs &c. Council might make an order that accounts should be submitted each month in sufficient time to enable the Finance Committee to pass refunds on the Town Surveyor's estimates. Where necessary. Mr. Hartrick to send in his bill immediately the work is executed

Committee recommended the making of this order and that Mr. Shortall submit estimate in detail.

Mr. C. Connors fees.

Letter dated 2nd June 1939 was read from Mr. C. Connor, Consulting Engineer as follows:-

"I really must ask you to expedite issue of Pay Order covering the balance of fees now due. Sanction to an overdraft of £300 to pay same was issued to you on March 13th. but up to date I have received only £100 on account.

It is very embarrasing for me to be continually pleading for your attention to the matter, but I have considerable overhead expenses to meet and am dependent on your co-operation to a great extent if I am to fulfil my obligations."

Clerk reported the £300 overdraft included payment for advertising preparation and stamps on mortgage &c. Mr. C. Connor was paid £120 and £100 had been sent him since. He was informed no more money could be sent him pending sanction and receipt of instalment on loans.

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Expenses to Municipal Conference.

Letter dated 8 adh Meitheamh 1939 was read from the Secretary with a copy of a letter dated 31st May 1939 from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath intimating the rate of allowance as 16/= per day for each night out with a limit of £1 plus travelling Expenses.

Pensionability of Town Clerk.

Letter G. 12822/39 dated 5th May 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath requesting information on the hours required by the Council for attendance at office, to what extent the Clerk is required to attend to the business of the Council outside office hours and if the Clerk's other avocations infringe the Council's requirements that he should be at their disposal when required and if the position is his main avocation.

Committee considered the Clerk's position was his main avocation and that the work of the office could not be done at all in part-time. Clerk was directed to reply to the letter.

Water &c. Accounts.

Letter dated 6th May 1939 was read from the Great Southern Railways that the Council should reconsider decision not to make an allowance in the water bill on account of leakages due to the December frost. The Council was the only exception to bearing some of the loss.

Committee recommended collection of the account forthwith.

Repairs to Meters.

Mr. Hennessy, Ardnore, wrote that he was prepared to leave repairs in Council's hands. Mr. Lynch called and asked the Council to undertake the repairs to meter.

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Standpipe &c. loaned to County Council.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor wrote on the 17th May 1939 that he had already referred this matter to the County Surveyor. According to his information both the standpipe and hose were very defective when loaned to the County Council. so much so that to avoid wasting the water he instructed his foreman to apply for a proper standpipe and hose-these were refused.

Adjourned pending reply from the County Surveyor.

Repairs to Houses.

Mr. Shortall, 22nd May 1939 intimated he arranged with J. Furlong, Slater for essential repairs to houses occupied by Guards Dwyer and Brady. Cost 18/=

Demand for Rates.

Letter from Mr. Vereker.

Under date 26th May 1939 above wrote he received a Demand for rates. The occupier is Miss M. Kehoe. He is a Sub-tenant only. He wants his name removed from the Rate Book at once and Demand made on Miss Kehoe as he is advised by his Solicitor he is not responsible.

Clerk reported the Collector's Solicitor disagrees with Mr. Vereker's Solicitor. The Furniture in the house is liable to seizure. Committee recommended that Mr. Vereker is the proper person to rate so as to avoid loss of rates.

Rates Poundage.

Miss Finn's Account as follows was presented :-

Commission on Poor Rate collected and lodged for period from 1/2/39 to 3/6/39 to close collection ;-

£1262. 4. 9 @ 6d in the £ = £31. 11. 1

Same on Town Rate lodged for same period

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£1450 . 11 . 5 @ 6d in the £. £36 . 5 . 3.

Total £67 . 16 . 4.

Payment recommended subject to sanction.

Bills

The following accounts were presented examined and recommended for payment as soon as funds are available. Viz :-

E. A. Finn £8 . 6 . 7 ; E. A. Finn £4 . 3 . 2 : Messrs W. & T. Avery £1 . 15 . 6. ; Irish National Assurance Co. £2 . 11 . 9 ; M. Wall £2 . 0 . 0. J. Freeman £2 . 15 . 0 ; A. R. French 10/= : National Bank Ltd. £151 . 15 . 3 : E. S. B. 2 . 5 . 6 ; Messrs B. Hennessy 3/=. Messrs Cullen & Son £4 . 12 . 6 : Messrs Kilcams Ltd. £1 . 8 . 2 T. J. Morrissey £2 . 17 . 3 : P. Kehoe £1 . 8 . 6 : Messrs B. Hennessy 3/6 ; James Cooney £1 . 10 . 0 ; Hely's Ltd £2 . 10 . 0 ; Messrs Moran Bros. £4 . 16 . 3. P. Cahan £32 . 7 . 6 : P. Cahan £4 . 14 . 4 : Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £700 : T. J. O. Connor £100.

Bank Account Exhausted.

Clerk reported above. For the present accounts could only be met as funds became available. Owing to overwork on yearly accounts, statistics, housing, sewerage scheme, preparation of rates assessments &c. he was unable to reach on collecting housing subsidy and recoupments on milk, School Meals. The new loan of £1130 owes some money to general account. Rates will be slow for about two months.

Committee recommended that only urgent and essential expenditure should be incurred for the next two months.

The Meeting Ended.

13/6/44 V. J. Murphy

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Tuesday the 13th June 1939.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 21 JUNE 1939

The Usual Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross This evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including, financial and the following business noticed :-

1. Report of Meeting pursuant to article 102 Public Bodies Order 1925 - 1931.
2. Recommendations of the Finance Committee
3. Mortgage to National Bank for £1130.
4. Allotments Acts - Correspondence.
5. Allotments Acts - Tenders for supplies
6. Letter from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor - Boundary fence at J. K. L. Place.
7. New Sewerage Scheme - Correspondence
8. New Sewerage Scheme - Probably result of Court Proceedings for warrants to enter premises
9. 49 houses, Charleton Hill - Department states that the Council should arrange to proceed with this Scheme.
10. Adjourned matters.
11. Veterinary Inspector's Reports.
12. Letting of houses at Town Wall.
13. Make the rates for the ensuing year pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling the same.

Present:- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., T. Cooney, A. Cullen, T. Martin S. Murphy, T. Redmond, G. Dooley, W. Ronan.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
Mr. Murphy P.C. Presided.

The Minutes of the previous monthly Meeting were taken as read and signed

The Minutes of the Rates Committee dated 5th June 1939 were read and signed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee dated 12th June 1939 were read and signed.

The Minutes of Meeting held on the 12th instant under Section 23 Housing Act 1931 were read and signed.

Late Rev. James Kelly, Sidney.

Letter dated 20th April 1939 was read from

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His Grace the Bishop of Sidney - Dr. Kelly - thanking the Council for sympathy on the demise of his nephew, blessing the Town, its people and the Members of the Council.

Late Mrs. Annie Murphy.

Letter was read from Patrick Murphy. Three Bullet Gate acknowledging vote of sympathy.

The late Miss Bennett.

Letter was read from J. Bennett, Pondfields.

Mortgage £1130 - National Bank.

Letter dated 24th May 1939 was read from the Bank enclosing engrossment of above for completion.
On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dooley the seal of the Council was embossed and duly witnessed.

Allotments Acts.

Tenders.

Hanrahan Bros.	-	27 Spades @ 4/= each	
		27 Shovels @ 3/6 each	
Peter Kehoe	-	27 Spades @ 4/6 each	
		27 Shovels @ 4/- each	
B. Hennessy	-	Double bent Spades	
		Blades 12" by 6" by 5"	54/= per doz.
		Semi hammered Top	
		Shovels 4½ gr. handles.	48/= per doz.

Hanrahan Bros.	-	14 cartons Soltosan @ 2/6 per carton less 5%.	
Peter Kehoe	-	same	@ 2/6 per carton
B. Hennessy		same	@ 2/6 per carton

Hanrahan Bros. being the lowest was accepted.

Correspondence.

Letters H. 5413/9/39 dated 11th 12th and 23rd May and 2nd and 9th June 1939 were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of Richard Roche

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for an allotment at reduced rent, approving of the letting of field at William Sheet for a further four acres of land for allotments, approving of the additional 27 applicants for plots Thereon, acknowledging letter re fencing, requesting details of this scheme on Form E., and the economic rent for plots, approving of six additional applicants for this plot, stating G. Kehoe's papers are not clear as to his eligibility and approving of fencing cost not to exceed £25. in accordance with their Inspectors recommendation, pointing out maximum recoupment represents the difference per plot between the economic rent and the reduced or nominal rent and submitting a copy of their Inspector's report on fencing. Inspectors report on fencing was also read eliminating the link nest and substituting three or four further strands of barbed wire (3") at a cost of approximately 23/= per strand in addition to the four strands. Mound fences need building up with some topping in places.

Letter G. 1145/38 (A.51) dated 11th May 1939 was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, Wexford, that his is unable to say if his Board can supply the Council with concrete stakes etc. but he will ask the Board.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and adopted
That the Council approves of all actions and matters mentioned in the correspondence and of the Scheme.

Damage by Councils Tenants.
Letter by Mr. Kelly, Solicitor

Letter dated 23rd May 1939 was read from above that the Councils tenants at J. K. L. Place &c. were trespassing on William Donovans land adjacent. Fence in a bad state of repair. a large quantity of rubbish including tins, boxes and objectionable articles were thrown on the lands by the tenants. His Client is prepared without prejudice, to pay his proportion of the cost of repairing this fence. If any injury should result to

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cattle etc. the Council will be held. responsible. Unless he receives a Satisfactory reply he will take proceedings

Town Surveyor replying to questions stated the Council were not responsible for their tenants

Decided that Town Surveyor inspect and report.

Sale of Manure.

Mr. Kennedy, Arnestown, applied for and was granted a heap of manure 100 cub. yds. ex. Chamberoland Dump. at 25/=.

Factory Premises.

Battersby & Co.

Letters dated 15th and 17th May 1939 were read from above acknowledging particulars furnished as requested by them.

Letter from James Casey
Property in New Ross.

Above wrote from Whitehall, Dublin, asking advice how he could get back his property which were taken from him. father in the days of the Land League.

Decided to ask for some particulars

Combined Purchasing Acts.

Clerk reported Department Inspector called and stated that in future all disinfecting material, lamps for Tholsel, and Stationary must be purchased from the Official list.

Noted.

Irish Culture Class.

Letter, undated, was read from above thanking the Council for use of large room in connection with the activities of their class.

Noted.

Public Lighting

Electricity Supply Board under date 16th May 1939 tendered to light, maintain and operate existing system of 88 lamps for £290. 19. 3 as usual.

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Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The tender was accepted.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
It was agreed to write the Board again requesting reduction as promised in charges for private and Public Lighting.

Poor Rate Estimate

Letter G. 12308/2/39 dated 12th June 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government of Local Government and Public Heath requesting Submission of copy of above for current Financial year
Clerk reported this as dispatched on 18th April 1939.

Valuation Department

Letter S.R. 7317 dated 2nd June 1939 was read from the Commissioner transmitting a lists of cases requiring revision.
Ordered that Same be handed collector.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th instant having been read
Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The recommendations of this Committee were adopted and the accounts ordered to be paid as soon as funds are available.
The advice notes were then signed by Messrs G. Dooley, W. Ronan, and the Chairman.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 13th June 1939 Mr. Shortall reported as follows:-
"I have arranged to have damaged gate pier at manure depot reconstructed, and

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entrance gates refung, as ordered. Contractor Gahan has been requested to complete construction for Sale at once. Of six heaps of manure at depot.

I estimate cost of repairs or reconstruction in p.c. concrete of steps to Shambles Meat Market to be 30/=

I have had essential walls of Meat market and Fish house limewashed, as ordered, at a cost of £1. 6.0.

Clerk reported Contractor Gahan called an hour ago and stated the two piers of the gate to Dump were taken down by Messrs Ryan Bros. There was no mark on the piers and no necessity for removal. He stated the piers were not sunk into the Ground.

Town Surveyor repudiated this statement

Milk Notice.

Clerk reported that acting on instructions from the Veterinary Inspector he caused printed notices (handbill) to be sent to Purveyors of milk for distribution pointing out method of keeping milk sweet for at least 12 hours in Rainy weather.

Approved.

Resolutions

Making of Rates.

Irrecoverable Rates.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.

Seconded by Mr. Ronan

£129.19.1

"That sums of Poor Rate amounting to £134. 3. 4 and Poor Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £126. 10. 4 be cancelled.

That Town and Domestic Water Rate amounting to £141. 8. 11 and Town and Domestic Water Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £148. 6. 5 be cancelled. and that

£118 0.0

sums of Poor Rate £113. 15. 9 Town and Domestic Water Rate £125. 5. 7 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable."

Passed unanimously.

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Poor Rate Resolution

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.

"That we raise the sum of three thousand seven hundred and eight pounds eleven shillings and one penny as and for Poor Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a rate of eight shillings and two pence in the pound for the financial year ending 31st day of March 1940 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the other Acts incorporated therewith and that same be collected in two moieties together with arrears of one hundred and thirteen pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence the first on or before the 30th day of September 1939 and the second on or before 31st day of March 1940. That public notice be given of said rates having been made by printed placards duly posted or by advertisement."

£118 0 0

Passed Unanimously.

Town Rate Resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That we raise the sum of four thousand one hundred and nineteen pounds four Shillings and four pence as and for Town Rate and for That purpose make a Town Rate of nine Shillings and seven pence in the £ for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1939 and ending on the 31st day of March 1940 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross rateable under the above mentioned Acts for the purposes therein mentioned of which Town Rate of nine shillings and seven pence in the £ the sum of two Shillings

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and four pence in the pound is for general purposes under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854, the sum of two shillings and six pence in the £ is for Construction and Maintenance of Urban Roads under the Local Government act 1925 and a Sanitary Rate of four shillings and nine pence in the pound under the provisions of the Public Heaelt (Ireland) acts. The said Sanitary Rate of four shillings and nine pence in the pound includes three pence in the pound under the Education (Provision of Meals) (Ireland) acts 1914 and 1917, and one penny in the pound for the purpose of a Free Milk Scheme and shall be collected in two moieties together with arrears of one hundred and twenty five pounds five shillings and seven pence the first on or before 30th September 1939 and the second on or before 31st March 1940."

Passed unanimously.

Domestic Water Rate Resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.

"That we raise the sum of four hundred and fourteen pounds fourteen shillings and three pence as and for Domestic Water Rate and for that purpose we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and six pence in the pound under the provisions of The Public Heaelt (Ireland) Acts; on the Valuation of the premises supplied with water - minimum rate 10/= for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1939 and ending on the 31st day of March 1940 and we hereby fix that the said rate be payable on the 13th day of July 1939 and shall be collected in two moieties. - the first on or before the 30th day of September 1939 and the second on or before 31st day of March 1939."

Passed Unanimously

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Signing the Books Resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

"That the Presiding Chairman and five Members of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books and the Resolutions making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon, and the Collector's warants and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books and documents."

"That the Presiding Chairman and five Members of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate are made out and the Resolutions making the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate and the adoption of the Rate Town on Said Books, the endorsement and the Collectors Warants affixed to said books and to be affixed to Collecting Books, be signed by Presiding Chairman and five Members of the Council present at the Meeting and countersigned by the Clerk and Sealed with the Common Seal of the Council."

Passed unanimously.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Wednesday the 28th day of June 1939.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 5 JULY 1939

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this day at noon, to transact business in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Acts, the Local Elections Acts and the other Acts enabling.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.
G. Dooley
V. A. Doyle
Y. Redmond
W. Ronan
J. E. Walsh
J. Prendergast.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held a twelvemonth ago were taken as read and signed.

Chair.

Proposed by Mr. Dooley
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

Mr. Peter Nicholas O'Gorman was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

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Mr. O'Gorman thanked the Council and (supported by Mr. Murphy) the Officials. He then signed the Declaration.

The Clerk thanked the Council.

Election of Committees

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The following Committees were elected:-

St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

Messrs A. Cullen, J. Murphy, P.C., and W. Ronan.

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Waterford Port Sanitary Authority
Mr. A. Cullen.

Housing and Finance
Messrs V. A. Doyle, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Cooney, W. Ronan, A. Cullen, J. Murphy, (Bridge), T. Redmond, and T. Martin.

Streets, Water and Sanitary Committee.
Messrs J. Brewer, T. Cooney, T. Redmond, A. Cullen and W. Ronan.

Free Milk Committee.
It was decided that the whole Council act as above Committee.

School meals Committee.
Messrs T. Redmond, J. Murphy P.C., Right Rev. Mgr. Cleary P.P., V.G., Very Rev. L. Coghlan, P.P., Rev. Canon Talbot, A. A. Butler, Bro. Loughlin, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs. O'Reilly, L.R. Murphy, J.P., Fortune and Bro. Lyons.

Allotments Committe.
It was decided that the whole Council act as above Committe.

The meeting Then Ended.

P. O'Gorman
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Monday 10th day of July 1939.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 17 JULY 1939

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider :-

1. Increase in Water Rate Charges for meter, business purposes. &c.
2. Disputed Waterworks Account.
3. Demolition Orders - Decisions on representations made by Landlords.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman,
V. A. Doyle,
Y. Redmond
J. Murphy, P.C.
W. Ronan.

Bills

The following Accounts were presented examined and recommended for payment :-

J. Dooley £36.17.4; Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy £14.17.7. The Echo £2.4.0; P. Gahan £29.6.8; P. Gahan £1.11.2 Miss E. A. Finn £5.17.10; Graves & Co. 18/11; Peter Kehoe £1.8.6; Clyde Shipping Co. £2.4.0; James Cooney £1.17.6 Patrick Carroll £1.10.0; Hibernian Insurance £15.9.6; People Newspaper Ltd. £3.13.6; Miss Finn £39.5.2; Messrs Ryan Bros. £2.0.0: M. O'Brien £1.0.0; M. O'Brien £3.7.0; M. Roche £2.10.0: J. J. Shortall £6.6.0; E.S.B. Messrs H & A. Hamilton £500; Irish Independent £2.0.0 Irish Times £1.12.0; Free Press £3.12.6; The Echo £3.0.0.

Scavenging Contract.

Washing Rosbercon &c.

Arising out of bills for May Fair and June Fair £2.5.0 Committee deferred payment pending a discussion at the Council Meeting on the merits of the certificate

Housing Acts

Section 23 Demolition.

Under date 10th July 1939 the following letter was

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read from Council's Solicitors :-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant herein.

The position is that Orders are to be made in respect of 64 houses, being the first instalment, which were dealt with at the Inquiry held pursuant to Section 23 of the Housing Act 1931 on the 20th July 1938, and 51 houses (occupied by 53 families) dealt with at the Inquiry held on 12th June 1939.

We understand that there are only 50 houses available to accommodate displaced tenants and there will therefore be 65 houses (or 67 families) in respect of which Demolition Orders should not be brought into operation for the present.

Of the first 64 houses we understand six are now vacant and no provision need be made for the tenants and therefore in addition to the 50 families to be installed in the new houses, Orders can be brought into operation in respect of these six, and any others which have since become vacant.

Eight of these 64 houses are the property of the Council and it is assumed that these will be demolished and the tenants accomodated without the necessity of formal Orders.

We would suggest that the Council make Demolition Orders for the houses covered by the first 56 Representatives dealt with at the July 1938 Inquiry and that these be enforced as soon as possible.

Orders can be made covering the remaining the remaining 59 houses (61 families) later, when accomodation is available.

The Council can also, if desired, make all the Orders now, but only bring sufficient into operation to correspond with the vacant houses and those for whom accommodation is available. Official Representations, Orders and Copies in respect of all the houses are sent herewith

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for completion in accordance with above.
The original undertakings submitted by several of the parties are also enclosed. The Council should consider these and pass a resolution refusing to accept same, or otherwise. In the event of any undertaking being accepted a time limit for completing the works specified to the satisfaction of the Council, should be stated."

Committee recommended the Council to act on the advice contained in the letter and that the necessary resolution be passed. and the Solicitors to proceed under the acts.

Grass in Channels

Attention was drawn to the surplus of Grass in the Channels, Rosbercon and Cross Lane.
Committee recommended the County Council be advised of same.

Gate Pier - Chamberoland Dump.

Arising out of examination of account from Messrs Ryan Bros., Contractors for £2. for work on above.
Council recommended payment provided the amount is restricted from the Scavenging Contractor.

Charleton Hill Housing.

Clerk intimated Mr. Hanlon's period of Sanction expired on 30th June 1939. He had no idea when the houses will be ready for occupation.
Recommended that further Sanction be requested and a report from Clerk of Works on the present state of this Contract.

Galavan's Yard

Replying to Mr. Murphy, Clerk reported owing to the rather heavy work on the Office he had not been able to attend the Solicitors in connection with this case. He would see Mr. Cooper during this week.

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Demand of County Council.

Annual Estimate and Demand by Wexford County Council (Form 48 Article 87) dated 12th June 1939 was presented and duly initialled.

Water Account disputed.

Letter dated 22nd June 1939 was read from the Great Southern Railways explaining the amount due for Water was £1.10.0 not £1.15.7 as furnished by the Clerk made up as:- Goods yard meter 37320 and Residence Meter 7735 total 45055 @ 8d.

Clerk reported the Company was joining the two meters whereas both were separately assessed. The correct account is £1.15.7.

Recommended that the Company be requested to pay the account

Rating Dispute

Under date 10th July 1939 the following letter was read from Mr. Vereker, Priory Street:-

"I understand that portion of the rates for last year are carried forward against me. I am advised that I am not liable as my arrangement with Miss Kehoe was that I pay her £40 per year and she pay the rates. I have arranged to deduct the rates in future and will undertake to be liable from the 1st April 1939."

Committee considered it a hardship on Mr. Vereker and believed the Council cannot rate only the tenant occupier.

Recommended that the rates due be struck off.

Clerk advised the striking off was late as all arrears had been brought into the new rating. The matter could only be dealt with at the end of the year.

Water Tower &c. Dispute.

Letter dated 12th June 1939 - referred back to Finance Committee by last Council Meeting - was read from Messrs Delap & Waller, Dublin.

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Recommended that as the Council's Solicitors were dealing with this dispute the letter be referred to them as also the statement of account received from the Contractors for £155.5.8.

Housing

Demolition Orders.

Clerk reported he had received through Council's Solicitors undertaking's from the following pursuant to Section 23 (2) of the Housing (Miscellaneous) Provisions) Act 1931 :-

Tottenham Estate (Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor)

Mrs. Murphy, 18 Bullaun, Mrs. Bennett 13 Bewley Steet Miss E. Bowe, 14 Bewley Steet, Patrick Merrigan, 17 Upper Maiden Lane, Bridget Bates, 16 Upper Maiden Lane, Wm. Leary, 15 Upper Maiden Lane and James Hunt, 14 Upper Maiden Lane

Thomas Gantley

William Daly, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. Kelly, J. O'Neill, M. Callaghan, B. Cloney, Mrs. Cullen and Mary Hammond.

Mrs. M. J. Mooney (Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor)

John Kinsella, 63 Irishtown, James Brambley, same and Patrick Cleere same.

Mrs. Peter Murphy, (Mr. Kelly, Solicitor).

Houses in Upper Mary Steet. (not specified).

Committee adjourned consideration of the undertaking's pending submission of Architects replies and as sufficient orders have been made to date.

Tenants Applications &c.

Mr. John Culleton, 14 Ard-na-Greine wrote suggesting interview after he had received Notice to Quit.

Letter was read from Solicitors that Mrs. Culleton called to them and offered to pay off arrears @ 1/- per week - Arrears £13.

Committee recommended "no action" to the Council).

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Clerk again submitted Mr. Kelly's letter to the Council dated 14th February 1939 on behalf of Mrs. Ellen Malone J. K. L. Place and reported that nothing further had been received from Mr. Kelly.

Committee recommended that Mr. Kelly be reminded of the debt.

Letter undated was read from Mr. John Codd, Wimbledon, asking back the house at J. K. L. Place and he would pay all areas.

Clerk reported this house is occupied

Clerks Report

Clerk reported as follows:-

1. No rent has since been received out of Newtown. The Land Bonds have not been issued and no report has been received relative from Solicitors.
2. The Case Stated in the matter of Mrs. McDonagh -v- the Council was reported in the daily press as before the Supreme Court since last Meeting when judgment was reserved.
3. Messrs Steel and Company now occupy the premises on the Quay formerly occupied by the New Ross Gas Company who paid the Council £1. 16. 11 per year. So far as aware the Council was not notified of this change. Legal Matter

   Committee recommended that the matter be taken to Solicitors for advice
4. Mrs. Addison holds property in William Street from the Council @ 15/= per Annum. Areas now amount to £7. 10. 0. Miss Finn is constantly in touch with Mr. Kelly, Solicitor for Mrs. Addison and has made several promises of payment.

   Committee recommended the collection be placed in Councils Solicitors hands.
5. Mrs. Bolger, caretaker of the Pound holds same at 5/= per annum. She now owes £2. 13. 9. At interview with Mrs. Bolger during the month she promised to bring in a ~~two~~ £2. payment but she did not call. Collector is informed Mrs. Harney will apply if the position is vacant at £1. per annum.

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Recommended that Mrs. Harney be interviewed relative and accepted as Caretaker at £1 and under an agreement.

6. None of the tenants in arrears and to whom notices to pay had been sent since last Meeting had called. Recommended that after another notice the Collection be handed to Council's Solicitors.

Waterworks.

Trades Charges.

Clerk reported the net deficit on Waterworks undertaking £554.0.0. The existing rates were fixed at a Council Meeting held on 4th January 1908. The Minutes of this Meeting are before the Committee. According to the Minute " The Council May from time to time vary the charges for trade supplies at their discretion on giving one months notice to a Consumer." The rates to trades were now unreasonable varying from 1.15d to 2.30d per week for water. Only licenced Traders and Bakehouses were levied. 10/= per year for garages (not metered) and Slaughter houses &c. &c. All appeared very low. This undertaking should pay for itself. The interest alone on loans was £263. and the return of Principal £453 for the year ended 31st March 1939. Receipts from Rates £278. and Rents (including connections) £424.

The Committee considered that they had not sufficient notice of this matter. The rate had already been increased by 3d in the £ and there was nothing before the Meeting from other Local Authorities to guide them. Clerk then submitted a list of the principal consumers by Meter setting out the rent received during 1938/9 and the quantity of supplies in 1000 gallons.

Recommended that Clerk obtain the necessary statistics from like Bodies, prepare statement and submit same to a Special Committee Meeting at the usual hour.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
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Tuesday 11th day of July 1939.

New Ross Urban District
Council. Copy of Minutes
sent to Department.
13 JULY 1939

The monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, This evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact business including financial and Special business as notified, viz:-

1. Recommendations of Finance Committee
   (a) Demolition Orders.
   (b) Increase in Waterworks Undertaking charges.
   (c) General.
2. Allotments Acts - Tenders for barbed wire
3. Sewerage Scheme.
   (a) Consulting Engineers Report on application of Mr. Boyle Kehoe
   (b) Long letter from Councils Solicitors on result of Conference between Mr. Harvey and Mr. O'Connor
   (c) Consulting Engineers Recommendation - if available.
4. Mr. Martins verbal motion to advertise for tenders for the erection of 49 houses at Charleton Hill in accordance with Departments letter dated 18th May 1939.
5. Letting of houses at Town Wall.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, J. E. Walsh, J. Murphy (Bridge), A. Cullen, G. Dooley, T. Martin, V. A. Doyle.

Sanitary Salaries

Intimation dated 5th July 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of recoupment of Sanitary Salaries £20.8.8 for the year ending 30th September 1939

Clerk reported due receipt by the Treasurers clerk

Revision of Valuations.

Letter dated 29th July 1939 was read from Runai acknowledging the receipt of the lists of tenements requiring revision.

Allotments Acts.

Tenders for Wire Fencing.

B. Hennessy, New Ross, tendered at £1 7 cwts No. 12

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gauge galvanized 2 strand 3" barbed wire 18/= per cwt.
(2) Half cwt. No 12 gauge fencing wire in 3½ lbs rings @ 24/=. per cwt.
Hanrahan Bros. New Ross. for (1) above @ 18/= and for (2) 18/= cwt.
Peter Kehoe, New Ross. for (1) above @ 20/- and for (2) above 20/-

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.
The lowest tender, Hanrahan Bros., was accepted.

Long letter dated C. 3246/34 dated 14th June 1939 was read from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, sanctioning spraying materials for plots at Windmill Lane Field and William Sheet.

Finance Committees Report.

The Minutes of yesterdays Meeting having been read
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Martin
The recommendations of this Committee were adopted.

The Advice Notes were then signed by the Chair, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Dooley and the amounts were ordered to be paid as money available

Public Lighting

Letter dated 19th June 1939 was read from the Electricity Supply Board acknowledging the acceptance of tender for above. Agreements should now be made for same.

Mr. Redmond asked to have a lamp placed in Chapel Lane. - ~~free erection~~.

Proposed by Mr. Martin
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
It was decided to ask the Electricity Supply Board to tender for 5 lights to new Road and one to Chapel Lane - free erection

Free Milk Scheme.

Letter P.H. 5774/3/34 23rd July 1939 was read from

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The Department of Local Government and Public Heath notifying intended recoupment of the £45. year 1939/40 1st instalment.

Map of Site for Deed.

Town Surveyor presented map of site for allotments at William Street

Clerk informed the Meeting this was required for plot Agreement.

Proposed by Mr. Dooley
Seconded by the Chair

Directions were given to have Agreement completed in the usual way.

Vacant Site - Three Bullet Gate.

Town Surveyor presented map of above with a view to letting for building store &c.

Clerk was directed to hand same to Councils Solicitors, who asked for it.

Manure Sale

Patrick Donovan, Robinstown, Palace tendered 15/= each for two heaps of manure at Chamberoland.

Granted on usual conditions.

Annual Holidays.

Officials presented the following application:- "We beg to apply for our Annual Holidays to be taken at conveniences by mutual Agreement. J. S. Barry, J. J. Shortall. R. A. O'Grady,".

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The applications were granted

Scavenging Contract.

Arising out of a discussion on the Minute "Washing Rosbercon" in Finance Meeting Chairman definitely stated no cleansing or washing took place after the Fairs.

Mr. O'Grady stated the work could not be done

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on the Fair Days but was done in the Mornings.

Town Surveyor disagreed with the certificate in that the Contractor was not entitled to any payment but for a "wash down".

Referred back to Finance Committee.

Abstract of Accounts.

This was before the Meeting. Clerk submitted detailed figures for the year ended 31st March 1939.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
The Statement and Abstract were adopted and the Council congratulated themselves on their strong financial position.

Rate Defaulters

Mr. Cullen drew attention to a prosecution by the Urban Council of Mr. Richard Kearns - now resident at 18 Bullawn - for rates. This man had nothing. He only worked spasmodically. In view of the prosecution he would like to have the list of Rate Defaulters on the Table for next Meeting.

Chairman replying stated the Sheriff returned "no goods". The Committee believed Mr. Kearns had the means to pay and ordered a prosecution.

Adjourned.

Fatal Injury.
Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmonde
A vote of sympathy with the relatives was passed on the occasion of the mortal shooting of Mr. Whitty, Palace, by the accidental discharge of a shot gun recently.

Gate Piers of Dump.

Mr. Boyle informed the Meeting the Scavenging Contractor called on him and told him he would not pay for the piers of the gate at Chamberstand. The piers were only laid on the surface of the road and required very

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little pressure to Knock them. The width of the new entrance arranged by the Town Surveyor was insufficient for his lorry and some other lorries that went for manure. It was not possible to avoid striking the piers on entry. The roadway was uneven and to avoid the ruts one could not enter. He, Mr. Doyle, had not seen the place but he thought it strange of Mr. Gahan to make the complaint without cause.

Town Surveyor stated in reply the piers were laid on properly laid foundations. The roadway was specially made under his supervision. Mr. Gahan should be asked to put in writing the statements made by Mr. Doyle and he, Surveyor, would deal with them in another place.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided that Mr. Gahan be asked to submit statements in writing for the next Council Meeting.

The Meeting Ended.

P. McLoughlan
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Saturday the 29th day of July 1939.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening to sympathize with the family of Dr. Michael Walsh, Airmount, New Ross who died this morning and to make arrangements for the Council to attend in State at the funeral obsequies on Monday at 11 o'clock a.m.

Present:- Messrs P. N. Ó Lorcáin,
J. Murphy P.C.,
J. Murphy (Bridge),
T. Martin,
J. Callaghan,
J. Rossiter,
V. A. Doyle,
J. Pendergast and
A. Cullen.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and spoken to by as well Mr. Cullen and Mr. Murphy, P.C., it was resolved

"That this Council with signal sympathy meet to join the people of the town with the family in Sorrow on the demise of Dr. Michael Walsh and that the Council resolve to vote sincere condolence with Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Colfer, J.E. Walsh and relatives in their bereavement and further it be resolved that the Council attend the funeral obsequies in State as a mark of deepest respect and veneration to Dr. Walsh from the people of New Ross. R.I.P."

The motions were passed all members standing.

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P. Ó Lorcáin
8.8.39

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Monday the 7th August 1939.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 10 AUG 1939

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and recommend on the following :-

1. Solicitors general advice on Tenants' Bonds and general law thereon.
2. Insurance matters
3. Mr. O' Connor's fees and expenses - Sewerage Scheme
4. Rent Arrears - Tenants' arrangements
5. School of Pathology, Dublin - letter for expenses incurred by Dr. Bastible on examination of 50 swabs for Haemolytic Streptococci.
6. Fair Gate Site - Galavan's Yard.
7. Three Bullet Gate Site.
8. Messrs Steele & Co. - Letting from New Ross Gas. Co.
9. Selling of Pound to Mrs. Harney.

Present :- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding : J. Murphy. P.C.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

T.A. Coffey £89. 2.4 : P. Carroll £3.0.0 ; Ryan Bros. £7.10.0 ; John Furlong £1.7.0 ; P. Gahan £34.10.3 Cullen Bros. £1.4.0 : Carlow County Council £11.5.9 ; Wexford County Council 9/9 ; James Cooney, Arnestown £1.10.0 ; A.S. Donaldson £1.5.0 ; Hely's Ltd 15/= F. Hartrick, New Ross £18.16.6. Electricity Supply Board £24.4.11 ; Electricity Supply Board 19/4 ; E.A. Finn £6.3.9 ; Cork Timber Co. £1.2.0 ; Graves & Co. 12/4 Steele & Co. £3:5.0 ; James Dooley £24.10.1 ; Messrs H. & A. Hamilton £700.0.0.

Water Tower Disputed Account.

Clerk submitted a receipt from R. J. Campbell & Co. Dublin for £89. 2. 4. Council's Solicitors recommended payment of this amount so as to leave only the disputed figures for legal action. Solicitors paid this bill. It is necessary to refund it.

Committee recommended refund of £89. 2. 4 to Messrs Coffey & Son

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County Council dispute
Standpipe and Hose.

Letter dated 4th August was read from Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor that " The hose and standpipe referred to (in Mr. O'Neills letter of 17th May 1939) were supplied from the stock of fire appliances in the fire station and were in no sense defective nor was any complaint received by me as to their condition. No doubt if a later application was made to Council for replacement, as suggested record of same will be in your possession. Personally I have no Knowledge of this matter."

Letter dated 17th May 1939 was again read.

Clerk stated application was made by one of the foremen but not to the Council so far as he could recollect. In view of Mr. Shortalls letter the Council would appear to be bound to issue instructions for collection.

Referred to Finance Meeting.

Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme.
Fees and Expenses.
Cost of Printing

Letter dated 6th May 1939 - late for the June Finance Meeting was read from Mr. O. Connor enclosing details of Printing expenses incurred by him amounting to £37. 1. 0. The items are for printing "General Conditions of Contract" "Bills of Quantities" Specification for Pumping Plant." and the cutting of Stensils. The work was done by J. A. Miller + Son Dublin.

Letter dated 24th July 1939 was read from Mr. O. Connor as follows :-

" On the 6th of May I sent you details of expenses amounting to £37. 1. 0 for printing of Specifications and Quantities for above scheme by Messrs J. A. Millar + Son, Crow Street, Dublin.

The work was ordered on your behalf and was furnished to me on April 4th. I have been asked repeatedly by Messrs Millar for a cheque for amount due, but consider I should not be obliged to pay such a large sum out of my own pocket.

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I have now been threatened with proceedings if payment is not made before August 1st. I must ask you to Kindly furnish me with pay order by return."

Letter dated 26th July 1939 was read from Mr. O'Connor as follows:-

"I enclose letter received from Messrs Millar. Is there no means of securing payment before the Finance Meeting on August 8th? It is most disconcerning to be obliged to face proceedings for such a debt, and I must ask you to relieve me of the responsibility by a letter assuming liability for payment, if, as you say, you cannot issue a cheque before August 8th."

Letter from Messrs Millar & Son, Dublin to Mr. O'Connor dated 21st July 1939 was read as follows:-

"We cannot understand why our account for Bill of Quantities, Specification et cetera amounting to £37. 1. 0 supplied to you on behalf of the above Council still remains unsettled.

You must realize that we are not bankers and cannot on any account permit this extended credit.

We regret therefore we must notify you. that unless we have your Remittance in full settlement of this account on or before Friday 28th July, we shall be compelled to put the matter into other hands for collection.

We trust that you will not render this unpleasant course necessary."

Clerk reported that in view of the threats of Mr. O'Connor and Messrs Millar he consulted Mr. Colfer and he on 27th July 1939 replied

"We would remind you that there is no privity between Messrs Millar and the Council

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There is a Contract for payment of Services rendered between Mr. O. Connor and Messrs Miller for £37. 1. 0 which appears to us to be recoverable and in which the Council are not concerned."

Committee recommended adjournment pending information as to Mr. O. Connor's authority to order and whether he obtained tenders for the work and further that the unexpended overdraft is not sufficient to meet the bill if due by the Council.

Mr. O. Connor's Fees.

Letter from Department

Under date 24th Jul 1939 S. 19968/2/39. the following letter was read from Department :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the Department's letter of 13th March last, sanctioning expenditure temporarily from Council's Capital Account up to a maximum of £300 in anticipation of loan for New Ross Sewerage Scheme. This accommodation was authorized by the Minister on the basis of figures supplied by you in connection with Engineering fees due to the Consulting Engineer as follows :-

Fees at 2½ per cent, for plans Specified on their estimated cost of work (£5,000)	£125. 0. 0
Quantities	£75. 0. 0
Fees at 1 per cent for Preliminary Report less proportion included above	£170. 0. 0.

Since then Contract documents have been submitted to and approved by the Department.

The Consulting Engineer has now made representations to this Department that excluding the recoupment of travelling expenses, only £200 of this amount has been paid to him to date and that settlement of the balance of the account, based on the amount of the accepted tender, in respect of

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£196. including recoupment of expenses on foot of preparation of Bills of Quantities, is urgently required.

The Minister desires to be informed by return whether the accommodation sanctioned has been utilised and if so, why the Consulting Engineer has not been paid accordingly"

Clerk reported he replied on 26th July 1939 setting out the payments already made as follows:-

Total Advertising costs	£44. 10. 0
Stationary. Typing of Report	1. 0. 0
Fees paid to Mr. O'Connor	220. 0. 0

The letter pointed out sanction was sought to an overdraft of £600 but was refused. That the Council never had an application for fees before sanction to Scheme, completion of contract documents and start of work. The other matters would be dealt with by the Finance Committee

Committee examined the original particulars prepared by the Council on Mr. O'Connors appointment.

That document set out that applicants for the position shall submit particulars of This fees under the following heads:-

(a) Fees for first preliminary general report and plans.

(b) Fees for preparation of full working drawings and Specification of each Section into which the work may be divided.

(c) Fees in connection with the obtaining of the contracts and the supervision of the works including issuing of interm and final certificates.

Committee then read Mr. O'Connor's application for appointment dated 26th July 1938 in which he specified his fees as follows:-

"As remuneration for services I am prepared to accept 5% of total cost of the works, apportioned as follows:-

Section (a)	½ %	of total cost of the works.
Section (b)	2 %	" " " " " "
Section (c)	2½ %	" " " " " "

It was then found that the figures in the Departments letter did not agree in so far as the fee for preliminary report should be one half per cent and

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for preparation of drawings and specification two per cent and that there was no mention of "Quantities." So that so far as the Committee can form an opinion the amount due to Mr. O'Connor appears to be :-

Fees at 2% on estimated cost of work (£5000) is	£100. 0. 0
Fees at ½% for Preliminary Report less proportion included in above is	£ 85. 0. 0

Mr. O'Connor has received £200 and £20 for expenses.

Committee then examined Section 4 of the Schedule of Fees of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland as follows:-

"The fees become due as follows:-

(a) One half on the delivery of Plans and Specifications to the Employer.

(b) The remainder on the value of each certificate issued by the Engineer from time to time.

Recommended that the Department be requested to ask Mr. O'Connor to verify the figures given the Department by him and that the Department be informed the Council, Mr. O'Connor has been well recompensed for his work so far as they are aware, that the Council is not satisfied there is any obligation to pay fees outside the terms of his employment and that further fees cannot be paid pending sanction to loan and receipt of the various instalments.

Monthly Rent Report.

Clerk submitted abstract of above for the month of July 1939 as follows:-

Arrears end of June		£295. 8. 9.
Rents accrued for July		161. 0. 5.
	Total	£456. 9. 2
Collected to 31st July		170. 5. 2
	Arrears.	£286. 4. 0

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Clerk reported almost all tenants notified called and arranged to pay by extra weekly instalments and several substantial sums were paid on arrears. The Rent Collector's Sheet was produced.

Messrs Steele & Co. Ltd.

Letter dated 27th July 1939 from Council's Solicitors was read as follows:-

"We duly received your letter of the 15th instant herein and note your instructions.

From an inspection of the Deed to Steele & Co. Ltd. from the New Ross Gas Co. it appears that this property is held under a Lease for lives renewable for ever dated 20th September 1781 made between the Sovereign and free Burgesses of New Ross and Charles Tottenham of the one part and one George Kough of the other part. It appears that a renewal of this Lease was granted in 1826.

Before we can advise as to the possibility of increasing the rent, we would require to have before us the Counterpart of the 1781 Lease, or a copy thereof, together with any further renewals granted subsequent to 1826. We will be glad therefore if you will let us have any such documents in your possession and also let us know whether the rent has been paid since Steele & Co. Ltd went into possession. You might also indicate the figures to which it is proposed to increase the rent."

Adjourned pending production of Deeds.

Site at Three Bullet Gate.

Under date 22nd July 1939 the following letter was read from Solicitors :-

"We are obliged for your letter of the 15th instant enclosing draft map of the above site

Before advertising the site for sale we

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will be glad if you will let us know what is the Councils title to this property, is it held in Fee Simple, under Fee Farm Grant or Lease. Perhaps if you have any title documents relating to it you would send them to us so that we may note them."

Recommended that Town Surveyor prepare a plan of a store for the site and submit particulars and estimate of cost.

Vacant site at Inishtown.

Under date 25th July 1939 the following letter was read from Solicitors :-

"We duly received your letter of the 15th instant enclosing Counterpart Lease of property at the north side of Inishtown and near the Fair Gate.

The lease was for a term of 99 years at a rent of £10. 0. 0 and it expired on the 25th March 1938. The premises have fallen and the site is derelict. The last occupier is a man in humble circumstances named Meaney.

In our opinion it would be waste of money to endeavour to recover arears of the leasehold rent due at the expiration of the Lease.

The Council may lease these premises for 31 years but if desired to lease them for a greater term or to sell the fee simple interest, it will be necessary to place the facts before the Local Government Department and a notice of the Councils intention to apply for sanction to sell or lease must be affixed on the Town Hall one calendar month before the date of such application.

We will be glad to have your instructions."

Recommended that the Council proceed to lease premises for 31 years or longer if desired and that the Solicitors

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advertise and that the Solicitors advertise and do anything necessary

Letting of Pound

Under date 17th July 1939 the following was read from Mrs. Budget Harney, Upper Main Street:-

"I beg to apply for Caretakership of Pound and I am willing to pay £1 per year under the usual agreement for same."

Recommended that the offer be accepted and that the Solicitors arrange letting.

Allotments Acts.

Mr. Doyle's Field

Solicitors under date 17th instant advised it would save expense to have Agreement to cover a longer period than one year if required.

Clerk reported he replied asking the Solicitors to communicate with the parties with a view to a five year lease subject to Sanction.

Adjourned.

Notification of Increase of Rent.

Clerk reported the Statutory Notices of above were duly issued since last Meeting.

Noted.

Rates - John Street Premises.

Collector reported receipt of the following letter dated 18th July from the Munster & Leinster Bank after handing Demand for £40. 8. 6 rates on above :-

"We return herewith the Rate Demand Note in respect of above. The premises in question being still unoccupied."

Adjourned.

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Insurance of Officials

Clerk reported Mr. Shortall, Mr. Lynch, and Dr. Kissane were not insured under the Workmens Compensation Acts so far as he could see from the Policies. He asked the Secretary to the Wexford County Board of Health if they were insured by his Board. Mr. Shortall and Mr. Lynch are. A Canon Law liability insurance appears necessary for Dr. Kissane.

Adjourned.

Fees for Reports on Swabs.

Long letter (4 typed pages) dated 18th July 1939 was read from the School of Pathology, Dublin for £25 Fees due on the order of Dr. Bastible whilst acting as County Medical Officer of Health for the County.

Committee considered Dr. Bastible was not acting as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban Area and that he ordered the examination without any authority from the Council.

Weekly Tenants Bonds.

Under date 1st August 1939 the following general advise was read from Solicitors on Counsels opinion as requested by Council :-

1. The Council could insist on Bonds before allowing any tenant into occupation.
2. If the Applicant is one whom the Council the Council unhoused under Slum clearance arrangements and cannot get Sureties there is no liability on the Council if Bonds are not procured. If these people fail to pay the rent Council must take steps to evict them or reduce the rent.
3. The Council are under no obligation to inform the Sureties of any default by the Tenant
4. A Surety cannot arbitrarily and at any time withdraw his Bond or end his liability Thereunder.
5. The Bond can be terminated by notice if tenant defaults and Surety has been called upon to pay or possibly when the Surety becomes aware of the default.

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The notice must be long enough to permit the Council to get Possession after terminating the tenancy. The Surety must pay Rent up to the date of expiry of notice.

6. The terms of the letting Agreement must be strictly observed and the payment of rent regularly by the tenant must be insisted on. If he persistently defaults he should be ejected. Once Notice to Quit is served no time can be given unless he pays up the rent and gets a new Bond.

Counsel then suggested an addition to the existing form of Agreement.

Recommended that all Sureties who recently filed letters repudiating liability under Bonds be informed of the situation.

Sewerage Scheme
Pumping Station at Roberton.

Committee had before them Mr. O'Connor's detailed estimate in this matter and also Mr. Lee's tender. The estimate is £560 and the tender £759.7.0.

Recommended that the Council ask Mr. O'Connor for an explanation of this. Committee considered that Mr. O'Connor exceeded his duty by asking anybody for a tender in connection with extra works without the express authority of the Council and that same be communicated to Mr. O'Connor and to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday 8th August 1939.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 11 AUG 1939

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, the various Public Health Acts and other Acts enabling. Also to consider the following Special business :-

1. Recommendations of Finance Committee and on
   (a) Solicitors Advice re Tenants' Bonds
   (b) Fees &c. to Consulting Engineer - Sewerage Scheme.
   (c) Rent arrears.
   (d) Application for fees in connection with the examination of Diphtheria Swabs.
   (e) Letting of Pound and other matters deaeth with.
2. Letting of houses at Town Wall.
3. Letter from Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor - No 18. House Bullawn.
4. Notices to occupiers of Demolition Orders becoming operative.
5. Housing correspondence.
6. Vaccination Defaulters - Letter from Government.
7. Application from Board of Health to connect with the Town Water Supply for Housing Scheme at Maudlins (12) and asking for terms.
8. Mr. Martins Motion to proceed with the erection of 49 houses at Charleton Hill Site

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, Bridge
T. Redmond
J. Murphy, P.C.
A. Cullen

The Minutes of the Meetings held since last monthly Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Finance Committee's Recommendation.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy.

The recommendation of this Committee in so far as the payment of Bills is concerned only was adopted

The Treasurers Advice Notes were signed by the Chairman

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and Messrs a. Cullen and J. Murphy, P.C. and the bills were ordered to be paid

Vote of Sympathy and Adjournment.
On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
A Vote of condolence was passed with Mr. William Ronan, a Member of the Council, on the death of his eldest son aged 11½ years and letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Mr. Ronan and to his wife - the Council to adjourn for one month without transacting further business.

Housing
Charleton Hill Scheme and Sewer.

Mr. Cullen drew attention to the position of the houses without a Sewer in view of the fact that they would be handed over to the Council by the end of the present month.

Clerk reported to the Meeting that Mr. Colfer, advising on the acquisition of wayleaves stated that it would be necessary under the Foreshore Act to advertise for two weeks in the Standard and that fourteen days after that the Minister could not give his licence and that in the meantime anybody could object and hold it up.

Town Surveyor replying to Mr. Murphy said a connection could be made to the Cross Lane Sewer within a figure of £25.

It was left to the Clerk to call a special Meeting on this matter as soon as he received intimation of the handing over of the houses.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. McPonnell
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Tuesday 5th September 1939.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact all business of the Meeting adjourned on the 8th August 1939 and to consider applications for the tenancy of house No 49 J. K. L. Place. recently vacated by P. Flynn.

Present:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
A. Cullen
T. Martin
T. Redmond
J. Murphy (Bridge).

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Thanks for Sympathy.

Mrs. Walsh, Ormond wrote thanking the Council for letter of sympathy on the death of her husband, Dr. Michael Walsh.

Mr. J. E. Walsh and Mrs. T. A. Cooper wrote thanking the Council for letters of sympathy on the death of their father, Dr. Michael Walsh.

Mr. W. Ronan, wrote thanking the Council for letter of sympathy on the death of his son.

School Meals.

Letter P. H. 16937/39 dated 28th July 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying intended recoupment of £32 year 1939/40 first instalment.

Noted.

Petroleum Licences Renewal.

Applications were read from Mr. L. O'Brien, South Street, New Ross, and Mr. James Murphy, Priory Lane, New Ross.

Granted.

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Public Lighting.

Letter dated 18th July 1939 was read from The Electricity Supply Board acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter of the 15th instant in connection with 5 lights to new Road at Charleton Hill and light at Chapel Lane. and stating the matter is receiving attention.

Application for plot of Ground at William Street.

Letter dated 11/7/39 was read from John Ryan, William Steet applying for piece of untilled ground at Allotments Field, William Steet.

The application was refused.

Application for Field at Charleton Hill

John Sheehan, Jones Hill, applied for the use of the field at the back of the new houses for grazing.

The application was refused.

Leave of Absence.

Under date 8th August 1939 letter was read from Miss Annie O'Brien, Portlaw as follows :-

"I would thank the Gentlemen if they would Kindly allow me some holidays and if I wil get paid holiday money."

The Council granted leave and appointed Mrs. Lindsay to do the work. The matter of payment during holidays was referred to the Clerk.

Demolition Orders.

Under date 17th July 1939 letter was read from Messrs Whitney, Moore, Keily + Lloyd. Solicitors, Dublin stating they received Demolition Notices and asking for the name and address of their immediate Landlord..

Clerk reported he sent the information to the Solicitors.

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Finance Committees Recommendation.

The Minutes of this Committee were read.

County Councils - Standpipe.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes in connection with above the Councils decided to ask Mr. O'Neill for more particulars before the matter be handed to Solicitors for collection.

Proposed by Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

D. O'Gorman
12. 9. 39

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Monday 11th September 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

James Dooley	£19.	14.	4.	L. Barron	£7. 0. 0
T. J. Dunphy	33.	3.	4	A. R. French	2. 0
Wexford Co. Council	11.	1.	6	Jas. Cooney	1. 10. 0
Electricity Supply Board	24.	4.	11	J. J. Shortall	6. 9½
Glenfield + Kennedy	10.	5.	0	Steele & Co.	16. 6.
M. Doyle		2.	0	E. A. Finn	6. 4. 8.

Department of Industry and Commerce 1/=.

Mr. Gahan's Account for Scavenging

Account for £31. 10. 0 presented by Contractor was restricted by £2. by the Town Surveyor for "omissions and deductions".

Committee recommended that the Town Surveyor be asked to give dates and a list of Work not done or only done badly and that Mr. Gahan be paid £29. 10. 0 less £1 for Bond.

Piers at Dump.

Under date 8th August 1939 the following letter was read from Mr. Gahan :-

"In reply to your letter of 14th July re gate piers. I wish to say my statement to you and Members of the Council i.e. the griot piers were built on the surface and the present piers 1 foot down was made to me and others, by the mason, when

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building the last piers, which are about 18 ins. Square.

I wish to draw your attention to my letter 6th May."

Committee recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to Town Surveyor for his report to next Finance Meeting.

Washing Irishtown and Rosbercon after May and June Fairs.

Under date 8th August 1939 the following letter was read from Mr. P. Gahan :-

"The Irishtown and Rosbercon could not be washed by the hose after the Fairs, May + June, owing to scarcety of water, but were brushed and washed with buckets of water which took much more time."

Committee recommended that the matter be adjourned to next Finance Meeting.

Water Tower.

Under date 7th September 1939 the following letter was read from Messrs Delap + Waller, Consulting Engineers :-

"We understand from Messrs Goefer That they have already paid, on your Council's behalf, the sum of £50 which had been retained, and for which we stated in ours of the 12th June last we were prepared to issue a Certificate.

To put the matter in order we have, therefore, issued as Certificate to Messrs R. J. Campbell + Co. today and enclose a copy herewith.

We also enclose copy of a letter today addressed to Messrs Goefer."

Copy letter dated 7th September 1939 from Messrs Delap + Waller to Messrs Goefer + Son :-

"New Ross Waterworks

"We thank you for yours of the 5th inst.

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re the above. We note that you have already paid the Contractors the sum of £50, which had been retained under the terms of the Contract, and to put the matter in order we have today issued a certificate to them for that amount, a copy of which we attach.

With regard to the amount of £66. 0. 9 still under dispute, we understand that the Contractors are prepared to waive their claim for delay if the Council waives theirs also and therefore the matter could be settled by the payment to the Contractors of the £25. 15. 9 in respect of duty. As the Contractors' claim for delay has already been covered by certificates issued by us, it would be necessary for the Contractors to issue a credit note to the Council for the £20. 2. 6. to put the matter in order.

This would settle the whole matter and we trust that you can see your way to advising the Council accordingly.

On our part we strongly recommend that a settlement on the above lines should be effected.

Committee adjourned consideration to next Finance Meeting.

Carnteel - Waterworks.

Arising out of an account from Mr. Freeman, Mary Street for £3. 7. 0 - car hire to Ballinabanoge and Dranagh

Committee recommended that payment of the account be deferred until the Water Inspector furnish particulars of the occupants of the car as per Council's Resolution.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 5th September 1939 the following report was read from Town Surveyor :-

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(1) " It was found necessary last week to renew a section of the watermain crossing river bridge. As mentioned in previous reports this main which is constructed in light steel is very much corroded and may need to be renewed at once. Only one length of three inch spare main now remains on hands. It would be advisable to purchase sufficient material for entire renewal with least possible delay. Estd. cost £45. 0. 0.

(2) Whilst the water Supply to all areas continues to be reasonably satisfactory it is evident that certain faults and defects exists which are causing considerable waste. Every effort is being made and tests continue to be carried out with a view to tracing all such faults. My efforts in this direction would be much facilitated if a telephone were installed at Caretakers residence at Dranagh. According to my information, resulting from official enquiries, no charge would be made in respect of the standards, telephones lines, &c. required to cover cost of extension from present terminus, and a charge made only in respect of the usual services. It is expected that a considerable saving shall be effected in car hire when telephone service has been installed.

(3) The manner in which the scavenging contract is being carried out continues to be unsatisfactory."

Committee recommended

(1) That Mr. Shortall submit a detailed estimate and full particulars of what is required with the price opposite each item.

(2) That consideration of the matter be adjourned for the present.

Sewerage Scheme
Engineers Fees.

Under date 9th September 1939 the following letter was read from Mr. O' Connor, Engineer:-

" I am sorry to have to make so many

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applications for fees and expenses due on above scheme, but you will realize that I have only limited credit and cannot meet my obligations, if fees cannot be collected within a reasonable period.

Note of Fees.

Submission of comprehensive Survey & Report at 1% of cost of works £22189.5.0	£220.
Plans & Specification for William St. Sewer at 1½% of cost of works £5226.17.0	78.
Preparation of Bill of Quantities at 1½% of cost of Works £5226.17.0	78.
	£376
Received on a/c to date	200
Fees now due	£176

On May 6th I submitted details of expenses incurred for printing Specifications & Bill of Quantities (24 copies of each) and amounting to £37.1.0 but up to date I have not received payment for same.

Will you please endeavour to expedite payment at your earliest opportunity."

Committee recommended that the matter be adjourned pending sanction to loan

Medical Officer of Health's Fees.

Under date 23rd August 1939 the following letter was read from the Medical Officer of Health :-

"I enclose account for 118 condemned houses at 5/= per house. I understand Demolition Orders have been made for this number of houses. Account also includes £4.4.0 Fee for giving evidence at two enquiries held by Messrs O'Malley & Scott.

Amount of a/c 118 houses at 5/=	£29.10.0
Evidence at two Enquiries	4.4.0
	£33.14.0

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Committee recommended payment subject to sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Heath.

Rent Arears.

John Culleton, Town Wall.

Under date 1st September 1939 the following letter was read from Council's Solicitors

"New Ross Urban District Council

v.

John Culleton."

"With reference to this Ejectment case, the Defendant, John Culleton has offered to pay 2/= per week on foot of the arrears of rent due by him, in addition to the current weekly rent. We shall be glad to Know whether this offer is acceptable to the Council or otherwise".

Clerk reported the amount due by the tenant at date was £16. 17. 0.

Committee recommended that the Council's Solicitors be instructed to proceed at once for possession of the house.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday 12th September 1939.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Public Health Acts including financial and the following special matters :-

1. Recommendations of the Finance Committee.
2. Letter from Wexford County Council - A. R. P. lighting Restrictions.
3. Architects Report - 76 Houses Charleton Hill.
4. Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health - 49 additional houses at Charleton Hill.
5. Town & Regional Planning Regulations 1939.
6. Adjourned business.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, A. Cullen, T. Redmond J. Murphy, P.C., W. Ronan, V.A. Doyle ; T. Martin.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cullen.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The Treasurers Advice note was then signed by the Chairman and Messrs V.A. Doyle and J. Murphy P.C.

A. R. P. Lighting Restrictions

Letter dated 4th September 1939 was read from The Secretary, Wexford County Council enclosing copy letter received by him from the Department of Defence dated 2nd September 1939 as follows :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Defence to refer to this Department's letter of the 26th instant regarding inter alia the question of lighting restrictions in connection with the air raid precautions, and to confirm that a telegram in the following terms was dispatched to you yesterday, 1st September :-

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" References letter 26th August regarding arrangements for lighting restrictions stop Minister for Defence requests you to arrange that public lighting in highways, streets and Public places in your Functional area will be discontinued as and from Saturday 2nd September, until further notice."

Defence, Dublin.

Under the Air Raid Precautions Act 1939, the expression "Functional Area" means -

(a) in relation to the County of a Council, such county exclusive of any Scheduled urban area therein,

(b) In relation to the Council of a County borough, such county borough.

(c) In relation to the council of a Scheduled urban Area, such Scheduled urban area.

The Scheduled urban areas are :-

The Urban District of Bray
The Urban District of Cobh.
The Borough of Drogheda
The Urban District of Dundalk.
The Borough of Dunlaoghaire
The Borough of Wexford.

It should be understood that public lighting includes all Harbour lights, other than navigational lights intended as aids to shipping entering or leaving the harbour.

The Minister is also desirous that all occupiers of Private houses, shops, business premises and places of entertainment should co-operate in these precautionery lighting measures by discontinuing the use of all exterior lights and by darkening every window, skylight, glass door, or exterior opening in parts of buildings where lights are used after dark. This applies particularly to advertising, illuminated signs and lighted shop windows.

A copy of the Air Raid Precautions Act, 1939 is enclosed for your information."

Clerk reported the instructions were carried out.

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Contribution in lieu of Rates.

Letter dated 25th August 1939 was read from the Valuation Department enclosing Form of Claim for contribution in lieu of rates on property occupied for State purposes.

Clerk reported the amount of contribution claimed was £1. 3. 2.

The Form was then signed by the Chairman

Petrol Licence Renewal.

The New Ross Motor & Engineering Company applied for and was granted a renewal of licence.

Association of Municipal Authorities

Memorandum dated 7th September 1939 was read from above stating that the annual Conference of the Association fixed for Cork on the 13th instant was postponed owing to the present emergency and black-out restrictions.

Free Milk Supply

Notification P.H. 1619/17/39 dated 23rd August 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health notifying intended recoupment of £58. year 1939/40 second instalment.

Noted.

Allotments.

Under date 8th September 1939 letter was read from the Council's Solicitors enclosing Agreement for completion by the Council in respect of the Windmill Lane Field from the Sisters of Mercy for the year 1938.
Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the Agreement and witnessed by the Chairman.

Rates on Vacant Premises

Under date 12th September 1939 letter was read from [illegible] enclosing a letter received from

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the Agent to the Tottenham Estate as follows:-

"My attention has recently been drawn to your letter of the 24th ult. enclosing Demand Notes for rates on vacant property in New Rds.

I return the Demand Notes herewith and wish to point out that in respect of Rate No. 305 these premises have been vacant since 29th September 1938 and in respect of rating Nos. 315 and 316 the premises have been vacant as and from 22nd February 1939; in each case I have made every endeavour to let the property but so far have been unsuccessful. and I accordingly return the Demand Notes."

The Council decided to adjourn the matter to the next Finance Meeting.

Arrears of Rent

5.- Culleton - Town Wall.

Under date 12th September 1939 the following letter was read from the Council's Solicitors:-

"We have today received the Keys of above premises and we enclose same herewith. We have accordingly withdrawn the ejectment proceedings.

We shall be glad to have your instructions as to whether proceedings are to be issued for recovery of arrears of rent and if so will you please let us know the amount due."

It was decided to instruct the Solicitors to proceed for recovery of Arrears from Sureties.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Thos Redmond. 17.10.39

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Monday 9th day of October 1939

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and the following Special business viz:-

1. Waterworks - Increase of existing charges - New Schedule sent you.
2. Rates objections - owners of vacant dwellings
3. Adjourned from last Finance Committee Meeting
4. Newtown - Purchase of Fee Farm Grant.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C. Presiding.
T. Martin
W. Ronan.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment viz:-
Hibernian Insurance £2.5.0: London Assurance Co. 16/= Messrs B. Hennessy 2/6; Bank of Ireland £1933.15.2. Messrs Guest & Chrimes 4/8: Cork Iron & Hardware Co. £1.13.6; A. Nolan 9/4; Hanahan Bros. £49.5.10; Messrs Steele & Co. £3.17.5. P. Carroll £4.4.0; Wexford Board of Health £13.13.11; E. Kehoe £3.0.0. W. Byrne 4/6; Jas. Cooney £1.17.6: Moran Bros. 3/5; A.G. Davis £10. A.G. Davis £2.8.6; A.R. French £1.1.0; E.S.B. £1.2.9; National Bank Ltd. £192.15.7. P. Gahan £27.7.4; J. Freeman £3.7.0; D. Burns £1.19.8.

Motor Hire.

Accounts from J. Freeman and D. Byrne for car hire To Dranagh &c. £3.7.0 and £1.19.6. were examined. Committee recommended payment. Committee consider the Water Inspectors duties end at Ballylugh and that the Caretaker has charge of the reservoir at Dranagh with the intervening pipe line and filter. It should be decided whether the Inspector's duties included testing for leaks.

Mr. O'Connor's Fees.

Clerk reported a long telephone message from Mr. O'Connor

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in connection with the change in the Sewerage Pipes and price. The Contractor claims £75. for Steel pipes and £45 Stoneware over and above his tender - arising by reason of the length of time between the Council's acceptance of his tender and intimation of sanction and signing of documents. Mr. O' Connor agrees the excess is very reasonable and recommends acceptance. The correspondence will come before the Council. During this conversation Clerk informed Mr. O' Connor that the account for fees was incorrect. The account now before the Committee was reduced under Section (a) by £110. This is still wrong by £25. if the Committee consider he is now entitled to fees under Section (b). Mr. O' Connor also asks for fees for quantities. There is no mention of this item in his letter of application for the position.

Committee having read the requisite documents decided to postpone consideration as determined by the Council at last Meeting and hold that pending receipt of complete set of Plans &c. Mr. O' Connor did not appear to be entitled to any payment under Section (b) - In view of the activity of Mr. O' Connor over his fees he should be asked to inform the Department his statement was incorrect that the Council was holding up payment. He has already received £200.

Scavenging Contract.

Town Surveyor certified same witholding £5 "in respect of defaults and emissions".

Committee recommended payment as certified.

Two Houses - Priory Steet.

Application from London Assurance Company from premium on £1050 fire Policy. 8902186 16/= was considered.

Committee recommended payment pending decision as to ownership to protect the property.

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Public Lighting

Account for months lighting under the Contract £24. 4. 11. Street Inspector refused to certify as "All lights were out from 2nd September to 9th September. 19 lamps were lighting from sunset to 12 midnight from 9th September to 30th. 3 lamps on the Quay were lighting from 9th to 30th These were Harbour Commissioners Property. In view of these facts I cannot certify this account."

Adjourned pending result of application to the E.S.B. to adjust the bill in accordance with Inspector's Certificate.

Messrs Campbells Account £66. 0. 9.

The following correspondence was read :-

From Messrs Boeffer & Son, dated 12th September 1939.

"We enclose copy of a letter received from Messrs Delap & Waller.

We shall be glad if you will bring the matter before your Council and let us hear from you in due course."

From Consulting Engineers to Messrs Boeffer & Son.

"New Ross Waterworks – Messrs R. J. Campbell & Co. Contractors"

"We thank you for yours of the 5th instant re the above. We note that you have already paid the Contractors the sum of £50, which had been retained under the terms of the Contract and to put the matter in order we have today issued a certificate to them for that amount, a copy of which we attach.

With regard to the amount £66. 0. 9 still under dispute, we understand that the Contractors are prepared to waive their claim for delay if the Council waives theirs also, and therefore the matter could be settled by the payment to the Contractors of the £25. 15. 9 in respect of duty. As the Contractor's claim for

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delay has already been covered by certificates issued by us. it would be necessary for the Contractors to issue a credit note to the Council for the £20. 2. 6 to put the matter in order.

This would settle the whole matter and we trust that you can see your way to advising the Council accordingly.

On our part we strongly recommend that a settlement on the above lines. should be effected."

Clerk reported the Council long since left this matter in the hands of their Solicitors.

Committee recommended that the Solicitors attend to same.

Application by Mr. O'Grady.

Clerk reported receipt of this dated 6th instant with a request that it be laid before the Committee:-

"I beg to apply for an increase of Salary to the amount offered by the Council for the permanent appointment.

I have had three and a half years Service with the Urban Council and trust that I have given satisfactory service." R. A. O'Grady.

Committee determined the subject matter was one for the Council Meeting to consider in the first instance.

Application by Mrs. Poyntz, Ard-na-gruine.

Under date 11th September 1939 the following letter was read:-

"I will feel thankful to you to bring the following matter before next Meeting of your Council. The timber flooring of part of my sitting room became rotten and broken up and I had to remove my furniture into the hallway. The matter was reported to Mr. Shortall who stated he could do nothing until he got the Council's authority at their next Meeting. I therefore had

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no alternative but to get it repaired as I considered it a source of danger to my young children. I got Mr. James Ryan, contractor to do the work and I attach his bill, payment of which I hope the Council will be kind enough to approve.

The matter would have been reported sooner to Mr. Shortall only for the illness and death of my husband last month."

The account from Ryan Bros. stated "Sept. 1. 1939. to repairs to floor £1. 12. 6.

Recommended that Town Surveyor inspect and report and ask Messrs Ryan Bros. for full particulars of the work done.

T. Doyle - Water Rent due. £11. 4. 2.

Clerk reported that in accordance with the Council's decision the water was cut off during the week.

The following letter under date 6. 10. 39 was read from Mr. Doyle :-

"I would be very grateful to you if you would ask your Council to give me permission to have the water meter removed from my premises which I personally put there as I have no public wash now and have not had for some time. I wash no cars and the G. S. R. Omnibus Co. never had the use of water for washing The water I am using is solely for use in my own Private house and as soon as my water rate for same is fixed up I'll settle it.

As regards the old a/c. I could not afford to pay it all together but will pay a monthly instalment of what the Council think would be fair to me.

Thanking you. in anticipation."

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Recommended that the Town Surveyor have the meter disconnected and retained as part payment of the account. If Mr. Doyle required a purely domestic supply it could be considered in the usual way.

Charleton Hill Houses.

Copy letter dated 6th October 1939 from Architect to Contractor was read setting out that there was unnecessary delay in remedying defects and that very few men were employed for the last few months. Unless the work was completed by the 17th instant the penalty clause in the Contract would be invoked after consultation with the Council.

Adjourned.

Complaint re cement to cross fences uprights was referred to Architect

Temporary Sewer.

Clerk reported an interview with the Town Surveyor re above for the new houses at Charleton Hill. It would appear from his experience impossible to avoid delay in letting these houses unless a temporary outlet is provided. For £25 he will connect the terminus of the new main at new road William Street to existing 6" drain from Council's houses at Hand's corner.

Committee decided that this work start forthwith in view of the urgency and that Mr. Shortall be so instructed. Council's approval is requested.

Lighting of lamps at Parish Church.

Committee sent for Mr. Hernagh and requested him to have the lamp over the Church gate and the lamp outside Cross Lane Gate lighted during the Retreat.

Mr. Hernagh telephoned Waterford Office and on returning to Meeting informed the Committee he had no doubt the lamps would be lighted.

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Letting of Houses at J. K. L. Place.

In view of the possibility of an adjournment of the Council Meeting owing to Retreat in the Parish Church the Clerk asked Committee to let this house. Mr. John Codd and Mrs. Whitty, Bullawn were the applicants.

As it appeared to be the majority opinion of the Committee the letting was postponed.

The Meeting Adjourned to next Monday at the same time.

P. A. O'Connell

17. 10. 39

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Tuesday 10th October 1939.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the various Acts enabling and the following Special business viz:-

1. Finance Committees Recommendations.
   (a) New Scale Water Charges
   (b) Rates on Vacant Premises.
2. Sewerage Scheme - Correspondence and reports.
3. Applications for houses at S. K. L. Place and Ard-na-Greine.
4. Mr. O'Neill's Fees - Letter from County Council.
5. Notices of Motion by Mr. Martin to complete this Scheme by the erection of 49 houses - Charleton Hill. Housing.

Mr. John Murphy, Bridge, attended.

Adjournment.

There was a Retreat in the Parish Church. Clerk adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday the 17th October 1939 at 7.30 o'clock.

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Monday. 16th October 1939

An Adjourned Meeting of the Finiance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Councie was held in The Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to continue business of last evening

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
W. Ronan
J. Murphy, P.C.
V. A. Doyle.

Rates Return (Form 61)

Clerk submitted collection to the end of September 1939 as follows :-

Warrants	£8481. 11. 0
Collected	£3249. 8. 10.
Discounts	120. 10. 7
Outstanding	5111. 11. 7 making the

uncollected 62% as against 59% same period last year.

Rents Return - September.

Clerk submitted Report of Rent Collection as follows :-

Rents accrued during September	£131. 7. 4
Arrears at the close of August	297. 2. 10
Total for collection	428. 10. 2
Collected during month	123. 0. 8
Leaving arrears of	305. 9. 6

The principal items calling for attention are:- Annie Pears paid nothing for the month - due £3. 11. 2 - There is no Surety in this case as the Council is aware. Patrick Graces paid nothing for the month - due £5. 3. 4: Sergeant body paid nothing for the month - Due £10. 7. 0 : Guard Feehan paid nothing for month Due - £8. 8. 9: Mary A. Roche paid nothing for month - Dues £8. 14. 1. As regards the last Miss Roche asked for time as the brother expected work shortly.
P. Kehoe, Irishtown (Range) £4. 9. 0

Recommended that all cases be handed Solicitor for collection with instructions to issue Notice to Quit if necessary.

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Water Rent.
Frank Doyle

Clerk reported interview with Town Surveyor after the Meeting of the Committee a week ago. In Mr. Shortall's opinion the meter would not be worth removing for Sale. Its present value is about 10/= It was installed in 1932.

In view of this Committee recommended handing the account to Solicitors for collection. The amount due is £11. 4. 2.

Galavan's Yard.

Clerk reported a visit from Inspector Little, Department of Agriculture, about the state of this ground. It was a danger to Animals on the fair. He recommended the Council to consider making a ramp of it for loading and unloading animals. It could be constructed for about £5.

No action pending result of letting or Sale.

James Hannahan's Bond.

Under date 13th October 1939 the following was read from Council's Solicitors :-

"Re James Hannahan's Bond.

"In reference to your letter herein instructing us to take proceedings against Mr. Hannahan to recover the arrears of rent due on a Bond which he signed.

We think in the Council's interest you should place the following facts before them.

Some time ago we were instructed by the Council to obtain Counsel's opinion on various points arising out of these Bonds and we addressed the following query to Mr. C. F. Matheson B. L.

"In a case where the Agreement and Bond
"are properly executed by the tenant and one
"of the sureties, but the surety omits to sign,
"or refuses to sign, is there an obligation on
"the Urban Council to so inform the surety who

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"has already signed. If the Council
"omit to do so, and have the Bond
"completed and stamped, is the Surety
"who has already signed liable. The Bond
"is joint and several."

Mr. Matheson replied as follows:-

"As pointed out at A. above, where the
"Bond is expressed to be joint and
"several but is not executed by one of
"the Sureties, who does not give any
"separate Bond or other equivalent, the Bond
"is invalid as against the executing Surety"

We feel it is our duty to draw the Council's attention to this advice before continuing proceedings. Then if the Council desire to proceed, we will at once take the necessary steps against Mr. Hanrahan."

Recommended proceeding with the case on the ground that as Mr. Murphy - the other Surety - had intimated he was prepared to sign the Bond and pay his half of the debt the Court may be induced to give a decree for the other half.

Clerk of Works further sanction

By letter H. 453/17/39 dated 12th October 1939 the Minister Sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. Martin Hanlon as Clerk of Works on the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme for a further period up to 31st instant at existing remuneration. The letter stated "I am also to enquire whether the Council propose to take any action against the Contractor due to delay in completion of Contract"

Committee having been informed Mr. Downes was in communication with the Contractors on this matter considered the Council should refuse to take over possession of this property until a report has been received from the Architect and a Government Inspector that the works have been carried out in full accordance with the terms of the Contract. All complaints of the

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Council to be placed before Mr. Downes.
Recommended accordingly.

Letting of Houses.

Clerk reported that subject to final figures the cost of this scheme is as follows. The rent is calculated over a period of 35 years accepting the Architects assurances that the contract figure is not exceeded. Land is apportioned leaving site for the balance of the scheme, including costs. Development is not apportioned and is charged in full against the 76 houses. As already reported the original estimates included a 40 week period for the services of Clerk of Works. This is now 84 weeks. The cost is increased thereby. :-

50 Houses.

Building Cost	£16422. 0. 0
Development	2345. 0. 0
Insurance, Bond &c.	622. 0. 0
Contingencies	524. 0. 0
Advertising	24. 16. 4
Clerk of Works	276. 0. 0
Land	308. 0. 0
Mortgage Expenses	31. 12. 7
Costs	31. 0. 0
Architect.	300. 0. 0
	£20,884. 8. 11
Cost per house	£418. 0. 0.
Repayment of Principal and Interest	£ 25. 1. 0
Refunded by Government	14. 0. 0
Leaving an annual rent of	£11. 1. 0.
a rent of 4/6 produces	£11. 14. 0.

The Council is obliged to contribute from the Rate and the usual contribution is understood to be 8d in the £. If the Council contributes the rates &c. the Council will contribute approximately 6d in the £.
Committee considered a rent of 4/6 would leave too heavy a burthen on the rates but that as the tenants might be unable to meet a

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higher rent recommended the Council to adopt same. The houses were worth much more.

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26 Houses.

	actual.	
Building Cost	10934.19.5	£10932.0.0
Development.	1249.7-1	1220.0.0
Fencing	330.7-6	
Bond, Insurance &c.		324.0.0
Contingencies		273.0.0
Advertising		12.18.2
Clerk of Works.	144.0.0	144.0.0
Land	160.2.4	160.0.0
Mortgage costs		16.8.11
costs	15.11.0	15.14.8
Architect	194.10.0	156.0.0
Other Exes.	417.12.0	£13,254.1.9
	13446.9.6	
cost per house		£509.0.0 / £17.4/-
Repayment of Principal and Interest		£30.10.9
Collection &c.		1.19.3
		£32.10.0
Add Rates P.L.V. £6.		5.15.6
		£38.5.6
A rent of 14/6 produces		37.14.0
" " " 15/= "		39.0.0.

Contract figure (excluding Council's Architect's fees - Actual cost £10,932 as per final account rendered by Architect)

Committee considered this rent could scarcely attract tenants for the 26 houses even though the houses are fitted with electric light, bath and hot water. It would be better to approach the Department with a view to a contribution towards the repayment charges before fixing a rent.

Recommended the Council to postpone fixing this rent and that Clerk approach the Department on the 25th instant on the subject of a contribution under Sec. 6 (1) (a) (ii) of the 1932 Housing Act.

Agreements & Bonds.

Under date 21st September 1939 the following letter was read from Council's Solicitors :-

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"Re Tenants' Bonds.

"As instructed we have prepared and send you herewith draft Agreement and Bond, with the clause suggested by Counsel inserted at the end of the condition of the Bond.

The effect of the amendment is that the Sureties who sign the Bond cannot under any circumstances release themselves of their liability for a period of two years from the date of the Bond, unless of course such liability is terminated in any of the ways mentioned in Counsel's opinion, of which a copy has been sent you. When the period of two years expires, the Sureties may release themselves on giving three months notice in writing.

As this is an extremely onerous condition, it should be carefully read over and explained to any proposed Surety before execution, and the Surety should fully understand the liability he is undertaking.

If the Council so desire the period of two years (which is merely in the nature of a suggestion) can be altered to any other period which is thought adequate. Possibly two years may be thought to be too long, and perhaps one year would be sufficient, but this is a matter for the Council to determine. We would not advise any alteration in the period of three months notice to terminate the Bond.

If there is any matter in connection with the draft which the Council desire further advice or information upon we shall be glad to assist on hearing from you.

Clerk reported he added to the Agreement a 6th clause as follows "The tenant shall not carry out any alteration or erect any addition whatsoever to the premises without the consent of the Council in writing".

Recommended approval of the drafts with the addition of clause 6.

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Clerk reminded Committee it would be necessary to have the houses insured as soon as possession taken and that perhaps they might consider other matters connected.

Committee recommended as follows :-

1. That the Insurance be carried out with the Hibernian Insurance Company since the other property is insured with them.
2. Should there be delay in letting the houses after handing over by the Architect a caretaker be appointed.
3. Deposit on taking up tenancy be taken in four instalments where in the Clerk's opinion the tenant is unable to pay it at once.
4. Lodgment of deposits on houses be placed on Thrift account so as to prevent a fictitious inflation of Councils Bank account and to enable the refund with greater ease.

Water Charges.

Increase in existing rates.

Committee next discussed the detailed Scale of charges and regulations suggesting alterations in existing conditions - copies sent each member of the Committee on 4th October 1939

Clerk asked Committee to consider a flat rate per meter supply as against the existing sliding scale.

Committee did not go into the Schedules, as it was considered inopportune in the middle of a financial year to arrange for a further collection. The whole question should be left over until the making of the Rates after the end of the financial year.

Clerk pointed out the Committee reduced this years estimates by an amount to be made up by increased water charges - as apart from the increase of 3d in the water rate. The new Scale could not come into operation unil all the Council Members got a copy of the document with the recommendations

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of the Committee in red ink. and after one months Notice by advertisement. No reduction in the general rate could take place next year unless the Schedules were passed in time before the making of the rates at the end of the year.

After a lengthy discussion
Committee decided it would be necessary to have a Special Meeting of the Committee.

Employment of P. Grace.

Replying to Chair Clerk produced the cash sheets which were examined so far as above was concerned. 15/= was paid to P. Grace for 21st and 22nd September for night inspection of Waterworks. 7/6 was paid him on 14th September 1939 cleansing Stopcocks during tests. 7/6 was paid to him on the 8th September for same.

Further replying Clerk stated Mr. Butler had P. Grace assisting him and men prior to him. Mr. Butler Kept the public Fountains in repair with the plumbers assistance where necessary.

Committee desired Council to consider if there is a necessity for the employment of anyone for the purpose of carrying out water service tests. There would be no objection to employment on disinfection work.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. M. Foreman
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Tuesday 17th October 1939.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross This evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Acts enabling and the special business duly noticed.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, G. Dooley, V.A. Doyle, T. Martin, J. Prendergast, J. Murphy, P.B. T. Redmond, J. Brewer, A. Cullen, J. Murphy, (Budge) W. Ronan and J.E. Walsh.

Petroleum Acts
Renewal of Licences.

The following applied for and were granted renewal of licences under above Acts:- Frank J. Doyle, Priory Street, Martin Maher, South Street, Hugh O'Connor, Marsh Lane, New Ross.

Town Clerk
Pensionable Appointment.

Letter G. 12822/2/39 of 11th September 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding the status of above office and Executive Sanitary Officer that the Minister "will raise no objection to the post being regarded as in fact wholetime as from the date of appointment."

The Clerk thanked the Council for their unanimous and generous help

School Meals Committee

Clerk reported a vacancy on this Committee by reason of the transfer of Rev. Brother O'Loughlin to Wexford. Brother Tynan succeeds him.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The thanks of the Council was extended to Brother O'Loughlin for his attendance and interest in this

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Committee. and Brother Tynan was asked to take his seat on the Committee.

Employment Relief Votes.

Letter dated 25th September 1939. was read from the County Surveyor, Wexford, stating that sums of £193 and £115 due on above were unpaid. He required to know if the Council decided to put up £270 towards £2225 Scheme, details of which had been arranged between Mr. O' Neill (County Surveyor's assistant) and the Council.

Clerk reported this as the first application for the sums mentioned. £193 would be forwarded after this Meeting. The £270 was provided for in this years rates. Although requested by the Council no particulars of the expenditure under the Grants had been received from the County Surveyor.

It was decided to ask again for the particulars.

Letter dated 14th September 1939 was read from the County Secretary that the efforts of his Council and the New Ross Urban Council to obtain commission for Assistant Surveyor, P.O'Neill, failed to obtain Sanction and suggesting the Urban Council should again approach the Minister on the matter..
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided to strongly urge Sanction to the payment of adequate remuneration to Mr. O' Neill as honestly earned and due to him.

Increase in Loan Interest.

Circular S. 27/53/39 dated 27th September 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath intimating that interest on issues out of Local Loans on and after 12th September 1939 shall be at the rate of 5¾%

Mr. Walsh said that the Bank of England reduced the rate by 1% on the date of this letter and argued there was no reason therefore for the increase.

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On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman
It was decided to send a protest to the Department and to request a return to the 4 3/4 %

Irish Culture Class.

This Society applied for and were granted the use of the large room on Sunday nights under the same conditions as held by them last season but subject to stricter Supervision.

Irish Red Cross Society.

Circular dated 2nd October was taken as read from the Chairman, Wexford County Council inviting the Council to an inauguration Meeting of a county branch of above.

Clerk reported sending copy of Circular to each Member as the Meeting was to be held prior to Council Meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Dooley
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
It was decided to convey to the Promoters that the Council was in full sympathy with this project.

Allotments Scheme 1939.
Recoupment Claim.

Letter dated 26th September 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath enclosing requisite claim forms.

Noted.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The Minutes of the Meetings of this Committee dated 9th and 16th October 1939 were read.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan
The recommendations of the Committee were adopted, action in regard to temporary Sewer at William Street approved

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and the bills were ordered to be paid.

Clerk reported Guard Feehan paid £4 off the rent arrears and Mrs. Roche £1. 2. 6.

Ordered that both names be struck off the list recommended for action by the Committee.

The Advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs J. Murphy and G. Dooley.

Sanitary Inspector &c.
Increase in Salary.

Mr. O'Grady's application for above as submitted to the Finance Committee was read.

Clerk advised the Chair Notice of Motion would appear to be necessary.

The following Notices of Motion were then handed in and signed by the Chair.

By Mr. Martin.

"I beg to give notice of my intention to move at next Meeting that Mr. O'Grady's application for an increase in Salary be granted and that his appointment as Temporary Officer be made permanent."

By Mr. Cooney

"I beg to give notice of my intention to move or cause to be moved for me at next Meeting that Mr. O'Grady's application for an increase in Salary be granted provided he does all the work of his office."

Complaint of Slippery Roads.

Mr. Murphy, P.C., said the roads leading to Ross were bad for horse traffic. The roads approaching Wexford and Enniscorthy were nicely done with gritting on each side which remains rough and assists horse traffic. The roads leading to Ross prevented people from trading in the town.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided to suggest to the County Council that the Ross Roads be

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treated as roads leading to Wexford and Ennuscorthy and the Cherry Road near the town. Sanding was considered useless.

Concrete Water Tables.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to ask the County Council to have all the Channels on the main Road relaid in concrete vice the cobbles existing as the tables are at present a danger to the public.

Property at Priory Steet.

Arising out of consideration of Finance Committee's recommendations it was decided to ask the Council's Solicitors to hasten, if at all possible the proceedings in connection with the ownership of the four houses in Priory Steet at present and for some time before the Supreme Court.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 17th October 1939 the following was read :-

"The attached account has been received from Waterford Corporation (per Mr. Sheedy, Borough Surveyor) amounting to £6.0.0 for services rendered by Corporation Fire Brigade in assisting to control outbreak of fire which occurred in Charles Steet. on the 27th ult.

A quantity of lead piping for installations and renewals of water services is at present required. This material does not appear to be contracted for by or with the Trade Dept. of Local Govt., (according to current Trade List furnished). Accordingly local traders were asked to submit quotations and the attached proposals have been received viz :- Messrs Hanrahan Bros. @ 37/6 per cwt. and Messrs B. Hennessy at the same figure. Mr. Peter Kehoe, North Steet, did not respond to invitation to submit a proposal.

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I am having temporary sewer connection made from the terminus of the new (Charleton Hill) houses in William Sheet with existing drain at Cross Lane (Hand's corner). This work is at present in progress."

Mr. Shortall stated he had no doubt the Insurance Company would refund the £6 to the Council.

It was decided to accept the offer for piping and order 2 cwts from each Contractor.

Fire at Charles Sheet.

Letters were read from the volunteers who assisted at fighting the fire which occurred at Mrs. Lawlis Restaurant on 20th September 1939 asking for compensation for damaged clothing and boots and in a few cases for injury received. Number of applications 17. (Seventeen).
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh.

It was decided to ask the Insurance Company and the Landlord of the house to meet the applications. It was also decided to thank the helpers and Mr. James Rossiter who did Wonderful work to protect the rest of this sheet.

Mr. Shortall reported (Verbally) that there was an old handwork fire engine in the rere of Maher's Garage. It should be advertised for sale.

Agreed.

Votes of Condolence.
Proposed by Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Roman

Votes of sympathy were passed to relatives of late Miss Mary O' Byrne, South Sheet, Mrs. Redmond, The Quay, and Miss Kate Doyle, North Sheet.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
Lt. 11. 39

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Monday the 13th day of November 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and special matters of which notice given.

Present: Messrs. McGowan Chairman J. Murphy P.C. and O. A Doyle (Via Sequestrum).

Bills:-

The following were presented examined and recommended for payment viz:-

D. Hessians 10/6 D. Quigley 5/. D. Fitzgerald 5/- Mc Brien 10/- Same 17/6 Same 20/. Mahe Cleary 2/- Bs Termessy 2/6. Wm Byrne 5/- O'Rooney 30/ Same 1/4 Bs Termessy 6d Same 3/3 Same 10d Ryan Bros 25/- Cullen Sons 8/6. National Bank £6.1/. Bs Termessy 5/6. Irish Builder 30/. "People" £6.3.0 Same £1-1.0 Irish Press 38/- Irish Times 33/. Ellams £2.12.11 Moran Bros 9d Bs Termessy 2/- Moran Bros 6d Donaldson 59/- Hamilton Son £25-3.5.1 (Demurrage) M Doyle 7/- Same 6/- Ltd Sims £12.10.1. Pegram £27.6.8 Same 2/6. J. Dooley £22.6/-

Scavenging Contract.

This account was recommended for payment less a deduction of £3 by the Town Surveyor "in respect of defaults and omissions". 7/

"Irish Press" advertisement.

This newspaper submitted a bill for £1.18.0 for advertisement of Tenders for Charleton Hill new proposed Scheme. For a like advertisement the "Irish Times" sent in a bill for £1.13.0.

Public Lighting A/c.

The E.S.B. submitted a bill for £24.4.11 for October 1939 lighting and arrears (being for September 1939) of a like amount

The following certificate was appended by

"19 lamps were lighting from dusk to 12 midnight.. I am therefore not certifying this amount R.A. O'Grady Street Inspector 10/11/29".

Deferred.

Repairs to Horse Town Wall
Occupiers - Repo. late R. Doyle.

Pursuant to Councils request for particulars the following were submitted from Ryan Bros:- 1929. Augt 26th. To Repairs to floor & skirting - taking up existing defective flooring:- carpenters time £1.2.0 materials 10/6. = £1.12.6".

Referred to Town Surveyor for his report & recommendation.

Loan of £4200 — New Sewerage
Question of Rate of Interest.

Letter dated 21st October 1929 was read from the Office of Public Works as follows:-

"In reply to your communication of the 12th instant, requesting that the Mortgage Deed in connection with the proposed loan of £4200 be transmitted to you in time for execution by your Council at their meeting on the 17th instant we desire to state that as the question of the rate of interest to be charged on all loans from the Local Loans Fund is at present under consideration the preparation of the Deed is necessarily held up. Your Council, however may be assured that the matter will be proceeded with as soon as possible after a decision on the point has been reached"

Clerk explained the draft Mortgage was accepted @ 4 3/4 % and the rate since changed to 5 3/4 %.

Council -v- James Shanahan

Under date 5th inst Councils Solicitors wrote that this case in connection with the Bond of above for Mrs Ellen Doran, will be heard on

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tomorrow (14th) at 11 o'clock.

Property at Priory St.
The Council and Wm. McDonagh.

Under date 20th October Solicitors wrote that this "case is likely to be listed for judgment shortly." The Council can do nothing to expedite it.

Under date 23rd October 1939 The Agent to The Tottenham Estate as agent for The London Assurance Company wrote that the policy on which the Council is asked to pay the £1 6/- insurance (Fire) is on two houses in Priory St. occupied by P. Lynch and Wm. Prunster. The houses were up to 1938 insured in the name of Mrs. Stowell when possibly after Mr. Stowell instructed him to have a policy taken out in the Council's name. The insurance is for £1000 and out-offices for £50.

Recommended that the premium be paid.

New Town Head Rent

Referring to the Minister's application for particulars of the Redemption Price of the 16th March 1939 Council's Solicitors submitted on 14 September 1939 the following:-

Purchase money including compounded

Arrears of Rent		£105-4
Grant from Costs Fund		35
		£1089.
less		
Income Tax on Arrears of Rent	£13	
Guarantee Deposit	£100	
Corporation Tithe Rent	15-4	
P.J. Clohosey Sols. Costs of making title to Tithe Rent	9	
Conveyancing Costs.	37	313
Residue		£776

The Council will also receive interest on the £100 Deposit. The Capital £100 will be retained in case of any adjustment of figures.

Clerk explained that if the £776 be retained in the Land Bonds @ 4½% the Council will annually receive £34.18.4 as against the

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Head Rent of £38.15.4 paid by Mr Butler.
Recommended that the particulars be forwarded to the Ministers.

Insurance of Council's hen Houses.

Letter dated 30th October 1939 was read from the Hibernian Insurance Co enclosing Long Term Agreement for signature. If this is completed for a period of five years from 25th December 1939 a discount of 25% will be allowed off the premium.
Committee recommended acceptance.

Clerk reported a return of £2.17.5 from above Company in respect of deletion of property not now held by the Council — Houses vacated.

Corporate Estate
Property leased to Mrs Addison-Wilson St.
The Pound Caretakership

Letter dated 19th September 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors replying to instructions of 15th July 1939 that no response has been received to their applications for the rent due, and requesting further instructions.
Recommended that instructions to proceed for the amount be given.

Letter 2nd October 1939 was read from same asking for agreement between Mrs Bolger the Pound Caretaker and the Council.
Clerk reported he could not find any Agreement and doubted if one existed.
Recommended that the Solicitors be so informed and proceed to fix the Caretakerships to Mrs. B. Harney and collect the Arrears.

No. 11 Charleton Hill.
Report from Collector.

Under date 13 Nov 1939 Mrs Tinsley reported as follows:- "With reference to House No 11 Charleton

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Still allotted to Michael Walsh of Michael Street, I understand that a person by the name of Philip Leeton of Windmill Lane has gone into occupation of same".

Committee recommended that Philip Leeton be ordered to leave the house and that No. 11 be given to the next on the list of condemned houses.

Town Rates on Half. Annual Rents.

Letter dated 14th September 1939 from the Agent to the Tottenham Estate to Mrs Finn Collector was read that Town Rate & Domestic water Rate were charged for 12 years on property occupied for public purposes - Post Office, Technical School, Civic Guard Barracks and Courthouse. In his opinion such property is not liable to be rated to the Town Rates and Domestic Water Rate.

Letter from the same to the Town Clerk dated the 2nd November 1939 on the same subject was also read. The Agent in this letter claims £573.7.7½ should be refunded by the Council being over collection for 12 years

Adjourned to enable the Clerk to examine the position.

Rates Report.

Clerk on Form 61 submitted his usual Monthly Report as follows:-

Total Warrants	£8481.11.0
Collected to 31st October 1939	4075.10.6
Discounts allowed	120.10.7
Outstanding at date.	£4285.9.11

being 50.5% Collected.

Rent Collection Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly Report as follows:-

Arrears at Close of September	£305.9.6

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Rents accrued during October	£167. 17. 1
Total for Collection	473. 6. 7
Collected	156. 15. 5.
Arrears at Close of October	316. 11. 2.

Sergeant Cody paid no rent for the month. He paid £3.15/- to Councils Solicitors off the old arrears of £10. 7. 1 and he has not paid this month yet.

Patrick Flynn Town Wall (8/2 House) paid no rent since he got the tenancy at the beginning of October. He owed on that date £2. 1. 8 but the Council holds his deposit of £1. 13. 4 against this.

Committee then examined the Rent Sheets and marked the names of tenants to be notified of increase in arrears.

Clerk reported the following who also paid no rent during October:-

Patrick Dunne Chapel Lane arrears £6. 0. 8
Grace Feehan Town Wall arrears £7. 1. 8
John Moran J.K. Place arrears £9. 15. 10.

Mrs Finn reported that Mr Kelly Solicitor will pay the arrears due by Mrs Ellen Malone £10. 17. 2 out of some compensation due to her.

Vacant Houses - William St.

Collector reported the rent of House No 2 lately occupied by the late Mrs. Bridget Power was paid by her sister Miss Martin. This house is occupied by Mr Lee and his family and rented to them furnished. Miss Martin resided outside the town.

During through the Rent Sheets Committee found that Patrick Murphy has seldom occupied his house and that his nephew resided there.

Adjourned to Council Meeting

The Meeting adjourned.

P. W. Forman
14/11/39

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Tuesday the 14th day of November 1939.

A Monthly meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the various Acts enabling, including financial, and the special business duly notified.

Present. Messrs D. Gorman, Chairman, D. Brewer, J. Murphy, P.J. J. Murphy, J. Brack, T. Cooney, A. Allen, T. Mallin, T. Redmond, E. Dooley, W. Kenan, V.A., Doyle.

Letters were read acknowledging Votes of Sympathy from Most Rev. Thomas Monsignor Archdeacon Cleary P.P. V.G. New Ross - death of Late Fortune C.C.; Miss Maggie O'Byrne - death of sister May: Josephine Doyle - death of her Aunt-late: J. Lynch U.S. - death of his former Mother in Law.

Valuation Department.

Circular dated 24th October of 39 was read asking for return of Lists.

Acknowledgment of Lists was read from same Department dated 27th same month.

Town Clock.

Clerk reported an interview with Caretaker who stated "Some boards are missing from the Clock Tower put there years ago by Contractor Ryan. The Clock is as a result, under the weather and is not functioning on the striking side. It is rusted up. It wants Cleaning. About one week's work on it."

Referred to Town Surveyor for Report and Estimate.

Three Bullet Gate Property

Letter was read from James Lendrum asking

15. the Quay, new Ross, dated 6th inst. requiring the following particulars about vacant space at rere of Reveles Thee Bullet gate as follows;—
1. would this pond be let or leased
2. What is the existing Lease.
3. would the space be sold outright and at what approximate figure
4. The approx mthly rental if let on Lease.

Referred to Council's Solicitors as they have this matter in hands.

School Meals Committee

Letter dated 24 October 1939 was read from the Superior Christian Bros New Ross that he would accept Membership of above in the room of his predecessor in office.

Irish Tourist Association

Letter dated 30 October and 2nd November 1939 were read from above asking if contribution was included in present rates and asking for a list of Members of the Council.

Ordered that replies be sent.

Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order 1939.

Letter dated 29 October 1939 was read with copy letter from Defence Department dated 23rd same month herein.

Letters dated 29 October 1939 and 2nd Nov 1939 were read from the E.S.B. with circular setting out various particulars under above Order and asking for £30. 15. 0 for Cowling.

A general discussion ensued during which it was stressed that (1) the E.S.B. without consultation with the Council ceased to continue lighting in accordance with Contract and lighted certain lamps of their own volition contrary to the terms of the Contract and Regulations (2) although the Board was specially asked to light the lamps over the entrance gate of the

Parochial Church it was not done although there was a mission being conducted by the Parish Clergy and several accidents occurred as a result. (3) the value of the lighting at present in the town is nil and if the Pilot Lights are to be withdrawn there will be no necessity for Sunset to Midnight lighting. Cooking with the reduction of the volume of the lighting will be ineffective and not worth lighting at all. (4) the expenditure on Cooking should be met by the V.S.B. (5) in all contracts the price should be pro rata to the goods supplied not the cost of manufacture of goods not supplied.

Decided to defer indefinitely consideration.

Supervision of Grant Work
Mr. O'Neills 2½%.

Letter dated 20 October 1939 was read from the County Secretary that he is submitting Councils communication re above to his Council.

No Order.

Repairs by Councils Tenants.

Letter dated X X1 39 was read from Princess O.D. Newloss complaining of above. It was addressed to the Chairman.

Decided to ask the Town Surveyor to prepare a plan & a scheme & wall and estimate and to ask the Rev. Princess if her Community would pay ½ the cost. This wall to divide the Convent fields from the ground on which the Mk Houses are erected.

Shippey Roads

Letter 20th October 1939 was read from the County Secretary re above acknowledging receipts.

Due at Parker St.
Tottenham Estate.

Letter dated 23rd October 39 was read from

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the Agent to the Insurance Co - County Fire Office Ltd 112 Grafton St Dublin - that he was sure the Company would sympathetically consider the Councils representation on behalf of Volunteers to assisted at the fire.

Standpipe Loan Co. Council.

Under date 15th inst. Mc Neill Associate Co-Surveyor submitted a report hereon by one of the Councils foreman - James Daly. The report stated (1) When Daly received the standpipe from the New Ross Town Surveyor the brass screw coupling at bottom for connecting to hydrant valve was broken (2) After brazing by Clerk of Works motor mechanic - it gave way several times and had to be rebrazed. He got no bill from Office. (3) The hose was a real rag sending showers of water all over the road. (4) Town Surveyor of New Ross gave him a new one. It looked good but when it was placed on to hydrant several cracks appeared only noticed at first but subsequently developed. (5) The material in both hoses was rotten from hanging up so long in the store on the Quay. Cracks were developed by constant rolling up. (6) The brass connection was injured by wheel of roller after it had been discarded. (7) Est. of repairs would at least have been 2 acetylene weldings.

A rough drawing was submitted showing the coupling broken at A when received by Daly.

Referred to Town Surveyor for his Report.

Increase in Salary.

P.S.I. & C. Application withdrawn.

Letter dated 14th instant was read from Mr Grady that he wished to withdraw his application for an increase of 10/- per week.

Allotments Acts.

Letter dated 18th October 1939 was read from Councils Solicitors that Mr. A Doyle is agreeable to grant a letting of his premises for five years.

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Clerk reported he met Mr Doyle Senr and he would prefer a yearly letting. He was quite agreeable to a 2 year letting now to date back to original occupation.
Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Chairman this was agreed
To and orders were given for the preparation of a 2 year lease.

Letter was read from Mr Mc Eg. Solicitor for the Mercy Nuns Newross that he fears a letting of this field for 5 years would prejudice them in event of sale. Wish the Council purchase the plot which is held in fee simple free from encumbrances?
The Council decided that as there was no money available to purchase this bit of pond and as the five years lease was impossible to take the land on a yearly tenancy as at present.

Scheme for 1940 season.

Circular G. 836-35 was read from the Dept. Agriculture and Circular 116/39 from the Dept Local Govt & Public Health dated 21st October 1939 that schemes should be initiated at once
Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Cullen if was unanimously decided to continue the schemes at present operating and that the whole Council form a Committee for the purpose.
The Clerk to act as formerly.

Another Complaint re same Sewer From Martin Cullen.

Under date 9th November 1939 the following letter was read from Mr Kelly Solicitor:-
"Referring to former correspondence in reference to flooding of my clients Lands at Convent Hill due to your Councils

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defective drain therefrom I am instructed by my client that this flooding has again occurred due to the same cause. My client understood that when he complained of this nuisance some months ago that the work carried out by the Council on their drain was adequate to prevent future flooding. I am now instructed to say that unless the new Rossenbarlon Council takes the necessary steps forthwith to put this matter in order so as to prevent a recurrence of the nuisance complained of my client will be obliged to take such steps as he may be advised to compel the Council to carry out its duty. Thomas Healy".

Miss Ross reported he informed the Town Surveyor and the Sanitary Inspector of this complaint.

Town Surveyor, replying to the Chair, stated to connect with a large main sewer across the street would cost about £4 for each drain. The rains lead into an old box sewer. It was broken down or injured by the operations of the Road making Authority. He had it remedied on first complaint. It would be better to connect the two drains leading into this old box sewer.

Several members disagreed with the proposal. Only quite recently Mr Shortall had given a different opinion. Mr Cullen was a landlord and he should be made to connect.

After several points were discussed.
On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr Ian Coyle it was decided to serve statutory notice on all concerned, after the usual form to abate the nuisance complained of.

Electoral Acts

Clerk reported receipt of usual documents in connection with the 18th Register of Electors 1940/41. The Rate Collector is engaged on the Register

application for water supply

The following under date 14 Nov 1939 was read from James Brewer, Dishtown, Newross "I beg to apply for permission to connect water service to my new house in Dishtown
on motion of Mr. Redmond
seconded by Mr. Walsh the application was granted.

Finance Committee Recommendations

The Minutes of meeting held last evening having been read

Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Redmond the Report was adopted as well as the recommendations.

Proposed by the Same
Seconded by Same — The accounts & Vouchers were signed by the Chairman Wm Roman and Supply Pd and the amounts ordered to be paid.

Proposed by the Same
Seconded by the Same it was ordered that action be taken to dispossess Colton from House allotted to Walsh and to give this House to James Roman Local Govt. Dept.

The Council -v- Hanrahan

Clerk reported he attended Court today with Collector. The Court dismissed the Claim holding that as one Surety did not sign the Bond was inoperative against the other Surety Hanrahan had any rights over the other Surety on which to sue.

P. W. O'Gorman
17/11/39

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Monday 11th day of December 1939.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Gholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and the following special matters :-

1. Adjourned business from last Meeting.
2. Position Electricity Supply Board and amounts due to them.
3. Scavenging new road and other work at Charleton Hill.
4. Mrs. McDonagh -v- the Council.
5. New Sewerage Scheme - Rate of Interest.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman
J. Murphy, P.C.
Wm. B. Ronan
Thos. Redmond.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-

E. A. Finn £8. 16. 1 ; E. A. Finn £4. 4. 10 ; Graves & Co. £9. 0. 9. Mrs. Ellis 3. 6 ; Wexford County Council £7. 19. 6 ; E.S.B. £2. 19. 1 ; National Bank Ltd £230. 10. 4 ; Brindley & Co. £2. 5. 2 Ellams Ltd 12/6 ; Jas. Cooney £1. 17. 6 ; P. Gahan £20. 11. 6 Moran Bros. 4/10 ; J. P. Coghlan £10 ; E.S.B. £72. 14. 9 ; Beck & Co. £1. 1. 9 ; Dolland Ltd 15/7 ; Hibernian Insurance £21. 15. 6 ; J. Ward 1/4 ; Dr. Kissane £33. 14. 0 ; Independent Newspapers £1. 19. 0 ; Messrs Lee Bros. £820. T. J. O'Connor £20.

Scavenging Contract.

This bill was for £30. 6. 8. Town Surveyor certified £28. 6. 8 deducting £2 "in respect of defects and omissions."

Committee recommended payment of certified amount less £1 for Bond but suggested the Town Surveyor should also submit detailed particulars of the deduction.

Mr. Gahan submitted a request that the Council pay £10 of this bill to Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor, whose receipt may be accepted by the Council.

Committee recommended accordingly

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Charleton Hill Scavenging.

Clerk reported some complaints from tenants of the new houses that dust bins were not collected &c. Contractor Gahan called and he wants the Council to fix a sum for this work as the road is new &c.

Committee considered this work should be carried out under Mr. Gahan's contract as it is within clause 2 of the specification "Scavenging and removal of contents of dust bins on Urban roads and streets, sweeping scraping if necessary, cleaning and removal of mud, removal of all refuse, including dead dogs, cats and vermin." Mr. Gahan to be so informed.

Beck & Company, London £1. 1. 9.
Dollard, Printing House, Dublin 15/7.

Those bills are for Air Aquephones and Sanitary Officers Diary to replace those destroyed in the Charles Street Fire.

Committee recommended payment and that a claim be made for same to the Insurance Company.

Commission on Rates.

Collector Miss Finn's Account for same was read as follows :-

Commission on Poor Rate lodged to 30th November 1939.
£1970. 13. 5 @ 6d in the £ £49. 5. 4
Commission on Town and Domestic Water Rate same date
£2409. 11. 5 @ 6d in the £ £60. 4. 9.

Committee recommended payment at full rate subject to sanction.

Fire Insurance £33,000.

Letter dated 8th December 1939 was read from the Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd, Dublin enclosing Policy No. 4/81326 — Charleton Hill Houses.

Agreed.

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Town Clerk's Rates Report.
Month of November.

Clerk submitted the monthly report as follows :-

Total Warrant		£8481. 11. 0
Collected	£4380. 4. 10	
Discounts	120. 10. 7	4500. 15. 5.
leaving outstanding		£3980. 15. 7.

Compared with the same month last year this figure represents 47% or 3% less outstanding than last year.
Committee considered this very satisfactory.

Rent Arrears Report.

Clerk submitted his monthly report as follows :-

Number of houses built 220
do. let 193.
Unoccupied at end of November. 27.
Arrears at close of October £316. 11. 2.
do. November. 321. 2. 10.
Rents accrued during November 159. 10. 0
do collected do 154. 18. 4.

Letter from Department.

Under date 15th November 1939 letter was read H. 1216/12/39 requesting to be informed of the present position of all arrears referred to the Solicitors for collection.
Clerk reported he had no report from the Solicitor
Committee recommended that the Solicitor be asked for report to be forwarded to the Department.

Public Lighting

Letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board dated 21st November 1939 requesting to be informed of the action of the Council on their letter 2nd instant adding that while the Order has been post poned it is required that the Council should proceed with arrangements to comply with the order. Bowling and Switching has been carried out in practically all towns in the country.
Letter was read dated 25th November 1939 from the Prior of the Augustinians drawing the Councils attention

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to the possibility of accidents due to the approaches to their Church being stepped to both entrances and also to the great inconvenience to the public who frequent the Church.

Clerk reported he sent a copy of this letter to the Electricity Supply Board

Two letters dated 27th November 1939 were read from the Electricity Supply Board noting the Councils decision to indefinitely postpone consideration of the cowling and switching and so the Board is unable to rectify the complaint of the Prior of the Augustinians. The allowance which the Board has undertaken on account of the non-lighting of lamps cannot be assessed until the lighting is restored to normal. Acceptance of the Boards quotation for the restoration of the lighting Service, cowled and switched in accordance with the order is necessary. The allowance will not be applied to non-lighting which is entirely due to delays on the part of the Council.

Clerk reported the Boards Engineer called and stated (1) Cowling at present in operation is very effective. Lighting is the same as before. There will be no Pilot or all-night lights (2) Portion of the cowling cost will be refunded by the Government (3) Resistance to the Order means leaving the Town subject to attack from the air since at present there is no system of central control of switching and (4) the existing lighting will be continued and the Council must pay for full lighting.

Committee after lengthy consideration recommended the Council to accept the Boards offer and immediate communication with the Board so as to have the lighting restored at the earliest possible date. Also that all lamps be lighted as usual on Xmas Eve.- Committee also recommended payment of the amount claimed by the Board as due to the end of November withheld owing to non-lighting of certain lamps during the Black-Out £77.14.9 - 3 months account. Also that the Board be requested to communicate with the Guards residing in

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Rosbercon with a view to providing the switch in Rosbercon.

Sewerage Loan &c.

Long letter S. 19968/18/39 dated 4th December 1939 (received the 6th) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath objecting to the Clerk's letter of the 23rd November 1939 that a sum of £750 for Engineering, Legal fees &c. was agreed between the Engineer and the Department as containing an incorrect and unwarranted statement. Approval of contract documents does not imply approval of incidental expenses which the Accounting Officer of the Council must carefully check. They require detailed particulars of the £750. The Clerk's failure to submit proper and expeditious replies is delaying the Department's consideration of the preliminaries re the loan. Arrangements should be made to complete Forms A. & B. as a basis for any proposal of the Council for drawing on Capital Account for financing this work. As regards the £120 in respect of an increase in the cost of materials they inquired the Council's order.

Clerk gave particulars of the position to date. The original estimate of the Engineer was before the Council and it was passed subject to sanction to the Scheme. It contained the estimated expenditure on incidental expenses at £750. The scheme was approved of. The Department sanctioned a £300 overdraft on the Council's application for £600. A Loan of £4200 was sanctioned but owing to the change of plan necessitating Court proceedings and so on the Council were forced to apply for an addition to the loan and grant. Preliminaries for the Loan were completed. The draft mortgage was received on 28th July 1939 and at a subsequent Meeting approved. When the Draft reached the Local Loans Department the Secretary held up the position on account of the increase in interest. The Mortgage would be before the Meeting tomorow night for Sealing. The first certificate from the Engineer for £820 for the Contractor was only received on the 7th. The Committee will remember the work was rushed so as to avoid if possible bad weather.

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Committee considered Forms A. & B. and recommended that (1) the Council apply for an overdraft on Capital Account sufficient to meet the certificates of £840 pending receipt of moities of Loan and Grant (2) the Council agree to the excess of £120 in cost of materials. All other bills to be adjourned.

Clerk reported an interview with the Engineer about the £750. He. (Engineer) sent him the following particulars :-

Fees for Preliminary Report @ ½ % on estimated cost £22,000.	£110
Fees for plans, specification and supervision of first Section of Scheme @ 4½ %. of £5800.	£261
Preparation of Bills of Quantities @ 1% of £5800	87
Legal Expenses	100.
Printing of Plans, Specification, Quantities, Tender forms, Travelling Expenses, Advertising	200
	£-758

Committee recommended that those figures be forwarded to the Department.

£820 (No. 1 Certificate) to Contractor.

Above was submitted for works carried out and materials delivered on site.

Committee recommended payment as soon as money available.

Clerk of Works.

Certificate dated 14th October 1939 was read from the Engineer that Mr. McCarthy was employed from October 11th.

Clerk reported he informed the Engineer the works started 24th October and asked for particulars of his work prior to that date.

Letter was read from the Engineer dated 19th

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October 1939 that on 11th he visited the site with the Clerk of Works, as Resident Engineer and the Contractor, and instructed the Clerk of Works to check all levels, establish temporary bench marks and carry out other necessary preliminary work prior to commencement of construction. The work could not be started until these operations were fully checked.

Committee considered the Clerk of Works was employed by the Council on the date the work commenced.

The Council -v- James Hanrahan.

Letter dated 15th November 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors reporting the Civil Bill to recover £2.12.7 was dismissed in the District Court.

Letter dated 5th December 1939 was read from the same returning the Proposal and Bond and stating the costs would be £3. The exact figure could not be given until the costs are drawn in detail.

Clerk drew attention to the press report of this case in which Mr. Hanrahan stated he did not sign the Proposal with Mr. Nicholas Redmond, Irishtown, and that he never heard of the man. The Proposal and Bond were submitted to Mr. Hanrahan during the case by the Court and Mr. Hanrahan then agreed to his signature on the Proposal. Clerk produced the proposal to the Committee.

No order.

Mrs. McDonagh -v- The Council

Under date 4th December 1939 the following letter was read from Council's Solicitors :-

"We beg to inform you that the reserved Judgment of the Supreme Court in this case was delivered on the 27th ult., when it was held that Mrs. McDonagh was entitled to a Reversionary Lease under Part V. of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1931 in respect of the two houses at Priory Street occupied by Miss E. A. Finn and Garda T. McCarthy.

It was therefore ordered that the case stated be returned to Mr. Justice Geoghegan

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at the next High Court on Circuit at Wexford for the necessary Order to be made. The actual terms of the Reversionary Lease, and the question of costs, will be decided upon by Geoghegan J.

The case stated was heard by the full Supreme Court and it is of interest to note that their decision was not unanimous. The point against us being decided by a majority of three to two. The Chief Justice and Geoghegan J found in favour of the Council and Murnaghan, Meredith and Johnston J.J. in favour of Mrs. McDonagh.

The effect of this decision is that the Council are now entitled to the houses occupied by Miss G. Maher and Patrick Lynch and will also receive a new Leasehold rent from Mrs. McDonagh, the amount of which will be determined by the High Court on Circuit at their next sitting in Wexford, which will, we believe, be next March."

No recommendation as the matter is still sub judice.

The Meeting adjourned the consideration of the bills for expenses submitted by the Engineer to the Sewerage Scheme.

Time Wasted on Footpaths Relief Work.

Attention was drawn to the delay in completing construction of footpaths under this Scheme. The County Surveyor should be asked for particulars of all expenditure on all schemes to date by order of the Council some months ago but he had not received same. Want of supervision apparent.

Committee recommended a further letter to the County Surveyor on the matter.

Wall at Broad Lane.

Committee recommended that Mr. Edward Browne, Creacon, through his Solicitor be requested to properly dash this wall and cope it.

The Meeting ended.

P. Murphy
17/2/39

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Tuesday the 12th day of December 1939.

21. DEC 1933
New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling and the following special business viz:-
Adjourned business from last Meeting.
Letting of Artizans Dwellings
Tenders for erection of 49 Houses Charleton Hill.
Allotments Acts - Applications re.
Sewerage Scheme
Finance Committees Recommendations of
Which due notice given

Present:- Messrs McGowan Chair: T. Redmond:
T. Martin: A Whelan: J Breen: T. Cooney: W Ronan:
J. Murphy B.C.: V. A Doyle: E Dooley.

The minutes of the previous Meetings were taken as read and signed.

Representative Rents.
Letter 6th Nov 1939 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health re above.
Letter 28th idem was read acknowledging Returns asked for.

Housing Subsidy Audit.
Letter reported L.G. Auditor Mr. J.J. Flood examined the accounts re above in order to give his certificate for a final payment.

National Treemile Scheme &
Treemile Scheme.
Letter reported L.G. Auditor Mr. J.F. Healy audited above for the purposes of his certificates.
Notice of recoupment Dft 1619/22/39 of £76 was read from the Dept L.G. & P.H - year 1939/40 3rd Instal.

Letter reported receipt of Lodgment duly

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Largeroom.

Irish Culture Class wrote the Guards were agreeable to the extension of one hour for dancing on the 8th inst.

Clerk reported a visit from the Secretary who explained this Class intended continuing dancing for one hour extra on the 15th and 22nd.

Letter was read from James Rossiter Owner of a Dancing Hall objecting.

Decided to refuse the extra hour.

Condemned House as Club

James Stunt, Tho. Walsh and Reilly wrote asking the use of Mr Lanegan's house, Buelam To use as a Club. [Note. This house belongs to the Council and is the subject of a Demolition order.]

Refused.

Irish Tourist Association

Above Secretary wrote 4th inst the Executive decided on a Lecture Programme embracing these Ross and asking if any Organization in the town desired same.

Decided to offer the Large Room Thole and to assist in Lecture if desired.

Corporate Estate

Letter 6th December 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors in their opinion the Dilt at Three Bridges should be offered in fee simple for sale or a building lease could be offered.

On the motion of Mr Murphy
seconded by Mr Ronan it was decided to advertise the plot at Irishtown and the Three Bridges plot on a building lease.

Letter same date was read from Thos Reville Three Bridges that he wishes to acquire the plot at rear of his premises.

Deferred.

Clerk reported Mr Little Dept Agriculture

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again called and requested the Council to have the large stones to taken from the Saunders plot at Inishlonin as it is an convenience to the Fair green and very suitable to animals offering for sale.

Adjourned.

McDonagh -v- the Council

Town Surveyor, Mr Shortall, advised the Council in view of the decision of the Supreme Court to have a Clause inserted in the New Lease obliging McDonagh to put the property into proper repair - for which he had already estimated £750 - and to keep it in repair

Clerk stated this case was still sub judice and should not be discussed. In any case he understood the lease was for building ground only - not for building

On the motion of Councillor Kennedy seconded by Mr Murphy it was decided to communicate with Mr Shortall advice to the Council's Solicitors.

Lighting of Fishhouse &c.

Letter 16 Nov 1939 was read from E.S.B. advising discontinuance of existing rate for lighting £3.2.6 and substitution of an 7/6 rate per two months.

St Stephen's Cemetery.

Application for Contribution

Letter 13th November 1939 was read from the Secretary to above. The die stone of the large Cross is split and there is danger of the Cross falling. The Committee want to remove the Cross elsewhere. Would the Council contribute towards upkeep &c.

Committee discussed the matter. Councillor Murphy Cooney and Redmond held that as the cemetery was outside the Urban area it properly belonged to the Board of Health

Nelson informed the Council that shortly after taking up Office he discussed this question with Mr Registrar J. B. Healy. The old Rural Council books were examined with the Council's minutes

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the Council then (at date of amalgamation) agreed with the Rural Council to maintain jointly this Cemetery and all along the Council did contribute equally with that Council and the Board of Health as successors towards the expenses. There is a joint-Board now, composed of equal members of the Health Board and this Council. The Cemetery is the principal burial for most of the Population of New Ross. In his (Clerks) opinion there would be a surcharge if the Council's contribution of the cemetery was also held by the Board of Health.

Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Doran it was decided to ask Council Members of the Cemetery Committee to meet at the Cross and discuss repairs with Town Surveyor on the following day.

Allotments Acts.

Letter 28 Nov 1939 was read from the Dept. of Agriculture acknowledging Councils claim for a refund.

Letter 5th Dec 1939 was read from Council's Solrs. that it would not be possible to obtain a five years lease of the 2 acres of Windmill Field owned by the Mercy Nuns also asking would the Council have the 2 years lease of Mr Doyles field prepared or wait to see if the Council required the rest of this field.

Clerk reported they had 10 acres divided into eighths of an acre. applications for the 1940 season totalled 54 so far but there were several others coming in who had got forms.

On the motion of Mr Keamons
Seconded by Mr Doyle it was decided to instruct the Solicitor to prepare the 2 years lease

Clerk reported Mr. Wm Doran called and complained the outlet into a manure field of the drain to his houses at Mercy Lane was stopped and diverted at right angles causing the sewage

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causing sewage] to flow back into the yard of the dwelling house. He asked to have his rights restored
On the motion of Mr Redmond
seconded by Mr Cullen it was decided to vacate the plot causing the obstruction and give another on to the disturbed portholder in exchange of.

Applications for Allotments.

No applications were on the table and
Proposed by Mr Martin
seconded by Mr Moran it was decided to allot the same plot to last season's Holders at the same nominal rent of £/- per year. The economic rent was fixed @ 16/10

Town Surveyor's Reports
14 Nov 1939.

Mr Horlait reported "the work of domestic scavenging continues to be unsatisfactory"
Chairman stated there was no street scavenger today (Town Surveyor confirmed this and added he met the lorry outside the Town carrying farm produce)
Mr Corvey stated the bins were not cleaned on Thursday before the holiday in Robert St. There was no cleansing of Gorteencor on Saturday.

Town Surveyor stated notwithstanding deductions from the Contractor's monthly a/c the position was not improving

Mr Martin said the deductions would be repaid. It was done before

No. Action. Clerk was asked by unanimous to answer the question & report to Cahan at next meeting.

Mr Horlait verbally reported that Mr. J. Nolan Rochcan Farrell was using the Corner's property at the rere of his premises. Gravel should be used to prevent further trespass

Decision to notify Mr Nolan to remove the obstruction and forbade the trespass.

Congratulations to Dean Cleary P.P.V.G.
Proposed by mr Chairman
Seconded by mr Mooney
It was decided to tender the best wishes of the Council and the Townspeople to their Parish Priest on his elevation to the exalted position of Dean of the diocese of Ferns

Vote of Sympathy.
Mr Cullen P.C. was ordered to convey the Council's message of sympathy on the death of his daughter Joan.

National Monument
Old Town Hall - Wexford.
Letter dated 11th inst. was read from Consulting Engineer - Mr Joyce - engaged on Sewerage Scheme - that above was now dangerous and might fall due to operation of dredging machine used to cut the rock in Wexford Hr. He advised the Council to approach the Office of Public Works with a view to having the Commissioners to take it over as a National Monument. It should be shored.
Council agreed to accept this suggestion.

Finance Committees Recommendations
The minutes of this Committee meeting (dated 8th Inst.) having been read

Proposed by mr Redmond
Seconded by mr Martin the recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the amounts ordered to be paid.

The Meeting adjourned

Thos Cooney

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Wednesday the 18th day of December 1929.

A special meeting of the Finance Housing Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.15 o'clock pm. to consider the Tenders received for the erection of 49 houses to complete the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme. (Note the tenders were opened to this Committee pm last Council Meeting)

Present: Messrs. P. J. Gorman, Chairman, W. Doran, Hosey, Martin, Allen and T. Redmond.

Plans submitted Estimates, plans, tenders, advertisement and figures comparing the Offers received and the following figures:—

All. In Cost of each house at Charleton Hill of the 50 houses erected for the provision of houses ex Demolished houses £418
Rent fixed @ 4/6 per week (inclusive)

Consulting Engineers Estimate per house for the 49 additional houses considering £436.
plus 2½% for Contingencies of £10 10.

Minimum tenders being the lowest works out as follows:—

(a) Erection - Superstructure	£14680	
(b) Development.	3207	
(c) Roads, footpaths &c.	1071.	
plus ~~Development~~ Contingencies	£947.18/-	£18958

This works out @ per house

(A+B)	£364.
(C)	22
Clerk of Works.	4
Land.	6
Legal costs	4
Architect.	6
Expenses (other	1
	£407

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Therefore the cost-per house = £40.7
Plus 22½% for contingencies on
a.b.r.c £386 = 10.0
£417

Taking same rate of interest and period for repayment and same Government contribution towards charges a 4/6 all in rental should be adequate - provided the Council contributed the rates. Clerk of Works post is arranged by Consulting Engineers @ a 40 week period and @ £5 per week.

Chairman opening the proceedings stated that whilst he was in favour of continuous employment for every available man woman in Ross and also that he was in favour of the building of houses to meet the demand he could not see his way to agree that the present situation warrants the Council engaging in house provision. Not one of the tenders before the Committee was firm. All had the war Emergency Clause or slip. The tenders might remain at the figures or double before the houses were erected. No one could tell the cost and therefore he would be against building at present.

Mr. Murphy followed and stated he also would oppose the idea of building more houses at present.

Mr. Looney, in favour of the scheme, referred to employment and the housing of people badly housed at present. The materials including timber were in the Country at present and therefore if the tender was accepted the Contractor would provision himself and the War Emergency Clause would not matter. Houses were wanted Employment was wanted even if the rates were increased by a few pence.

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Mr Redmond was in favour of going ahead as soon as possible with the schemes. The houses were undoubtedly required. There were a few mistakes in the giving of the tenancies of the present 50 houses. Some people got houses who could be left over to another scheme. He agreed the materials for housing were available.

After discussion in general the Committee decided to recommend the Council to proceed with the schemes subject to the sanction of the Department and the advice of Mr. D. Downes to whom all the papers were to be forwarded after next meeting. Mr Chairman and Mr Murphy dissented.

Naming the Houses - Charleton Hill.

On the motion of Mr Murphy &
Seconded by Mr Chairman it was decided to recommend the Council to name the new scheme "St Patricks Place" in honour of the National Apostle.

Vote of sympathy
moved by Mr Redmond
seconded by Mr Cooney the sympathy of the Meeting was voted to Mr James Breen M.P. on the death of his brother-in-law Mr. William Doyle South Dd.

Allotments Acts.
moved by Mr Chairman
seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to fix an economic rent of 16/10 on the allotments in Hendrick Field and 17/9 in the Tullamain St's Scheme.

The Meeting ended

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22. DEC 1933

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Monday 1st to 8th day of January 1940.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and the other special business duly notified.

Present Messrs. P. J. Gorman Chairman
T. Cooney
J. Murphy P.C.

Bills.

The following accounts were submitted, examined and recommended for payment:-
W. Byrne 18/- Mooney 37/6 J. Ward 6/8 J. Furlong 11 3/6. Ogahan 8/8 do 8/8 do 28/- Eat-rite £7.18.2 Eldons 39/7 Hibernian Insurance £2 14 Morans 6d Dollards £2.11.0. M. Doyle 7/6 "People" 39/- Morans 8d J. Doyle 1/- "People" £3.6.6 Helys 2/8 A. French 6/- Mc Loughs £2.10.0 E.S.B. (Cowlig) £30.15/- Lighting £25.4.3 Govt. Publications £2.2.10 A. Rowe 13/- J. Kelly 13/- J. Blanche £1.13.4 Govt. Publications 7d.

Scavenging Contract £29.6.9

Town Surveyor certified £29.6.9 less £2 for defaults and omissions = £27.6.8. A further reduction of £2 was made by Clerk on advise of Town Surveyor being for refund of payment to Ryan Bros for Reis re to Chamberstand Dump.

Committee referred to Councillors matters Statement at last meeting re refund of stoppage at a prior date.

Clerk produced the minutes of meeting held on the 8th ~~October~~ March 1938 in which the Council refunded £2 a deduction made by Town Surveyor on Council's instructions "in respect of unsatisfactory Service as agreed". Mr Ahan asked at that date to be furnished with particulars of the work not done and the matter was referred to the Town Surveyor who replied at meeting on the 12th April 1938 that the amount was ordered by the Council to be refused and that

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he did not refuse to certify it. There was also the question of cutting of grass and cleansing of channels involved. So as to get matters in order the a/c was referred back to the Town Surveyor for full particulars.

Washing Facilities £1.0.0

Not certified by Town Surveyor referred back to Water & Street Inspector.

adjourned.

£500 - Lee Bros contract.

Certificate from Consulting Engineer was read as above leaving amount certified to date £320.

Recommended payment.

Fees Architect - Mr Dorman

Account for preparing plans for 76 houses and layout + development @ £1 per house £76 plus preparing working drawings of house plans and supervision of works £304 @ £4 per house £280.0.0

Less already paid him 228

leaving Bal due £152.0.0

Recommended payment.

Refuse of 2/-

Mrs Finn submitted three receipts of 1/- each - cleansing of ashpits - paid by Mrs Cashin Cross Lane. Mrs Cashin requested a refund. Receipts all dated 31 Oct. 1936

Referred to Street Inspector for his report.

Rates Report by Clerk

On Form 61 Clerk submitted his monthly return of Rates as follows:-

Total Warrants	£8481.11.0
Collected & Discounts	4632.6.9
Outstanding	£3846.4.3

Equal to 54% as against 52% collected last December 31st.

Satisfactory

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New Sewerage Scheme

Letter C. 92 15-7-2/37 was read from Office of Public Works that the rate of interest at present is 5 3/4% p.a. and that the rate applicable to this loan would vary as the interest rate varied at each instalment.

Clerk drew attention to the Standard reports of 15th December 1939 of the New Ross District Court proceedings of the Tannery Company against the Council for Solicitors Costs and Expenses. He stated to Cllr. the Committee he had no knowledge of the proceedings whatever and the Council was not represented at the Court therefore. The Council won the case although they did not defend the action.

Claim for Delay
Charleton Three Houses.

Mr. Dan dated 5 January 1940 Architect. Mr. Dowes wrote "I am of the opinion that it would not be advisable for the Council to make a claim against the Contractors in accordance with Clause No 24 of the Conditions of Contract."

Clerk reported Mr. Solicitor had not yet advised but he could not have had time owing to the Xmas holidays.

Adjourned

Mr. Dowes Mr. Dan dated same date also wrote acknowledging the list of complaints from the tenants.

Rotherham Estates Claim.
Rates on Staff. Rents.

Letter 5th January 1940 was read from above asking for cheque.

Clerk reported he was examining into the matter.

Adjourned

Nat. of Employment of Resident Engineer
Hire Leverage Scheme

Mr. Osmor - 15th December 1939. Note noting the Council considers it a matter for argument whether McCarthy was employed as Clerk of Works on this job on the 11th October 1929 or on the date the work was started by the Contractor. He was agreeable to let the Department settle the question.

Recommended that the question be referred to the Department without prejudice.

Rate Collectors Fee Sanctioned

Dated 7643/3/39 21st Dec 1939 Sanction was read "for payment of poundage at Sixpence in respect of all lodgments upto the 30th instno".

Allotments Acts.

Letter 22nd December 1939 was read from Solicitors to the Council in connection with leases from Mercy Convent and Mrs Doyle. They are attending to same and having Bills of Costs prepared for the various schemes separately as requested.

Noted.

Rent Collection - Clerks Reports

Clerk submitted his monthly return as follows:-

Number of Houses built.		220
same.	Occupied	199
do.	Unoccupied	21
Arrears at	30 November	£321. 2. 10
do	21 December	£32. 18. 2
Accruals	to do.	197. 13. 4
Collection		185. 18. 0

All tenants of the 50 houses let at Charlton Hill are good. There are arrears only of one week in 15 cases. The 14 tenants are falling back a bit. Although £90 was due at Commencement of the month and £53 at

and there was an increase in arrears of £5 owing to a payment of £12 by Mrs Malone during the month. Sergt Cody owes £13.9.8 against £11.7.4 and Guardfeehan £11.6.4 against £9.4.0 last month.

Letters 1+12 16/13/39 dated 13 November and 14th December 1939 were read from the Dept Rg & PA asking to be informed of the present position of cases of arrears referred to Solicitors

It was reported he sent a copy of the following letter from Solicitors dated 22nd December 1939 to Department by way of reply:—

Mrs Annie Peare Abbey View :- We applied to this tenant on the 29th October 1939 for payment of the sum of £3.0.8 being amount due by her on that date. She paid £1 on account and promised to pay 5/- per week in addition to paying the current rent. Since then we have received only 5/- although we have addressed two further communications to her.

James Grace Stoneyton Place :- An application for payment of £5.5.4 was made to this tenant on the same date. We received no response but were informed by Miss Eafinn on the 20th October that we were not to proceed further with the matter.

Sergt Shubordy Lomb Wall :- We applied for payment of £11.18.10 on the same date. Sergt Cody called and had an interview with our Mr Boyle, and as a result paid £3.0.0 on account and promised to pay £3 per month in addition to the current rent. We addressed a further letter to him on the 8th inst and up to the present have had no reply.

John Moran 1 & 2 Place :- We applied to this Tenant for payment of £9.7.10 and have had no response so far.

Grant Feehan Lomb Wall :- We applied to Grant Feehan for payment of £9.4.0. He called here and paid £2.2.4 on account which was

accepted without prejudice. He promised to discharge the balance early in January

Palmer Flynn Townwall :- an application for payment of £3.15.0 was made to this tenant and up to the present we have had no response. We note the Council holds a deposit of £1.13.4 in this case.

Palmer Dunne Charleton Hill :- We enclose copy of a letter received from this tenant asking for an application for payment of £6.29.

(Dunne's letter stated inability to pay but to pay between January and December 1940) Note. This man also wrote the Council out of an Accident Compensation award)

Recommended as follows :-

Grace :- approval of action as Clerk exhibited Rent Register to show reduction of £5.5.4 to £1.14.4 and all rent paid from October to December 1939.

Dunne :- £/nil ff arrears. Ten Children. House demolished since. Paying rent in new House regularly.

Moran :- apply to Sureties.

All Others :- Notice to Quit and sue the Sureties if all rent not paid within a month without further recourse to the Council

Attorney Charleton Hill.

Letter H 211111/6/39 of January 1940 was read from Dept. Lg Mgt. enquiring the present position in regard to the letting of above and enclosing Certificate of Letting for completion.

Clerk reported there were no lettings since last meeting

Recommended the Dept. be so informed

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Debts sent Solicitor

Mr Cooper 22 December 1939 reported "no response" to three applications from Patrick Tahoe, Irishtown £4.9.0 (Rates) and Frank Doyle Prion St £11.4.2 (Water charges)

Recommended Solicitor be instructed to take necessary proceedings for recovery.

Corporate Estate.

John Butler Newtown

Letter 18 December 1939 was read from Solicitor to Council asking the present position of the Council's application to the Minister for his minute.

Clerk reported be informed that no reply had been received from the Minister.

Recommended that a copy of the Solicitors letter be forwarded to the Minister.

Diphtheria Immunization

Advice from Parke Davis Co on the Board of Health turnover for £8 and another on a like from from Mary Roberts do for £6.13.4 were presented. Both are certified by the Co. M.O.H and the M.O.H.

Clerk informed Committee that loan obtained for this work was already exhausted. apparently the Board of Health incurred the expenditure without reference to the Council at all.

Recommended that the Co. M.O.H be asked to inform the Council of his reason for ordering this stuff without requesting permission or acquainting the Council. Committee is satisfied that if money is to be available from the Council's funds provision can only be made by acquainting the Council of intended commitments. A wholesale immunisation scheme could be very costly. The Council should also enquire the authority of the Board of Health to incur expenditure on the Councils behalf.

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McDonagh - V - The Council

Letter 21 December 1939 was read from Councils Solicitors in connection with the terms of the new lease. Nothing can be done pending the fixing of the term rent and other conditions by the Judge at the Kilk Court on Circuit in the Spring. The Councils suggestions can then be considered.

Council - V - Peter Saban & James Byrne.

Advice 13 October 1939 was read from Solicitors. At the hearing Peter Saban paid his proportion and his Lawyer asked the Court to omit him from the decree. The Court refused but stated he would rely on the Solicitor and the Council to do what was correct. This can only mean to seize the goods of the defaulting party. It would be difficult to frustrate a seizure on Peter Saban in the circumstances.

Recommended that the goods of James Byrne, Quay St. be seized or such other action be taken as the Solicitors may advise

Demolition of Houses.

Miss Ryan reported the Rent collector verbally reported today :-

1. Reminders in Lease in Chapel Lane Tenements occupied by Patrick Dennis are all remarked.
2. Some persons are residing in Houses vacated by Patrick Flanagan, Bullane.

Recommended that tenders be invited from Contractors to demolish all the Condemned Councils houses in accordance with law.

Collectors Reports

Dated 8th January 1940 Miss Finn reported as follows :-

Kitchen range in House occupied by Patrick Kehoe Townwall needs fire brick repairs. Range in house occupied by Maurice Bluett same place is badly burned and

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needs repairs. He is a good tenant but refuses now to pay rent until the range is made good.

Patrick Flynn 22 Town Hall paid no rent since he went into occupation. Due £6.5.0

Patrick Murphy Jnr Lowater Main Str. wrote he is unable to pay his rent as he is unemployed in England. He is prepared to pay when working again. He cannot occupy the house for some time and he supposes therefore he must leave it.

Recommended (1) Town Surveyor to inspect and report and (2) that the house be advertised.

Sewerage Contract.

Engineers Expenses.

Committee requests the Clerk to make all necessary enquiries so as to advise a decision on the demands.

The meeting adjourned

P. J. O'Gorman
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Tuesday the 9th day of January 1940.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business, including financial pursuant to the various Acts enabling and the following special business of which due notice given:-

1. Finance Committees Recommendations
2. Recommendation of steering Committee to proceed with the erection of 4 Houses at Charleton Hill
3. Galavan's Yard Lease.
4. Three Bullet Gate &c.
5. Arrange a Committee to assist Secretary of South Tourist Association
6. Resolution from Municipal Conference — Abolition of old Loans no longer payable to the British Government.
7. Adjourned Business
8. Letting of Houses Charleton Hill
9. Agreements in respect of Foreshore and Show Grounds — Sealing of same.

Present Messrs D. Cooney, T. Martin, A Cullen J. Brewer, Callaghan.

Proposed by Mr. Cullen.
Seconded by Mr. Martin Mr Cooney Presided.

4 Houses Charleton Hill
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin it was decided to accept the lowest tender.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

The Chairman of the Council and Messrs. J. Murphy P.C. T. Redmond, J. Murphy, Bridge, Dooley, V. A Doyle W Kenan then attended.
The Chairman took the Chair.

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Deanbleany. P.P.K.

Letter 29 December 1939 was read from above thanking the Council for vote of Congratulation from Red Cross Society.

Letter 6 January 1940 was read from Secretary D Vulcan Wexford applying for House of the Theatre Large Room for 7.30 Pm January 24th.

granted

Irish Tourist Association

Letter 1st January 1940 was read from above in connection with intended lecture. They would expect a local organization to make all arrangements and do the advertising.

Proposed by Mr Harrison

Seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to appoint a Committee of the Whole Council but all expenses must be met by the Association.

Broken Lighting

Letter 16 Dec 1939 was read from the S.E.B. acknowledging the Councils acceptance of the Boards terms for Contract & restricted lighting. Arrangements made for Xmas Eve Lighting. The District Engineer is in consultation with the local Superintendent of Inchanda in regard to the switching of Rostecon.

noted.

Fire at Charles St.

Loss of Aqueptone & Book S.S.O.

Letter 17 December 39 was read from Mr Boyd agent for the insurance Co and the owner of the premises that the Councils claim had been transmitted to the Insurance Coys.

noted.

Irish Sponsoring Fund.

Intimation 30 December 1939 of share of £12.12.7 of above in the Income for the financial year ended 31 March 1939 was read and

Noted.

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Trespass on Council's Property.

Letter 22 December 1939 was read from John Nolan, Fairgate, New Ross stating he was bringing Council's letter re above his attention.

Adjourned.

Corporate Estate.

Plot at Knockbrin - Falvans yard.

Letter 19th December 1939 was read from Council's Solicitors requesting to be furnished with a map showing the exact boundaries clearly indicated and measured from the Town Surveyor. Also a title map of the Three Barrel Gate site.

Mr Allen reported he had asked the Town Surveyor for above. On receipt of Solicitors letter.

In reply to Chair Town Surveyor stated he hoped to be able to supply both maps in a few days.

Adjourned.

St Stephens Cemetery

Mr Allen reported that so far as he is aware the Committee appointed at last meeting did not meet.

Mr Allen produced some figures of the Income & Expenditure of the Committee and advocated the Council's contribution be increased by £10. The Cemetery required draining and the Committee hoped to accumulate a surplus to do this without recourse to borrowing.

On the motion of Mr Murphy P.C.

Seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to adjourn consideration pending the result of the Committee appointed to present a case to the Council.

£600,000 Local Loans Repayment.

Pre 1922 Debt.

Letter December 1939 was read from the Hon Secretary Municipal Authorities Association asking the Council to adopt the following resolution

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passed at the last Cork Conference viz:- "That we request the Minister for Local Govt and Public Health and the Minister for Finance to abolish the sums payable to Commissioners of Public Works on account of all Relief Loans as the Minister for Finance has stated that the sum of £600,000 paid to the British Government under this head has been written off and is no longer payable and therefore each Local Authority should be relieved from this payment".

Proposed by Mr Murphy P.C.
Seconded by Mr Chairman.
"That we adopt this resolution"

Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Murphy Bridge
"That we adjourn consideration sine die".

Voting
For the Amendment Murphy, T. Redmond, T. Martin
J. Brewer, Hallahan, Allen & T. Cooney.
Against. W. Kenan, J. Murphy P.C. E. Dooley V.A.
Doyle and the Chairman.

The Amendment was declared carried.

Finance Committees Recommendations.
The minutes of meeting of this Committee held on the 8th inst and having been read:-
Proposed by Mr Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the Recommendations were adopted.
The Treasurer advised notes having been typed the amounts were ordered to be paid.

Scavenging Contract.
Deductions from Bills.
Arising out of the Finance Committees minutes Chairman gave the opinion that the Town Surveyor

should have carried out the Orders of the Council and furnish the Committee with the particulars demanded. In his, Chairmans, opinion the Council would not succeed in any action taken by the Contractor Galvin since neither the Council or the Contractor have any idea of how the deductions made by the Surveyor are computated. The Surveyor had been asked by the Committee several times to give this information but at date without result.

The Surveyor held he was perfectly entitled to withhold the information until the Contractor Galvin took legal action. He would then know the Council that Mr Galvin had no hope of succeeding in his action. Under the general Conditions of the Contract he, as Surveyor, had the right to make "appropriate deductions" in respect of any work failed to be carried out by Contractor Galvin. (Surveyors quoted from the General Conditions).

Adjourned.

The Surveyors Reports.

Dated 9th January 1940 which all reported as follows:-

Essential repairs carried out to Clock Tower of Hall.

No Order.

Street Inspectors Reports.

13.6.39 to date.

Public Lighting apart from the Black Out. Satisfactory.

No proper effort to remove the dry manure from the roadway has been made.

All traps and gullies have been regularly cleaned and flushed when necessary.

Generally the Scavenging was unsatisfactory. Bins are not being removed until late in the day. There is no proper cover for the Dust Cart.

Horse droppings are not being removed. During the last month the water supply continues to be adequate. Drinking fountains are detected and attended to. On the 21st he found water from a hose being used by the former of garage proprietors who had not agreed to pay the rates. No meters fitted: The public lighting continues the same. 19 lamps being lighted from dusk to midnight. Daily scavenging of the streets has been fair with the exception of the 29th 1st or 2 December. New Road at Charleton Street not being cleansed or the bins removed. Contractor states this work is not covered by his contract. On the 9th the water supply continues satisfactory. On the 6th there was a reduction in pressure. Inspection of Tests within my area convinced me there was no trouble in the town at least. On the 6th he discovered the leak at Bachinabrano pre. This was repaired on the 8th January. He advised the owners of Priory Lane to apply in the usual way for a water supply. All night lamps are discontinued all night the lamps are lighted all night on the Quay. Daily Scavenging was poor. Bins were not removed from Many St. Cross Lane or Priory Lane at 4 p.m. on 12/12/39 and again on 21/12/39. They were not removed from Dr Hotham and Adnapriene on 18/12/39 and 20/12/39. No bins were taken from Roseneon Lane on 5/1/40. Proper Bins should be provided on and the Scavenging Cart should be properly protected. Cleansing of Barrack Lane, Conduit Lane, Lady Lane and Woods Lane and D.L. Place is bad. Convenience at Frobisher not cleansed 8/1/40 the last same flushed at 5 pm same day.

No order.

Chief Inspectors

Card 15 Dec 1939 was read from the Town Surveyor acknowledging Councils letter 14th idem

labour and that same was having his attention.

Replying Mr Mooney, Clerk stated he had no further communication from the County Surveyor since.

Arising out of this Mr Mooney stated that was allowed £2250 Relief scheme for Union. The Council did not be conducted as to how the money would be spent. The County Council were making concrete footpaths to dead walls and foot-paths where unnecessary. There were only 12/14 men employed and they were the same gang all along. Such a grant should warrant employment of at least as many as the Town Surveyor employed say forty. He also employed at least 4 Carpenters on the work in addition.

Mr Keamond stated he was informed there were 28 men at work last week. The Town had been neglected so much that the Government of the day refused to permit the Council to undertake reconstruction unless it was under the control of the County Surveyor. He regretted the Government and the Chairman Mr Hennessy and himself in agreeing on behalf of the Council the County Council were doing and had done a magnificent job.

No order

White Quarry.

Letter was read from Martin Hynes Middleton asking for information of land around in which above may be found in large quantities

Referred to Surveyor for attention

Sanitary Offs. Costs.

Arising out of the reading of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting thereon Coleman was directed to ascertain if the Council's Solicitors could get some statement from someone that the Council be notified in future

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Lighting of Charleton Hill New Road.

Replying to Mr Mullen Clerk stated that nothing further had been heard from the G.P.O. in regards to above. The District Engineer and himself (Clerk) visited the Stones and agreed on the sites.

Ordered that the G.P.O. be requested for a reply to the Councils communication.

Scavenging Contract.

Replying to Mr Martin Clerk produced the account submitted by Contractor Patan on the 1st December 1937 for work between the 1st and 31st October 1937 showing that the Town Surveyor "recommended Payment" of £20.16.3 but on the instructions of the Council deferred £5 "in respect of unsatisfactory services as agreed". The £5 was refunded to Patan when both the Street Inspector and the Town Surveyor said the Council work was now satisfactory

Thos Redmond
13.2.40.

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Monday, the 12th day of February 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department, 27 FEB. 1940

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, New Ross on the evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council including the following business specially notified each Member of the Committee viz:-

1. Bill due Council for damaged standpipes.
2. Increase on Property £360.5.5.
3. Water Meters out of Order.
4. Demolition Orders.
5. Fix date of Meeting for consideration of Charges & Charges for Water Supply.
6. M'Donnell's Fees.
7. Half annual Rents. Collectors Claim £574.

Present. Messrs- John Murphy P.C. Presiding
Andrew Whelan
Thomas Redmond.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-

J Darby £22.18/8 Jame £28.18/7. Eabrin £8.14.4
J Kennedy £5.15/10 J Murphy £39.10/8. J Freeman 5/7/6
J Manos £20. The Echo £2/7- D.S.B £24.4/11 G.W 12/5
Cooney £1/10. E.S.B £4.13.11 Echo 7/6 University College £1.1/- People Newspaper £3.6/6 Ryan Bros £1 12/6. Express £3.3/6. E.B. 8/- Munster Typewriters £4.6/8 J Doyle 4/6 Hibernian Insurance £2.4/- Lee Bros £800 M Doyle 6/- Irish Tourist Assn. £5.0.0 Moran Bros £4.16/10. Jame 17/- Agahan £33.14/-

G.S. Railway Claim.

Clerk reported receipt of claim on 10th inst. as a result of the reduction of Rail Valuation formally adjudicated on by Judge Davitt in Dublin in accordance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court the Railway Company now claimed £206.3.5 from the Council being overpayment of Rates during the quinquennium commencing 1st April 1937. Clerk explained the rates were

assessed and collected in accordance with law on the valuations appearing in the Valuation lists annually supplied by the Valuation Office. According to the Press Report of the 3rd February 1940 the G.S. Railway succeeded in having the valuation fixed by the Commissioner and appearing in the lists reduced from £183,082 to £35,656. Costs were given against the Valuation Commissioner except in cases in which the Councils appeared as interested parties. Mr. Clerk, regretted the Committee to adjourn consideration as the bill was not in his hands 3 Clear days before the Meeting.

Adjourned.

Rates on Staff Rents.

Tottenham Estate Claim £573.7.7½.

Reporting on this Clerk stated so far as it is possible for him to ascertain in the special circumstances of this claim the Tottenham Trust cannot succeed. The rates assessed were under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) act. 1854 and the Waterworks Clauses Acts incorporated in the Public Health acts. There are several decisions definitely stating the rate under the Towns Improvement Act is wrong and irrecoverable as contrary to law but the general rule appears to be that where the rate is good on its face and paid it is also irrecoverable. Water Rate paid appears also to be irrecoverable. It, however, can be charged in future on the occupiers

Recommended that the questions be put before Council's Solicitors for advice & reply to the Trustees.

McDonagh - v. The Council,

Clerk reported this case appeared as "For Judgment" on the 9th instant in Dublin. On inquiry he found Mrs. McDonagh received a 99 year Lease from Judge Geoghegan. He had no advise the case was on in Dublin.

Income Tax on Council's Property

Demand for £350.5.5 was presented. Clerk reported he had appealed same and

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forwarded the case to the Inspector of Taxes. Accepted.

Monthly Rates Report.

Clerk submitted his Report for January 1940 as follows:-

Total warrants for Rates		£8481.11.0.
" Collected	£4670.13.6	
Discounts	120.10.7	4791.4.1
Outstanding		3690.6.11

Making 56.5 per cent. collected as against 55.0 per cent. same time last year.

Received Satisfactory.

Monthly Rents Report.

Clerk submitted his Report for January 1940 as follows:-

No. of Houses built 220: Let 200 Unlet 20.

Arrears 1 Jany £332.18- End of year £358.10/6.

Rents accrued for month £244.9/7 Collected £218.17.3

This shews an increase in arrears for the month of £26. It comes from William St £3 Faugate & Tully Terrace £3 Bineen £2.7- And Napiere £5.10/ Cross Lane £1 D.K.L Place £9 Charleton Hill £2.9/-.

Recommended the Clerk inform Collector by letter that he should use a special effort to bring in the Collection and that at least the rent due during the month be paid.

Report from Solicitors

Messrs. Carter Dan-under date 10th Jany 1940 reported having collected as follows:- Quarterclan £7.2.4 Terryl. Cody £5 and Mrs. Peare 5/-. They also reported they noted the Councils instructions to serve notice to Quit and serve the Summonses in the cases of Mrs Peare, Terry Cody, Moran, Quarterclan and Patrick Flynn if the arrears are not paid within one month from the date notice was given, and on 22nd January 1940 they acknowledged instructions to issue proceedings for recovery of debts due by Patrick Kehoe and Frank Doyle.

Corporate Estate- Mrs Addison

Counties Solicitors wrote under date 26th January 1940 that they cannot issue proceedings in this case for collection of rent arrears until they received details of tenure, area, rent table &c.

Committee considered it should be possible to collect arrears of rent without any difficulty. Recommended that the information be given the Solicitors as far as possible.

Demolition Orders.

Under date 26th January 1940 Solicitors enquired if Houses in Maidan Lane occupied by James Hughes Andrew Browne and James Caulfield were vacated and if tenants installed in new Houses.

Clerk reported he replied James Hughes & ~~Andrew Browne~~ and James Caulfield had left & were in the new Houses and that Andrew Browne would vacate and go into a house in Kill Place within a short while but that he understood two of the vacated houses were re occupied.

No. 20 Aid to prairie

Clerk reported that John Blanche handed in the Key to Collector but that his brother remained in the house. Collector, without this knowledge, and as Blanche wanted to get away to England that night, refunded him the deposit money £1.13.4. Here was no rent due by the proper tenant. He asked for instructions on a refund to Miss Finn.

Recommended that in the special circumstances it would be unfair to hold the deposit and recommend refund to Collector.

Sewerage Scheme

Clerk of Works

Engineers Expenses

Certificate from Engineer Mid Ulster was read that Mr McCarthy was engaged on the works from 31st to the 21 January 1940.

Mid Ulster asked for his own Expenses.

Clerk stated he was unable to advise

the Committee to recommend payment. Undoubtedly the expenses were incurred on behalf of the Council. Mr Gannon's contract with the Council however deals only with Fees which are stated and he submitted the matter to the Department for a direction

Adjourned -

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Bill for Standpipe Rose £15.6.0.

Nelson reported this matter was going on since 7th July 1938 and would soon be Statute Barred. The Town Surveyor presented the bill and Assistant County Surveyor P. O'Neill disputes it still. Some decision appears necessary. He suggested the question be placed in the hands of their Solicitors.

Committee considered it would not be an economic proposition to sue the County Council. The funds were used in construction of Urban Roads and the costs of proceedings might easily cover the amount of the bill.

Recommended the Council to write-off uncollectable.

Water Mains out of Order.

Nelson reported the following out of order on the 1st January 1940:-

At Flower Hill - Consumer Mr. John Doyle.

- Gallanbeg - Consumer Mr James Dooley.
- Garage Main Line. Consumer must be fined.
- Good Shepherd Convent.
- Barnjames -
- Bailey's Slaughter House Irishtown.

Notice was forthwith served on all. Mr. Doyle wrote he could not find the meter but he, Clerk, understood he called to the Town Surveyor. The Town Surveyor called and stated it would be a matter for the Council to put the Good Shepherd meter in order.

Committee considered it might be useless expense to readjust meters in all cases in which it could be shown from the records the consumption did not

exceed the consumption on which the minimum rate was charged and Recommended the Council to consider this point before recommending further action.

Water Supply Charges.

Clerk requested the Committee to fix a date for consideration of Schedule of charges and rules copy of which were furnished each member of Committee some months ago.

adjourned.

£1.1.0 for analysis of Town Water

Bill for above was received from University College Dublin for the order of the Council for the Medical Officer of Health

Payment recommended since the Council ordered the doctor to procure the analysis.

P. W. Forman

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Tuesday the 13th day of February 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 27 FEB 1940

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 O'clock to transact business pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling and including financial and the following Special business of which due notice was given. viz:—

1. Water Rent Charges & Charges (copy Schedule sent out.)
2. Rates on Stalp. Rents. Claim by Fortescue Trust.
3. Adjourned Special business.
4. Scavenging for Ensuing Year.
5. Agreements for Foreshores.
6. Solrs advice on legal aspect of Council's decision re 49 Houses at last meeting.
7. Lighting of New Charleton Estate Road.
8. Allotments Act — arrange for tenders for seeds, manures &c.
9. Applications for tenancy of Houses at William St & Folly Lane.
10. Confirm tenancies at Charleton Estate 126 Houses.
11. Additional Loan for new Sewerage Scheme.
12. M.O.H's Report on Diphtheria
13. Co. M.O.H's same.
14. 49 Houses at Charleton Estate — Report from Architect recommending the acceptance of the tender of Hodgins Bros as the lowest.
15. Resolution from Co. Council — Copy sent
16. Letter from Co. M.O.H on the Scavenging of the town.

Present Messrs. Hooney, J. Brown, A. Cullen, Martin, Callaghan, P. Redmond, J. Murphy, M. J. Murphy, Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Martin Mr. Redmond presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed

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Sympathy Motion & Adjournment.

Mr Shannon stated it would appear to be the wish of the members of the Council to join all the other public bodies who sympathised with the relatives of the two victimes to were executed in Birmingham on Ash Wednesday. He moved that no vote and that the business of the meeting be conducted on next Tuesday at 7.30 o'clock PM. Mr Martin seconded and the

meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Connor

20/2/40

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Tuesday 20th February 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 27 FEB. 1940

An Adjourned monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the business adjourned from the Meeting held on the 13th instant.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy (Bridge) J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, G. Dooley, T. Martin, J. Brewer, J. Callaghan, A. Cullen and T. Cooney.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Dooley

The recommendations of the Finance Committee on the payment of bills were adopted. The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed and the amounts were ordered to be paid.

Taxation of Bill of Costs.

Letter dated 20th instant was read from Councils Solicitors enclosing Form "Requisition to Tax - Order 65 Rule 54 (6)" for completion.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

Authority was given and Mr. James P. Coghlan, Solicitor appointed to represent the Council.

Free Milk Supply Grant.

Intimation P.H. 2093/40 22nd January 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of £9. 14. 10 as final instalment year 1938/9.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Clerk also reported that probably before next Meeting the Council would receive instructions in connection with the 1940/41 grant and he requested authority to have the necessary advertisements inserted in the Press circulating locally.

Granted.

School Meals Grant.

Intimation P. H. 16938/39 29th January 1940 was read

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from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of £1. 2. 10 final instalment year 1938/39.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Corporate Estate

John Butler, Newtown - Record No. S.11932 County Wexford.

Letter G. 3522/40 2nd February 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health intimating the Council's letter of the 19th ultimo regarding the redemption price of above head rent is having attention.

Clerk reported sending a copy to Council's Solicitors who were pressing him for the certificate of the Minister.

Agreed.

Lease of Priory Steet Premises to Mrs. A. McDonagh, Dublin.

Letter 8th instant was read from Council's Solicitors informing the Council the High Court would sit in Wexford on 24th instant in this matter to decide the terms of the Reversionary Lease to Mrs. McDonagh and the question of costs. It will be necessary to have the Town Surveyor in attendance to give evidence as to the repair of the houses occupied by Miss Finn and Guard McCarthy.

Letter 14th instant was also read from the same that Judge Geoghegan was transferred to the Western High Court and judgment was therefore given in Dublin on the 9th inst. The Solicitors were notified by phone on the 8th and sent instructions to Counsel and their Town Agents who were in attendance. The following terms were settled of the new lease :-

1. To be for a term of 99 years from 29th September 1935 - the date of the old. Building
2. The new leasehold rent to be £8 per annum.
3. Lessee to expend £50 on repairs to the premises.

Mrs. McDonagh was awarded her costs in the Circuit and Supreme Courts and two-thirds of her taxed costs of the two hearings before Judge Geoghegan. The necessary order was made empowering the Council to grant the lease. The repairs question was gone into

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but the Court held the expenditure of £750 reported to the Council by the Town Surveyor as necessary would deprive Mrs. McDonagh of almost all benefit from the new Lease. The lessors would receive the leasehold rent of £8. irrespective of the condition of the premises.

Town Surveyor stated the £750 included the other two houses which were now the property of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

It was decided to order the Town Surveyor to submit detailed list of repairs required for the two houses occupied by Miss Maher and Mr. P. Lynch and that the Solicitors be asked whether Mrs. McDonagh could be held responsible under the old lease.

Electoral Acts 1923-35.
1940 Revision of Register.

Letter 1/2/40 was read from the County Registrar enclosing the Lists for distribution to the Council's Rate Collector.

Clerk reported duly handing the lists to Miss Finn on date received.

Allotments Acts.

Letter 31970/2/39 23rd January 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath That the Minister "has confirmed the Scheme submitted by the New Ross Urban District Council for the provision of allotments during the 1940 Season. Certificates regarding the unemployed applicants are awaited".

Clerk reported all certificates were sent in.

Letter E4200/40 29th January 1940 was read from the same that 73 applicants may be regarded as unemployed and eligible at reduced rent. Certificate 3(c) should be submitted in respect of six named applicants. The nature of Richard Roche's pension. should be stated. Thomas O'Brien cannot be regarded as unemployed.

Clerk reported having replied and putting up

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a case for Thomas O'Brien who was blind and had a big family

Letter H. 4200/2/40 12th February 1940 was read from same that the Minister would raise no objection to a plot to Roches. In the case of OBrien possibly one of the family may be eligible. The Minister required the Certificate 3(c) in the six other cases.

Clerk reported that the 74 approved were put into possession forthwith and the implements were handed out to them. He expected there would be 90 at least with allotments. This season

Tenders for Seeds, manures &c.

Clerk reported that after consultation with a Department Inspector an advertisement was issued and appeared in the New Ross Standard for above. The old practice was to send out invitations from the office. Unfortunately the traders of the town only sent in two tenders.- one for potatoes and the other for potatoes and small seeds. There were no tenders for manures or implements.

From Reville Bros. 6 Quay Street. "I wish to tender for the supply of seed potatoes for the 90 allotments under the Free Plot Scheme 2¼ tons British Queens @ £8 per ton. £18. and 6¾ tons Kerrs Pink @ £8 £54 = Total £72."

From Flemings, North Street:- "May I respectfully quote following prices for supplying Seeds, for above (Government Free Plot Scheme) British Queen potatoes 10/6 cwt. Kerrs Pink 10/= cwt. Cabbage Seed ½ oz 6d; Parsnip ½ oz 3d; Onion James Keeping ½ oz 9d. Unwins Reliance ½ oz 9d. Shallots ¼ st. 2/6 Cabbage Plants 100 1/6.

Clerk informed the Meeting it would be necessary to have three tenders.

On the motion of Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Cooney.

It was decided to accept the lowest tender for potatoes and the other for small seeds.

Mr. Dooley remarked the price for seed

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potatoes was high even if they are the Athlone brands.

Clerk reported there would be tenders for farmyard manure later on.

Ordered that a further effort be made to obtain tenders for supplies.

Agreement for Land.

Letter 18th January 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Agreement for the 1939/40 and 1940/41 Scheme with Mr. V. A. Doyle of the land acquired at William Street for allotments for Sealing also from the Mercy Nuns for a period of 11 months from 1st May 1938 for £10. The Nuns have not replied in connection with the 1939/40 and 1940/41 lettings.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chapman

The Agreements were duly Sealed and witnessed by Mr. O'Connor, Journalist, New Ross.

Costs in the Case of The New Ross Tannery Co. and Harbour Commissioners.

Long letter 23rd January 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors in reply to the Council's complaint of the 19th idem that they were not informed this application for costs by the Tannery and Harbour Commissioners. Solicitors stated he received notice and was in attendance. Costs were refused the parties.

Lighting of Charleton Hill New Road and Chapel Lane.

Quotations for four new lamps for the new road and one for Chapel Lane was read from the E.S.B. £38 for the new road and £2. 2. 0 for the other.

Town Surveyor stated the Board should erect the standards free. Mr. Dooley pointed out that they provided the Robercon Standards free after refusal by the Council.

Decided to inform the Board the Council expected them to provide the Standards free of cost.

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Pound Caretaker.

Agreement with Mrs B. Harney.

Letter 15th January 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Agreement for completion by the Council. This places Mrs. Harney for a payment of £1 per year payable each 1st January in advance as Caretaker and Keeper of the pound dismissal and ejectment exercisable by the Council on a weeks notice.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond

Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The Seal of the Council was embossed and was witnessed by Mr. P.N. O'Gorman.

Scavenging of Streets &c.

Contract for year to 31st March 1941.

Long report dated 2nd February 1940 from the County Medical Officer of Health (copy sent each Councillor and the Town Surveyor and Street and Sanitary Inspector on the 5th idem) was taken as read. Dr. Daly received a report from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kissane and another from the Sanitary Inspector. From these reports and his own observations he is satisfied the existing System of Scavenging is unsatisfactory. There are no Bye Laws in force in New Ross but he was informed by the Town Clerk they are in the hands of the Council's Solicitors. The letter pointed out the duty of the Sanitary Authority as regards Scavenging. If the local authority does not elect to carry out these services a Bye law can impose the appropriate duties on householders &c. This would not be Satisfactory. Refuse should be removed in a closed vehicle with a low loading line. Household refuse should be Kept in covered galvanized iron dust dust bins. The refuse should be disposed of by controlled tipping. He noticed the Streets To contain a lot of waste papers blowing about. This is highly objectionable. The Council should provide for proper collection of the bins on dates specified and between hours specified. Householders might be instructed in the use of the bins. The Council should insist on a high Standard in the collection, removal and disposal of house refuse. Where faulty methods exist the incidence of Summer Diarrhoea in

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children is liable to be very high as also Catarrhal Throat conditions.

Dr. Kissane report attached stated the present system is very bad. There is an uncontrolled dump at Knockmullen quite adjacent to the County Fever Hospital. The Scavenging is done at all times in a very careless manner. Refuse is Spilled all over the Sheet when being emptied into an open wagon. The present arrangement is for removal thrice days per week. From the upper portion of the Town and 3 days from the rest. Refuse was not removed for days of late. Bins are not removed very often until late afternoon. They becames an obstruction and the contents are Scattered around and no attempt to Sweep it up. No attempt is made to Scrape manure from the road surface during the occasional Sweeping. Water channels are not swept regularly. In wet weather the refuse is Swept by the rain and lodges in the gullies thereby flooding the Streets in parts. Broken crockery is picked from the refuse bin and left behind. This should be altered. Householders Should be asked to burn papers and some garbage.

Mr. O'Grady's Report contained a summary of his reports to the Council.

The Meeting debated the reports at length. It was held the present Contractor did not do his work and That the deductions by the Town Surveyor did not get the work done. He was well paid for it and a comprehensive Specification and contract was insisted on by the Council. As this Contract expired in December last and they were about a new contract it was decided to delay further action. The new contract should provide for a covered vehicle. The Council agreed the reports were fully justified.

New Contract.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to advertise in the local papers and that the Specification require a covered vehicle.

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Congested Schoolroom.

Mr. Cooney complained of the delay in erection of new National School. The Council had been several times informed everything was ready yet nothing is done to relieve the undoubted congestion. Infants are herded together and in his opinion much of the Diphtheria prevalent in the town was due to contagum from this school room. His two children has been twice immunized but were now in hospital with Diphtheria. The County Medical Officer of Health should be asked to investigate the position and find out if the Mount Carmel Schools can be utilized pending the erection of the new school.

This was agreed to.

Sale of Premises, William Steer.

Mr. Martin submitted the Council should sell the premises of the Condemned house and ground to late tenant Mr. Monoghan. He intends to construct a Stores for his trade on Same. He would give particulars to the Town Clerk later.

Ordered that the Clerk communicate with the Department on the matter as soon as the information is received.

Mr. Edward Browne's Premises.

Front Walls of demolished houses standing.

Letter was read from Mr. Keely, Solicitor to above asking for the Statutory Authority under which the Council required his client to dash and cope these walls.

Clerk reported there was no such authority but the Council against his advice allowed this wall to stand provided Mr. Browne had it dashed and coped.

Town Surveyor suggested giving orders for demolition of the wall. Mr. Browne did not intend to cope and dash it.

This was agreed to

The Meeting Adjourned.

F. O'Connor
12-2-40

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Monday 11th March 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Wholed, New Ross this evening, at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C. Presiding and Y. Redmond.

New Valuation Lists.

Appeals.

Letter dated 28th February 1940 was read from the Commissioner of Valuation transmitting the final abstract of the Valuation of the Urban Area to complete with the Lists already received the revised Lists.

Clerk reported the Statutory publication notices &c in order. There was only an increase in the Valuation of the Area of £15. 5. 0 i.e. £10,200. 11. 0 against £10185. 6. 0 last year.

Appeal Notices were read from the following :-
Mrs. E. Maher, South Street, Mrs. Walsh. Rosbercon, William Donovan, Bishopsland.

Letter dated February 1940 being a memorandum as to the valuations of the Railway Hereditaments was read. Certificates showing amended Lists due to Judge Davitt's decision will be ready well in advance of rating year demand 1940/41.

Letter 21st February 1940 was read from Tottenham Estate Office requesting alteration in Valuation of Guard's Barracks owing to rent reduction to £100.

Recommended that all appeals be forwarded to the Valuation Office and that the Barracks be placed on the List for Revision in due course.

£206. 3. 5. - Overpayments by Railway.

This letter 9th February 1940 was again read from the Railway Company. and

Adjourned.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

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P. Gahan. £27. 11. 11 ; Moran Bros. £1. 9. 2 ; A. R. French Cullen & Son 13/= ; P. Lacey £1. 3. 6 ; John Furlong £6. 2. 0; J. Freeman £1. 4. 2 ; David Burns £6. 7. 4 ; Dolland Ltd £7. 1. 9 ; People Newspaper Ltd. 15/= People Newspaper £2. 3. 0 People Newspaper £3. 6. 0 ; Helys Ltd £4. 16. 0 ; Elams Ltd 10/6 ; Power & Co. £5. 11. 4 ; E.S.B. £24. 4. 11; E.S.B. £0. 15. 6: Baxendale & Co. £2. 4. 4 ; T. J. Morrissey £1. 6. 8 ; Lee Bros. £550 ; T. J. O' Connor £13. 15. 0.

Rates Collection
Clerk's Report.

On Form 61 Clerk submitted his Monthly Report as follows :-

Total Warrants £8481. 11. 0. Collected £5026. 5. 8. Outstanding at end of February £3455. 5. 4. (including uncollectable). = 59.2% collected as against 56.1% same period last year.

Letter was read (12th February 1940) from Collector Miss Finn as follows :-

"I have furnished accounts given me for ranges supplied (half cost) to James Fruzelle, Cockpit Lane, who states that he is not prepared to pay any instalments on same, as the range has never been Satisfactory. To Thomas Boyle - he states the cost of range is excessive and regrets he will be unable to make any payment for some time and he has been in hospital for a long period and is going there again. To Reps. of James Ryan, Bunnow Lane who states that their range cracked after being in use for a day or two. and has been unsatisfactory ever since.

On the 8th December 1939 judgement was obtained against Richard Teehan, Inistioge, for the sum of £43. 1. 10, Rates on his own property and that of his tenants in respect of year ended 31/3/39. Since that date a sum of £10. 9. 10 has been paid to the Sheriff on account of the debt. There is in addition £42. 19. 1 due in respect of the current year. It seems useless to take any proceedings for this latter amount until the former has been collected by the Sheriff. As the larger part is Rates on Small Dwellings

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I shall be glad to know if the Council can give me any assistance under the Act in proceeding for this amount.

I have not collected the Rates on Small Dwellings Demolished under the recent Demolition Order for half year ending 31. 3. 40. as The Landlords in all cases state that they have not received any rent from this property.

The Rates on Ex. Servicemen's Houses at Bullawn have not been paid in respect of current year. I have applied to the Sailor's & Soldier's Land Trust and they informed me that they are not liable for the Rates and do not propose to pay them, I accordingly Served Final Notices on each of the occupants and before proceeding against them I shall be glad to have the Council's advice.

There is a sum of £9. 9. 1 due on a house at William Sheet rated under The Small Dwellings act. The landlord has not been traced and I shall be glad to have instructions as to what steps I shall take in collection of same.

Recommended (1) That Collector insist on payment for the Ranges and inform the tenants of such instructions (2) Rates on Small Dwellings are due and collectable. The second moiety was due 1st October last. Applications for refunds may subsequently be made to the Council and considered if within 8(3) of the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928 (3) Rates should be collected on the Ex. Servicemen's Dwellings (4) Clerk to interview Collector Re last paragraph.

The following letter dated 9th March 1940 (received 11th) was also read from the Collector :-

" With reference to my report of the 12th ult I have since demanded payment of Rates on Small dwellings, demolished under the recent Demolition Order, for half year ending 31. 3. 40

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from the following Landlords:—

Mary O'Brien.	Irishtown	£6. 16. 4
Luke Dwyer	"	2. 19. 11
Tottenham Trustees		7. 19. 8
Reps. Thomas Boyd.		1. 2. 8
Mrs. Mary Murphy.	South St.	1. 17. 9.

I have received a reply from Mrs. Mary Murphy and also from the Tottenham Trustees, which I attach hereto.

I have also applied to the Tottenham Trustees for payment of Rates due on their property (Ordinary Ratings) in respect of half-year ending 31/3/40, and they have deducted from the amount due, a sum of £43. 6. 6. in respect of Rate assessed on Half Annual Rents. I attach letter received from them and shall be glad to have instructions from the Council before taking any further action

The following letter dated 2nd March 1940 to Miss Finn (received by Clerk 11th) from Tottenham Estate Office :—

"In reference to your application for 2nd moiety Rates to 31/3/40 on large dwellings amount £68. 16. 5, I have deducted therefrom the 2nd moiety Rates on Half Annual Rents amount £43. 6. 6 and I enclose cheque for the balance £25. 9. 11 for which please send me receipts.

I would point out that as refund of Rates overpaid in connection with half annual rents Valuations has not yet been received by me although application for this refund was made by me on 2nd November last and on several occasions since that date.

In refernce to 2nd moiety rates on small dwelings, no rents were received out of Nos. 295/7, 396, 423/430 since 30/9/39 and therefore no rates are payable. Nos. 397. & 398 are occupied and I enclose cheque value £1. 15. 7 being 2nd moiety rates on same."

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Committee considered collection should have been made on the 1st October 1940 and recommend in the case of the Tottenham Estate collection of the with held amounts and in all others as in next preceding recommendation.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, South Street, also wrote 8/3/40 (received from Miss Finn 11/3/40) that no rent had been received since July as tenants were due to leave in August and 1st moiety of Rates were overpaid in September 1939. She should be exempt from the 2nd Moiety.

Rent Collection

Clerk's Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly Report. 220 houses built. 194 let. Vacant 23. Arrears at end of February £377. 5. 8. At end of January £358. 10. 6. Increase in arrears £18. 15. 2. He could not go nearer to locate the increase than to report it. was general. Small amounts, spread over all schemes.

Committee then examined the Rent Sheets and marked against names to get notice.

Recommended Collector be requested to insist as far as possible that weekly rents be met weekly excepting in cases in which tenants get paid monthly. A special effort should be made to get in arears.

Priory Street Houses.

Clerk reported he was in correspondence with the Solicitors in connection with the houses - occupiers Miss Maher and Mr. Lynch. The intention is to find out (1) who is responsible for the delapidated state of the houses (2) if the Council is entitled to the rent from the date of the expiry of the lease Viz:- 29th September 1935 (3) if the Council repair the houses can the last lessee be held accountable and (4) can the Council increase the present rent.

Parke Davis & Co. Account.

Immunization.

Letter 5th March 1940 was read from the County Board of Health, Wexford as follows:-

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"Messrs Parke Davis & Co. are writing here in connection with accounts for £8. under date November 30th, and for £6.13.4 under date 8th December. The County M.O.H. informs me that these debts were incurred by the New Ross Urban Council and that the accounts have been certified by that body previously. I will be glad if you will look up this matter and have the accounts paid.

Clerk reported the Council did not order or give any authority for the order. The debts were not incurred by the Council and the accounts were not certified by the Council at any time. In fact the goods were ordered by the Board of Health on their Order Form without the Knowledge of the Council. Mr. Daly had not replied to the Council's letter on this matter.

Recommended that the Board of Health be so informed.

Income Tax on Property.

Letter dated 28th February 1940 was read from the Inspector of Taxes, Wexford, cancelling the tax of £354.13.5 and charging tax on rents paid from which the Council deducted tax as £7.12.0 @ 5/6 £2.1.9. Clerk reported he visited the Inspector as only an interview could properly dispose of the various questions arising. He also reported he could not find the property listed as Mary Street. Yard £2.15.0.

Recommended payment of £2.1.9 less the tax @ 5/6 on the £2.15.0 i.e. nett £1.6.8.

Sewerage Contract.

Certificate for £550 making to date payments amounting to £2670. was received from Engineer Mr. O'Connor for Contractor.

Certificate for £13.15.0 Engineers fees was also received and a certificate for Clerk of Works.

Recommended payment as soon as funds permit.

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Reminder that Council owed Mr. O. Connor £124. 3. 11. for expenses was also received.

Clerk reported he had not heard from Department relative at date.

Adjourned.

Housing

All-in-Cost Forms.

Clerk reported he had sent the Town Surveyor, Engineer to 3H Housing Scheme this form for particulars of walling, roofing, Floor space, and Rate of Wages. Mr. Shortall returned same and advised asking the Contractor. On the 1st February he wrote Mr. Williamson and had received no reply.

Recommended that the Department be informed and that the rest of the form be completed.

New Water Charges.

Committee considered it unwise to make a general revision of these charges at present and recommend the Council to agree to the following changes viz:-

1. The Minimum charge per annum £2. (Two pounds) according to consumption by Meter — payable 10/= per quarter.
2. Supplies by meter outside the Urban area £2.10.0 minimum charge. payable 12/6 per quarter.
3. Aerated Water Factories, Breweries, Fields, Foundries, Railways. Tanneries. Builders Yards & Garages — Minimum £2.0.0. and double existing meter rates. Institutions are excluded here unless an industry is carried on in it.
4. The new Hospitals — by meter at double existing rates or by Agreement. at £65 per annum and 2/6 for each hydrant payable quarterly.

All above to take effect after one months notice to Consumers.

Clerk's Objection.

Arising out of receipt of correspondence from Collector Miss Finn during the Meeting, Clerk protested that all officers should submit any letters addressed to them forthwith and that

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all reports should come in within a reasonable time before any Meeting otherwise that the matters in their reports be postponed to next Meeting. On the particular case handed by Miss Finn the matter involved required attention.

The Meeting Adjourned.

R. O'Gorman

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Tuesday 2nd March 1940.

Municipal Minutes

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the business of the Council including financial and the following Special Business of which due Notice was given:-

1. Tenders for the Scavenging of the Town for the ensuing year.
2. Tenders for the demolition of the Council's houses vacated under the Demolition Orders.
3. Tenders for the supply of Milk under the Government's Schemes for the ensuing year.
4. Tenders for implements and manures under the Allotments Acts.
5. Applications for extra allotments under the same Acts.
6. Applications for tenancies of vacant houses at Charleton Hill
7. Notice of Increase of wages for builders labourers' from Transport Workers Union.
8. Letter from Wexford County Council forwarding Resolution recommending the handing over the roads in the Urban Area to the Council
9. Malicious Injury at Tinneranny - Letter from Solicitors
10. Correspondence in connection with New Ross Bridge.
11. Letter from the County Medical Officer of Health in connection with Diphtheria as required by Council.
12. Letter from County Medical Officer of Health in connection with Byelaws under the Public Health Acts.
13. Report from Inspector under the Milk & Dairies Act 1935 in connection with Dairies.

Present:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Martin, V. A. Doyle, J. Murphy, P.C. T. Redmond, A. Cullen, J. Murphy (Budge).

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

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Vote of Condolence

His Grace, Most Reverend James Kelly, Archbishop of Syney.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the relatives, archdiose of Sydney and the Very Rev. Michael Kirwan S. J., in their bereavement. on the death of Dr. Kelly.

Finance Committees Recommendations

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Budge)

The recommendations of the Committee so far as relates to the payment of Bills presented were adopted. The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by Mr. Chairman, V. A. Doyle and T. Redmond and the amounts ordered to be paid.

Closing of Old Sewer - William St.

Mr. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer to the new Ross Sewerage Scheme then arrived and on the invitation of the Chair requested permission for the Contractor to close the old rubbel Sewer in Williams Street or have it done by the County Council who have charge of the Roads. He had not got a price but it would be very small.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

It was agreed that the Chairman and Town Surveyor meet the Contractor to get his price and agree to have the work carried out by the Contractor

Site at Irishtown

Letters dated 15th February 1940 was read

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from the Councils Solicitors acknowledging draft map. of Site and counterpart of Lease. As they could not reconcile the measurements of the Town Surveyor with the map they returned the map and lease for the Surveyors remarks.

Town Surveyor stated he was attending to the work. He received the map on the 16th February 1940.

Road Maintenance County Councils offer.

Under date 9th February 1940 copy Resolution was received from the Secretary, Wexford County Council that this Council recommend the handing back of their administration to this Council as the Urban Road have been brought to a satisfactory condition.

Clerk replying to the Chair stated that so long as the Ministers Order was in force the Council could not accept.

Messrs The Chair, J. Murphy, T. Martin, A. Cullen expressed their determination to have the roads retained by the County Council.

No order.

Main Road through the Town.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Cullen

It was decided to ask for particulars of all expenditure on the main roads in the Urban Area during the year ending 31st March 1940 and to again draw attention to the footpaths leading into the Town along Creywell road.

Fire Loss - Charles Street.

Letter 1st March 1940 was read from William Montgomery & Son, Dublin Assessors for the Insurance Company offering £20. as an Ex gratia grant for the 15 Volunteers who fought the fire at Cafe Continental, Charles Street., The Company will also

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pay for services of the Waterford Fire Brigade £6 but will not pay for the aquaphone or Diary lost by the Water Inspector in the fire. The Water Inspector's Claim will be met

Clerk reported he interviewed the men and they agreed to put forward a sum of £60. Mr. Gorry gave in 10/= and Mrs. Lalor 10/= more. Some more applications have since been received.

Long letter was read from the men asking the Council to contribute towards their losses.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was agreed to postpone consideration of the Council's action pending result of application to Messrs the Assessors.

Reduction of Rate of Interest.

Notification 23rd February 1940 was received from the Department that on and after the 8th February 1940 interest will be reduced to 5½% per annum and will apply to all advances ex local loan funds irrespective of purpose of Loan and whether sanctioned before or after that date. Save under the terms of the Deed or order.

Free Milk Grant.

Letter M.F.D/N.H. 13th February 1940 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health advising verbal complaint from Mrs. Dunne, Charleton Hse and Mrs. Cass Some places, that the milk is not delivered at the houses and those entitled to the milk have to go around the town in search of the milk van. The milk was received in a dirty condition.

Clerk reported having sent a copy to Contractor.

The following reply was read, dated 21st February 1940 from Contractor

"In reply to yours of the 17th

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I am sorry that the inconvenience complained of should have occured. I have worked up the matter and will see that this will not happen again during the remainder of this Contract."

Clerk reported that several letters had been sent to Mr. Dooley but the complaints continued.

Contract for Milk for 1940/41.

Clerk reported due advertising for this Contract and submitted a copy of the printed advertisement. The following tenders were received:-

From James Dooley, Garranbehy.

"I James Dooley propose to supply you with new milk under your free Milk Scheme @ one shilling and eight pence per gallon delivered in accordance with the terms of your advertisement or at one shilling and six pence per gallon delveid and distributed at any one place."

From John S. Butler, Newtown.

"I, John S. Butler, Newtown, New Ross hereby propose to supply you with pure new milk at the sum of one shilling and four pence (1/4) per gallon.

I will deliver on order the quantities specified at such time or times as required from the 1st day of April 1940 to 31st March 1941.

I undertake and guarantee that the milk shall be in every respect according to your advertisement.

I am registered under the Dairies Act 1935.

Dated this 7th day of March 1940

Your obedient Servant

John S. Butler."

On the motion of Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

The lowest tender was accepted subject to Sanction.

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Tenders for Seavenging &c.

Clerk reported due advertising and produced printed copy of the advertisement. Tenders were received from the following

from Patrick Rossiter, New Ross.

"I hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows:-

1. As Specified in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 at £1. 14. 0 per day.
2. Cleansing of Surface traps, cutting of grass &c. at £1. 10. 0 per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits at 7/= each
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory at 6/= per week.
5. (a) Washing Tristtown after Fair days at per week £1. 15. 0

(b) Washing of Rosbercon after Fair days at per week 17/6.

6. Conveying of materials at 5/= per Ton.

Such works to be executed in accordance with the conditions set out in the said Contract and Specification, and I name James Rossiter, Priory Steet whose letter of willingness is attached to enter into a joint and several Bond with me for £200 for due performance.

I agree to see the conditions which I have read and understand.

Signed Patrick Rossiter
Address 19 Cross Steet,
Dated March 12th 1940".

from Peter Gahan, New Ross.

"I hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows:-

1. As specified in paragraphs 4.5, and 6 @ £1. 15. 0 per day.
2. Cleansing of Surface Traps, cutting of Grass &c. at £1. 15. 0 per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits at 5/= each.
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory at 3/= per week.
5. (a) Washing Tristtown after Fair Days at per

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Wash 15/=
(b) Washing Rosbercon after Fair days at per wash 15/=
6. Conveying of materials at 3/= per ton.
Such works to be executed in accordance with the conditions set out in the said Contract and Specification and I name John Maher, Motor Mechanic, Priory Steet. Richard Cleary, John Steet. Whose letter of Willingness is attached to enter into a Bond for £200 for due performance.
I agree to all the conditions which I have read and understand.

Signed Peter Gahan
Address Priory Steet
Date 12/3/40.

From Patrick J. Roche, New Ross.

I hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows:-
1. As specified in Paragraph 4, 5 and 6 at £2.15.0 per day
2. Cleansing of Surface traps, cutting of grass &c. at 10/- per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits at 6/= each.
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory at 12/= per week.
5. (a) Washing Irishtown after Fair Days at per Wash 14/=
(b) " Rosbercon " " " " " " 14/=
6. Conveying of materials at £6. per ton.
Such works to be executed in accordance with the conditions set out in the said contract and Specification and I names Anastasia Roche, Ballycanna and Thomas Grennan, Ballycanna, whose letter of willingness is attached to enter into a joint and several Bond with me for £200 for due performance.
I agree to all the conditions which I have read and understand.

Signed Patrick J. Roche
Address 7 Quay, New Ross
Date 12/3/40.

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Clerk notified the Meeting only one tender (P. Rossiter's) was received in time. The others were handed in one hour afterwards.

It was unanimously agreed to consider all tenders.

The tender of Patrick Rossiter only named one Surety - his brother James Rossiter, Builder and Contractor, although the terms of the conditions of the Contract required two Sureties

Town Surveyor having examined the tenders and calculated the all-in cost as follows

P. Rossiter. £659. 7. 0: P. Gahan £670. 9. 0: P.J. Roche £925

Mr. Cullen argued that only one (Gahán) could legally undertake to work as a plate was required to carry materials and manure &c. for the Councils under the Road Traffic Act. 1933. This licence plate cannot be now procured. Mr. Martin held the same opinion and the Town Surveyor was tentatively in Agreement. It was argued the plate was only required for the transport of merchandise and it did not affect the Council. After further discussion

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Doyle.

The lowest tender was accepted nem. con.

It was suggested the Contractor might allow the deletion of the cost of cutting of grass and cleaning of gullies so that the County Council may be requested to continue this work at the £50 per annum.

Easter Week Celebrations

Invitation was read from the Secretary, Wexford for the Council to attend the Parade in Wexford and to float the National Flag on Easter Sunday.

It was decided that any Member could go and to put up the flag.

Public Lighting
Charleton Hill New Road.

Letter 1st March 1940 was read from the

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Electricity Supply Board that it is not possible to provide the additional Lighting unless the charges are paid and agreed.

Adjourned.

Estimate from St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

Secretary M. Corcoran, submitted his estimate of receipts and expenditure for the ensuing year as follows:-
Receips. Grave Spaces £15. Opening Graves £15. Cleaning Spaces £5. General £5. Expenditure Salaries, Wages &c. £90. Insurance £1. Printing &c. £4. Office &c. £3. Improvements including die stones for Celtic Cross £60 implements repair £4. Deficiency £122. apportioned to County Board of Heath £61. New Ros U.D.C. £61
On the motion of Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.
Consideration was adjourned pending receipt of report from Committee appointed to investigate the cost of Celtic Cross Die Stones.

Duties of Town Surveyor + Water Inspector.

Letter P.H. 4009/40 21st February 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath that the Council should prepare a list of duties for these positions and submit same to the Minister for his consideration.
Clerk reported the communication resulted from his letter to the Department asking for suggestions and copies of duties already agreed to by the Department. As the draft sent the Department was not considered advisable.

Adjourned.

Scavenging Contract
Bills for withheld payments to Contractor.

Under date 11th instant Mr. Gahan's letter was read as follows:-
"The attached accounts are outstanding a long time and the bill was sent to you

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several times. Unless I receive a satisfactory reply before the end of this week I will be obliged to hand the matter over to Solicitor which I hope will not be necessary."

The following bills were attached :-

"Increase in Petrol Sep. 22. to March 1 current contract £8.7.3 (due to War). 1937 to 1938 Bills for Scavenging Furnished £23. 16. 8. 1939 reductions for defaults and omissions by Town Surveyor £19. 3. 0. Deduction for Bond as Contract expired 1st December 1939 £1. December 15 to March 1 Current Contract £11. Cleaning Charleton Hill new road removing dust bins &c. 3 days per week @ £1. per week 11 weeks.

During the discussion that followed it was pointed out that it might not be unreasonable for the Contractor to charge as an extra the work on the new road as notwithstanding the terms of the Contract all streets in the Urban Area required to be cleansed because the conditions and Specification whilst naming the streets omitted Charleton Hill new road.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

the bills were referred back to the Town Surveyor for his considered report.

<u>Electorial Acts 1923-35</u>
<u>Revision 1940.</u>

Letter dated 9th March 1940 (received 11th) was read from the County Registrar forwarding two copies of List of Revision Courts for 1940.

Clerk reported handing copy to Rate Collector. The Court in New Ross will be held on the 4th April. 1940.

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New Ross Bridge

Reports on Inspection from County Surveyor.

Lengthy reports were received dated 5th March 1940 from the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to have copies made and circulated to each Councillor for discussion at next Meeting if possible

Tinneranny Malicious Injury Claim.

Correspondence was read from the Solicitors to Kilkenny County Council and the Solicitors to the Council re above. Kilkenny Solicitors stated the injury took place within one mile of the Wexford Border. The Judge apportioned half compensation to each county and directed that New Ross should be levied for the Wexford half. The Gaard who gave evidence stated "he suspected" the parties from the County Wexford resided in New Ross.

Clerk reported sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Cosgrave

Council's Solicitors stated Rule 7 of Court Rules prescribes that 15 days notice shall be served on every adjoining county and District Council of intention to apply for damages in cases which arise within one mile of the adjoining county but Rule 17 prescribes that non compliance with Rule 7 shall not render any Proceedings Void unless the Assizes Judge shall so direct but the time may be extended and proceedings set aside wholly or in part or amended or otherwise dealt with by the Assizes Judge. The Council can appeal with a view to having the decree varied. They will be successful on a strong case that the judges apportionment was unjust.

Adjourned. Town Surveyor to ascertain the distance between the locus of the injury and the Borough boundary.

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Free Milk Supply Grant.

Notification of the 4th instalment year 1939/40 £76 was read dated 26th February 1940.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment

School Meals Grant.

Notification of the 2nd Instalment year 1939/40. £23 was read dated 5th March 1940

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Allotments Acts

Tenders for Implements.

The following tenders were received :-

Bryan Hennessy, New Ross.

Irish Spades 5/6 each : Irish Shovels 4/= each

Irish Digging forks 6/= each.

Irish Manure forks 4/6 each

Hannahan Bros., New Ross.

Spades 4/6 each

Shovels 4/3 each

Forks 4/6 each.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond.

Seconded by Mr. Martin

It was decided to accept the lower tender and in favour of Irish Manufacture.

Clerk reported he received a tender for seed potatoes at £6 per ton and also for small seeds from Hannahan Bros.

Decided that as tenders had been accepted the Council could not at this stage entertain further tenders.

Clerk reported he received no tenders for artificial Manures.

Decided to leave the matter in the Clerk's hands.

Application by Mr. Rossiter - Sewer Connection.

Mr. James Rossiter, Contractor, applied for permission

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to make a Sewer connection at the new offices of the New Ross Tanning Company, Priory Steet.

Granted provided adequate notice be given to Town. Surveyor.

The Meeting Adjourned.

M O'Gorman

9/4/40

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Thursday 28th March 1940.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to recommend payments to cover expenditure certified to be incurred on the 1st Section of the comprehensive Sewerage Scheme.

Present :- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding and J. Murphy, P.C.

Clerk having read the circular D.S.F dated 12th March 1940 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health giving authority for the holding of this Special Meeting to consider payments to be made before the 31st March 1940 certified on above works in order that the payments should be charged to the present financial year to qualify for the grant in aid.

The following bills were examined and recommended for payment viz :-

Contractors Lee Bros. Arklow	£500. 0. 0
Engineer T. J. O'Connor	12. 10. 0
Resident Engineer J. McCarthy	26. 5. 0.

Committee examined into the present financial position of This Scheme on which Clerk reported as follows :-

The Original Contract covered a figure of £5943. 3. 6. Due to delay in start of Work and diversion of original way from the Tannery Lane to the Showgrounds and the extra work involved thereby this sum to the Contractor Alone is increased by £120 and £12. 16. 0 for materials and £313. 10. 10 making the Contract now £6389. 0. 4. To this is added Engineers Estimate of Expenses as follows :- Law and Engineering £750. Land and Wayleaves £100 and Clerk of Works £180. Total £7419. 10. 4. It is quite possible the Law costs may exceed the estimate.

The total payments at This date is

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£3281. 18. 0 Including £637 Retention money £1299. 18. 11 is now due and certified leaving £2903. 1. 5 as balance of Works not yet done and certified.

The financial reset at date is that the Council obtained a loan of £4200 and received a Government Grant of £2740 i.e £6940. As the works will cost £7484. 18. 4 at the least a further loan for the shortage must be obtained for the difference £560.

Loan received to date £1775 and Grant £1150 i.e. £2925.

Committee recommended application for supplemental loan. of £560.

Consulting Engineer's Expenses.

Clerk presented Mr. O. Connor's accounts for Travelling, Hotel, postage and printing expenses amounting to £23. 13. 11 and a bill for £69 being 1½% fees for preparation of Bill of Quantities. Travelling was charged from Dublin to New Ross and back £4. 6. 0. According to the Schedule of The Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland "Engineers Shall charge first-class railway fare." He clerk ascertained this as £1. 7. 3 for 3 days excursion and £1. 15. 6 for a three months ticket. Hotel was charged @ £1. 1. 0 per day. 15/- appears to be not unreasonable.

Letter L. 783/6/40 15th March 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that in works the extent and cost of the Sewerage Scheme it is essential for the purpose of obtaining Keen and competitive tendering that a detailed Bill of Quantities should be available. To intending contractors. As regards out of pocket expenses the Council should be satisfied that they are reasonable and that they have been properly incurred. The necessary Vouchers should be retained for Audit purposes.

Replying to Committee Clerk stated Mr. O'Connor

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- after payment of the £12.10.0 now recommended will have received £411.5.0.

Recommended that Mr. O'Connor be requested to resubmit his bill for Travelling, Hotel and printing Expenses bearing in mind the schedule prepared by his Institution and that same be examined at next Finance Committee Meeting.

The Meeting Ended.

P. McLoughlan
29.3.40

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Friday the 29th day of March 1940.

Pursuant to Circular D.S.F dated 12th March 1940 from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health — vide minutes of Special Committee Meeting held yesterday — a Special Financial Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, New Ross this day at 7.30 o'clock P.M. to authorize payments on completed Works in connection with the 1st Section of the Sewerage Scheme — Robertson and Williams Ltd.

Present: Alfred Rd Gorman Chairman and John Murphy P.C. Edward Murphy, Bridge, Thomas Redmond, James E. Walsh.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on yesterday having been read and signed.

Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Chairman the Recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The Treasurer's Advice Note was then signed by Mr Chairman and Messrs John Murphy P.C. and Thos Redmond and the amounts ordered to be paid.

The Meeting Ended.

Alfred Gorman
9.4.40

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Monday the 8th Day of April 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 13 APR 1940

The usual monthly meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Thalsel, New Ross this evening at 5 oclock p.m. to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council as well as the following specially notified matters.

1. Great Southern Railways demand for overpaid rates within one month.
2. County Council Demand - Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March 1941.
3. Like Demand - Urban Roads maintenance.
4. Tottenham Estate - Rates on Public Property.
5. Adjourned matters.
6. Clerks Estimate of Poor Rate for ensuing year.

Present:- Messrs P. N. Ogorman, Chairman and John Murphy P.C.,

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment viz:-

J. Dooley £29.2.0; D. Daly £2.1.0; E.A. Finn £10.10.7; Hibernian Insurance Co. £6.17.0; Same £5.4.0; P. Gahan £30.6.8., same £2.12.0, same 8/8. A.R. French £1.0.3; E.S.B. 15/6; Hanrahan Bros 6/6; Moran Bros £3.1.2. E.S.B £3.6.0; P. Murphy 1/6; Cullen & Sons £1.12.8; Ellams 8/7; J. Cooney £2.12.6; Tottenham Estate £10.0.0; same £2.8.6; County Council £28.4.0; National Bank £188.12.0; P. Kelly £1.3.4.

Scavenging Contract.

P. Gahan's Claims.

Bill £1.10.0 for washing Irishtown February and march fairs was read. Inspector O'Grady's certificate was as follows:- "Mr. Gahan says he washed in march. This is probably correct. I was ill at the time. The February account is correct."

Committee recommended payment of the February account. Other account for 15/- deferred for "correct" certificate. X

Bill £4.6.8 for cleansing Charleton Hill new Houses and Roads and removing bins ex. 4 weeks and 2 days @ £1 per week "from 1st to 31st March 1940 was presented.

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Bill £2 being "amount deducted. There was no Bond as contract expired December 2nd 1939" for February was also presented.

Clerk informed Committee Town Surveyor refused to certify as the bills were matters for the Council.

Recommended adjournment pending Mr. Shortall's Report requested by Council at last meeting.

Loans Repayment.

Bills for £2218.0.3 were presented.

Clerk reported he had not time to examine same which would not require to be met until 1st June and could therefor wait for the May meeting.

Adjourned.

Late accounts.

The following bills were adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting. Committee stressed the necessity for Traders submitting their accounts direct to the Clerk so as to avoid unnecessary delay in obtaining payment:-

Dec. 11th 1939 B. Hennessy £3.15.0; Dec. 16th same 2/8 Dec. 30th same £4.11.0; January 10th same £4.11.6; December 1939 Lyons & Co., 3/2 January 3rd same 3/2 January 6th B. Hennessy 1/6 Lyons & Co., 4/3 December 7th Guest & Chrimes £2.5.7 January 5th Slick & Co 17/= December 11th Charles Tenant £2.2.11; W. Roche December 14th 15/=

Swabbing and Immunization.

Letter 3rd April 1940 was read from the Secretary County Wexford Board of Health that the Council requested his Board to pay the accounts submitted and that the Council would then consider refunding for work done on Urban children. This procedure is unusual but he would submit the proposition to his Board.

Clerk informed Committee it was much more unusual for any other Board to commit the Council to expenditure without their knowledge. The Council had not given authority for this expenditure.

No recommendation as the Council had already decided in the procedure.

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Clerk's Estimate of The Poor Rate, for the ensuing year.

Clerk intimated all members of the Council had received a printed copy in accordance with the Public Bodies' Orders.

The rate is 8/7 as against 8/2 last year. Total to be collected £4305 as against £4022 last year. Increases appear under the headings of County Services – this year £1252, last year £1143. Poor Relief and Board of Health charges – this year £1860, last year £1680. A Total increase of £289 without any additions for uncollectable rate, vacant premises, commission on collection &c. The County Library item is again increased. Main Roads show a reduction – £487 against £663 last year in pounds. Criminal Injury Decrees account for a further increase of approximately £5. no alteration is made in the Estimate of Uncollectable Rate &c. items, although with ever increasing demands there is every likelihood of an increase.

8/4 in the £ adopted by Special Finance meeting of the Council on Tuesday the 9th April 1940

Due to an item of £155 proposed to be paid back to the Great Southern Railways – the full amount collected over the disputed years – and the consequent reduction in valuation the rate in the £ is increased by 4d. In estimating for the purposes of the Poor Rate the Gross Valuation is assessed although the net effective valuation is well over £1000 less. The fall in the Demand for maintenance of Roads amounts to 5d in the £.

Correspondence was then read as follows:-

From G. S. Railways. Dated 16th March 1940. Company's Claim 1937/38 £48.6.3; 1938/39 £74.0.7; 1939/40 £78.16.6 Total £201.3.4.

Company stated they must request payment within one month. Otherwise they must institute proceedings for obtaining judgment for the amount, owing to the Local Government Acts that all claims must be paid within a very limited period. Proceedings are only to protect the interests of the Company. If the Council agrees the amount is due judgment by consent could be entered.

Clerk reported having asked the Company for a reference to the Acts but only received a reply dated 27th March 1940 that the figures in the Schedules sent the Council were submitted to the Commissioner of Valuation and certified correct when lodged in court. The Council has therefore all the information

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necessary to enable them to deal with the claim for refund.

On the 1st April 1940 the Commissioner of Valuation replied to the Council's letter of 21st March 1940 that the Quinquennial Revision took place in 1937. The Railway Company appealed and the Commissioner made some reductions in 1938. The Railway Company subsequently appealed to the Circuit Court" and a statement of the changes made by the Court will be forwarded to you when this office has received the official Court Order in the matter". The Commissioner then stated for the first time the £50 valuation "which it is assumed has been fixed by the Court", has been provisionally apportioned at £13 and £37 as between buildings and railway respectively.

Clerk pointed out that although the Railway Company on 27th March stated the Council had all necessary information to check their figures the Commissioner on the 1st April denied this.

Clerk reported that their Solicitors had that day advised on the Tottenham claim for refund. The second paragraph of their advice might be worth considering in connection with the Railway claim. "If an action were now brought .... to recover the ~~sums~~ wrongly paid by them the amount, if any, which they could recover would be limited to money so paid within the two years before the action was brought." In the Railway case money was not of course wrongly paid.

Circular dated 3rd April 1940 was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities stating the Commissioner of Valuation is lodging an appeal. The Company can collect the amount of the Claim meantime and will succeed in an action for recovery. Pending judgment for the full amount the Company will not discuss payment over a three year period. The Council should provide for a one-third repayment in this year's estimates.

Committee recommended a question to Council's Solicitors and should they decide that all three years are due and payable provision be made for repayment forthwith.

Committee then considered the Rates position.
Recommended adoption of the Estimate providing

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for a rate of 8/7 in the £. should there be no modification of the Railways claim. Committee suggested the Council should enter a strong protest against the annual increases in the rates for the County Services, County Board of Health services and County Library services.

Demand for Urban Roads.

County Council Demand this year is for £350 an increase of £125 on last year.

Recommended reduction to £125 in view of the exceptional expenditure on Urban Roads over the last 5 years.

Rate Collection Report.

Clerk submitted his monthly return ended 31st March 1940 as follows:-

Total Warrant £8481.11.0. Collected £6439.4.1. Discounts allowed £120.10.7. Outstanding £1921.16.4. This is 77.3% collected against 78.3% last year and 76% in 1938. The amount of rate to be collected was £604 over that of last year.

Committee considered the collection as exceptionally good in all the circumstances.

Final abstract of Valuation

Above was presented showing the following:-

	acres	r.	p.
Total area of land in the Town	459	3	38

Valuation of Lands £488.9.0

Do Buildings £9301.13.0

Do Railway and Half Rents £410.9.0

Total valuation of the Town £10200.11.0 an increase of only £15.5.0 over last March.

Rent Collection.

Clerk reported the month of March as follows:-

220 houses. 205 let. Arrears end of February £377.5.8 and at end of March £387.10.7. Rents accrued during month of March £206.10.10. Collected £196.5.10.

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Recommended that clerk advise the number of tenants marked on Rent Sheets that unless substantial payments were made before next meeting the Council will consider taking over the houses and suing for the arrears and unless adequate reasons are given for inability to pay.

Public Lighting

Letter dated 1st March 1940 was read from the Electricity Supply Board intimating an allowance of £67.11.9 for restricted lighting.

Bill from same was also submitted for £24.4.11 for the month of March 1940 on which the above allowance was shown leaving a balance of £43.6.10 in favour of the Council.

Letter 6th April 1940 was read from County Secretary Mr. Frizelle on Air Raid Precautions intimating the Government intended reimbursing 70% of 60% of the cost of cowling &c. the lights in the town.

Adjourned and clerk was ordered to obtain a copy of the Act.

Priory Street Premises.

Under date 5th April 1940 Councils Solicitor advised as follows:-

1. The Council is entitled to the rent of these two houses since 29th September 1935
2. Prior to that date the Misses Howlett received the rents. They resided in New York. One now survives.
3. Under the sub Lease the Council can proceed for damages for breach of covenant to keep the houses in repair. It would be expensive to carry on such a suit in a foreign country. Miss Howlett's financial status is unknown.

Recommended that the Collector be instructed to apply for the rents to the tenants as soon as possible and that the matter be further considered when the Council is fully informed.

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Income Tax.
Refund for 7 years.
Property over assessed.

Clerk reported that on his visits to Wexford in connection with the Councils Income Tax work recently he discussed the above matters with the Inspector of Taxes. On paying head and ground rents to the Council leaseholders deduct tax at the prevailing Standard Rate. This tax is lost to the Council. On the Ross Resolution the municipal conference at Cork adopted unanimously the idea that where a Council suffers loss, such loss should go towards reducing the taxable capacity of the Council.

As a result of the discussion in Wexford an application should now succeed in getting back roughly £120 tax. He, Clerk recommended the claim be placed in the lawyers hands.

Committee recommended to instruct the Clerk to continue to proceed with this claim and do what is necessaray to obtain the refund at the usual charges. The work is outside the scope of the duties of a Town Clerk.

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Sewerage Scheme.
Mr. OConnor's Expenses.

Replying to the Finance Committees objections to consider the bill of expenses submitted, Consulting Engineer stated in his reply 5th April 1940 as follows:-

1. In travelling by car New Ross is reached at convenient hours. Not tied to time as travelling by train. The last train from New Ross leaves at 3.44 p.m. therefore he would be obliged to remain an extra night in the town.
2. If he travelled by rail he would be obliged to hire taxis from Station for equipment &c. and engage porters. He includes for this in revised account, and for sustenance 15/- instead of £1.1.0.
3. Using his car during Preliminary and Final Surveys reduced his stay in New Ross by at least four days. A car and driver would otherwise have to be provided for him at his disposal
4. Vouchers for maps, O.S. sheets &c. have been furnished "either as invoices or paid receipts." It would be

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extremely difficult to send paid receipts for individual orders as payment for printing, maps etc. is made at intervals on credit accounts and covers orders for different jobs.

Clerk submitted it was becoming more difficult to clear this position. He submitted the following answers to Mr. OConnor's contentions :-

1. Mr. OConnor's travel by own car cost the Council £4.6.0 plus £1.1.0 for Hotel expenses. Travel by train cost £1.7.3 only and Hotel expenses incurred 15/-. As Mr. OConnr only charged for one day in original account the Council can only refund actual incurred expenses according to the Schedule of his own Association."
2. Since Mr. OConnor did not engage the car in New Ross or engage porters the Council will find it difficult to get the Auditor to sanction expenses not incurred.
3. Under Section 2 of his own Society's Schedule the 5% shall include Preliminary Survey, examination of site, report and full surveys, plans and specifications and this may mean that any expenses incurred in doing this work is included in the 5%.

Adjourned to allow the Clerk to communicate further with Mr. OConnor.

Half Annual Rents.

Claim by Mrs. Mooney, South Street.

Under date 5th April 1940 Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor applied for a refund of £83.14.0 being over collected rates on the Customs and Excise premises in South Street for the years 1932/33 to 1939/40. Failing settlement within seven days Mr. Coghlan will institute legal proceedings for the recovery of the amount.

Tottenham Trust Claim.

Advice from Council's Solicitors.

Under date 5th April 1940 the following was read:-

In reply to your letter of 24th February. In our opinion the money now claimed by the Tottenham Estate was paid by them under a mistake of law and is irrecoverable.

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Furthermore if an action were now brought by the Tottenham Estate to recover the moneys wrongly paid by them the amount, if any, which they could recover would be limited to money so paid within the two years before the action was brought. Colfer & Son.

Recommended that the Solicitor communicate above to the Agent and to Mr. Coghlan.

Notice to Quit.

J. Moran.

Letter 8th April 1940 was read from Council's Solicitor that Mrs. Moran offered to pay 12/= on foot of arrears (£11.2.4) and 5/= per week from now on.

Recommended that Solicitor be requested to proceed as already instructed by the Council.

Extention of time for Rate Collection.

Collector regretted it was necessary to apply for an extention of time as she was unable to close the collection within the prescribed time. In her opinion if the usual extention was granted it would facilitate the collection.

Committee granted an extention to 31st May 1940.

The Meeting Ended.

J. O'Loughlan
9.4.40

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Tuesday the 9th day of April 1940.

A Monthly Meeting of Kilrush Urban District Council was held in the Hotel New Ross this evening at 7.30 O'clock P.M. to transact business including financial pursuant to the various Acts enabling and the under noticed special business.

A special Meeting was also held on Tuesday evening to consider the Clerks Estimate of Poor Rate for Kilrush of the financial year ending 31st March 1941 - Copy of which sent each Councillor in good time.

Special Business:-

1. Fire Loss - Labourers. Reply from Insurance Assessors re Cafe Continental fire.
2. Cavan U.D.C. Resolution - Make government parts available to Public Works.
3. New Ross Bridge - Reports from Engineers - Copies supplied all Councillors by Clerk.
4. Finance Committee Recommendations (Specified)
6. Demolition Housing Acts - Ed Browne.
7. Allotments Acts - Tenders for Manures & Artificial Manures.
8. Extension of Water & Sewer mains to proposed new house at College Road.
9. Drogheda Corporation - Resolution - Increase Old Age Pensions to What is decent.
10. Limerick C. Co - Relieve Ratepayers of the result of the Railway Decision on appeal.
11. Apply Supplemental Loan Leverage Scheme £600 for 30 years @ 5½% Interest.
12. Adjourned Business.

Present: Mrs Pudgeman, Chairman Thomas Redmond. John Murphy P.C. John Murphy Binge, Andrew Fuller, James Grace,

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and the Finance Special Meeting were taken as read and Signed.

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Vote of Sympathy.
Mother Pascal Dunne Kilcshandra Dead.

Proposed by Chairman
Seconded by Mr Murphy P.C. That sincere sympathy of the Council was passed to the parents of the late Stella Dunne (Mother Pascal of the Order of the African Missions) in the sad early passing of their daughter in the bloom of her youth and the spring of her religious life - so promising and so very necessary.

Late Archbishop Kelly.

Letter 28 March 1940 was read from Very Revd. Monsignor S.J. Gardiner St Dublin thanking the Council for vote of sympathy dealt of his relative Dr. Kelly.

Association of Municipal Authorities

Letter 6 ash la d'abrain 1940 was read from above asking for price of 6 copies Annual Report @ 10/- £3.3.0 and inform the Council the next Conference will be held in Dundalk on the 10th 11th and 12th September next and to appoint Delegates.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cullen that same Delegates. Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk - were appointed and it was agreed to pay the £3.3.0 as usual.

Fete at Cafe Continental.

Correspondence was read from Assessor Montgomerie - Insurance Coys - refusing to increase on the £20 for Volunteers.

Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Cullen it was decided to accept the £20 and abuse the Companies afterwards. It was also decided to ask agents to the Owners of the property to

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Contribute. Melomare to consider a like contribution on receipt of more data

Lavan Resolution

This resolution "calling on the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to make the funds which for years past have been made available for road works available for Public Health Schemes" was moved by Mr Redmond seconded by Mr Chapman passed unanimously

Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41

Circular RM/207/2 dated 30th January 1940 was taken as read as all Councillors had received a copy with Summons to Meeting.

Proposed by Mr Redmond
seconded by Mr. Murphy & it was adopted
"That before proceeding for £250 extra rates
the Minister be asked to state the amount
of the fund available and if it can
be used for the very necessary works
of water supply & Drainage of which
a 75% content is labour."

Public Lighting

Circular dated 5 April 1940 was read from the E&B Leader "Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order 1939. Public Lighting." was read "Air-Raid." lamps were being restored.

Freehold Grant.

Sanction to Contract.

Sanction Ref. 9195/40 27 March 1940 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health to Contractor Mr John Burke @ 1/4 per gallon for above delivered and in accordance with the Council's advertisement & Release, subject to Periodical inspection

Demands for Painting

The following tenders were received :—

Jon Moran Bros - 14 Meth Books @ 9/4 and.
4 Books Demand Notes £3.17.6.
Jon Cullen Bros. 14 Meth Books @ 9/4 and.
4 Rate Books @ £4.5.0/-
Which reported to split. The order as he
could not wait for a meeting. The Meth.
Books were given to Cullen Bros and the Rate
Books to Moran Bros.
Out Business of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the Council approved.

Sanitary Salaries

Letter from Dept. Local Govmnt & Public Health dated 28th ultimo was read granting a recoupment of £15.16.2 - year ended 30th September 1939.

Noted.

Corporate Property.

Letter G. 3522/40 29th March 1940 was read from the Dept Local Govmnt & Public Health transmitting a copy of the Ministers Order under Seal approving of the payment to the Council of a sum of £776.00 - redemption Price of Redemption of £38.15.4 payable to the Council by John Butler out of the Estate of the Council Road No. S. 11932 Co. Wexford.

Noted.

Newbridge Bridge

"Danger" Reports from Co. Surveyor and Engineer.

Which terminated he sent copies of the various correspondence and Reports to each Councillor as ordered at last Meeting.
Proposed by Mr Murphy Rd.
Seconded by Mr. Walsh it was decided to consider same at end of the business of meeting.

Taxation of Costs - Year ending 31/12/39.
Both the Councils Solicitors and an Inmate of Coolcam told sent in "Certificate of Taxation of Costs"

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and "Summons to Tax" with Bill of Costs duly taxed as follows; —
Amount Claimed £25.5.5.10 Deduct £12.14.6
Certified £242.11.4 Credits £2.4.3 Balance due £240.7.1.
Noted.
Return Officers on 1st April 1940.
Circular was read re above.
Which reported Larry Dent in this Return noted.

Leaving Contract.
Letters 28 + 20 March and 4th April 1940 were read from Councils Solicitors re above and Lending Agreement & Bond duly stamped for execution by Council.
On the Motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr T. Redmond it was adopted
"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement & Bond with Patrick Rossiter and James Rossiter - Leaving Contract - and that such things be done as necessary to give full effect to the Agreement & Bond".

Finance Committee Reports & Recommendations
The Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 12th February, 11th March and the 8th April were read and signed & on the
Motion of Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Redmond the recommendations & the Committee were adopted.

On the Motion of Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Murphy the Council adopted a Poor rate of 8/4 in the £ for Service of the ensuing financial Year and agreed to the Interest made by Finance Committee. The Reduction from 8/7 to 8/4 is to be effected by reducing the payment to the Railways Company by one third of the £155 in the Estimates.

Lease of Pump & Premises

Letter Q. 11007/40 8th April 1940 was read from Hd Dept. Local Govt & Public Health referring to minutes of 20th February last regarding above and wanting a summary of the points at issue in the case and the Coun. decision thereon.

Ordered that same be forwarded as soon as convenient

Waterworks

Water for Building Purposes

application was read from John Dowling 21 Blackmill St. Kilkenny for water for new technical school new room.

On motion of Mr Redmond

Seconded by Mr. Cullen the application was granted provided payment of £5 received at once but there must be no delay in giving the supply.

Mr Michael Murphy 23 Irishtown (29 Jan 1940) applied for leave to open mains Irishtown to get water direct to his house.

granted subject to application on usual form and payment deposit.

Letter 19 March was read from Co. Asst. that in January 1938 (eight) Mr Michael Murphy, Ballinabola applied to the Ministry re an extension of water and sewer mains to a house proposed to be erected by him. She wished to know in detail the present position

Clerk reported that on 11th July 1938 the Council decided to take no action as intended residence outside the urban area.

Inspector O'Grady recalled that the Co. Asst (Dr Barrett) view the site and decided it was not very easy to provide the mains even if the Council desired

Clerk stated he informed Dr Daly of the action 11 July 1938.

No Order

Mr Brady ill (Sanitary Inspector)

Letter 14 March 1940 was read from Co. Mgt ack. knowledging the Council's intimation to him of the Inspector's illness of 'flu. He appoints Dr. Kissane to supervise dis infections.

Letter 14th was read from Dr Kissane stat. she would continue the services of P. Grace for the dis infections under her supervision.

Allotments Acts.

Letter H4200/40 15 March 1940 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health replying to the 1940 Scheme "that the 19 applicants in respect of whom certificates were submitted may be regarded as unemployed persons for the purpose of Section 2 of the Acquisition of Land (Allotments) (Amendment) Act 1934.

Letter G. 364/40 14 March 1940 from Dept. of Agriculture was read like reference regarding the Council's letter of 27 and 29 ultimo about supplying requisites that "it is assumed that in inviting tenders the Council stipulated a closing date to which they paid due regard for the submission of tenders". The responsibility devolves on the Council of deciding the tender to be accepted..

Clerk intimated this letter referred to the position created by the receipt of a lower tender after a higher tender had been received and accepted at a prior meeting.

Tenders for Manures

From Flemings New Ross :- No 1 Spl Potatoe Manure @ £8 per ton - prices ruling as from today.

From Revelle Bros :- Compound Fertilizer No 12 Spl Potatoe Manure @ £8.10.0 per ton.

Clerk reported he gave the Order to Flemings

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being the lowest tender as supplies were needed urgently.
Proposed by Mr Walsh.
Seconded by Mr. Murphy. The Council approved of the Clerks action and accepted the tender of Messrs Flemings as the lowest.

Tenders for Dung.

Mr Starney tendered heaps of dung (pigs) for £2
Denis Daly. do 4. loads @ 1/- £2.1.0.
Patrick Kelly do 7 do @ 2/6 load delivered
Patrick Kelly tendered to deliver all (except his own) @ 1/6 per load for Daly and 1/- Starneys.

Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Murphy all tenders were accepted.

Complaint re Inspector.

Mr Gleeson 5 April 1940 wrote that following interview with Clerk on this morning he visited the Wellrain St new ground. The allotments were not yet marked out. This should be seen to at once. The delay is unreasonable. He asked to meet the Clerk on the allotments for inspection on Wednesday at noon.

Town Surveyor, who was asked to mark out the allotments some time ago, stated the Owner was ill and he would attend to the work on Wednesday.

Adjourned

Rates on Demolished Dwellings
Application re Coleman Estate

Enniscorthy 8th April 1940 Agent to above pointed out that 10 of the Estate houses are condemned and were only occupied for a very short period after 30 September. No rent was received and very little rent received since the first notice of making demolition order. There is therefore a considerable amount of rates due by

these tenants and there is no recovery. The agent thinks the amount of the second moiety of rates to 31/3/40 on these 10 houses should be struck off.

Replying to the Chairman Clerk stated there was not any doubt the Collector should have collected these rates on the 1st October. The Rates on Small Dwellings act-1932 might. later be viewed by the Landlords for refund but he considered it highly doubtful if it would be successful as against the later Housing Acts.

No order.

School Meals fund.
Returns.

Circular Pt+ 28/40 dated 5 April 1940 was taken as read.

Clerk ordered to attend to same.

Rates Report by Collectors.
To 31 March 1940.

Miss Finn reported under date 9th April 1940 as follows:-

"I beg to submit herewith Particulars of Rate Collection at 31st March 1940 viz:-
Poor Rate - Warrant for year ending 31/3/40
£3822.6.10. Lodged £2909.1.4. Discounts £52.0.9 outstandg. £861.4.9
Town Rate - Warrant for year ending 31/3/40
£4629.4.2 Lodged £3530.2.8 Discounts £69.9.10 Outstandg £1060.11.8
Since 31st ult a sum of £356.4.0 has been lodged reducing the total outstandg to £1565.11.5 which sum includes Rate assessed on vacant Premises and otherwise uncollectable I regret that it has not been possible to close the collection within the prescribed time but I shall ask that the Council will grant an extension so that I may endeavour to do so with as little delay as possible. E. A Finn".

Clerk reported the Council had already

Sanded to the 31 May 1940 by Recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Application - Various

From Mrs Stanney 4pr May 01.
above applied for a sheeter for her fish supplies on the Quay.
Referred to Finance Committee.

From John Ryan Abbeyfeale
above applied for tenancy of garden adjacent of house in William St.
Refused.

From P Roche 7 The Quay.
above applied for 2 scrap steel pipes and range on Quay.
Refused. Order that all scrap be advertised.

From Mrs Catherine Ryan St.
above applied to have the Convents wall and gateway at rear of premises made secure. This is the third application. Both are now very dangerous.
Again referred to Town Surveyor for inspection and Report. He took a copy of the letter.

Payment of Bills

Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to pay the accounts recommended by the Finance Committee.

The advice sheets were then signed by the Chair and the Messrs Murphy Walsh.

The meeting adjourned.

S. O. Murchadha
14/5/40

Monday 29th day of April 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. -6. MAY 1940

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening to consider (1) Clerk's Estimate of moneys required for the services of the year ending on 31st March 1941 from the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate pursuant to the Public Bodies Orders &c. and (2) Relief Scheme under the Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41.

Present :- Messrs Thos. Redmond presiding and John Murphy, P.C.

Clerk intimated due notice was given and copies of the Relief Scheme letters were sent to each Councillor

Estimate of Town and Domestic Water Rate.

Expenditure.

Outstanding Housing Loans £55137 require £3686 for repayment of principal and interest. Miscellaneous Loans (specified) £14,653 - £1982. Total for Loans Repayment £5668. Provision made for supplemental loans Sewerage and Water Tower. Schemes £600 and £400 respectively.

Urban Road Maintenance £350. Provision to obtain Relief Grant offered £250. St. Stephen's Cemetery £40. Public Lighting &c. £350. Scavenging Contract and provision for unestimated payment to County Council for Grass Cutting &c. £775. Law Costs and Expenses £200. Salaries and Superannuation £1127. Repairs Artizan's Dwellings £100. Town Hall and Other Property £50. Sewers and Watermains £350. New Property Priory Street £300. Office, Printing, Stationery and Advertising & Elections £175. Rents, Rates and Insurances £100. Disinfecting, Notification of Diseases, Free Milk Grant, Town Clock, Weighbridge &c. £137 together. Uncollectable Rate £150. Discounts £75. Railway Refund (Part of) £30 Unestimated Road Maintenance Last year £137. School Meals £130.

This makes a total Estimated Expenditure of £10594 £10494.

Receipts.

Sanitary Salaries £35. School Meals £65. Housing Grant £13. Domestic Water Rate £360. Waterworks £400

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Rent Artizan's Dwellings, Town Hall and Other Property and Corporate Estate £2330. Loan Charges £1500, Weighbridges, Manure, Investments, Interest, Scavenging, ~~Licences~~ £99 in all. 95 Petrol Licences £.s.13 Refuse Cowling £104 Land Bonds - Newtown Estate £30. Rent Priory Street Premises £60. Refund of Property Tax over 4 years. less Expenses £100. Increase in all rents of Artizan's Dwellings erected prior to 1923 @ 6d per week £86. Back rent ex Priory Street Property from September 1935 less expenses £100. Increase in Water Rents to Factories, Good Shepherd Convent, County Hospital, Fields &c. £100.

Total Estimated Receipts £5288 5388.

Differences between Expenditure and Receipts to be found by Rate £5206.

Effective Valuation £9120. a Rate of 11/5 in the £ produces £5206.

Committee examined into each item and the following matters were taken up.

Letter from County Council.

Urban Road Maintenance

Clerk intimated he communicated the Councils decision to only allow £125 as against the County Councils demand for £350 for road maintenance.

Letter dated 23rd April 1940 was read from the County Council Secretary that the Councils decision would be submitted to the next Finances Meeting of the County Council. on Friday next.

Relief Works Vote 1940/41

Clerk reported forwarding to Mr. Fruzelle a copy of the Departments letter RU/207/109 references above that the amount of the grant will depend on the precise nature of the Schemes submitted (Copy letter sent each Councillor on receipt). He, Clerk asked Mr. Fruzelle to find out from the County Surveyor if any of the works already agreed with this Council remained over for which money was not available and beyond an acknowledgment next morning from Mr Fruzelle he had not heard from the County

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Surveyor.

After a very lengthy sitting Committee made the following Reductions in the Estimates of Expenditure for the Reasons given after each :-

Water Tower Supplemental Loan £25. - May not be necessary this year.

Road Maintenance (Urban) £125 - £225 same as last year should be adequate.

Law Costs and Expenses £100.- This can be spread over next year.

Sewers and Watermains £100 - Defer pending receipt of Receipts this year.

Priory Street Premises £300 - This should be met by Loan repayable 5 years.

Addition for unestimated Road Maintenance £50 - Can be delayed this year.

Total £700 equal to a rate of 1/6 in the £

Allowing for one years repayment of proposed loan.

1/= in the £ equals £456.

Committee then adopted a Rate of 10/= in the £ as and for Town Rate and 1/6 in the £ as and for Domestic Water Rate.

Priory Street Vacant House.

Clerk reported he had received the Keys of this House and the Town Surveyor had inspected it. He is preparing a Specification for repairs and also repairs to the roof of the other house. It would be necessary to advertise the house for tenancy and to advertise for tenders for the necessary Repairs.

Recommended that the house be occupied without delay and a rent of £30 per annum fixed (old rent £24) and that tenders be invited for repairs

Increase in Rent Artizan's Dwellings.

Clerk intimated it appeared necessary to give notice of motion to rescind resolution fixing old rent or alternatively to terminate the existing tenancies and probably to notify the

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Sureties. Solicitors should be asked to advise.
Recommended that the Council deal with this matter.

Increase in Water Rent Charges.
Clerk intimated likewise as to increase in rents.
Same recommendation of Committee

Manure for Sale.
Clerk intimated 3 heaps were sold between Meetings it would be in accordance with the Auditors recommendations that all manure for sale be advertised.
Recommended advertising forthwith.

The Meeting Ended.

Thomas Redmond
20.4.40.

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New Ross Urban District

Tuesday the 30th day of April 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department.
-6. MAY 1940

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the Clerks Estimates of the moneys required under the various Acts for the services of the financial year ending 31st March 1941 pursuant to the Public Bodies Orders as Town Rate.

Present Messrs Thomas Redmond - who presided on motion of Mr Murphy P.C. seconded by Mr Martin - John Murphy P.C. John Murphy, Bridge. Thomas Walsh, Vincent A. Doyle, James J. Walsh,

Vote of Sympath to Chairman

On motion of Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Murphy a vote of Sympathy was unanimously adopted to Mr. O'Gorman, Mrs O'Gorman and the relatives of the late Mr. O'Sullivan on his demise.

The Chairman's views on the Estimates were then read and.
On the motion of Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Doyle the recommendations of the Finance Committee - having been read - were adopted.
On the motion of Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Doyle it was resolved :-
That this Council adopt a Town Rate of 10/- in the £ on the Effective Valuation of the Urban District for the purposes for which they are empowered to make such Rate and a Domestic Water Rate of 1/6 in the £ on all premises supplied with water for domestic purposes - for the services of the

Year ending 31st day of March 1941.
Water rate subject to a minimum of 10/- per annum.

Relief Schemes 1940/41.

Arising out of the reading of the Finance Committee Minutes of last evening it was proposed by Mr Murphy
seconded by Mr Walsh and resolved
"That the Committee of the Council appointed to confer with the County Surveyor be asked to again confer with him as soon as possible to frame a Scheme to operate the 1940/41 grant.

Notices of Motions

Mr Redmond gave notice that he would move at next Council Meeting resolutions to give effect to the recommendations of the Financial Committee in connection with increases in rent and water charges.

Payment of Bills.

There was submitted accounts for Petty Cash and John Murphy's salary - Waterworks Cashier £10 each.
Proposed by Mr Walsh
seconded by Mr Redmond the accounts were passed and the amounts ordered to be paid.
The Treasurers Advance Note was then signed by Messrs Breaden Chairman J Walsh and A Doyle.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Monday 13th day of May 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Council Meeting

Present :- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., presiding and Thos. Redmond

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

J. Butler £19.6.1 : Reville Bros. £70.8.0 : Hanrahan Bros. £5.2.0 ; Mrs. Fleming £ Municipal Association £3.3.0 P. Rossiter £50.14.0 ; Ryan Bros. £80. P. Carrol £3. M. Doyle 6/6 ; E.S.B. 7/6. Moran Bros. £10.7.2. A.R. French 13/6. Same 5/= same 8/= B. Hennessy 2/= same 1/4. J. Ward 4/= P. Murphy 1/=. Free Press £1.15.6. People 16/= E.A. Finn £11.1.2 P. Rossiter £4.17.0. L. Barron £6.10.13. B. Hennessy 2/8. Graves & Co. 3/2. same 3/2. B. Hennessy 1/6. Graves 4/3. Guest & Grimes £2.7.7. Steele & Co. 17/= Tenant & Co. £2.2.11. M. Roche 15/= Government Publications 1/4 Same 1/5 T.J. O'Connor £12.10.0 Lee Bros £500 ; Waterford Port Sanitary Authority £10.18.0 Bank of Ireland (Loans) £2226.9.6.

A. R. French L.P.S.I. £2.17.6.

Clerk reported official orders were not issued or asked for herein. The bill goes back to June 1939 and is for disinfectants ordered by the Sanitary Inspector. He could not check the bill. It is definitely against the Public Bodies Orders to supply otherwise than on an official Order Form. Particulars were only received and for the first time on the 10th May 1940. Cannot advise payment in the circumstances.

Recommended payment this Time provided the bill is certified by the Inspector in the usual way as Committee Consider the breach of the regulations was due to inadvertance.

Final Certificate Charleton Hill Housing Scheme.

Under date 9th May 1940 the following letter

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was read from Architect Mr. Downes :-

"I have issued a Certificate today in favour of Messrs H. & A. Hamilton Ltd value £750. which is a Final Certificate on the Housing Scheme. The final amount is £32653.5.1 which is a saving of £8.10.9. on Messrs Hamilton's tender."

Clerk reported complaints re ranges and hot water system were still coming in. The certificate mentioned in the letter was not received by Messrs Hamilton who phoned to say they had a phone message from the Architect that it had been posted.

Recommended payment with a stay of one month to allow of time to remedy the defects complained of provided the Council has the right to do. so.

Lead Piping

Accounts £4.11.0 £4.11.0 and £3.15.0 being for 4 cwts ½ inch lead piping and 2 cwts of ¾" piping were presented from B. Hennessy, New Ross.

Town Surveyor's report 17th Oct 1939 was read that he had received proposals for supply from Messrs Hannahan Bros @ 37/6 per cwt and a like one ~~from~~ from B. Hennessy, New Ross. for same. The Council's order was that 2 cwt. be ordered from each.

Recommended payment. Clerk to ascertain if Hannahan Bros. supplied the 2 cwts.

Public Lighting.

Bill for £24.4.11 and £1.0.0 for all-night lighting on the 14th and 15th April 1940 was examined Clerk reported payment was restricted ~~for~~ by the allowance granted for Block-Out period. A sum of 42.6.10 was still standing to the credit of the Council.

Sewerage Scheme.

Clerk of Works.

Dated 16 adh Aibrean 1940 a letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in reply to the Council's letter of the 12th. January 1940

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that Local Authorities usually rely on Their Engineer as to whether and when they should pay the Clerk of Works.

Clerk informed the Committee the Council asked the Department for a direction on the question whether Mr. McCarthy should be paid his Fees on this Scheme before the work on the Scheme had already started. The Consulting Engineer certified he should be paid on work which the Council considered was the work of the Consulting Engineer and that no payment should be made to the Clerk of Works before the Contractors started work.

Adjourned.

Payment during Strike

Clerk reported he communicated to Mr. O'Connor that it was unofficially stated to him there was a strike on. Mr. O'Connor was requested to state if the Clerk of Works would be paid during the strike.

Letter dated 10th May 1940 was read from Mr. O'Connor stating that unless the strike continued for a month or more the Clerk of Works who is a qualified Engineer was entitled to his Fees.

Clerk reported he was since informed the Contractor's men continued at work and so the question need not be now considered.

Adjourned.

Expenses of Consulting Engineer

Long letter 5th April 1940 was again read from Mr. O'Connor in connection with his Fees and submitting adjusted accounts. The original accounts sent by Mr. O'Connor is £144. 3. 11 and the adjusted account is £132. 6. 5. He (Clerk) suggested the account should be £81. 18. 9 if at all due. £44. 19. 7 is for printing, maps &c. There is an additional application for £89. for preparation of Bills of Quantities. Including the present payment Mr. O'Connor will have received £423. 15. 0.

Committee again inspected Mr. O'Connor's contract with the Council. Mr. O'Connor agreed to undertake all the work @ 5% divided up as already several times notified.

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Committee also examined the offers of the other Engineers. All examined definitely stated that as well as fees they would charge travelling and other - out - of - pocket expenses.

Clerk advised Committee to consider the question whether Mr. O' Connor is at all entitled to expenses in view of his accepted offer to undertake all the work @ 5% without mentioning Expenses. There is also the question if the Committee can at all consider refunding expenses not actually incurred, as even the Schedule of the Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland appears only to allow of "Hotel Expenses and any out - of - pocket expenses incurred." Mr. O' Connor is applying for expenses (hotel) not incurred according to his originale bill.

Recommended that in all the circumstances the questions be submitted to the Councils Solicitors.

Rates Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly return as follows:-

Total Warrant	£8481. 11. 0
Collected to 30th April 1940	7188. 7. 2.
Leaving Outstanding	£1298. 3. 10.

being 84.6% collected as against 84.1% same time last year.

Committee considered this very satisfactory.

Allotments & Free Milk Fees.

Clerk applied for the usual fees hereunder.

Committee recommended granting the application to apply to the Schemes since inauguration at full rates.

Clerk's Rent Reports.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly report on arrears and collection for the month of April 1940 as follows:-

No. of houses built	220
do. occupied	207
do. Unoccupied	13

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Arrears 1st April 1940 £387. 10. 7
do. 30th " " £421. 0. 1.
Rents accrued during April £266. 15. 5 /
Rents collected during same £233. 5. 11 /

The arrears increased by £33. 9. 6. The usual notices were sent out to 17 tenants in arrears. Very few called about them. The months increase is accounted for as follows :- Guard Feehan £2. 12. 11. M. A. Roche £2. 12. 11. Guard Cartwright £2. 1. 8. Mrs. Peare £1. 0. 0. P. Flynn £2. 1. 8. Mrs. Candle 14/2. Mrs Casbin 14/2. R. Donnelly £1. 0. 0. J. Moran 14/= Mrs. Merrigan 12/= Miss Flaky £1. 0. 0 Sergeant Brennan £3. 2. 6. Miscellaneous the balance. It is to be noted that Sergeant Brennan's amount only accrued during the month and he was only in occupation for that month. So it is actually not arrears as the Committee understands same.

Recommended that all above be given one week in which to pay. Thereafter the Solicitors be instructed to sue without further notice for the full arrears excepting in the case of Sergeant Brennan.

Letter 19th March 1940 H. 1356/3/40 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was again read that as the rent arrears increased from £274. 7. 10 in February 1939 to £377. 5. 8 in February 1940 they required a detailed statement showing the persons in arrears, the amount of such arrears and the action taken by the Councils in each case.

Clerk reported This would involve a lot of work and he would suggest that the Council would appoint him to visit the Department and bring the original rent sheets with all the information required. It would save expense and time

Committee recommended the Council to agree to this as the only reasonable way to deal

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with the matter. The Clerks expenses Should be paid.

Railway Claim £201. 3. 4.

Letters 16th March, 29th Aprie and 4th May 1940 were read from the Great Southern Railways that "Failing the receipt of this remittance I (the Secretary) shall be compelled to hand the claim to the Company's Solicitor to take whatever steps he considers necessary to protect the Company and to collect the debt. The debt should be paid before 31st May 1940.

Committee recommended that as the Clerk is going to Dublin he interview the Valuation office and the Railway Company to find out the position and make arrangements accordingly.

Miss Flahy's Arrears &c.

Letter 2nd May 1940 was read from the Councils Solicitors advising that Miss Flahy's Sureties be sued instead of the lady herself. Both Miss Flahy and her Sub-tenant will be joined as defendents in proceedings for possession

Clerk reported having sent the Solicitors the Agreement + Bond to go ahead with the law.

Recommended Agreement.

Increase in Rents.

Pursuant to Councils orders at last Meeting Solicitors advised it will be necessary to have new Bonds and Agreements executed in all cases coming under the Budget Resolution. He (Clerk) had not yet heard about the water new charges but he saw where the Wexford Corporation increased the Rates with only notice of increase

Adjourned

Immunization Expenses.

Letter from Secretary Board of Health.

Under date 23adh de April 1940 a letter was

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Read from Mr. Sinnott totally disagreeing with the Council's suggestion that the responsibility for payment of the Immunization medecine ordered by his Board on his own Order Forms without the authority of this Council was the responsibility of the Board of Heaeth. He stated that his Board (he Thinks) will not regard their own expenditure as chargeable to them and argues that this Council's Statement - that the accounts were never certified by this Council, nor were the debts incurred by or with the authority of the Council "as he, Mr. Sinnott, stated in a former letter can mean only that this Council has no authority within the Urban District.

Committee considered that the very fact that this Council refuses to pay in the circumstances is absolute proof that the Council recognises sole and only authority within the Urban District.

Adjourned Sine die.

Priory Street Houses.

Under date the 11th April 1940 the following letter was read from Council's Solicitors:-

"In Reply to your letter of 29th February herein, we beg to inform you that the Keys of Mrs. Whelan's nee Miss G. Maher's house were sent to us on the 19th February.

Those premises were held from Miss Howlett until 29th September 1935 on a quarterly tenancy at a quarterly rent of £6.10.0 and the Council are, as a result of the recent proceedings entitled to that rent from 29th September 1935. The rent was paid to us on behalf of Miss Howlett and subsequently on behalf of the Council up to and including the 10th April 1938, when the tenant refused to continue paying rent owing to the bad state of repair of the house.

The rent collected by us for the Council is accounted for in the enclosed Account, but there is still due by this tenant Seven quarters

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rent to 10th January 1940 £45. 10. 0.

Three months notice should have been given to terminate the tenancy or in lieu thereof a quarter's rent should have been paid.

Had such notice been given on the 10th January 1940 the tenancy would terminate on 10th April 1940 and there would then be due to the Council a further £6. 10. 0 making £52. 0. 0 in all.

The other tenant Mr. P. Lynch also holds his premises on a quarterly tenancy, the rent being £5. 0. 0 and there is due by him £50 being ten quarters rent from 1st October 1937 to 1st April 1940. This Tenant also refused to discharge his rent owing to the condition of his house.

It will be noted from enclosed account that the rent of £7. 2. 2 payable to Mrs. McDonagh by Miss Howlett up to 29th September 1935 was in fact paid up to 25th March 1937 prior to the institution of the proceedings. We are taking the necessary steps to obtain a refund thereof £10. 13. 3 being one and a half years rent from 29th September 1935 to 25th March 1937.

As stated above we enclose an account of the receipts and disbursements in relation to Maher's and Lynch's premises from the 29th September 1935 to date, together with cheque for £39. 9. 0 balance on hands, receipt of which please acknowledge.

We also send you Keys of Maher's house, and shall be glad to have your instructions as to the collection of the arrears of rent mentioned above."

The Committee examined the account submitted by the Solicitors. The collection of rents from 10th October 1936 to 11th January 1938 is £105. Outgoings are Fire Insurances £4. 0. 0. Income Tax £37. 3. 9.

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Rent to Mrs. McDonagh £10.13.3. (1½ years to 25th March 1937) Repairs £5.11.4; Commission on collection £7.17.6 @ 7½ %. Postage 5/= Leaving £39.9.0.

Committee considered (1) the Solicitors should have informed the Council of arrears of rent as soon as same commenced. (2) Income Tax should not have been paid without the knowledge of the Council (3) the Council should have been generally informed in 1935 of the possibility of the Council acquiring the property. Committee consider that it may now be impossible to get the rent of £52 due by Miss Maher.

Recommended that the Clerk make the necessary application for refunds of rent from Mrs. McDonagh, Income Tax paid and make the necessary inquiries re arrears of rent with the Rent Collector.

Town Surveyor's Fees.
Allotments Acts.

Bill for fees for surveying lands at William Street for allotments purposes - preparing scale drawings, marking allotments - removing slated fence and re-erecting at boundary with wicket gates &c. £5.5.0

Payment recommended subject to sanction

The Meeting Adjourned.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department.
22. MAY. 1940

S. G. Murphy
14th/5/1940

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Tuesday the 14th day of May 1940

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the various Acts enabling and the following Special business viz:-

1. Repairs to Provost Street Houses. Corporate Estate.
2. Sale of manure at Chamberstand
3. Fencing of 2/3 acres land Charleton Hill.
4. Letting of Stones at Charleton Stile & Mill Place.
5. Confirm decision of Special Meeting on:-
   (a) 6d per week increase in the rents of all artizans Dwellings erected 1923.
   (b) Increase in Water Rent Charges to Trades factories &c.
6. Public Lighting for ensuing year.
7. New Lease Windmill Allotment Field.
8. Employment Schemes 1939 1940/1 Correspondence
9. New Ross Bridge County Surveyors Reports
10. Any other Special business.

The minutes of the previous Meeting - Ordinary and Special were read and confirmed.

Present: Messrs J.P. Murphy P.C. J.P. Murphy, J. Walsh, M. Roman, T. Redmond, P. Martin

On the Motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Martin Mr J.P. Murphy P.C. presided.

Finance Committees Recommendations

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy Bridge the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted - minutes having been read prior.

The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by Presiding Chairman and Messrs Roman & Walsh and the amounts ordered to be paid in accordance with the recommendations

- Votes of Sympathy.

Letters acknowledging Votes of condolence

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were read from the Chairman of the Council and Mrs. O'Sullivan and Family Dublin on the demise of Mr O'Sullivan and Patrick Dunne on the death of his daughter Sister Pascal.

Extension of Rates Collection

Letter G. 13 57/3740 26th April 1940 was read from the Dept. Lg. Public Health sanctioning Extension of time granted by the Council to 30th inst. for Tenders.

Corporate Estate

2 Houses at Priory St.

Pursuant to advertisement dated 1st inst. by Press and Posters the following tenders for repairs to above were received viz:—

From Ryan Bros New Ross:— Iron Native Slates £300 with Asbestos Slates £250. Timber Flooring and other work per Specification £51.

From James Rossiter:— Native Slates £274.4.0 with asbestos Slates £213.9.0. Timber Flooring and other works per Specification £35.14/-

Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Kenan that the roof be covered in Native Slates.
Proposed by Mr. J. Murphy.
Seconded by Mr. Priory Chairman that the roofs be covered in Asbestos Slates.

There voted for the Amendment. Messrs J. Murphy. Chairman and J. Walsh.
Against Messrs. W. Kenan, T. Redmond, T. Martin

It was eventually decided and agreed to use Native Slates and on the motion of Mr. J. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Kenan It was decided to accept the lowest tender and provided the Council is permitted to borrow £350 for the purpose—

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Tenders for Manure.

The following tenders were received and accepted in answer to advertisement in Press and by Poster :—
Michael Kennedy Ardcolm £1.5.0 per heap.
Edward Brownebrea Coolcon £2.10.0 for 2 heaps.
Laurence O'Brien Ardcolm £1.10.0 per heap.
W Neville Barnmore £1.10.0 per heaps.
all ex Dump.
Fencing Offered.
The following tenders were received and the offer accepted :—
John Flannery Rathnew Tinahely £1-6-0 per month
Michael Caulfield Tinahely — 10- per month.
Jim Pyne Tinahely £1-5-0 per month and.
John Keenan Tinahely 1/6 per month and to keep the fences in repair.

Old Age Pensions.
£1.5.0 was offered by Tinahely Rural District Council for above and refused.

Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41
Letter R.U/207/5 dated 2nd December 1940 from the Dept of Local Government & Public Health the Secretary Wexford County Council dated 28th May 1940 (enclosing copy of minute of the Council relative) from the same same date (enclosing copy of resolution of the Finance Committee threatening to hand back our roads to us because we failed to supply the fuel demand of the County Surveyor) and a letter from the County Surveyor stating he could not meet the Council until after the 13th inst. and were read.

Adjourned.

Allotments Fees
Worthington Estate Agents wrote that the lease of part of Primmill Lane fields was expired in March last.

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Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Walsh it was decided to ask for a renewal of the lease on the same terms and subject to sanction.

Air Raid Precautions

Correspondence as read from Wexford County Council Secretary & Department of Defence Dublin that it has been decided to pay towards the expenditure of the Council under Part II of the Act. as may not exceed 70% of approved expenditure. application for grant may be made of forms provided.

Ordered that application be duly made.

Public Lighting
Contract for Ensuing Year.

Under date 18th April 1940 the E.S.B tenders to continue to light, maintain & operate existing 88 public lamps to 31st March 1941 at a cost of £290. 19. 3 same as last year subject. of course to such regulations by any department of State restricting the lighting &c in abnormal circumstances. If all night lighting of entire system required extra charge will be per night. 1/6.

Proposed by Mr Roman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy the tender was accepted.

Under same date the E.S.B drew attention to the fact that there is no switch control in Roberts Cove and their Engineer reports he is unable to obtain the consent of a householder who has a telephone, for the installation of a switch control on his premises. The Board accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the continuation of Public Lighting in this area without compliance with requirements of the Department of Defence.

Proposed by Mr. Roman
Seconded by Mr Murphy P.C. it was decided to ask the Board to undertake to install a telephone and offer to compensate

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the Householder for his services. This should meet the situation.

Lighting of Newroad. Charleton Hill and Extra Light at Chapel Lane.

Mr Roman drew attention to former debates on this matter. Light was certainly necessary at both places and the Board should be asked again to put up the extensions free.

Replying to the Chair Clerk produced the Boards offer for extensions. £38.8/- for Charleton Hill Newroad and £2.2.0 for Chapel Lane.

It was agreed to again ask the SAB to do the Extensions free considering the revenue to them would amply compensate the Board.

Increase in Rents.

Mr Redmond drew attention to this matter. He had heard complaints from tenants and they were not satisfied about the increase as they contended they should not be asked to pay for arrears due by the Slum Clearance tenants. Any repairs to their houses were carried out by themselves. Mr Martin pointed out the Council were bound by law not to increase rents as any other Landlord.

Clerk states the Council were not bound by the Rent Restrictions Acts &c as regards houses erected under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

Chairman (presiding) stated no increase had been put on notwithstanding the Council had expended over £800 in providing proper sanitary accomodation &c. The increase had been agreed to. Eventually

It was decided to confirm the decision of previous Meeting to increase the rents of all pre-1923 erected dwellings by 6d per week as per provisions made in the estimates.

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Tuesday 21st May 1940.

A Special Meeting of Committee appointed by the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross. on Tuesday the 21st May 1940 at 3 o'clock to confer with the County Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill in connection with the 1940/41 Employment Scheme Vote.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Redmond J. Murphy, P.J. W. Ronan, T. Cooney.

Mr. Barry, County Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill, deputy Surveyor were in attendance.

The Chairman said that the Meeting was called to consult with the officials of the County Council in connection with the Relief Scheme for which the Urban Council had decided to put up £250 from the Rates. For the first time they were not informed of the amount of the Grant which the Government would give for the relief of unemployment until a scheme was formulated and the cost of same ascertained and so this Special Meeting had been convened.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the work to which the Grant would be applied must be of a major labour content. This included skilled as well as unskilled labour.

In reply to Mr. Murphy, Mr. O'Neill, deputy Surveyor said there was money still on hands for Rosbercon and William Street and they were only waiting for the completion of the Sewerage to go on with the work. They also had money for the improvement of the Quarry in High Hill and the Little Hill into John Street.

After a lengthy discussion the following recommendations were made for the County Surveyor To embody in a scheme:-

The re-surfacing of Rosbercon School House Road, Wexford Street, in which a footpath and water table are to be laid, a footpath in Robert Street, and the removal of box sewers, Lower Cross Lane water table, concrete paths both sides of Bullaun, resurfacing of Upper Maiden Lane, Priory Lane, Church Lane, Brennan's Lane, new concrete path and channel from Delaney's corner to borough boundary, corner of Ard-na-Greine on to the old

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castle, providing a low wall around the Dumping Ground; resurface the Rookery or close it, ground at Galavan's yard, at Bullawn Side of Fair Gate; resurface existing paths in College Road and remove old surfaces traps on College Road and the corner of Bridge Street, John Street, and completely reconstruct laneway or path between Cross Lanes and William Street opposite Parochial House.

The Meeting Adjourned

P. O'Lomasney

11. 6. 40

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Thursday the 6th day of June 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Newtownards Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, Newtownards, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and in particular to consider and recommend on the Rate Collector's Schedule of Uncollected Rates of the year ended 31st March 1940.

Present:- Messrs. J. Thompson, P.C. presiding and William Doran.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment as soon as funds available viz:- Doran Bros 1/2 Murphy 6d McBrien £1.0.0 Ellams £1.5.6 Mooney £3 Messrs 7/6 Lane 12/6 Dolland & Co 20/9 Nat Bank £225.6/- Do Ryley £5.2.6 Do Scissors £3.10/- Do Fitzgerald 10/- Do Hafford 5/- Flemings £3 Graves & Co 3/5 Glenfield 6/5 Bateman 3/- Gov. Publications 11d E&B £6.3.3 Ryan Bros £5 do £6.9 same £20 Lane £4.12.6 Rossita £52.13/- Hibernian Insurance £15.9.6 Catering £10.5.10 J Bell & Co £20.10.3

Collectors Commission

Miss Fin. applied for above as follows:-

Close Collection	£1462.19.11 @ 6d	Poor.	£36.11.5
same	Town Rate £1737.17.6		£43.8.11

Recommended payment at free rate subject to sanction.

Water-works Engineers &c.

Letter 29 May 1940 was read from Deputy Water Inspr in connection with this work that £38.17.6 was still due from 1936-1937.

Clerk reported as to the Engineers for full particulars. He wrote again on receipt of this application.

Adjourned.

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Sewerage Scheme
Engineer's Fee and Contractor's Certificate.
Certificate for Contractor was not received, notice was read from Engineer he had sent one on for £300. Engineers Fee £7.10.0.
Recommended payment of both.
Clerk reported he had not heard from Solicitors in connection with McDonnors claim for expenses.
Rate Collection
Clerk's Report.
On Form 61 Clerk read his monthly report as follows:-
Total Arrears £8481.11.0 Discount £120.10.7
outstanding £794.17.8.
Rent Collection.
Arrears Report.
Clerk reported his usual receipts & for the month just ended as follows:-
220 Houses built: 209 let: 11 Unoccupied.
Arrears 1st May 1940 £421.0.1 Last day of May £438.18.3 Increase of £17.18.2. Assessed rents £218.0.8 Collected £200.2.6.
Committee went into the question of arrears from the Rent Sheets. The £18 approx. was made up of under collection from all schemes.
Clerk reported sending out usual monthly notices and a weekly notice on 1st to 4th inst. The latter notice threatens the Council required fuel arrears or possession within one week

Adjourned.

Clerk reported Grace Eastwright. wife that he would pay all arrears as soon as money coming to him would arrive. He also reported the Council to remove some concrete posts left in his grounds when the Council repaired his paling. a child of his had to be treated for injuries by falling over same. Clerk reported the obstructions were removed by Mr Shortall

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at a cost of £57.

Recommended approval and Rates Messrs Ryan Bros be asked to pay £57.

Clerk also reported Mrs Rocke, Town Hall, called and asked for 1 month as she expected money from America held up during the War.

Recommended 1 month's grant

Clerk reported Musgrave Crescent Sanitary called. Out of Order. 1 month. Now employed again. She will pay without fail.

Adjourned.

Guard Bisset called and also Guard Hartigan on 15 May 1940. Both asked for time to pay Sergeant Brady's arrears until Mr Coffey Solicitor tried to force the money from the Sergeant. agreed

Messrs. Cooper & Son Solrs advised that the case of The Council -v- Patrick Flynn was adjourned from last Court and would be heard on 11th prox.

Clerk reported he asked Mr Finn to attend to prove the debt. agreed.

Increase in Rent

Letter 16 May 1940 was read from Cooper & Son that in order to avoid the necessity for new Agreements and Bonds on the occasion of every alteration in rent that the present form of Bond might be amended so as to cover a contingency such as has now arisen. This could be done by the insertion of the words "or such other rent as may at any time hereafter become payable" in the appropriate place in the present Bonds. The attention of the Signatories should be drawn to the amendment and should be initialled by all parties. "as to the passing of a Resolution to give effect to the proposed increases, we think an ordinary Resolution duly made would be sufficient and that a rescinding of the original Resolution would not be required.

Adjourned

£750 Final Certificate Housing Scheme.

Certificate dated 9th May Laundering by this Council 16th May 1940 by Mr Hamilton was read and considered.

Clerk reported he visited the houses and had a list of complaints with Inspector Deane of the Department. On Today he further visited with Contractor Mr. Hamilton. All the minor complaints were examined and for the most part attended to. A few complaints would be soon remedied.

Recommended that Department be asked if final payment might now be made. (Clerk informed Committee that Mr Hamilton or Hales be warned do any repairs due solely to his workmanship even after payment of Final Certificate)

Letter 4th June 1940 was read from Mr Hamilton Contractors Waterford expressing to be informed of reason for delay in sending claim final payment on Charleville Rural Housing Contract.

No action pending report from the Architect. on Mr Mahons Complaint.

Increase in Rent of 6d per week
Tenants upon Collection.

Miss Finn verbally reported the demanded the new rent from each tenant and was handed the old rent. The old rent was acknowledged by Rent receipt on a/c and marked in the rent book opposite the new rent.

Committee recommended that in view of possible misunderstandings and to give the Committee freedom from unwarranted criticism the Council be asked to deal with this question

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Dr Thomas Shiels

Mrs Stanney's application

Under date - undated - an application was received from Bridget Stanney appealing to the Council for a shelter for her lorry on the Quay.

Adjourned pending receipt of report from Town Surveyor.

Repairs to Railway

Letter 27th May 1940 was read from the G.S.R. Co setting out conditions under which they will accept payment by instalments i.e. payment in 2 moieties one 31st May 1940 the other 31st May 1941. Judgment by Consent to be obtained immediately after 31 May 1940 for amount due. Council to get Ministers Order extending repayment period to cover July 1941 time to 31 May 1941. Interest on second moiety to be at 4%. and costs of Judgment.

Committee recommended payment of the bill as originally recommended by the Clerk - N.B. This will not interfere with the Estimates which only provide for 1/3rd repayment.

Letter 14th June 1940 was read from the same informing the Council "the Company is now proceeding to obtain judgment".

Committee recommended Clerk be instructed to get into communication with the Company with a view to avoiding unnecessary waste of the Rates.

Newtown Estate

Committee considered it time the Council should have received some of the rent by way of interest on Land Bonds out of above. No rent had been received since 1936.

Recommended that Comrs Solicitors be requested to speed up this work. This money would be very much more useful in the Comrs Funds at the moment.

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Insurance Staff a/c
Town Co. Board of Health.

Letter 29 May 1940 was read from Mr Smith Secretary that " in accordance with the Board's directions that the accounts which are the subject of correspondence are properly chargeable to New Ross Urban District Sanitary Authority. I would be glad to know that your Authority is prepared to undertake payment of those accounts. I will await your reply before taking any further action in the matter"

Recommended the matter be dealt with by Council.

Uncollectable Rates.

Collector attended and Committee went into the lists submitted. After careful examination it was recommended :-

1. That sums of Poor Rate £61.6.8 and Poor Rate on vacant Premises £123.16.9 be cancelled and
2. That Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate £79.14.8 and Town + Domestic Water Rate on vacant Premises £156.2.8 be cancelled and
3. That Poor Rate £155.13.6 and Town + Domestic Water Rate £207.9.7 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

P. O'Gorman
11/6/40

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Tuesday The 11th day of June 1940.

The monthly Meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, Newross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling. A Special Meeting was also held to determine on the following matters:-

1. Making of the Town Poor and Domestic Water Rate.
Demolition Orders. Tenders for allotments &c.
Notice to Qut. Letting of Charleton Hill Houses.
Railway Arms & Railroad of which due notice was given.

Present Messrs. P. McGowan, Chairman Callaghan, T. Martin, T. Cooney, J. Murphy, P.C. T. Redmond. J. Murphy.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed

Finance Committees Recommendations

The Minutes of the Meeting held on last Thursday were read and upon motion of Mr Redmond seconded by Mr Brown the Recommendations of the Committee were adopted. The Treasurers advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman, J. Murphy and Brown and the amounts ordered to be paid as soon as possible.

Public Lighting

Undated 23rd May 1940 letter was read from the E.S.B. acknowledging the acceptance of Tenders. The Board regrets inability to comply with Council's request in connection with the erection of telephone in Rosbeg. Responsibility lay with the Council to conform with the requirements of the Ministry for Defence. No Order.

Shortage of Fuel for Fires

Circular 5th June 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health asking the Council to promote the use of Turf to substitute imported fuel.

Proposed by Mr Murphy P.C.
Seconded by Mr Murphy it was decided to ask the Town Surveyor to investigate the Rea Bog.

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of Drumma with a view to providing Suff. Additional Rets.

Circular 21 May 1940 was read from the Department of Agriculture advising immediate provision of spraying materials for the coming Season.

Tenders.

Recommendation Bro:- Spray 5/6 and Collection @ 2/5 per packet.

From B. Hennessy:- Spray 5/6 Collection 2/9 and Cash 6d.

From J. Fleming:- Collection 2/9 Spray 5/- and Barrel 10/-

Proposed by Mr Ronan

Seconded by Mr Hanrahan Spray & barrel were accepted from J. Fleming and the Collection from Hennessan Bros.

Sanitary Cases

Notice in of refund of £:20 was read from the Department of Local Govt. & Public Health 7 June 1940.

Clerk reported due receipt of Judgment.

Rates Resolutions.

Uncollectable Rates.

Proposed by Mr Murphy P.C.

Seconded by Mr T. Redmond it was resolved:-

61 "That Sums of Poor Rate amounting to £61. 6. 8. and Poor Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £123. 16. 9 be Cancelled. That Town and Domestic Water Rate amounting to £79. 14. 8 and Town & Domestic Water Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £156. 2. 8 be Cancelled and that Sums of Poor Rate £155. 13. 6 and Town and Domestic Water Rate £207. 9. 2 be taken in & formed as temporarily uncollectable".

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Making of Poor Rate.

Proposed by Mr Murphy P.C.

Seconded by Mr T. Redmond it was resolved:-

"That we raise the Sum of three thousand seven hundred and Eighteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eleven pence as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a rate of Eight

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Shillings and four pence in the pound for the financial year ending 31st day of March 1941 upon the property situate within the Urban District of Newbridge pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act. 1898 and the other Acts in corporate therewith and that same be collected in two moieties together with arrears of one hundred and fifty five pounds thirteen shillings and six pence the first on or before the 30th day of September 1940 and the second on or before 31st March 1941. That public notice be given of said rates having been made by printed placards duly posted or by advertisement".

Making of Town Rate.

Proposed by Mr Greene
Seconded by Mr Redmond it was resolved:—

"That we raise the sum of four thousand two hundred and sixty one pounds one shilling and three pence as and for Town Rate and for that purpose make a Town Rate of ten shillings in the pound for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1940 and ending on the 31st day of March 1941 upon the property situate within the Urban District of Newbridge specified under the above mentioned Acts for the purposes hereinmentioned of which Town Rate of 10/- in the pound the sum of two shillings and eleven pence in the pound is for general purposes under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854 the sum of two and nine pence in the pound is for construction and maintenance of Urban Roads under the Local Government Act 1925 and a sanitary Rate of four shillings and four pence in the pound under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts. That said sanitary Rate of four shillings and four pence in the pound includes three pence in the pound under the Education (Provision of meals Ireland) Acts. 1914 and 1917 and one penny in the pound.

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for the purposes of a rate which scheme and shall be collected in two moieties together with arrears of Two hundred and eleven pounds nine shillings and two pence the first on or before 30th September 1940 and the second on or before 31st March 1941"

Domestic Water Rate

Proposed by Mr Humphreys
Seconded by Mr Thomas Redmond it was resolved:-
That we raise the sum of four hundred and seventeen pounds eight shillings as and for Domestic Water Rate and for that purpose we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and six pence in the pound under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts on the valuation of the premises supplied with water - minimum rate 10/- - for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1940 and ending on the 31st day of March 1941 and we hereby fix that the said rate be payable on the 11th day of July 1940 and shall be collected in two moieties the first on or before the 30th September 1940 and the second on or before the 31st March 1941

Signing of Books.

Proposed by Mr Humphreys
Seconded by Thos Redmond it was resolved
That the Presiding Chairman and five members of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books and the resolutions making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon and the Collectors Warrants and affix the Common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books & Documents.
That the Presiding Chairman and five members of the Council sign the Books in which the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate are made out and the Resolutions making the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate and the adoption of the Town Rate or such books and to be applied to Collecting Books be signed by Presiding Chairman and five members of the

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Council present at the meeting and Countersigned by the Clerk and sealed with the Common Seal of Council

The Books and Documents were then signed and sealed in accordance with law.

Valuations

Lists of cases appeals received for valuation Office. Tottenham Trusts - Circulars Boards. Prompt and Expeditious Results.

Noted.

Annual Meeting - Date Fixed

Property Chairman

Decision by Resolution of Was received

"That the Annual Meeting of the Council be held on Friday 28th day of June 1940 at noon Official Time in accordance with the Local Elections act. 1927"

Mr O'Gorman stated he would not be a candidate for the Chair any longer. There may and there may not be local elections this year but he had occupied the Chair too long. He thanked the Council and the Electors and stated he hoped the new system under a Managership would be of equal services to the Ratepayers. Mr Redmond on behalf of the Council requested the Chairman to continue on to the end. He hoped to have the pleasure of proposing Mr. O'Gorman for the Chair on the 28th.

Renewal of Petrol Licence

Irish Shell Dublin applied for and was granted a renewal as and from 1st July 1940.

Surveyors stated his report was favourable.

New Rate Books - Loose Leaf.

Clerk submitted quotations for 7 new books on the Loose Leaf style. Each page would be numbered and coded so that there would be no possibility of exchanging leaves. The books would be typed and duplicates. - not Copies - supplied Department.

On the Motion of the Chair

Seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to buy

New books from Brown Thomas owing to added pages.

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Roads - Statistics.

Letter 24 May 1940 was read from the Secretary and Surveyor Wexford Co. Council requesting details & particulars of monies granted for improvement of the Streets for year ending 31st March 1941 showing repayment of loans and money raised in connection with proposed relief grants.

Clerk reported sending the particulars.

Letter was read - 24 May 1940 - from County Secretary referring to be assured of the sum provided in the estimates for maintenance of urban Roads for the ensuing year.

Clerk reported informing Mr. Hayes the amount was £225. Same as last year. Added.

Scavenging the Town.

A lengthy memorial signed by seven persons resident near Maiden Lane was read complaining of non scavenging of this lane, dumping and the inconvenience of carting dust bins to the Bulawn.

Referred to Street Inspector for his inspection and report. The Council considered it was only necessary to draw the Contractor's notice for a remedy.

Galavans Yard.

Clerk reported a Dept. Inspector again called and protested against the condition of this property which adjoines the pavement. It is full of loose boulders and cattle yet. enquired. Something should be done at once to at least remove the stones. During the visit the Town Surveyor called and discussed the question. Mr Stoddall contended the premises were private and therefore any enquiry would result out of trespass.

Chairman gave the opinion the Inspector was right. Something should be done to keep the pair in the town.

Replying to the Chair Clerk reported this property was in the Solicitor's hands for sale or letting. The Town Surveyor had been requested to compare the lease with his measurements but

so far this matter had not progressed. Meantime it was decided at recent Conference between the Council and the County Surveyor to level out and macadamise.

Agreed pending hearing from Council & Solicitors

Bulge in Windmill Road Wall.

Letter 4 June 1940 was read from the Agent to Tolladine Estate that he would raise no objection to the Council removing this bulge. the notice a disrepair of this wall of the allotments field. This should be repaired by the Council under the terms of the Lease.

On the Motion of the Chair

Seconded by Mr Reamon it was decided to inform the County Surveyor he had permission to remove the bulge and to arrange with the breach in the wall.

Letting of 3 acres at Charlton Hill

Letter 31st may 1940 was read from Councils Solicitors that Mr Mrs Stanley and Kelly called and were agreeable to the terms of the letting. Before signing however they would like payment for erecting wall and gate post and hanging a gate and for clearing the field - removing old glass, cans and Things.

Clerk reported asking Mr Horsfall if he agreed to get this work done and read a note from him that he allowed 7/6 for the gate and £1 for clearing field.

Clerk informed Mr Cooper.

Letter 7th June 1940 was read from Solicitors enclosing rent £1.6.6 for the month and a form of proposal and acceptance in lieu of a formal Agreement as the more economical

Proposed by Mr Redmore

Seconded by Mr Roman this was agreed to.

Complaint of Trespass.

Tenant A. Wade 56 Charlton Hill complained of trespass from the above acres by horses eating his garden and breaking all his fences. He would be grateful for a small piece of land to erect a more substantial paling.

Clerk reported he visited the place and it appeared there could be a number of Lorries

complaints which could be very expensive. The Council might consider an arrangement by way of allotments. This would cure the complaints.

Agreed

Plot at D.L. Place.

Applications were received for lease of above from William Ryan and James Murphy.

Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Redmond Mr James Murphy was elected
in succession to his wife as caretaker at 12/6
rate of £/- per year.

G.P.O. Railways - Repeal of Rates

Dated 10 June 1940 letter was read from above that
in view of the Council's recent decision to refund the
money in full in one payment the Secretary asked
the Local Agent to stay proceedings which are Friday
next. the 14th instant. Counsel had advised that
judgment must be obtained for all amounts
not paid and to do so before the 30 June.
Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Roman it was decided to refund
the full forthwith.

Property at Bullaun

John Bourke Abbeystall applied for a plot
attached to two dismantled houses recently
occupied by Patrick Flanagan and Mary Ryan.
Town Surveyor advised the plot would be not
more than a quarter acre
Tom Cleary suggested that should the Council
decide to let that the property be advertised
Replying to the Chair Town Surveyor stated
advertising would not be necessary
Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Murphy it was decided to employ
John Bourke as caretaker for week to week
at a nominal payment at a rate of £1=
per year.

Newspaper at Mitchell St.

Mr Looney drew attention to the delay in
providing adequate accommodation for the

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children removed from Mount Carmel National School to the Mercy Convent School and suggested the Minister for Education be asked the cause of delay.

Agreed -

Disqualified Councillor

Mr Cooney contended that Mr Rossiter was disqualified because he owned a contract with the Council for the repairs to two houses at Priory St the property of the Council.

Adjourned to enable Clerk to ascertain the date of the last meeting attended by Mr. Rossiter.

The Meeting Ended.

P. O'Connor

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Annual Meeting of Council.

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on the 28th day of June 1940 at noon Official time pursuant to Provisions of the various Acts enabling and Resolution of the Council fixing date and time.

Present: Mrs Rd Lonan, Presiding: T. Redmond W Ronan: V. Doyle: J Murphy Bridge: D Rendegast.

Election of Chairman.

Proposed by mr Redmond

Seconded by mr Ronan

"That the retiring Chairman, Mr. D Lonan be elected."

Mr D Lonan refused. He had made up his mind to pass the Chair and had so informed the Council at last meeting. He asked for a proposal.

The Members of the Meeting refused to nominate another and as there was no other proposal

The Chairman declared himself re elected for the ensuing year and signed the Declaration accepting the office.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by mr Chairman

Seconded by mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to Father Carton C.C New Ross on the death of his sister.

Election of Committees.

Proposed by mr Redmond

Seconded by mr Murphy all the outgoing Committees were re elected. Father Carton replaced the late Father Forrest on the School meals Committee and D Rendegast succeeded A. Cullen on Finance Committee and Post Sanitary Authority and St Stephens Committee. Mr Cullen was absent from Ireland.

Adjournment - Increase of Rent

Letter 27 June 1940 was read from the Commissioners as follows:-

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"We are obliged for inspection of the Minute Book to enable us to read the resolution passed on the 22nd March 1927. As this Resolution has a direct bearing upon the question of the rents it should be rescinded. We are not prepared to say that it will interfere with the Council's intention to raise the rents but its presence upon the Minute Book may be a cause of delay in giving effect to the Council's intentions".

During the debate which followed Solicitor to Council happened to enter the Chamber & consulted with the Clerk and the Council took advantage of his presence to consult with him. Mr Carter gave a brief history of the case and read the Resolution referred to in his letter. Rents could be increased on all houses excepting those erected in Chenet Lane Tolleyfordes and Lower Williamsmead dated 1880. These were protected by the Rent Restrictions Acts. but even so the increase would mean as much if not more than the 6d proposed. In his opinion the 1927 Resolution was ultra vires and will not be affected by rescission. However to avoid delay he recommended the matter in his letter.

Mr Chapman then handed in Notice of Motion as follows:- "I shall move or cause to be moved at the next available meeting of this Council "that all previous resolutions passed by this Council fixing weekly Rents on Artizans Dwellings erected prior to 1923 and particularly the Resolution of 22 March 1927 be and the same are hereby rescinded.

The Meeting then ended.

Thomas
27. 6. 41

Monday 9th day of July 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel. New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, V. A. Doyle and J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The followings accounts were submitted, examined and recommended for payment :-
E. S. B. £24. 4. 11 ; P. Rossiter £42. 10. 0 ; Same £6. 19. 0 Glenfield + Kennedy 4/3 ; Graves + Co. 15/8 ; John Furlong £2. 10. 6 ; Ryan Bros £11. 8. 0 ; Moran Bros £2. 13. 3 ; Irish Tourist Association £5. 0. 0 ; Irish National Insurance £1. 16. 3 ; J. J. Shortall 6/8 ; Joseph Ward £2. 6. 8 £5. V. A. Doyle. Same £10. 0. 0 People Newspaper £3. 15. 0 A. R. French 13/6 : T. Hartrick £19. 15. 0 ; J. S. Butler £25. 18. 8 ; E. A. Finn £4. 3. 4

Scavenging Bill.

Clerk intimated Town Surveyor would not certify for grass cutting as he had no Knowledge of it. Street Inspector stated he was aware of it and would give his certificate.

Recommended payment of the account in full subject to Certificate.

Car Hire Account.

Bill uncertified received from J. Freeman " Amount of a/c rendered £2. 17. 6 and car to Ballyhigh (water testing) 10/=." Clerk reported the £2. 17. 6 was paid by Order 369 and cashed on the 9th March 1940.

Deferred for certificate of the 10/= hire - Committee to enquire the necessity for the inspection or testing by car.

Irish Tourist Association

Letter 19th June 1940 was read from above

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requesting cheque for Council's subscription of £5.
Payment recommended.

Refund of Rates to Railway Company.

Letter 1206/14 of 19th June 1940 was read from this Company acknowledging receipt of Paying Order for £201. 3. 4 in full settlement of the Company's claim for refund of rates overpaid.
Noted.

McDonagh -v- The Council

Letter 12th June 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Bills of Costs taxed with Certificates of Taxation. The amount payable by the Council to Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor is £135. 4. 3 made up as follows:- Circuit Court Costs £44. 0. 6. High Court less one third £43. 8. 0 and Supreme Court £47. 15. 9. The draft lease is now ready for approval of Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor and the Department but a Sketch map of all four houses in Priory Street showing boundaries and measurements will be required. It is assumed the Town Surveyor will prepare this and will also endorse same upon the lease and counterpart.

Clerk reported the question of payment would be subject to the result of the Council's application for a loan for the purpose of the costs and the reconstruction of the two houses.

Recommended that Town Surveyor prepares the necessary maps and that the payment of the costs be deferred pending result of application for loan.

Sewerage Contract

Mr. O'Connor's Expenses

Dated 5th and received by late post on the 6th instant Mr. O'Connor submitted a bill of further expenses amounting to £14. 19. 6½ with vouchers for printing and also a bill for the balance of his expenses £28. 10. 2.

Clerk reported the bills were received late

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and he had not time to check them.

Adjourned.

Bank Accounts

Clerk submitted voucher from Bank certifying the Ordinary Account in credit £655. 7. 7. and the Loans Account £402. 12. 2 in credit. As the accounts presented would absorbe most of this and as the March Moiety of the County Council Demand of £882. 15. 4 was outstanding and further that the rates would not be coming in for another month the Council should avoid all but absolutely essential expenditure for the present.

Committee recommended this to the Council.

Poor Rate Demand to 31st March 1941.

Annual Estimate and Demand by County Council on New Ross Urban District was read as follows:- Total Demand £3658. 11. 0 made up of roads £486. 10. 10 County Services £1252. Poor Relief £1732 Board of Heath Charges £124. 19. 8. Separate Charges £32. 0. 6. Demand was also read for maintenance of Urban Roads £225. same as last year.

Noted.

Increase of Rents.

Letters 19th 29th June and 4th July 1940 were read from Councils Solicitors. Advised new Agreements and Bonds will be necessary on increase. The present rents are based on Agreements and Bonds and if the tenants are not agreeable to pay Notice to Quit can be served and new Agreements entered into. The Increase of Rent Acts do not apply to Dwelling Houses erected after 2nd April 1919 nor to any dwelling house provided by a Local Authority under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts 1883 - 1929 nor under the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts 1890 - 1921. It was proposed to take the matter up with Mr. Keely, Solicitor, who is acting for the tenants with a view to avoiding proceedings. They required further lists and particulars. After attending the Council Meeting

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they discussed the position with Mr. Kelly and it was agreed that where the houses were erected under the Working Classes Acts there was no defence to the proposed increase. Mr. Kelly would advise the tenants to continue to pay the old rent until the legal formalities were completed in connection with the new rents. They required a Schedule showing the rents payable since 1914 of the 1/9 per week houses and also schedules showing increases in the interm if any.

Clerk reported all schedules had been promptly sent the Solicitors and also informing the Solicitors that the majority of the tenants only paid one weeks rent notwithstanding the Agreement.

Letter was read from Mr. Kelly on behalf of the tenants committee requesting to be informed of (1) the reason for the proposed increase (2) date each lot of houses were built and (3) the Act or Acts under which the schemes took places.

Clerk reported he referred Mr. Kelly to the Council's Solicitors who had the business in hands. He sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Cooper

Adjourned.

Rent Report

Clerk submitted his usual monthly report for the month ending on the 30th June 1940 as follows:- 220 houses built: 211 occupied. 9 unoccupied. Commencing arrears £438. 18. 3: Ending arrears £481. 2. 0. Increase in arrears £42. 3. 9. Increase of £22. 0. 0 due to non payment of tenancies in connection with the proposed increase. Miss Roche £2. 2. 4 now due £13. 6. 2 23 Town Wall Houses £7. of which Guard Cartwright £1. 13. 4 (arrears now £8. 15. 0) M. Hennessy £1. 13. 4 (arrears now £6. 16. 8) M. Flynn £1. 13. 4 (arrears now £16. 5. 0) Miss E. Kehoe £1. 13. 4 (arrears now £6. 8. 0). The rest of the arrears is spread over the various Schemes.

Recommended that further notices be served and that the cases mentioned above not already in the hands of the Solicitors be without further notice handed to the

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Solicitors for collection.

Mrs Annie Peare.

Letter 6th July 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors intimating Summons for possession will be for hearing on the 9th at 11 o' clock and it will be necessary to have someone in attendance to prove the debt.

Clerk reported the Rent Collector would attend.

Water Charges.

Letters 17th and 28th June 1940 were read from Council's Solicitors intimating that after examination of the various documents submitted to them by the Council it would be necessary to rescind any resolution fixing the first or any other charges and a notice sent to each consumer specifying the date on which they will come into operation. The notice sent already by the Council appears to be in order. In reference to the Good Shepherd Convent and the Board of Health they should be notified that the Council intend to revise the charges and when they are agreed on between the parties the Agreement might with advantage be reduced to writing.

Clerk reported all had been notified and that unless the parties objected the new charges would be arranged. He had also written the Solicitors that under the terms laid down by the Council when fixing the old charges one months notice of any change would be necessary. He had not heard from Mr. Colfer since.

Adjourned.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

9. 7. 40

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Tuesday 9th day of July 1940.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the business of the Council and considered matters by the Chair to decide Resolution of 22nd March 1927 fixing rents on Artizans Dwellings.

Present Messrs P.J. Foreman Chairman J. Prendergast, J. Murphy P.C. Mooney, J. Murphy Bridge, V.A. Doyle, J. Broder, J. Breen, T. Redmond, T. Martin Hallahan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed.

Valuation Revision

S.R. 3223 of 1st July 1940 was read from the Valuation Office requesting Supplemental List to before 5th inst. Letter 26 June was read acknowledging receipt of Lists for revision

Mr. Quinn. 102 Irishtown wrote asking for full particulars of rates for the purpose of a claim against the Landlord.

Decided that as to obligation to furnish such information is on the Landlord Mr. Quinn be referred to him.

Corporate Estate

Newtown Common - £776 Land Bond 4%.

Notification of Transfer of 4% Land Bonds 8 July 1940 Estate of Town Commissioners of New Ross Reg. No. S.11932 above was read from the Land Commission. Deemed unfinished. To issue when duly sealed as soon as possible

Noted.

Employment Scheme Vote

R/Ru/207/109 Irish Wheat Board 1940 was read from the Dept. Local Govt. & Public Health requesting the submission of proposals for above.

Decided to report the Road Sanit. & Co. Surveyor for his attention

agreed.

Town Surveyor's Report

Mr. Bates Mr. Stoddart reported as follows:—

1. My attention has been directed to the dangerous

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condition of the Gable wall dividing premises in the occupation of Mr. Lucky Upr Mayor and Mrs. Harney. This structure appears to be part of the old historic town wall and there appears to be some doubt as to liability for its maintenance"

Clerk reported the Town Surveyor was referring to a letter from Mr Daly dated 2nd Aug 1940 copy sent him in view of the urgency of the matter.

Letter 2nd Aug 1940 was read from Mr. Daly that this wall was dilapidated and very dangerous. A large fall of debris occurred yesterday. The wall is a serious menace. It should be removed without undue delay.

Adjourned pending investigation as to liability for maintenance

Town Surveyor further reported considerable difficulty in procuring fire hose. Messrs Frost & Chronies Rotherham have now agreed to supply but on the 19th ultimo wrote "We regret we are unable at present time to give immediate delivery of this material as requested but we are making the necessary Export Licences and will give the matter every possible attention"

Letter was read from Group A Leader Local Security Force Eamon Kissane that his group requested to Council to consider the question of providing an adequate fire fighting apparatus for the Town in preparation for possible emergency.

Clerk intimated that the County Council is the Scheming Authority and this and all other matters should be dealt with by them. They had control of all local offices and they might now be requested to inform the Council of any action they have arranged for protection.

Proposed by Mr Redmond

Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided that the Clerk get into communication at once with the County Secretary on the whole question of the precautions and that Mr Kissane be asked to provide volunteers for a Fire

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Brigade.

Co Surveyor also reported inspecting "Co. Red Bog" at Drumcin. There appears to be practically unlimited supplies of good gravel available much of which could be procured and saved without recourse to mechanical aids to drainage or depreciation charges for road approaches &c.

Ordered that a copy of report be sent to Rd Minutes

Maintenance of Streets

County Secretary under date 12th June 1940 forwarded copy resolution of this Council as follows:- "Half maintenance for winter Streets - (non main roads) - for financial year 1940/41 be raised from £350 to £225 as County Surveyor believes with the money available from grants these streets can be maintained for the £225". Noted with satisfaction.

District Committees Recommendations.

The minutes of 1st Meeting of this Committee - previously circulated - having been read it was

Proposed by Mr Redmond

Seconded by Mr Murphy Bridge and resolved that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

The Treasurers advice notes were then signed by the Chairman and two members and the bills ordered to be paid as soon as funds permit.

St Josephs Convent National School

B.B. 38 220 19th June 1940 was read from the Board of Education that they are not at present in position to sanction a grant towards the new school but and it is not possible to state when a grant may be allowed in existing conditions.

Mr Feeney protested there was no charge in charity in the department.

Fire Fighters application

P.J. Smith on behalf of his supporters who helped eminently in subduing the fire in Charles Street asked the Council to grant an allowance out of the rates on account of damage to clothes as the Insurance Company's cheque was very

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small & inadequate to the damage.

No action

Galvanic Yard.

Letter 18th Jan 1940 was read from Cornwall's Solicitors requesting to hear further on this matter since their letter of 19th March last. The documents were returned on 15th February 1940 to enable the measurements on the Town Surveyors map to be reconciled with those appearing on the Lease and the Clerk had stated to them the Surveyor was ordered to attend to the matter without further delay.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor interview the Solicitors immediately.

Large Room Tholsel

Walter McGrath Charleton Hill applied for and was refused the use of above "for a couple of short practice dances" for advertising his Band.

Roads

Letter 9 Jul, 40 was received from the Co. Surveyor drawing attention to a defective sewer in East side of South St. between Robert Street Corner and St Mary's School. This defective sewer should be repaired to enable the Co. Council to repair the water channel. The work on the channel will soon start.

Town Surveyor said there was a new sewer there for years but the drains were not connected. Mr Redmond suggested the Council should not repair the old sewer as the new sewer was available. Mr John Murphy P.C. held it was the duty of the Council to connect. He was backed up in this by the Town Surveyor who stated the Council had already had legal opinion. Replying to Mr Cooney Clerk stated he could scarcely be expected to bind up this opinion whilst conducting a meeting. Mr. Redmond remembered the County Surveyor emphatically agreed with the Town Clerk that the Landlord was responsible if

the drains were defective. He pointed out that they must be defective if new ones were provided by the Council. Eventually Proposed by Mr Redmond Seconded by Mr Murphy Bridge it was agreed to post-pone consideration to next meeting.

Mc Donagh - U. T. Council

L.1107/2/40 Dath Cul 1940 was read & public Dept Hgs Roche dealt in regard to the Council's proposal to raise a loan for the purpose of carrying out repairs to two houses at Prospect. Provision is made for law costs without delay. It was considered more desirable that expenses of this (Law Costs) should not be included in a loan for repayment over a number of years. Further details of the repair works should be sent the Department and a detailed report as to their necessity should be sent. The liability of the Council to have the work carried out should be explained. Also whether the anticipated income referred to will be in addition to any income already derived from this property

Clerk reported he absent the Town Surveyor to provide the particulars in his Department. and the Solicitors for their Costs. No reply had been received Adjourned

Outside Lighting

Switch at Roscrea.

Clerk again referred the Council to the C.E.B. letter 22 May 1940 that the responsibility for the switch would lay on the Council.

No action.

Leases of Council Houses

Tenants for 2nd month letting.

Tenders for grazing @ 10/- for the month and for cow & offer tenders was read from John Sheehan.

Tender @ £1 per month from Patrick O'Reilly.

Clerk referred to the decision of the Council to consider lettings by way of allotments in the

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present emergency.

Various plans were discussed. Eventually on the motion of Mr. Kearney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided to continue the present billing and to appoint a caretaker at next meeting. The ground to be used as a playground for the children of the 76 houses. Surveyor about to draw up a scheme to prevent the trespass complained of -

Sovereign Military Order of Malta
Red Association
Ambulance Corps -

Welfare officer wrote 22 June 1940 with reference to offering the services of their local Branch to the Council for assistance in the provision and training of First Aid personnel in connection with the present emergency. The Local Medical Officer in Charge is Dr. Quigley.

No order.

The meeting adjourned

P. O'Gorman
B. S. 40

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Monday 29th day of July 1940.

An Emergency Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.15 o'clock to appoint a Parish Council for the area pursuant to instructions from the County Secretary. All the local clergy were invited to attend.

Present:- P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, Very Rev. T. A. Conlan, O.S.A., Def.. Rev. Canon Talbot, W. Ronan, J. Murphy. P.C., J. Murphy Bridge, T. Redmond, J. E. Walsh, J. J. Shortall, V. A. Doyle, J. Prendergast, J. Brewer.

Monsignor Cleary wrote that he was informed of the project but owing to disability he was unable to act as a Member.

Rev. Superior of the Christian Brothers also wrote he would be unable to attend.

The Chairman having read the letter from Mr. Frizelle authorizing the Meeting
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
It was unanimously resolved to form a Parish Committee for the period of the present war emergency to undertake the duties outlined in the circular received from the County Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The following were appointed to act on the Committee with the Clergy:-

Urban Council.

All the Members of the Council present.

Labour Representatives

Messrs Thos. Martin, U.D.C., and Joseph Brewer.

Professional

Dr. Quigley, and Mr. Coffey, Council's Solicitor.

Farmers.

Mr. Place Rosemount and Mr. Neville, Bawnmore.

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Society St. Vincent De Paul.

The Chairman of the Society Mr. P.J. Dunne.

Hon. Sec. pro Tem.

The Town Clerk.

After an informal discussion the first Meeting of the Parish Council was fixed for Friday the 2nd August 1940 at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m.

The Meeting ended.

P. Hoffman
13. 8. 40

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Monday the 12th day of August 1940

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the finance meeting of the Council including (1) Increase in Water Charged (2) Case McDonagh -v- the Council (3) Increase weekly Rents (4) Relief of Rates. Public Property and (6) Arrears of Rents.

Present:- Mr. P. W. Murphy P.C. Presiding
W. Ronan.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-
Ryan Bros 34/. P. Rossiter £52.13/. Steele & Co £9.1.3. Steele & Co 22/6. Hansel 20/. A. & D. Malcom £6.1.4 Gov. Publications 5/9 Jane 4/4 "People" 21/. Dispatch Press 21/. Rates £4.1.1 do £8.2.2 do £43.13.4 do £1.3.3 Helys 30/. Browne 77/. Morans 8/6 Mooney 37/6. E. & B. 11/. do £24.4.11 P. Rossiter £5.13/- Gillespie & Co 3.8.10 Lee & Co. £800. Edw. Doran 40/8 J. Butler £20.15.8 Eat-em £11.6.3 D. Hanlon £18.13/- J. Power £20. Ryan Bros £11

Deferred for Certification

Bills amounting to £15.14/- from D. Hanlon dated from September 1939 handed in in June 1940 - the same as above now certified bills were deferred pending certificate as Council Surveyor noted thereon "no knowledge of this item".

Clerk reported the work was done on the instructions of the Water Inspector.

Committee considered that if the work was done the Contractor should be paid. £4.7.0 related to burials at Charleton Hill by reason of non occupation of houses during foot & mouth weather. £5.10.0 repairs to Lead & Co houses in Council Houses. £1.1.6 to adjusting Gauge for Mud Pump and the rest to Public Fountains.

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Recommended that the accounts be certified if the work is done and that the question of who should certify be submitted to the Department. So as to clear it up for the future.

Bill £15.16.0 from Marcus Roche.

This a/c was not certified by Town Surveyor on the ground that he was and is not aware of any authority from the Council to have the work done. The bill is for "Taking down Town Clock &c. erecting, cleaning and repairing including new pinion and other hammer and Assistants Wages &c.

adjourned to Council Meeting.

Rural Council's Expenses

A further bill from Consulting Engineer to the Council's Sewerage Scheme £14.19.6½ was read.

Item applied there was a balance on first account after adjustment of £28.10.2

Recommended payment of £25 on account for the present

Housing Scheme

Fees to Architect.

Mr Downes submitted his a/c as follows:-

Inspection of 50 Houses, Survey plans reports (Slum Clearance) attending enquiries and serving Ordince Fee 10/- per House = £25.0.0

Preparing Lay-out Plans &c. @ £1 per house. £76.0.0

Working Drawings Supervision &c @ £5 per House. £380.0.0

Travelling 25 visits 180 miles @ 8d £12.10.0

£93.10.0

already paid £380.0.0

Due £113.10.0

In the case of the 49 houses his a/c is as follows

Inspection (Slum Clearance) as above £24.10/-

Lay out Plan +c as above @£1 £49.0.0
Working Drawings +c as above and
as postponed @£2.10.0 112.10.0
Total £186.0.0.

Mr Jones stated this would be allowed for if and when the Council decided to complete the Scheme.

Recommended payment as soon as money available on all accounts in accordance with the Scale of Fees and Expenses laid down in the Town (Architects for Schemes) Rules 1935. and that Sanction be applied to the balance.

Arrears of Rent.
Clerks Report.

Clerk submitted Financial monthly Report with the Collectors Rent Collection Sheets for the month of July as follows:
Number of Houses built 220: Let 211 Not occupied 9. Arrears 1st July £481.2.0 at end £487.2.1. accrued £281.17.11 Collected £275.17.10. Arrears increased by £6 due to inter alia Mr Pearce 12/ Mary Rose Town Hall £2.12.11. Stall £2.12.11 Elizabeth Kehoe £1. Miss Kehoe's Sub tenant left during the week and paid no rent during his occupation - March last.

Letter was read from Council's Solicitors asking if they would proceed against Miss Kehoes Sureties.

Clerk stated the Council had long since authorized the Solicitors to collect the rent by several letters as they advised themselves

Granville recommended action against Mr Pearce and Miss Roche and also that Solicitors proceed against Miss Kehoes Sureties if they can legally succeed - they to pay the costs.

Letters from several tenants and reports

by the Clerk were read from those who called and promised to pay.

Recommended that in all cases where no promises are reasonably kept. action be stayed. In all other cases action be started.

Increase in Weekly Rents

Letter 29th July 1940 was read from Councils Solicitors as follows:-

We have been informed by the Solicitor for the tenants that in the opinion of a meeting of the tenants the proposed increases were unwarranted and illegal and consequently should be resisted. It will therefore be necessary to issue proceedings. We would be glad if you will give us the name of one or two tenants occupying houses under each of the Acts against whom we will issue proceedings as soon as possible.

Recommended that the Clerk and the Solicitor select the names of solvent tenants so as to cover any costs involved

Water Charges

Clerk reported the Water Inspector is satisfied Mrs Doyle is using the Town Supply to wash cars and for domestic use. Mr Doyle is not paying water Rate and owes considerable sum for the water when used through the meter.

Recommended that Solicitors be asked how this collection stands and that the supply be cut off from the mains

Inspector also reports water is used in Mr Steamis field. No meter installed at McBrien's Picture Garages and water is used in Mr Peter Mullens yard.

Recommend that a perusal

inspection be made at the earliest possible date and that that the rate be collected where possible and if not that the water services be cut off.

Income Tax

Clerk reported that at an interview with the Inspector of Taxes on Friday last he served notice that as the Waterworks showed a considerable loss for some years past the Council intended to claim a refund of all Income Tax deducted purchased income (Sur Tax) for six years.

agreed —

Rates Return.

Clerk submitted usual monthly return of Rates Collected and outstanding on the 31 July 1940. The rates were made on the 11th June 1940 and the Warrants were handed the Collector on the 13th of the same month.

Total Demands Dr:-

Poor Rate	£3874. 11. 5.
Town & DE do	£4885. 18. 5
Total	£8397. 7. 2.
Collected	315. 0. 1
Discounts	5. 8.
Outstanding	£8445. 4. 1.

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Tuesday the 13th day of August 1940

The monthly meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and special business duly notified.

Present Alderman P. McGowan, Chairman
J. Redmond.
J. Murphy No 6
J. Murphy Bridge
T. Walsh

The minutes of the previous two meetings were taken as read and signed.

On the motion of Mr Chairman
seconded by Mr. Redmond it was resolved
that a vote of sympathy be passed
to the relatives of the following
on recent bereavement viz:- Brothers
of Br. P. Murphy C.C. New Ross - Brothers
of Br. O'Brien P.P. Marshalstown:
Wife John Lehane Chapel Lane Mother
James Brennan Brookhouse Wife James
Stacey on death of uncle - Bad Economy.
and that the meeting do adjourn
to Friday next. at 7.30 o'clock PM.

The meeting adjourned

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Friday the 16th day of August 1940.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department.
2 AUG 1940

An adjourned monthly meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial and the following Special business of which due notice was given :-

1. Recommendations of Finances Committee
2. Renewal of Petrol Licences
3. Election of Tenants
4. Leases of Allotments Fields
5. Letting of Charleton Hill Field.
6. Association of Municipal Authorities Conference at Dundalk.
7. Vaccination Defaulters
8. Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41
9. Fire Brigade Act 1940
10. New Sewerage Scheme
11. McDonagh -v- The Council
12. Increase in Water Charges.
13. Demolition Orders.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. E. Walsh, John Murphy, P. C. Y. Redmond, Y. Martin.

Finances Committees Report.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond.

The recommendations of the Finances Committee were adopted.

The Advices Sheets were then signed by the Chairman, Messrs Murphy & Walsh, and the amounts were ordered to be paid.

Votes of Condolence.

Father Carton C.C and Mr. James Stacey, New Ross, wrote thanking the Council for votes of sympathy.

Application for Clerical Assistant

Clerk applied for a temporary assistant to enable him to get over the increase in work in the office for a period of about four weeks. The change in the weekly rents of over 100 houses will involve new Agreements

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and Bonds as also with the changes on the water rates. Allotments were increasing and the collection of Rent Arrears would occupy an Assistant wholetime. The Council could easily see for themselves the enormous increase in the office work since he was appointed.

Decided to place the matter on the Agenda for next available. Meeting.

McDonagh -v- The Council

Repairs to the two houses acquired. &c.

Correspondence was read from Councils Solicitors hereon. Mrs. McDonagh was liable to keep the premises in repair. Before the Council proceeded with the Contract for repair notice should be given Mrs. McDonagh. They had given such notice and work could start on and from the 10th instant. If the Council desired action under the Lease of 1837 they would require details of the condition of the four houses as at 29th September 1935 at least by estimation also a further statement or estimate in detail of the repairs and the cost thereof. This statement should be obtained from the Town Surveyor and should be supplimented by a further like statement from a Contractor in addition to and independent of his estimate. They should at the same time be informed if action is to be taken.

The rents in accordance with law will be for house occupied by Patrick Lynch £6.0.0 per quarter and the other £6.1.10 per quarter year. The present contemplated expenditure is in the nature of repairs, and no further increase in rent can be obtained thereby.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided that the Chairman and Clerk interview Mr. Colfer as soon as he returned from holidays.

Application for Loan.

Letters L.11007/4/40 23rd July 1940 and 14th August

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1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Councils application for a loan not to exceed 10 years would be further considered as soon as the loan form was received duly executed.

Letter 2nd August 1940 was read from Councils Solicitors that their costs would be about £200 including outlay for the purposes of the loan

The loan form was duly signed.

and

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to apply for a loan of £ 650 to the Councils Treasurers the repayment period to be not more than 10 years.

New Lease for Mrs. McDonagh.

Letters, 20th, 24th & 26th July 1940 and 2nd August 1940 were read from Councils Solicitors requesting the maps for the draft lease from the Town Surveyor The matter was so urgent now that Mrs. McDonagh's Solicitor threatened to apply to the Court to compel the Council to forthwith deliver the draft lease.

The Town Surveyor stated he had since given the drawings to the Solicitors but received them back a few days ago for other work on them. He would do the work tomorrow or Monday.

Ordered that Surveyor attend to the matter without further delay

Memorial of New Lease.

Clerk reported that in accordance with the Solicitors instructions of 21st June 1940 due notice was fixed to the outer door of the Tholsel. for the requisite calender month and the copy of the Memorial available in the Office.

Ordered that the Memorial with certificate of above be sent to the Solicitors.

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Contractors Application for Advance of £150.

Letter 12th August 1940 was read from Mr. James Rossiter for above on his Contract for repairs to the two houses above. Town Surveyor advised it could not be done.

Referred to Department for direction

Employment Schemes Vote 1940/41.

Letter 23rd July 1940 was read from the County Secretary notifying a sum of £1430 subject to a local contribution of £170 for road works estimated to cost £1600.

Letter L. 27th July 1940 and 3rd August 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath in connection with the development of the Cattle Market at cost of £450, levelling of old quarry site and building of protection wall £135 and the enclosing of waste ground at Windmill Lane with concrete Wall £70. which do not relate to road works. An outline Specification and Sketch plan should be submitted.

Clerk reported informing the Department the works were Roadworks. The intention is to let the old sites into the road by levelling &c. and the wall at Windmill Lane was intended to Keep the new Road.

Mr. Murphy objected to the Spending of £450 on the cattle market site. £40 should clear and level it.

Mr. Redmond objected the Enniscorthy Urban Council received more generous treatment in this Scheme and the matters objected to should be notified to the Department.

This was agreed to.

Fire Fighting Equipment.

Letters 13th & 16th July 1940 were read from the County Secretary that no equipment will be supplied under the Air Raid Precautions Act as the Minister for Defence considered the Fire

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Brigade Act 1940 imposed this duty on the Council.
Clerk reported he had not received the Scheme prepared under the Air Raid Precautions Act from the County Council.
Town Surveyor reported he could not obtain the Fire Hoses from Messrs Merryweather or Grimes & Co.
Adjourned until after the next County Council Meeting as a Member of the County Council present stated the matter was on the agenda.

Free Milk Grant.

The County Medical Officer of Health under dates the 1st and 13th August 1940 wrote asking for copies of Form F.M.4 April, May, June and July 1940 and also for a copy for each month thereafter by the end of each month.
Clerk stated he had not a supply of forms and was not aware of obligation of the Council to furnish them to the County Medical Officer of Health.
Decided to apply for a direction from the Department and if required a supply of forms.

Local Government (Remission of Rates) Act 1940.

C. L. No 46 A./40 17th July 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarding copy of the Act.
Noted.
Letter S.R. 8433 2nd August 1940 was read from the Valuation Office that the new Shop and Small garden occupied by Robert Dunphy, Charleton Hill came within the provisions of the above Act. The proportion attributable to the residence is £6. 10. 0
Noted.

Sanction to Poundage.

By his letter G. 19861/40 dated 12th July 1940 the Minister for Local Government and Public Health Sanctioned payment of the balance of poundage at the

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rate of 6d to Miss Collector E. A. Finn in respect of lodgments for the year 1939/40

Noted.

Charleton Hill Land.

Application for the Caretakership of this was received from Mr. John Donnelly, 35 Charleton Hill.

Mr. Chairman would like to have something definite done to stop the destruction of peoples gardens and palings.

Mr. Redmond suggested allotments during the present emergency.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to deal with the matter as it was very urgent.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The Meeting decided to offer the land to the Allotments Committee of the Council under the Allotments Acts and that in the allotment unemployed persons get preference.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

Mr. Donnelly was appointed Caretaker at 10/= per month pending the arrangement about allotments.

Letter 15th August 1940 was read from Mr. J. Harney, Mary Street wanting to know if the Council were continuing letting the field.

No action.

Allotments Acts.

Letter G. 836/40 29th July 1940 was read from the Department of Agriculture requesting claim for recoupment in duplicate.

Ordered that the claim be sent.

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Leases.

Windmill Field

Letter 20th July 1940 was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors enclosing draft lease ordered from them by Landlord the Trustees Tottenham Estate. dated 8th May 1937 for approval.

Letter 12th August 1940 was read from Councils Solicitors forwarding Agreements for 1936 and 1940 from Mr. Kelly. Solicitor for the owners the Mercy Nuns for completion.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman

Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The Agreements were duly executed and it was decided to forward the draft to the Department for approval.

Petroleum Acts.

Renewal of Licences

The following applied for and were granted renewals :- James Murphy, Priory Lane, John Maher, South Street, I. E. Williams, Engineering Co., The Quay, Laurence O'Brien Central Garage, South Steet, Amy Ellis, John Steet, Irish American Oil Company, The Quay.

School Meals Grant.

Notification P.H. 17475/40 16th July 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth of recoupment of £32 1st instalment year 1940/41

Roads

Wages under Grants.

R.O.A./201/W 8 adh Lughnasa 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth that the appropriate rate of wages on above are not to exceed the rate obtaining on the 1st September 1937.

Noted.

Pounds Act.

Letter 9th August 1940 was read from the County Registrar requesting to have his requirements complied with as it is nearly five years since he sent

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his requisition. It is not unreasonable.

Clerk reported that on the 7th. November 1935 the Registrar required considerable repairs and improvement to the local Pound and it was then decided that the Town Surveyor consult with the Registrar relative. Nothing had been done since.

The Town Surveyor stated he would be in Wexford on Monday and would call on the County Registrar relative.

Ordered so and that the Registrar be informed.

Applications for leave.

The Town Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector, and Town Clerk applied for annual leave to be taken as agreed between themselves and so as not to interfere with the work of the Council.
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh the leave was granted under the usual arrangements between the officials.

Sale of Manure.

Maurice Whelan, Ryleen applied for and was granted a heap ex Chambersland Dump for 30/=.

Application from Parish Council.

Chairman informed the Meeting the Parish Council asked him to apply to the Council to meet the expenditure on Postage &c. out of the rate as their work was altogether for the Ratepayers generally.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
It was decided to apply for sanction to the Department.

Tottenham Estate.
Rates on Half Annual Rents.

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Letter 16th August 1940 was read from Collector Miss Finn enclosing a letter from the Solicitors to above re above and asking for a direction as a legal question was involved.

The letter 14th August 1940 from Mr. Coghlan stated that the Agent to the Estate objected to paying the Town Rate assessed in respect of the Post Office, Technical Schools, Civic Guard Barracks and Courthouse and from Collectors reply it was gathered she has been instructed to collect outstanding arrears. His Clients are perfectly willing to pay the poor rate so there is not the slightest necessity for proceeding for recovery of that rate but before paying the Town Rate he asked the Collector to let him know under what Statute it is sought to recover the Town Rate as against his Clients.

Clerk reported the Tottenham Estate were withholding the rates - both Poor + Town - to satisfy overpayment of Town Rate made previously although the legal formalities required had not been complied with as regards the Town Rate when assessed. The Solicitor to the Council had definately advised both rates must be paid as assessed.

The matter was left in the Clerks hands to continue.

Municipal Authorities Association

Circular 12 ath 7a de 7w 1940 was read in part from above and Mr. John Murphy, P.C., with the Clerk appointed to attend the Conference in Dundalk.

Regarding the recommendation to apply to the County Council for a refund of the rates paid by the Railway Co. and refunded by this Council. Clerk reported he had sent in the application to the County Council and was told by the Secretary last Friday in Wexford there would be no refund.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to ask the Castlebar Council for particulars as they

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obtained the refund from the Mayo County Council.

The Meeting Ended.

P. O'Gorman

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Tuesday 27th August 1940

An emergency Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council called by the Chairman was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to consider the present position of the Town in view of the disastrous German bombing of Campile

Present :- Messrs. P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman
V. A. Doyle.
J. Prendergast
W. Ronan
J. Murphy P.C.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

A Vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the Bombing outrage at Campile on Monday 26th August and it was directed to convey same to the relatives and all concerned.

Siens.

Mr. V. A. Doyle stated he was speaking to Sergeant Kelly and he asked him to see the Chairman with a view to calling a Special Meeting to buy a Siren as it was necessary in an emergency. Sergeant Kelly suggested an electric one. The Council would not agree to this because it might cost too much and be of no further use. Mr. Doyle said he was speaking to the Manager of the Tannery and he told him that the Siren in the Brewery was a very good one and the Council would have no difficulty in getting it.

It was decided that Mr. Doyle and Mr. Murphy see the Manager of the Brewery about it and also get an air compressor in one of the garages and if they succeeded in getting it that Sergeant Kelly do the rest.

It was also decided that all other Siens in Town be Silenced from Wednesday 28th August 1940 and Clerk was directed To

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Notify the various factories.

Letter from Mr. O' Donovan

Chairman read a letter from Mr. O' Donovan Rosbercon asking the Council to provide Air Shelters.

Letter and Circular A.R.P. 156 from Mr. Frizelle and from the Department of Defence dated 22nd August 1940 were read relative to Public Air Raid Shelters and Fire Fighting appliances.

Decided to write to Mr. Frizelle that the Council have reasonable peace time equipment for Fire Fighting and that suitable accommodation is available for housing trailer pump and that a Meeting be held in the Large Room of the Tholsel, immediately after the next Confraternity Meeting in the Parish Church for the purpose of organizing a Voluntary Fire Brigade. Mr. Shortall and Mr. O' Grady be in attendance.

Replying to the Chair Clerk stated no report was received from Mr. O' Grady on sites for Air Shelters.

Ordered that Mr. O' Grady send in report immediately

Chairman referred to the water shortage and stated he could not understand why the Caretaker did not report, that the water in the reservoir was low, direct to the Council.

Mr. Murphy, P.C., stated Caretaker called to Town Surveyor's Office and reported the shortage.

Chairman said he should report to the Council.

Decided to ask. Caretaker and Town Surveyor for a report.

The Meeting ended

P.W. Gorman
10-9-40

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Monday 9th day of September 1940.

13. SEP 1940
New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present: Messrs T. Redmond Presiding
J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The following accounts were submitted, examined and recommended for payment:-
L. Barron £7.0.0; E.A. Finn £9.7.10; T.J. Murphy £39.12.3.; Hely's Ltd. £6.0.0; Independent Newspapers £1. E.S.B. £24.4.11. E.S.B. 7/6.; Hanrahan Bros 6/6 P. Rossiter £57.4.0; People Newspaper 7/6; A.R. French 14/=; Moran Bros. 17/=; T. Hartrick £2.5.0; James. Cooney £3. Hanrahan Bros. £6.15.4; B. Hennessy £8.1.3; Charles Tenant & Co. 9d.

Repairs to Priory Street Houses

Certificate from Town Surveyor.

Town Surveyor certified £100 due to Mr. Rossiter on above Contract.

Clerk stated this matter was referred to the Department for a direction and the following letter L. 11007/5/40 dated 28th August, 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

" With reference to your letter of the 20th instant in regard to the proposal of the Council to make an advance payment to the Contractor whose tender it is proposed to accept for the repair of Houses at Priory Street, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the matter is one for the Council to decide on their own responsibility.

The information requested in this Departments letter of the 14th instant should be furnished as soon as possible together with the

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completed Loan Form."

Clerk reported reply was sent to Department together with loan form completed.

Committee recommended payment as soon as money available

Frank Doyle, Priory Street Water Rates £11.4.2

P. Kehoe, Irishtown Range £4.9.0

Letter dated 30th August 1940 was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors that the above accounts have not yet been paid. They are issuing proceedings immediately.

Noted.

Letter dated 29th August 1940 was read from Counal's Solicitors as follows:-

"Elizabeth Kehoe (Athy).

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant and as instructed therein, we applied to the Sureties viz:- P. A. Brennan, and James Stacey on 21st instant for payment of the sum of £7.12.0 being arrears of rent due herein.

We have received a letter from Mr. E. T. Lalor, Solicitor on behalf of James Stacey requesting particulars as to how the £7.12.0 is computed, as he stated he had been informed by Miss Kehoe that there is not any rent due by her.

Kindly let us have the particulars requested that we may furnish them to Mr. Lalor, and proceed with the collection

Mrs. Annie Peare.

In reply to your enquiry as to the present position in this case. The District Justice granted a Decree for possession at the Court held here on the 9th ult. Mrs. Peare paid £3.10.0 which we accepted on your verbal instructions and undertook to pay 5/= per week on account of arrears in addition to the

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current rent. Only one such payment on account of arrears has been paid notwithstanding our reminder dated 23rd ult. in which we threatened to re-open the proceedings. We shall be glad to have your further instructions on the matter."

Clerk reported reply was sent Solicitors in connection with Elizabeth Kehoe.

In connection with Mrs. Peare Clerk stated he gave no instructions but stated he could do nothing but carry out the Council's order which was to sue for and take up possession unless the full rent arrears were paid and the Bond completed with two Solvent Sureties and that Solicitors get their costs.

Committee recommended that the Council's Solicitors issue the necessary proceedings and get possession of the house unless Mrs Peare pays arrears in full and completes Agreement & Bond within one month.

Lighting of New Road at Charleton Hill.

Letter dated 26th January 1940 in connection with lighting of new road at Charleton Hill was again before the Meeting

Committee adjourned consideration to Council Meeting.

Dump. Caretaker.

Two applications were read undated from James Cooney for his wages as Caretaker.

Clerk reported no certificate was received from the Town Surveyor since 12th July until 9th September.

Committee recommended that the Town Surveyor send in a Certificate each month in future.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P.W. Forman
10/9/40

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Tuesday 10th day of September 1940.

The monthly meeting of the new Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, new Ross this evening at 7.30 oclock to transact business pursuant to the powers enabling, including financial and to consider a scheme for Immunization by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Present. Messrs P. N. Ogorman, Chairman,
J. Murphy, P.C.,
T. Redmond,
T. Martin,
T. Cooney,
J. Murphy (Bridge)

Dr. Daly County Medical Officer of Health was also in attendance.

The minutes of meetings held on 16th and 27th August 1940 were taken as read and signed.

Votes of Sympathy

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy P.C.,
Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of Miss Monica Butler and Mr. P.A. Brennan on the death of his child, also Mr. W. Ronan, a member of the Council, on the death of his niece.

Acknowledgement of Votes of Sympathy.

Letter was read from Mr. J. Kehoe, Chapel Lane thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his wife.

Letter dated 29th May 1940 was read from Very Rev. Edmund O'Donnell, Archbishop's Secretary, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. Australia thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy with him and the people of the Archdiocese of Sydney on the death of Most Rev. Michael Kelly, late Archbishop of Sydney and enclosing Memorial Cards for distribution to the Members of the Council.

The Chairman distributed the Memorial Cards to the Members.

Ordered that an acknowledgement be sent to

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the Very Reverend Secretary.

Damage to Property at and. na. Greine.

Clerk reported he received several complaints about the damage to house no. 23 and. na. Greine. He communicated with the Superintendent of the Guards and asked him to take all the necessary steps to protect the property of the Council. He also communicated with the Town Surveyor and asked him to have the necessary repairs carried out to no. 23 to prevent trespass.

Letter dated 28th August 1940 was read from the Superintendent Garda Siochanna acknowledging the Council's letter and stating that the matter was being attended to.

Clerk reported Guard Brady called and stated 19 panes of glass were broken and the railings were torn up.

After a lengthy discussion
Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman,

It was decided that the glass be replaced and proper locks put on the door and that the Guards be requested to keep vacant houses under observation.

Allotments Acts.

Letter G. 384/40 dated 13th August 1940 was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that a report was received from the Allotments Inspector that portion of the produce of the allotment let to Mrs. E. Power, Ballalley, was sold by his wife and requesting to be informed what action the Council propose to take should an application for an allotment be received from Mr. or Mrs. Power next season.

Clerk reported Mrs. Power had been warned. She called to the office and stated she had no money and she wanted to buy bread. She has enough money now and she is sorry.

It was decided to refuse an application from this plot holder next season.

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School Meals.

Letter dated 4th September 1940 was read from the Hon. Sec. School meals committee asking the council to supplement the existing grant as the committee had received applications from schools for an increased supply.

Clerk informed the meeting that owing to increase in prices the council could supplement the present grant by £25. Next year the council can increase the £130 by the amount required to be raised out of the rates.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy,

It was decided to allow another £25 for the purchase of bread for the remainder of the year on the recommendations of the School meals committee.

Tender for Manure.

Mr. Wm. Donovan Mary Street applied for and was granted one heap of manure ex Chamberland for £1.10.0.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for other heaps at Dump.

Tenants Application for Half Cost of Range.

Letter dated 10th June 1940 from Mr. Wm. Rochford was again before the meeting.
Clerk stated the Town Surveyor was asked to give his certificate of the amount to be repaid. Town Surveyor refused to give this certificate.

after a discussion
Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Martin,

It was decided to refund Mr. Rochford the sum of £3, should the Town Surveyor give his certificate

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A. R. P. Lighting Switch at Robercon.

Letter dated 30th August 1940 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council enclosing copy of letter from the Minister for Defence re cowling and central control of street lighting at Robercon and again requesting the present position of this matter.

Chairman informed the meeting that he was pursuing the matter and that he would probably succeed in obtaining a house in Robercon to take the switch.

Left in the Chairman's hands.

A. R. P. Work.

Clerk's Report.

Clerk reported that so far no scheme had been submitted to the Council by the County Council. Under the Air Raid Precautions Act 1940 the County Council is the scheme making authority for the new Ross Urban area. The Urban Council has therefore no authority to make any arrangements in connection. Should the Council create any expense the Rates cannot be used to liquidate same. The Government Grant can only be made to the County Council and only expense authorized by the County Council be met.

Letter dated 29th August 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health stating that the Urban Council have no power to make grants for incidental expenses or other purpose to Parish Councils.

Letter dated 28th August 1940 was read from Messrs Graves & Co that the request of the Council re siren would be complied with.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee were read.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge),

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted and the Bills ordered to be paid.

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The Treasurers Advice Sheets were then signed by the Chairman, Messrs J. Murphy P.C., and T. Redmond.

Lighting of new Road at Charleton Hill.

Arising out of the reading of the minutes of the Finance Committee the Council decided to adjourn this matter to the next Council Meeting.

Increase in Weekly Rents.
Notices to Quit.

Letter dated 10th September 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing notices to Quit in the cases of Richard Brazil Bunnett Lane (1912 Scheme) Edward Finch, Upper William Street (1900 Scheme); Michael Murphy, Lower William Street (1880 Scheme) and James Stacey, Fair Gate (premises bought by Council) for execution and Sealing by the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

The Notices to Quit were duly sealed and signed and witnessed by the Chairman.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
8/10/40

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Special Meeting

Monday 30th September 1940.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 8.15 o'clock called by the Chairman of the Council pursuant to letter A.R.P./156 from the Department of Defence to the Secretary Wexford County Council dated 24th September 1940 in connection with the training of the Fire Brigade Service in New Ross. and of a course of instruction due to commence on the 7th ~~August~~ October 1940 in Dublin for one permanent official from the Council Staff and in accordance with Mr. Frizelle's letter received this afternoon (28th September) as the next Meeting of the Council is not due to be held until the 7th October 1940

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman.
John Murphy, P.C. and
Thomas Redmond M.C.C.

Clerk reported telephone interviews with the Secretary Wexford County Council relative.

Letter dated 25th September 1940 was read from Mr. Frizelle enclosing copy Circular letter (ARP/874) from Department of Defence. Mr. Frizelle informed the Council "one permanent official is to be selected for training" from the staff of the Urban District of New Ross. He requested to be notified of the appointment.

Circular 24th September 1940 ARP/874 was read.

Chairman stated as he read the Circular since the Council had no existing fire fighting organization if the Council desired to appoint anyone they had no option but to select the Town Surveyor. Not more than 70% of travelling expenses, Subsistance and other expenses were rank for grant under the A.R.P. 1939 Act. The rest will be paid ex the local rates. The expenses would be limited to "those normally payable under existing regulations to such officials required to be absent from their normal employment in the ordinary course of their duty."

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

Mr. Shortall was appointed

The Meeting Ended.

P. N. O'Gorman
8/10/40

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Mondaythe 7th day of October 1940.

2d Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Rosslucan Council was held in the Townhall, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present:- Messrs Thelehairman, T. Redmond & J. Murphy P.C.

Bills. The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-
Govt. Publications 4d "The People" 4/6 Dollenham Estate £10 + £1.19.3 and 9/3. O'Rossilee £48.15/- Glenpeel Hennedy £1.17.3 Moran Bros £10 Mercantile Mans 4/- O'Rosailee £5.10.0 S&B £1.2/- ak French 1/- Helypad 16/- Dollards Ltd £1.18.5. J Donnelly 5/- J Mooney 22/6. Eakins £9.16/- Free Press 7/6 S&B £24.4.11 J Butler £21.4.11.

Insurance of Eight Houses Town Wall.

£2.5.0 Premium was submitted for the Fire Insurance of £4000. Chairman read a note to the Renewal Notice that "Owing to the increased Prices of commodities due to the War an adjustment of the sums insured by your Fire Policy may be necessary" Committee considered it to properly adequately covered. Recommended payment of £2.5/-.

London Assurances.

This Company offered to continue to insure the 2 Prem'd. Houses for £1050 at a premium of 18/-

Committee considered and recommended that this property be insured with the Company having the Corporate Estate as it. will be subject to a 25% reduction thereby.

£100 Certificate to O'Rossilee

Certificate 151 was presented from the Town Surveyor. Total Contract £209.18.0 Previously paid £100. Leaving £109.18/- due
Payment recommended.

Arising out of consideration of this matter

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replying to the Committee Clerk stated there was no further estimate in connection with the vacant house. The mantelpiece a new range and fireplate were required and a new ceiling to kitchen as well as repairs to pond floor.

Committee decided to visit the house with Town Surveyor on the morrow at 11 o'clock, in connection with the matter.

Motor Hire £1.0.0 and 9/-

Two bills from J. Freeman Lower Main St. were submitted for car hire to Drumond 9/- to view & report on the Lime and £1 to Emmet Esq to a conference called by the Board of Health in connection with Fire Brigade work in the County.

Clerk informed the Committee he could find no legal authority for either payment.

Committee considered the objects were desirable and recommended payment.

Prop. St. Houses.

Plaintiffs Bill of Costs £135.4.3.

Councils Solicitors pressed for payment of above taxed costs as Plaintiffs Solicitor was threatening proceedings.

Replying to the Committee Clerk stated he could not get give the exact cost of the acquisition and repairs to the two houses. The Council applied for and obtained sanction to a loan from the Bank of £650 repayable in 10 years at the usual (4%) Bank rate of interest. The rate of interest may rise or fall. So far only 2 bills are for amounts certain Plaintiffs Costs £135.4.3 and Mr Rossiter's Contract £309.18/= Mr Rogers Costs are estimated by him not to exceed £200 and Mr Hartall estimates additions to the repairs - range to at £12. against. This must be part the rent due by the two tenants over a number of years plus the amount to be recovered from the Plaintiff under the clause in the old Lease to keep the premises in repair. The annual rent would be £50 approximately. The property

could command a higher rent but the Solicitors are of opinion the Rent Acts prohibit it notwithstanding the heavy bill for repairs.

Committee decided that if the all-in-cost does not exceed £650 there is a good return and recommended payment of the Costs.

Letter 5th October 1940 (recd 7th) was also read from Council's Solicitors that Plaintiffs Solicitors request the engrossment of the Lease for execution and that they are held up pending the receipt of the necessary maps from Town Surveyor.

Clerk reported he would write Whitehall to expedite the matter.

Repayment of Loans

Receivable Orders for repayment of Principal and Interest on Housing and Public Health Loans for £2314.6.8 were submitted.

Recommended payment on and date 1st December 1940.

Audit for Certification

Clerk notified that L.G. Auditor Mr John J. Healy would attend on Tomorrow at 2 o'clock to give his certificates after examination of all the receipts and expenditure under the following heads. Notification had only been received this morning ÷ £6 8 5.0 Leasehold Scheme: Housing Subsidy. All Schemes: School Meals and Free Milk.

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Rates Report.

Clerk submitted his monthly report on the rates position to the month of September 1940 as follows:-

Total Warrant £5760.9.10 Collected £3209.10.1½ Discounts allowed £122.5.3 Uncollected £5428.14.5½ equal to 38% collected as against 38% same period last year on a lesser Warrant of £8481.

Considered very satisfactory.

Rents Report.

Clerk submitted record of collection and arrears for month of September as:-

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Houses built. 220 Let 212 Unoccupied 8. Arrears at 1st September £497.17.8 at end £523.8.11. Accrued during month £287.19.9 Collected £262.8.6. Net record. Arrears up by £25.9.0 on the month. Made out thus:- 8 Houses Town Wall £5.7.0 23 Houses Town Wall £3.10.0 50 Charleton Hill £4.12.0 26 Charleton Hill £12.0.0. As regards the last the arrears are due to the collection extending over the end of the month. It would be better to have the collection weekly or paid within the month. Like applies to 8 at Town Wall. Collectors reported specially on the position in Grandfield's case. She owes £9.19.11 less £2.2.8 paid a few days ago. Leaving £7.7.3 due.

Recommended that further notices be sent to tenants in arrears threatening instant proceedings and that in Grandfield's case proceedings for recovery be instituted.

Longbody's Bond

Letter 6th Sept 1940 was read from Mr Co Phan, Solicitor that as he was on a holiday he would be grateful if this matter was postponed until his return.

Committee recommended that the matter be pursued now.

Mrs Rocke 7 Town Wall.

Letter 16 Sept 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors that they had received an offer from tenant to pay off arrears £17.10.11 by 7/- per week in addition to the current rent.

Recommended acceptance but that on failure to pay one week's arrears proceedings be instituted.

Arrears of Rent

Several letters were read from the Dept. Local Govt & Public Health requesting details of persons in arrears, the amount of the arrears in each case, and the action taken by the Council for recovery.

Mr Green stated he called to the Department

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some time ago and took with him all the Rent Sheets and Register. This did not satisfy the Officer in Charge. It will take a long time to have schedules made out as required.

Committee recommended that the returns be sent as soon as possible. The Council had done all possible to get in the Arrears.

The Council -v- Frank Doyle and Patrick Lahde.

Letter 20 September 1940 was read from Mr. Lawer Solicitor asking to be furnished with particulars of the computation of £11.1.2 for water rent charges.

Letter 23 September 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors requesting attendance before the Court on 2nd Oct in above cases

Cases reported be attended with the Collector. He informed Mr Lalor the particulars were sent each quarter and several times after that. Mr. Lalor's case appears to be that the water was not used for washing cars or business purposes. He would like case adjourned to make an offer to the Council. No offer has yet been received although Mr Cooper had this case adjourned. The case against Mr Kehoe was also adjourned until next Court for a settlement meanwhile. No offer has been since received by the Council. Mr. Fox appeared for Mr Kehoe.

Committee considered this unsatisfactory, as both cases are of long standing.

Plot at Fair Lake.

Letter 28 Sep. 1940 was read from Mr Cooper Sole. that Mr Nolan Fair Lake called as to the rent and length of Lease at which it is proposed to let this plot.

Recommended a 99 years Lease at a rent of £5 per annum for the purposes set out in the Advertisement.

Surety's request.

Clerk reported Mr. James P. Doherty

called and desired the Council would release him of his bond for Henry Browne on the ground that he is aware this Tenant is not paying up and his deposit must be forfeit.

Recommended that the Council adhere to the terms of the Bond requiring 2 years notice in writing of withdrawal &c.

Increase in Rents.

Council's Houses.

Advice 21st September 1940 was read from the Council's Solicitors on the legality of proposed increase in weekly rents.

In the cases of houses not protected by the Increase of Rent & Mortgage Interest (Restrictions) Acts the necessary notices were duly served on Richard Brazier and Edward Tench representing the said tenants.

In the case of James Stacey the 1914 rent was 2/2 per week. The Standard Rent would therefore be 2/2 less one fifty second of the Town Rate for the premises in 1914. The increase might not be prohibited. The same applies to Michael Murphy and the tenants represented by him.

The Acts provide that as the Council habitually paid the town rates in 1914 the Standard Rent is the then rent less the then town rate. As the houses were erected prior to 1883 c.e. 1880 it is possible they are covered by the Rent Restrictions Act 1923. The Supreme Court decided the Acts prevent a landlord from throwing on the tenant the burden of rates which the landlord habitually pays and the 1923 Act provides that such a transfer shall be treated as an alteration of rent. To enable the Solicitors to advise finally they required more information as to the 1914 position. The Solicitors suggested that this question be considered only by the Finance Committee in view of potential legal proceedings and their report might be detrimental to the Councils case.

Letter was directed to give the information.

Committee opened to the position in 1926 when the question of transferring the Town Rates to the tenants was determined and found that the tenants asked for a reduction of rent by the amount of the rates but on the question being put to the legal advisors they held that payment of the rates is an obligation imposed by Statute and therefore the Accepts are not in order in deducting the amount paid by them in discharge of rates from the rent.

Decided to adjourn for final advice.

M O'Toman

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Tuesday the 8th day of October 1940

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross U.D.C. was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary and Special business of the Council pursuant to the Town Improvement (Ireland) act 1854 and the acts enabling. The following special business was duly notified :- Sale of manure : Letting of residence at Priory Street : Leasing of sites at 3 Bonded-Yard and Distillery : Clerks application for an annual sum for engagement of casual Office Assistant as may be required. Air Raid Precautions : Loan of £650 Priory St. Houses Sanction : Derelict Sites Act 1940 : Consulting Engineers Fees Leverage Scheme : Allotments Scheme 1944 Season.

Present :- Messrs Rd Gorman Chairman : John Murphy P.C. Thos. Redmond : Thos Martin : Thos. Cooney :

Letter dated 1 Oct 1940 was read from Vy. Rev D. Aid Bren P.P. Wexford on thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on death of brother.

Votes of Sympathy

Moved by Mr Hanman

Seconded by Mr. Murphy a vote of condolence was passed to Mr Cassidy T.D on the death of his mother.

Moved by Mr Cooney

Seconded by Mr. Hanman a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mr Michael Canty.

New Town Commons.

£726 Land Bonds 4%.

Notification 20 September 1940 was read from the Transfer Office. National City Bank Dublin forwarding Register Extract of above sum in the names of the New Ross U.D.C.

Noted

Valuation Department.

Notification 20 Sept 1940 was read from above Val. Mr D. O'Reilly will commence annual Revision about 29th inst. Large Room Tholsel

Deputy Leader M. Tobin Local Security Force applied for permission to use the large room as a general meeting and lecture room during coming months.

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Proposed by miltaxman
Seconded by mikedmond it was decided to allow the use of the room under the usual conditions only.

Secretary's letter re Irish Tourist Association

Circular circulating above was read from the Secretary of the Association.

No action.

Weighbridge short by 4 lbs.

Clerk reported a visit from Inspector Weights & Measures that the Quay bridge was short by 4 lbs per ton. It should be forthwith adjusted.

Town Surveyor stated Averys were the only people competent.

Decided that Town Surveyor attend to the matter without delay.

Sale of manure.

Jas. Mc Ballymacar applied for and was granted leave to cart for 30/- ex Chamberland Dump. Free Milk grant

Notification of payment of £72 being the 2nd instalment 1940/41 P.H. 20936/4/40 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health.

Clerk reported due receipt. Noted.

Clerk reported there was 3149 pints of milk distributed to 201 children during the month.

Sanction to Fees

Home Assistance Off. C. Bacon.

P.H. 15.9957/2/40 29 September 1940 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health approving of an aggregate sum not exceeding 5% of the cost of meals supplied and paid for from Gate Grant during the year ending 31 March 1941 in quarterly instalments at end of each quarter subject to certificate of County Medical Officer of Health and that no claims for such remuneration are likely to be received from any other source.

Mr Murphy objected to the meagre allowance and the conditions of it. The Council should strongly protest against this form of charity.

Agreed.

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Circular P.T. 98/40 5 Oct. 1940 was read on the same notifying (1) advance instalments of recoupment will be issued during half yearly periods as per Circular P.T. October 1940 (2) enclosing copies of Form R.2 for present application during half year ending 31st March 1941 (3) Efforts to be made to have all accounts discharged before the 31st March 1941 AD. Form R.2 will be discontinued.

Noted.

Public Lighting

New Road Charleton Hill & Chapel Lane.

Clerk again drew attention to the want of light on the new road and again submitted the plan from the E.S.B.

Town Surveyor held the Council should not be in a hurry to oblige the E.S.B by paying £20.0.0 for the extension as unfair to the ratepayers.

A discussion followed and

Proposed by Mr Murphy

Seconded by Mr Redmond it was finally decided that a Committee of Mr Redmond Mr Martin and the Town Surveyor visit the site after dark on Wednesday to ascertain the minimum number of lights required.

The Pound.

Letter 13 Sep 1940 was read from the Community Registrar as follows:- Jones of the 23rd inst. herein received. Mr Thorpe did not call here. At any rate there is no necessity for him to call. I have sent for a memorandum of what I require nearly five years ago and it has not yet been complied with. All Mr Thorpe has to do is to carry out these simple alterations"

No action.

Allotments - 1941 Season.

Circular 196/1940 1st October 1940 was taken as read.

Proposed by Mr. Chapman

Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was resolved that the Council continue the scheme for the

council reason and that they acquire the 3.4 acres of land adjoining the Wellesley Road allotments in addition at the rent of £5 per acre and that the Clerk be and is hereby empowered to do all things necessary for the carrying out of the scheme - the whole Council to be a Committee for the purposes of the Scheme.

Clerk reported on. Huxley Senior Inspector Dept. of Agriculture, visited the allotments on 2nd October 1940. He expressed high appreciation of the work and emplacement of the men. He also visited the acres at Charleton Hill and inspected it. In his opinion the land was good and the Council should work it as allotments.

School meals Grant.

Cir. Rlt. 79/40 1st Oct. 1940 was taken as read from the Dept. Lg. Public Health and returns required thereon ordered to be sent on.

Old wall at upper Mayor.

McNeely's Complaint.

Letter 2 July 1940 was again for the fourth time read to the Council from McNeely upon Mayor. This old wall divides McNeely's premises from McNeelys and McNeely wants it make it come against it crumbling as he is of opinion it is part of the old town wall of Ross and the Council ought. here to protect it.

Clerk again gave the opinion it was not part of the old Town Wall parts of the old Town Wall parts remain the archways preserved and generally it did not compare with existing old Townwall remains.

Town Surveyor stated in his opinion there is no doubt it is the old Town Wall

Decided to adjourn the matter sine die.

Burying Horses

Sanction to loan of £650.

By L.11007/2/40 letter was read from the Dept Local Govmnt & Public Health sanctioning the loan from the National Bank repayable on a Period of

10 years with interest at the usual rate.
Leave reported to be made application for the loan to the Bank and had been informed by the local manager it was granted. The Loan will, as usual, be secured on a mortgage over the Rates.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were then read by the Chairman.
Proposed by Mr. Martin
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the recommendations of the Committee were adopted.
The Advice Notes were then signed by Mr Chairman and Mr O'Mahoney & Murphy and the amounts were ordered to be paid as soon as funds available.

Priory St. Houses.

Owing to the inspection of the 2 Houses by the Finance Committee Town Surveyor reported as follows:- "The work of reconstructing roofs &c of Town House Property in Priory St. has been carried out as contracted for. The following additional repairs are necessary to vacant premises":- Kitchen Cooker £8.15/- Plaster for kitchen £7 New range 25/- 2 Fireplaces Bedrooms 45/- Mantle surrounds & parlour 25/- London repairs Gaskets locks &c 60/- Disinfecting Repairs 100/- in all £28.5.0. He estimated after allowing sum of £30.8/- for repairs (additional) to the occupied house. Total for both houses £58.13.0.
Clerk intimated he applied for and the Council had sanctioned £650 for this work. In Estimating the Council's requirements he took the Town Surveyors Estimate as inclusive of all necessary repairs & sufficient to let the houses at £309.18/-. The amount now demanded could not be met excepting by rates.
Mr Mooney submitted the opinion the Estimate should have included the £60 now asked for. He objected to this expenditure and opposed it on the sole ground that it should have been before the Council when borrowing.

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Mr Tomlinson stated his estimate was reduced to the work contracted for and that work was carried out.

Clerk said he held there was no money for the extras and the tenants had not paid rent for a number of years. The bill now presented should have been included in the contract.

Proposed by Mr Gannon
Seconded by Mr. Murphy it was decided that it is essential to the letting of the vacant house to provide items in the report 1 to 6 amounting to £23.5.0 and as the Town Surveyor stated there will be a £10 credit. This makes the additional expenditure £13.5.0. As regards Mr Lynch's house it was necessary to do nos 7 and 6 amounting to £12.0.0. Adj on the Surveyors advice the Council agreed to said expenditure without any further comment.

Letting of Houses at Priory Rd.

Application was received from Grace E. McCarthy Priory Rd. Newross for above
Motion of Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Mooney - Mr McCarthy was elected subject to a rent of £25 p.a. payable monthly in advance (exclusive of all rates &c) and subject to a tenancy agreement.

Electric Lighting Appliances

Town Surveyor reported the following as held by the Council 150 ft canvas Hose: 2 standpipes: 3 nozzles: 1 Standard about 6 Room Lamps.

Mr Mc Inerney Wexford wrote that the Contractors would not commence before 28th instant

Mr Shortall reported Fire Brigade practices are being Continued each Wednesday evening. Additional keys for fire Station Some electric torches and other equipment would be required. It has not been found possible to

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procure further supplies of fire hose as required.
Clerk reported he asked Canal Gate Safety Glass Ltd. to hold hose for the Council on the Town Surveyors advice. No reply had been received.
Letter A.R.P/15/5 was read from the Department of Defence that they are supplying fire fighting equipment to all counties as a supplementary to peace time needs. The Light trailer pump including 5 x 75' lengths of 2 3/4 delivery hose with 2½ instantaneous couplings and 2 x 75' lengths of 1 3/4" delivery hose with 2½ instantaneous couplings are to be headquartered at Newross.
The new proposed County Council as the A.R.P. Authority has been instructed to have the work of installation of Robertson Switch put in hand - the cost ranking for the 60% subsidy.

Plots to let on lease.

No applications were received for the advertised plots at 3 Bullet-gate & Rathborn.
Ordered that advertisements be issued by placards now.

Clerk's application for Casual Assistance money.

Clerk's application having been read was on the motion of the Chair seconded by Mr Murphy referred to Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

P. M. O'Gorman
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Monday the 11th day of November 1940.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Theatre, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council. The following specially advised business also:- (1) Town Clerks application for payment for assistant (referred to Committee by Council) (2) The several Cases before the Court recently (3) Special Reports on Rate and Rent Collection (4) Leaking Chamber Pipe (5) Bill £66.12.1 Dept Pathology supplied by Pro. Kissane. (6) Robertson Light. Switch (7) Mid Comms Fees again (8) Extras to Pump St Houses by Town Surveyor (9) Water Meters new stamps (10) Lough. Boys Sureties (11) Market Keeper Wall (12) Staff Annual Rents (13) Peter Pakano Bill (14) Rates on Unoccupied Dwellings.

Present Messrs Byrd Gorman Chairman presiding and following Members P.C.

Bills :- The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment:-
Mid Fin £12.4.2 J Butler £21.11.2 Moran Bros £2
Rossiter £49.10/- Mid Stanney £2 Co Board £2.9.2
Gov Publications 1/1 J Rossiter £50. Market Ho 7/6.
Co Co 7/6 MacBanks £185.14/- People Newspapers £1 14/-
Co Co £24.4.11 M Doyle 9/6 Hibernian Insurance 18/6. Mrs Ellis 3/6. Education 6.10d P Byrne 3/10.
Dr Lafferty J. Dr Quigley £1.16/- Dr Kissane £1.0.6
Dr Fitzgerald £1.2.6 W Downes £88.10/-.

a/c £66.12.1. School of Pathology

Bill dated 29th July 1939 was received from above 5th November 1940 was read. Clerk stated he had no knowledge whatever of it. It appeared to be Stuff sent for analysis in connection with outbreak of Scarlet and diphtheria fevers but there was nothing to indicate such. If the meat was for £46.37. worth of value they should be at least responsible to the Pathological Institute as they

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must have ordered it. Mr Comerie so far as he was aware never gave an order for the work. He would like the Department of Local Government & Public Health for a direction and asked the Committee to adjourn further consideration.

Adjourned.

a/c £12.18.6. From same Department.

Reminder 22nd October 1940 was read from the same Institute re a/c for stuff ordered by the Board of Health on their Order Form.

Adjourned

Miss Reamonn reminded the Committee the Board of Health had, according to a Press Report, instructed their Solicitor to deal with Mr Comerie on the matter. Nothing whatever had been heard from the Board since.

a/c. 7/10 Lubricating oil

This bill was received from Central Garage and certified by Mr Grady. The oil was used and will be used at pumping station of the Sewerage Scheme. This Scheme had not yet been handed over by the Contractor.

Committee recommended that Contractor pay the amount.

Arrears of Rent

Special Report of Collector.

Requests of Legal Proceedings

Miss Finn attended and went through the lists of Holdings with the Committee who considered each case and made the following recommendations:-

For immediate prosecution: John Fanning upper Wm Kate Barrack £3.3.11 Nicholas Cashin Folly House £4.13.10 Wm Barrack Folly House £3.5.11: Bridget Laurel Lane £2.18.2: James Ryan Tomwall £2.19.4 Thomas Tomwall £2.4.5 Patrick Monaghan do £2.10.0 Wm Ryan do £15.0.2 Pearce £14.14.10 Maurice Cleere £1.5 Michael Maddock £8.3.4 Niwall £3.8.3 Hogan £3.5.7 Mary Browne £2.4.1 Pat Flynn £16.5.7 Mary Colton Cross Lane £3.5.5. Kathleen North £2.4.7

For letter first and prosecution after next meeting :—
Ellen Rochford William Wf £1.8.1 Pat. Murphy Prem
Wf £1-7.10 Mary Lanlabery £1-14.3: Bridget
Rochford £1-17-4 Thomas Blaneko £3.1.0 Michael
Martin £2.8.0. Bryan Hennessy £2-12-3 Wm
Leahy £1-0.2 Anastasia Ryan £1.6.9 Kate Hanlon
Bowen £3.16.3 Patk Leamy Co Capit. £1-11-3 Robt.
V. Meg Tomwall £1-1-7 ~~John Coleton £16.17.0~~
John Ryan £1-8.10 Anne Murphy £8.9.4 A. Cullen
£3.13.6 Maurice Hennessy £6.16.8. Mary Donnelly
Ross Lane £1.15.6 Robert Doyle Co Capit. £1-6.4

2 de Struck out of List :— John Ryan Wmst £8.6.9
Wm Murphy dw £4.8.8. Murphy Jno do £1.7.5
Johnston dw £1.14.10. Aahurtee £1.17.6 Mary Ahern
Dillyhouse £2.8.3 Anastasia Colton £0.11.3. Ellen
Doran £2.12.7 Coleton £16.17.0 J. Whitty £2.17.8
Stephenson 8/- Bridget Hennessy 3/6 d.
Hamilton £9.9.3 Richard Roche £7.11.3 to means
of recovery each.

Committee considered Donalty & Neil Wall on
Clerk's statement that a Decree had been obtained
in the case against Peter Gahan and James Byrne.
Peter Gahan was prepared to pay but James Byrne
refused. Nothing had been done since.
adjourned to next meeting to enable
the Clerk to find out present position.

Mr. McGrath's case was next considered. Clerk
Clerk Mr. McGrath called and produced a receipt
Gahan - v - Self from Mr Lalor Solicitor stating
that Mr Lalor was collecting from him. The Council
never got paid.
Recommended same as above -

Letter H 13 56/10/40 4 Nov 1940 was read from the
Dept. Local Govmnt & Public Health again replying to
replys to the Communications on arrears of rent. Clerk
stated he would attend to this as soon as it was
at all possible. He would have L. G. auditor

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Mr Healy in the Office again tomorrow during his certificate for Housing Subsidy under the 1932 Housing Act.

Rouge apts.

Committee commended prosecuting James Fegelle for the arrears on his range £3=17-6 without further delay.

Several letters were read from Solicitors in connection with the amount due on Patrick Kehoes Range and minutes made the following Offer for a settlement. The range has never been of use and the tenants were so informed several times. It is in fact quite a nuisance as it fills the house with smoke. Hopefully installation and the flue having been blown into his chimney from neighbouring house were the causes. He offers £4.9.0 to cover debt and costs. Condition. That Council replace the damage to his chimney. Alternatively the return of the range is offered.

Letter stated the Town Surveyor was absent in Dublin at Briefing practice. In the Surveyors opinion the Offer should be accepted.

Committee considered that as the flue had been reported to be satisfactory it would be of advantage to adjourn the matter for the return of the Town Surveyor. Costs would be £1.3.0. The case (reported the Clerk) had been adjourned twice and the Agents of the Council very much inconvenienced by attending the Court. No Offer.

Offer of Miss Rocke Tombstone.

Comers Solicitors advised receipt of £5.8.6 on the Rent arrears herein and that Miss Rocke would pay an extra 7/- per week. Cheque for the £5.8.6 was in a later letter enclosed.

Noted -

The meeting adjourned to Thursday next at 4 o'clock PM. It being understood the meeting on Thursday would merely be a continuance of this meeting rather than an ordinary adjournment.

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Tuesday the 12th day of November 1940.

The Monthly Meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held in the Theatre, Newross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, and special business of which due notice given pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) act 1854 and the various acts enabling.

Present: Mrs. Bridgeman, Chairman, J. Walsh, E. Dooley, V. Doyle, J. Humphrys P.C. M. Mooney, D. Martin, J. Murphy, Bridget Wilson.

Vote of Sympathy & Adjournment

Death of Commandore Eamon Redmond.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh a vote of Sympathy was passed to Mr. Thomas Redmond M.P.C. and family of Deceased on the death of Mr. Eamon Redmond by the sinking of "The Empress of Britain".

Death of Mr. Patrick Dunphy.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Chairman a like vote was passed to the relatives of Mr. P. Dunphy, a very old and well known Newross man who was a Member of the Council on his death.

Death of Mrs. Rossiter.

Proposed by Mr. Martin
Seconded by Mr. Walsh a like vote was passed to Mr. James Rossiter P.C. U.D.C. on the death of his mother.

Death of Mr. Stephen Flynn

Proposed by Mr. Mooney
Seconded by Wm. Lonergan a like vote was passed and in view of all votes the Council adjourned to next Friday at 7.30 o'clock P.M.

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Thursday the 14th day of November 1940

A meeting to continue the proceedings of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11th inst was held in the Theatre, New Ross this evening at 4 o'clock.

Present:- Mr John Murphy P.C.

Miss Finn Rent Collector also attended at the request of the Finance Committee to continue examination of the Rent Arrears Sheets and other matters.

Mr Murphy stated he had just received a note from the Chairman that he could not possibly attend and suggested that the meeting now stand adjourned on the advice of the Town Clerk that before any of the members could be directed to attend all the members of the Committee should receive adequate notice.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Friday the 15th day of November 1940.

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact all business for which the Meeting held on the prior Tuesday was called.

Present: Mr. Prior Rd Chairman. J. Murphy Pc. Thos Cooney: Thos Martin: Vincent D. Doyle: Wm Kenan J. Prendergast.

Mr. Murphy P.C. Presided on the Motion of Wm Kenan Seconded by Mr. Cooney and agreed until the arrival of the Chairman.

Letter read from Mr Redmond acknowledging the receipt of vote of sympathy.

Valuation appeals

Letter SR 8603 29 Oct. 1940 was read from Valuation Office enclosing decisions on appeals. Clon no 1 Pieces Corneel wrongly this appeal was successful the valuation being reduced by £2

Lighting of New Road Charleton Hill.

Letter EH/87 30 October 1940 was read from E.S.B. Dublin that due to suggested alterations by the Town Surveyor the Boards estimate for effectively lighting this thoroughfare should be increased to £43.5.3 from £38.0.0. The suggestions by the Town Surveyor would not effectively light the place and the Board's Engineer would not advise approval where poles would be eliminated.

Mr Martin who with the Town Surveyor made the new suggestions did not agree and

Proposed by Mr Murphy

Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided to instruct the Town Surveyor to meet the E.S.B. Engineer as soon as he returned from Dublin to further discuss the question.

Re this matter - changing lights from poles 2 and 3 Tamenlane to Wellington Rd and an additional

lamps at Greywell - College Rd - were left over pending decision on Reforesting lighting.

Dumping at Folly Horse Lane

Clerk reported Occupier Cannell complained severely about a huge dump beside his abode by residents of the lane. This is at least seven times this has been complained of.

Street Inspector stated it is over a year since the old dump was removed. It is a scandal.

Ordered that all the Occupants in Folly Horse Lane receive notice that a prosecution will ensue unless this nuisance ceases.

Representative Rents

Circular 11 Nov 1940 was read from Dept of Local Government & Public Health regarding particulars of above Form 102/135.

Ordered that Clerk attend to same.

Electors Register - 1941.

Letter 1/100/40 and copy Circular were taken as read and

Clerk ordered to attend to same.

Pound.

Clerk reported a visit with Mr Kemsley of the Dept of Justice and Mr Dwyer County Registrar to the Pound. Everything was found in order & the Council may expect a satisfactory report.

Noted.

National Free Milk Supply

Notification RH. 2086/5/40 of 24 October 1940 was read from Dept of Local Government & Public Health was read. £15.6.1 is the final instalment 1939/40.

Clerk reported due receipt & Lodgment.

Letter DH Circ 102/40 of 13 November 1940 was read from same Department appointing Dr. O'Meara Bacteriological Examiner for period of year ending 31 December 1940

Noted.

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School meals grant.

Notification PH 17447/40 of 23 October 1940 of recoupment £5.0.4 final instalment 1939/40 was read from Dept Local Govmnt.

Clerk reported due receipt and approval.

£650 Loan - Mortgage.

Prior Street Property.

Draft mortgage for Councils approval was submitted by the Council's Treasurers.

Proposed by Mr. Roman

Seconded by Mr. Murphy the Council's approval was agreed by the Chairman's signature and the Seal of the Council

Corporate Stock &c.

Proposed by Mr Roman

Seconded by Mr. Murphy the Seal of the Council was authorised on attestation document in connection with Land Bonds obtained ex Nation Bonus.

Finance Committee Report

Proposed by Mr Martin

Seconded by Mr Prendergast the recommendations of the Committee so far as the Bills presented applies was adopted.

The Treasurers advice notes were then signed by Mr Chairman, Mr Murphy and Mr Roman and the amounts were ordered to be paid

Dumping at Williams St.

Complaint of Flooding.

Street Inspector O'Grady reported as follows:- "12.11.40. a footpath and bank which have been constructed at Lr. William St are causing flooding and dampness in the house occupied by Harry Spencer".

Mr Martin stated this damage was due for the major part to dumping of materials ex excavations for new sewer. A culvert should be constructed.

Ordered that both the County Surveyor and the Consulting Engineer to the Sewer Scheme be written to.

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Complaint - Flooding of Premises &c.

Street Inspector's Report dated 12.11.40 reported as follows:" The yard & back kitchen of Mrs Hennessey's house Priory St. are being flooded each day by water from springs on William St. It is now apparent that the cause of these springs was directed by the laying of the new sewer in William St.".

Mrs Hennessey wrote under date 9th November 1940 complaining of flooding. "This flooding has taken place during and since the laying of the new sewer William St. Also at the rere of the house there is a coal cellar (arch) the wall of which was damaged during Sewerage operations. There is almost a continuous stream running from it. Mr. Martin who has seen the cause of which I complain".

Ordered that the County Engineer be drawn to this matter for remedy forthwith.

Mortgage - £650.
Priory St. two acquired Houses.
Proposed by - Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Murphy It was resolved:- That pursuant to Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 19th September 1940 the sum of £650 be borrowed from the National Bank Limited for the purpose of defraying expenditure arising from the acquisition and repair of two houses at Priory Street. To be repaid within a period of 10 years with interest at the rate of one half percent. per annum under the Irish Banks rate of any up to a maximum of £4 per cent. per annum, said loan to be secured by a mortgage over the rates available for that purpose. And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to said Mortgage."

Public Lighting

Street Inspector reported 12.11.40 "The daily Scavenging and cleansing of Streets has been

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satisfactory. The Public Lighting has been satisfactory".

Road leading from Crossane to Widenivet

Mr Murphy drew attention again to the unsightly state of this roadway. He enquired if any funds are available out of recent grants for this work. He understood it was to be completed out of some grant at the time.

Clerk replied he was informed there was a sum set aside for this work but he would have a report from the County Surveyors Office for the next meeting.

Ordered that Clerk intervein Mr. O'Neill.

Fire Brigade.

Proposal by Co. Board of Health.

Under date 5 ath de November 1940 a scheme of suggested arrangements as between the Board of Health and the New Rosslare District Council was read from the Secretary for the Councils opinion as to their suitability.

The suggestions embodied with a retaining fee of £30 per annum 3 cmrs for fire fighting. under take outside the Urban Area under conditions.

Clerk reported the Council to first find out if a contract would be involved which the Council are not able to fulfil. If payment for services is tendered and accepted and the Council could not undertake the matter might reasonably be very serious. In his opinion the Councils Solicitor should advise on the proposals. The Brigade is voluntary and compulsion might be required. If so a paid Fire Brigade might be necessary.

Proposed by Mr Murphy

Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was decided to adjourn consideration to next meeting. In the mean time Clerk to get into communication with the Town Surveyor as soon as he returned from Dublin where he is this engaged at the sitting.

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Receipt of Trailer Pump Unit.

Clerk reported he took over one Pump Unit on 2nd October 1940 from Commandant T. Meenaghan Dept of Defence Dublin ex Rosslare. Mr Wall, Town Surveyor, met the Commandant and housed the pump for the present in Waterford pending Query re a claim for mileage which was made on the Railway Co.

On Friday morning Mr Kingsella phoned to request that this Pump be taken from the garage without undue delay as soon as the Town Surveyor returns.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor be informed.

Air Raid Precautions

Clerk reported receipt of copy of A.R.P. Equipment (Storage Loan) Regulations 1940 from Mr Kingsella. He sent a copy to the Town Surveyor.

Noted -

Letter was read L.24552/40 19 October 1940 from Dept. Local Government & Public Health reporting the submission of a report in regard to the proposed (Fire Fighting) with the Board of Health referred to by Clerk in a recent letter.

Clerk reported he asked the Board if he would request the Secretary to the Meeting to send report and received no reply.

Mr Murphy Hales Mr Smith promised to send a Report. He had not received one.

Letter 4 November 940 enclosing copy Letter A.R.P/156 from Department of Defence was read from the Secretary. We export County Council. No fire fighting equipment supplied the new Fire Engine is for use in the entire A.R.P area in an emergency. Fees cannot be sanctioned neither can allowances to persons manning the pumps. Services are voluntary.

Noted -

Application of Sanitary Inspector
Make the position permanent.

Under date the 12th November 1940 the following was read from Mr O'Grady "I have now been in

for employment for four and a half years and have always carried out the duties of my office. I should be most painful if you would consider making my appointment permanent."

Adjourned. To be placed on Agenda for the next Meeting and decided notice of Motion will not be necessary

Sale of Manure

Mr Edward Browne, Creacon, applied for and was granted 2 heaps of manure ex Chamberland Dumps as soon as available.

Allotments Rents.

Letters G. 8/129 & 10 October 1940 and G 895/40 of 12 November 1940 were read from the Department of Agriculture. Six copies of posters were enclosed for publication. A list of persons who did not cultivate the land was enclosed viz:- Mr Murphy Charleton Hill and Jerard Kiely Chapel Lane. Before done will be given a plot as he deliberately refused to cultivate it. Mr Latter's application for the 1941 season can only be considered if there is reasonable expectation that he will be in a position and is prepared to cultivate.

Noted.

Economic Rent of Plots

Proposed by Mr Farnan

Seconded by Mr Kirwan the economic rent of each one eighth acre of land was decided at £1/5 per annum. It was also decided to continue the nominal rent @ 1/- for the unemployed.

Corner Off Windmill Field

Mr Kirwan drew attention to the inconvenience caused the public by reason of this corner which was discussed at several meetings of Council.

Proposed by Mr Murphy

Seconded by Mr Kirwan it was decided to Communicate with Co. Surveyor. The Meeting adjourned.

P. O'Connor
10-12-40

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Tuesday 6th day of December 1940.

An Adjourned Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Gholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and particularly the unfinished business of the last Meeting.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy, P.C. and W. Ronan.

Rent Arrears.

Committee continued the examination of the Rent Sheets with the assistance of the Rate Collector, Miss Finn.

Recommendations :-

Following cases for prosecution :-

Ml. Monaghan, J. K. L. Place £7.6.4. Martin Tobin do. £4.3.0 J. Moran do. £11.4.4. Wm Finch do. £7.3.2. Jas. Holden do. £5.8.6. Ml. Maloney do. £8.18.6. Thos. Purcell do. £4.9.4. J. Merrigan do. £3.17.6. R. Donnelly do. £7.18.0. Thos. Ronan, Charleton Hill £2.3.6. Margt. Pyne do £2.14.0. Patk. Dunne do. £3.7.6. Richard Murphy do £2.16.0. Myles McGrath do. £3.16.6. Jas. Fleming do. £2.9.6. Bridget Caul do £2.7.6. Ellen Bolton do £3.12.0. Ml. Clooney do £3.14.0.

The following to be struck out as bad and irrecoverable.

C. O'Brien (decd.) J. K. L. Place £5.7.6 M. Leary do. £3.16.0 Ml. Browne do. £2.8.10 Wm. Cass, Charleton Hill £2.16.0 M. Pyne, Ballaun £6.4.11 Same £1.15.9. P. Flanagan do £13.12.11 Patk. Dunne, Chapel Lane £6.2.9. Edw. Monaghan 4/4 P.C. Shea do. 1/6. J. Hand, Meat Market £2.15.0. James Hanlon Same £2.12.0.

Sureties to be Sued.

J. O'Brien J. K. L. Place £6.6.6. M. Whitty do. £4.5.6.

Notices to be sent

Patk Monahan, J. K. L. Place £6. Thos. Furness do £2.8.4. Sergeant Breheny, Charleton Hill £2.10.0 John L. Wall £4.12.6..

Letter from Department

Dated 3rd December 1940 H. 1356/13/40 letter was read from above acknowledging schedules showing particulars of all arrears of Rent and enquiring result of proceedings in the case of Guard Feehan and what action the Council propose

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Tuesday 18th October 1939.

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the Special business duly noticed.

Present:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, G. Dooley, V. A. Doyle, T. Martin, J. Prendergast, J. Murphy, P. C., T. Redmond, J. Brewer, J. Murphy, A. Cullen, W. Ronan, J. E. Walsh.

Petroleum Acts.
Renewal of Licences

The following applied for and were granted renewal of licences under above Acts. Frank J. Doyle, Priory Street, Martin Maher, South Street, Hugh O'Connor Marsh Lane, New Ross.

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re the case of ex Sergt. Cody.

Letters 4th September, 24th and 28th October and 27th November 1940 were read from Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor for Sergeant Cody's Sureties protesting the principal should firstly be sued before the Sureties or that the Council should accept the 10/= per month offered by the Sergeant before any suit should enter against the Sureties. As the Council, however, had decided to look to the Sureties on their £10 Bond he offered £6. in discharge of their liability to be paid in three monthly payments of £2. 0. 0 each.

Letters 15th October, 22nd and 25th November 1940 were read from Council's Solicitors that Sergeant Cody offered 10/= per month and it is unlikely he will be able to pay more. They would be glad of instructions to accept or for proceedings against the Sureties. Guard Cody stated there was an amount of £4. 12. 6 in the bill for repairs (£4 for stairs and 12/6 for a lock). Mr. Shortall was aware he left the stairs and lock as he got them. The Solicitors stated in their last letter they were instructed on the 19th January last to allow one months grace before proceeding. On the 22nd February they applied for the Bond and did not receive it and have not had it yet to sue the Sureties. They noted the Council are now looking to the Sureties and although they have received no letter intimating same and that the Clerk was to continue the case, and also that the Council will not deal with Guard Cody.

Clerk explained the Sureties were notified of default of Sergeant Cody by him. They called and subsequently Mr. Coghlan wrote the Council and continued discussions.

Recommended that the Council accept £8 in settlement of the Sureties liability the payment thereof to be completed before 31st March 1940 to avoid further legal expense and if possible to collect the balance from Sergeant Cody without recourse to law in view of Council's Solicitor's letter @ 10/= per month.

Reports from Council's Solicitors.

Patrick Cartwright :- Decree obtained for £10. 5. 0 and £1. 19. 6

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costs. Payments since £2.5.0 and £2.10.0.
Clerk reported no payment on weekly rents were made. Arrears now £9.13.4.

Francis Doyle:- Decree £11.4.2. and £2.9.6 costs. Nothing paid since. They require instructions to have the Decree executed after 12th November 1940.
Committee considered it better to instruct Solicitors to proceed if any goods available. Water to be cut off.

Patrick Kehoe :- Case adjourned for Council to consider offer.
Recommended rejection of offer and that the case be proceeded with.

Richard Brazil and Edw. Tench.
The two Summonses for possession adjourned to permit Mr. Kelly, Solicitor, to communicate with the Local Government Department. Decrees to be granted on 12th November unless the Minister intervenes meantime.
In these cases Letter H. 27642/40 31st October 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath "That representations have been received from Mr. Thos. Kelly L.L.B., Solicitor, New Ross, regarding increase in rents in respect of some 70 tenants of houses in New Ross owned by the Council. I am to request the observations of the Council in the matter". Clerk reported Council's Solicitors replied on the 5th November 1940 that "it was not correct to state 70 houses as the number is 40". The remaining 29 increase is the subject of discussion still. "There is no real reason why these rents should not now be raised. They are abnormally low varying from 2/= to 2/6 per week." The rest of the letter set out the legal position. No reply had been received from the Minister.
Letter 13th November 1940 was read from Council's Solicitors that Mr. Kelly was absent from Court. The cases were adjourned until 10th December when the Justice will give his decision

Mrs. Murphy's Complaint.

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Clerk reported Mrs. Murphy, Church Lane reported trespass and damage to her house due to the present condition of the open space left after demolition of condemned houses on Bullaun.

Recommended that Town Surveyor inspect and report and submit an estimate for a wall without delay.

Fair Mornings Lighting

Mr. Ronan stated Mr. Coffey E.S.B. informed him this could be done @ 19/3 per morning.

Recommended that the E.S.B. be requested to have the lights on for period required during December, January and February Fairs.

Water Meters &c.

Clerk reported Mr. Alexander complained of meter readings submitted. This meter is working and is read by Mr. Alexander regularly. The charge was entirely wrong.

Recommended that Mr. O'Grady proceed to obtain present readings and that the account be adjusted.

Mr. J. Slevin wrote he has no car and gave no authority to anyone to wash cars in his yard - he pays £1. 8. 9 per year.

Recommended that as the Hotel is now ended the water be charged on the valuation and that Mr. Slevin be given the option of either paying £2. per annum or have the tap in Yard cut out.

Central Garage replied that the Council has £4 since 29th May 1939 and the water meter has not yet been installed. It is not their fault.

Recommended that Town Surveyor attend to this matter.

Good Shepherd Convent replied they had no control over the meter and Mr. Cullen informed them the Town Surveyor was attending to it. They now acquired this attention the Councils should not understand the laundry work

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increased considerable excepting while the Military were at Woodville and district. Being a charitable institution and using a large quantity of water the Council might consider making a concession in their favour as regards the 100 % increase in the charges.

Recommended that Town Surveyor attend to this meter at once and that the increase is not unreasonable.

Good Counsel College replied that they instructed Mr. Cullen on receipt of notice and regret he had not got the meter in order. It would be immediately seen to.

Housing.

Letter H. 2548/3/40 dated 16th November 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health refusing the 33⅓rd % subsidy - Government contribution towards the annual charges on the 26 normal houses at Charleton Hill. Their erection was sanctioned following strong representations from the Council as to the need therefor and on the assurance that a sufficient number of applicants would be forthcoming who would be in a position to pay an economic rent. The loan was applied for and sanctioned on the understanding that no contribution towards the loan charges would be paid. The Minister of Finance also sanctioned on the same consideration.

Clerk referred to the evidence given at the Sworn Inquiry into the loan of £32,500 which included the 26 houses. The Deputation to the Department referred to 13 dated 11th June 1937 so the Sworn Inquiry evidence was subsequent to the representations referred to in the letter and definitely sets out the Council even before the Sanction to the loan wanted the subsidy on the 26 houses. In the Clerk's evidence the following appears on page 3. "Estimated Annual Outgoings. Repayment of Loans £1842. Note :- This is less Government expected contribution estimated at 2/3rds of 50 houses x £300 cost and 26 houses @ 2/3 per week each in excess of rent available and to produce an economic rent on the 50 houses £600 on the

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26 houses £152 total £752. assuming an available rent of 10/6 against an economic rent of 12/9 per week."

Recommended that the Town Clerk take the matter up as far as possible with the Department and that if necessary a Deputation with some local T. D. wait on the Department in connection with this important matter.

Chairman retired from the Meeting and Mr. Ronan on his motion presided.

Sewerage Scheme - Subsidy balance.

Long letter 783/28/40 dated 30th November 1940 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health continuing the correspondence re recruitment of Labour on this scheme as not in accordance with the terms on which the Minister was influenced on the vote. "For a very substantial portion of the Contract period no effort was made to maintain contact with the Local Employment Office for the purpose of regularising the employment on the Scheme in accordance with the prescribed conditions. The Department requires a free and satisfactory explanation. A duty devolved on the Town Clerk to ensure that those conditions were substantially fulfilled. The Department requires a statement from him whether and how often he exercised his functions under the Scheme's conditions. No further payment from Grant can be authorised until the enquiries relating to the employment have been disposed of to the satisfaction of the Department

Recommended that a copy of the communication be forwarded to the Consulting Engineer, the Resident Engineer and the Contractor. The Engineer to report on the necessity for all extra expenditure. Clerk then to satisfy the Department.

Mr. O. Connor's Fees.

Mr. O. Connor submitted - 5th November 1940 - adjusted bill for fees and expenses. The account is now £24. 9. 8½ not £86. 9. 8½ as he originally submitted. Clerk reported it is not yet correct.

Adjourned further.

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Corporate Estate.

Paragraphs 6 to 11 of Councils Solicitors letter 2nd August 1940 relative to proceedings against Mrs. McDonagh for damages ~~against~~ for failure to comply with the covenant in the Lease of 1837 to Keep the property in Repair were again submitted.

Clerk reported he requested Town Surveyor to let him have the particulars necessary for the Solicitors so that the interview may be arranged with Mr. Colfer.

Adjourned for particulars.

Allotments

Letter 28th November 1940 23755/3/40 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath requesting to be informed if the £5 or £10.5.0 in the accounts Submitted for Recrupment referred to the Engineering expenses and if they will be met out of revenue.

Clerk reported £5 was for workmen marking out the plots and that it was not intended to pay out of revenue.

Public Lighting

Committee recommended an application to the E.S.B to uncover the lights on thoroughfares dangerous to the public.

Guard McCarthy's House.

Clerk reported this house was not yet occupied and the Key was still in the possession of the Town Surveyor. or Contractor.

Recommended that Clerk see Town Surveyor and have the Guard installed without further delay.

Repairs to House.

John Boylan 60 Charleton Hill reported some tiles loosening on roof.

Referred to Town Surveyor.

Town Clerk reported as follows :-

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On 26th October 1940 £105 was received from Messrs Colfer & Son. rent collected by them on Priory Street houses from 10th October 1935 to 11th October 1938. The expenses including Income Tax amount to £65. 11. 0

Recommended that Town Clerk proceed to collect the rent since the last date received by Solicitors.

Peter Gahan and James Byrne - Sureties.

Letter 13th October 1939 from Council's Solicitors was again read requesting the Council's instructions on a Writ on James Byrne.

Clerk stated the Council's decision of January 1940 was conveyed on the 17th same month to Solicitors but nothing had been heard since.

Recommended that Solicitors be requested to state present position

Annie Peare. Mrs Peare did not sign Agreement & Bond.

Solicitors state she can be ejected when next she owes rent and so not be re-elected pending completion of the documents.

Wm. Carty, Follyhouse Lane. Mr. Carty and family were transferred to Town Wall pending repairs and disinfection of house at Follyhouse Lane. Rent 2/9 per week.

Committee recommended Agreement.

Rent Returns

Clerk reported November collection as follows:- Houses built 220 let 214 unoccupied 6. Arrears close of last month £524.4.4. This month £487.9.0 after struck off £60.14.5 as bad debts. The collection was short by £25.0.3 half are the 26 house Tenants and almost the balance 8 houses in Town Wall.

Rates Returns

Clerk reported as follows:-
October collection :- Warrant £8760.9.10 Collected £4005.18.6½ Discounts £122.5.3. Still due £4632.6.0½ or 47 % collected against 49.4 % last year.

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November Collection :- Collected £4436. 0. 4 Same discount. Uncollected £4202. 4. 3 or 52% against 53% last year. Collection this year £260 approximately more than last year.

Application from Michael Kelly.

Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor for above applied for a refund of £4. 17. 6 being amount charged for manhole in the centre of the street &c. which he contended served the Council's houses as well. Also there was an overtime worked in connection with water services. In front of his house there is an unprotected sewer hole uncovered. It is malodorous and dangerous to Health. He required rectification. He again referred to the dangerous wall between his clients premises and Mrs. Harneys and stated the Town Surveyor said the wall was the property of the Council and could not be interfered with. He required a ruling from the Council on all matters.

Recommended that Town Surveyor receive copy of the letter re refund for his report and that as the wall is not the property of the Council no action be taken.

Repairs

Collector reported the door in Guard Dwyers was badly in need of repair and he had some other complaints also that Mr. Mernagh's range required fire bricks

Recommended that Town Surveyor inspect and report before Tuesday's Meeting.

Town Clerk's Application

Committee finally considered above referred to them two months ago. It was agreed work had very much increased and that assistance was and would continue to be required for a considerable time. Many Councils provided wholetime Assistant at from £3. 12. 8 per week to £1. 10. 0 and in some cases a Typist as well. The Salary of the Town Clerk was £200 of which £25 ranked for recoupment. Enniscorthy advertised in September

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last for a Town Clerk and the figure would reach £300. Clonmel's Assistant had £210 and the Clerk there also had a Typist £150.

Clerk, at request of Committee, stated he would accept an increase in Salary if the Council decided against an Assistant for any reason.

Recommended that the Town Clerk's Salary be increased by an amount sufficient to enable him to employ an Assistant

The Meeting ended.

P. McNamara

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Monday 9th December 1940

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs John Murphy, P.C. Presiding and
Thomas Redmond, M.C.C.

The Town Surveyor was in attendance at request of Committee.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn £10.10.3. E. A. Finn £4.8.2. J. S. Butler £27.13.1
L. Barron £3.0.0 E.S.B. £24.4.11; National Bank £222.1.3
E.S.B. 17.1 ; People Newspaper £1.1.0 ; Graves & Co.
£1.10.6 ; B. Hennessy 3/6 ; Moran Bros. 15/11
Dept. of Industry and Commerce ; Waterford Corporation
£6. Patk. Rossiter £50.4.0 : P. Rossiter £6.9.0
J. Furlong £13.1.0 ;

Town Surveyor.

The following business was discussed with Mr. Shortall and recommendations made thereon :-

Repairs to Mr. McCarthy's House at Priory Street

Town Surveyor notified Committee he had done his best to have the repairs carried out more expeditiously but he could not get the Keys from Contractor to hand over so that Guard McCarthy could take up residence. He would see to it that possession would be handed over by Wednesday.

Recommended that this matter be attended to without further delay as the rates are losing money for some time.

Michael Kelly's Claim

Town Surveyor went into this claim with Committee and, having stated Mr. Kelly was charged only the actual cost of the work without any profit to the Council, refused to advise the Council to entertain the

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request for a refund

Recommended that refund be refused.

Rural Area Fire Fighting :- Town Surveyor stated he had agreed with Mr. Frizelle on a Scheme and he hoped to start practice shortly on the equipment supplied by the Department of Defence. In his opinion the Town ~~Surveyor~~ had an adequate Brigade and he recommended acceptance of the offer of the County Board of Health to organize for fire fighting in the Rural Area.

Town Clerk suggested the Council had no equipment for rural fire fighting. Enniscorthy Council accepted the responsibility but provided themselves with equipment beforehand. This was apart from the equipment supplied by the Department of Defence. In his opinion a question of contract was involved and before the Council could entertain the matter legal advice would be necessary. The equipment supplied by the Department was not owned but only stored here and obviously could not be used without permission. The ownership was vested alone in the Minister for Defence.

Recommended that Mr. Shortall draft a Scheme for fire fighting and that the question of contract be referred to the Councils law advisors.

Patrick Kehoe's Range. Mr. Shortall went fully into the circumstances. The range was duly installed and questions of other import were introduced. In view of legal costs involved he would recommend acceptance of settlement

Recommended that Council accept payment in full in a lump sum of the account furnished £4. 9. 0 without costs and without any condition attached.

Town Clock.

Mr. Shortall introduced this matter. So far as he was concerned the Council was not aware of any estimate or order to Contractor M. Roche. He inspected the work but could not go further.

Minute dated 14th November 1939 was read in connection as follows :-

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"Clerk reported interview with Caretaker who stated "some boards are missing from the Clock Tower put there recently by Contractor Ryan. The Clock is as a result under the weather and is not functioning on the striking side. It is rusted up. It wants cleaning about one weeks work on it."

Referred to Town Surveyor for report and Estimate."

Town Clerk stated Mr. Roches Contract dated 30th April 1935 was to repair the Clock for 5 years. The five years had not expired but Mr. Roche stated the recent repairs were necessary owing to damage to the clock arising out of repairs to the Tower subsequent to his contract

Town Surveyor held this was impossible.

Town Clerk reported Mr. Roche called just now before the Meeting and handed him the Keys of the Tower stating that he was finished etc. with the winding of the clock and unless he was paid at this Meeting he would instruct Mr. Kelly, Solicitor to sue the Council.

Committee considered this arbitrary and recommended consideration of the matter by the Council. Town Surveyor to submit his estimate of the work done on the clock by Mr. Roche.

<u>The Council -v- P. A. Brennan and James Stacey.</u>

Letter 7th December 1940 - received this morning - was read from Council's Solicitors that this case would be at hearing in the Court at 11 o'clock tomorrow. The above are sued as Sureties on a Bond for Miss Kehoe. Arrears £7. 12. 0 being 4/= per week from 13th November 1939 to 5th August 1940. Miss Finn had also received notice.

Town Clerk informed Committee Miss Finn would be unable to attend owing to illness in her house and that as he had an appointment with the County Medical Officer of Health he might not be

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available. The notice was too short considering the case would be defended. The matter is in the Solicitors hands since last May.

Whilst Committee was sitting Mr. Colfer sent a message that the case would be adjourned without cost.

No Recommendation.

Bill £7.9.10.7. from University College, Dublin.

Reminder 21st November 1940 was read from above herein.

Clerk reported the Council asked for a direction from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaert on 5th November 1940. but no reply had been received.

Recommended that the Council now refuse payment.

Fees to Mr. Barron

Bill for £3.0.0 being one quarters fees under the Free Milk Scheme was tendered from above.

Recommended payment subject to certificate from County Medical Officer of Heath as per Government instructions.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P N O'Gorman

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Tuesday the 10th day of December 1940.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial, pursuant to the various Acts enabling and including the following special business:-

1. Finance Committees Recommendations on.
   (a) Subsidy on the 26 Houses Charleton Hill
   (b) Leverage Scheme - Labour employed.
   (c) Arrears of Rent.
   (d) Pathology Dept. - Analysts Fees £66 12/1 & £12 1/8.
   (e) Council - V - P Refuse re range.
2. Rural Fire Fighting - appn by Co. Board of Health.
2. H.R.P. - First-aid Posts.
4. Tannery Co - apl for 3/4 in Water Service.
5. Public Lighting Charleton Hill Road.
6. Sanitary Inspectors - Permanent appointments.
7. Electric Fan to cost £30, Leverage Scheme.
8. Adjourned Matters.

Present: Messrs. P.W. Gorman, Chairman: V.A. Doyle: G. Dooley: J. Murphy B.T. Cosgrave: T. Walsh: J. Brennan: L. Redmond: W. Kenan: A. Whelan: J. Walsh:

The Minutes of previous Meeting were signed.

Finance Committee Meetings.

Meetings held 11th November 6th and 9th December were read and consideration adjourned to Monday night next at 9 o'clock.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh The recommendations re the payment of bills were passed. The Treasurers advice notes were signed by Chairman: V.A. Doyle & G. Dooley. and the amounts ordered to be paid.

Concreting Priory Lane

Clerk reported the County Council intended work on this lane to start on the 16th instant. If any renewals to

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tenancies required they should be undertaken & finished before Hallowdale.

Town Surveyor replying to Chair, stated there was an old box sewer in the Lane. Sewerage of this area is included in the plan of Comprehensive Scheme.

Ordered that the Clerk be requested to remove the iron pole to the wall as it is at present an obstruction and that otherwise the County Council can proceed.

Corporate Estate — Principal Houses.

Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh the Seal of the Council was duly embossed on the Lease Counterpart to Miss M. O'Donoghue of the 2 houses in Church St. occupied by Miss Finn and Patrick McCarthy.

Loan of £650 - same property.

Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Walsh the Seal of the Council was duly embossed on the Mortgage for above amount to the National Bank for the acquisition and repair of the 2 houses in Pump St. one unoccupied at present and the other occupied by Mr Pat Lynch.

Xmas Eve Lighting.

Proposed by Mr Murphy
Seconded by Mr Dooley it was decided to have the usual Xmas Eve Night Lighting on Xmas Eve 1940.

Proposed and seconded by the same it was agreed to an extension of lighting @ 1/3 per time on the Fair Morns of December 1940 January and February 1941.

Valuation Lists.

Circulars asking for and subsequently acknowledging receipt of lists were read dated 14th and 16th November 1940.

Representative Body.

Acknowledgment dated 25 November 1940 of receipt of usual returns was read from Rural Body Commissioners.

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Lighting. Charleton Hill & New Road.

After conference between the Town Surveyor and the Secretary Assistant. E.S.B. Waterford the Board now offered

1. Transfer public lamp pole 61 to 62 Cost. 7/6
2. Alter position Tannery pole Cost £5.12.9
3. Erect switch wire for operation of a new public lamp on 2nd last pole outside Hospital £27.0.6.

Town Clerk stated this scheme of Lamps cost £34600. This quotation gave no light to any of the houses. No application had been received for the lamp outside the hospital. It was time to give the light to the new road and the 26 other houses.

Town Surveyor entirely disagreed. The lamp was required outside the hospital.

Town Clerk submitted original plan made out by the E.S.B Engineer - 3 lights on new road and one in centre of the 26 houses. Cost £38.8.0. The Town Surveyor disagreed with this and with and under his direction the E.S.B submitted a plan under which the lighting system was attached to the Council Corner Houses by a type swan neck affair. Cost exceeded original plan with no advantage. Proposed by Mr Walsh that the original plan & Cost be accepted.

Town Surveyor stated the removal of the light from pole 61 to 62 would adequately light this thoroughfare.

On this statement Mr Walsh withdrew his proposition and the Council agreed to Mr Hoctall's suggestion.

Extension of Lighting.

Circular 26 November 1940 was read from the E.S.B.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh

Seconded by Mr. Roman it was decided to accept an additional hours lighting in the morning for an hour before daybreak.

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Sanitary Inspector - Permanent Appointment.

Mr Geary's application dated 12 November 1940 was again read.

Proposed by Mr Hanman

Seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to postpone consideration to next meeting - in the meantime the Council to meet and arrange a def. of duties determining the Inspectors positions as Water and Street Inspector.

Messrs Cooney, Martin, Brewer & Cullen disagreed.

Duties of Town Surveyor & Inspector of Nuisances.

Proposed by Mr Hanman

Seconded by Mr Roman it was decided to arrange to hold the meeting of a Committee of the Whole Council to confer and if possible decide on a code of duties - not currently statute - as regards Water & Street Inspection and for the Town Surveyor & Nuisances. That the meeting take place on next Monday at 8 PM.

Fire Protection

Resolution Copies Urban Council re above was agreed to without proposition.

Mrs Hennessy's Claim
Flooding of Premises.

Letter 20 November 1940 was read from Consulting Engineer in connection that he would have the complaint investigated.

Letter 9 December from the same enclosing copy of report received from Contractor Lee. In his report - 30 November 1940 - Mr Lee's son visited the site on the 26th. He found all the complaint of flooding was due to a leak in the Water main. The Water Inspector was present and told him he would have the main repaired. The report continued "The pipe has been fixed in wall of manhole which will take any little water that will find its way into cutting". The excavated dumped material was removed and inspected

by the Street Inspector.

Replying to the Chairman, who expressed dissatisfaction with the reports about flooding in view of the expenditure, Mr Grady stated the leakage in the service was a leak in the nipple. The major cause of flooding was diverted into the manhole by the Contractor. In his opinion the matter was disposed of.

Decided to inform Mr Lee further.

The Meeting adjourned to next Monday night at 9 o'clock to complete the unfinished business.

P McNamara

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Mondaythe 16th day of December 1940

An adjourned Finance meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 9 o'clock to complete the business of last meeting:

Present: Messrs. Jno Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, T. Walshe, T. Redmond, W. Lennon, J. Brewer, J. Murphy & J. Walsh.

Finance Committees' Recommendations.

Chairman Darcy re read the minutes of meetings held at last meeting referring to Arrears of Rent: Goodshepherd Water Charges: Dept Cody's Services: Mr. Roches (Contractor) bill for repairs Town Clock: Repairs to Mr. McCarthy's House Priory St: Michael Welsh's appl. re.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy the recommendations of the Committee were adopted. A recommendation was added that legal proceedings in connection with the Arrears of Rent be held up until post Christmas Season.

Concrete Priory Lane

It was decided on the application of Mr. Murphy P.C. to ask Wexford County Surveyor's Assistant to consider Gravel from the Dept. of Mr. Murphy for Priory Lane for above work.

Public Lighting

Letter 12 Dec 1940 was read from the E.S.B. that (1) Arrangements for all night Lighting Xmas Eve (2) on the eves of Monthly Fairs January and February 1941 (3) transfer of lamp from 61 to Pole 62 (4) removal of pole in Priory Lane to other side of Lane and (5) to have the one hours lighting from 7.30 to 8.30 am are completed.

Corporate Property
Housing Scheme.

Letter 14 Dec 1940 was read from Comdt's Sons enclosing agreement of tenancy Agreement to be entered into with Grace Katherine McCarthy. Rent £6.1.10 per quarter payable 14th day of March, June, September and December in each year. One calender months

Notice on either side to determine the tenancy The Council to keep the exterior in repair and the tenant (Jas McCarthy) to maintain interior in good and habitable repair. Tenant shall not assign sublet or otherwise part with possession or occupation or any part of it without Councils written consent. Clerk reported Jas McCarthy received the keys after signing the Agreement in accordance with instructions ~~passed~~ Keeps Cooperation.

Replying to the Chairman Mr Surveyor Thos Hall said the repairs were not completed yet but on the Town Clerks instructions the tenant was allowed in.

Chairman complained of the enormous number of visits of complaints paid to him about this property. The work should have been completed months ago and the tenant installed. He Chairman had visited the house and cannot understand the delay.

Replying Surveyor stated he found the Contractor difficult. He was doing his best.

Council agreed Jas McCarthy should pay the £1-1-0 cost of the Agreement.

Proposed Mr Redmond
Seconded Mr. Ronan the Seal of the Council was embossed on the Deed and the document completed.

Opening of Streets

Complaint of County Council

Letter 22nd November 1940 was read from County Surveyor W.T. Barry as follows "Mr. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor complains that recently he has not been notified of the necessity for opening streets for water sewer connection and so forth. He states that a number of places have been opened in the past few months without any notification to him and that serious damage has occurred. I shall be glad if you will notify your Surveyor and all other parties that they are not entitled to make any opening in the Streets without authority".

Clerk reported notifying my Surveyor and Sanitary

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Inspector by a copy of the Communication on the 23rd November 1940.

Town Surveyor requested the Council to find out if the statement "a number of plans have been passed .... damage has occurred" referred to him or the other Officials of the Council

R.R.P./156 Agreed —

Auxiliary Fire Services &c.

Fire Area Roads.

Letters 15th and 30th November and 9th December 1940 were read from the County Secretary Wexford re Council re above.

Letter 14th December from Sams was read with copy letter A.R.P./1100 from Dept. of Defence dated 11th December 1940 that the new Auxiliary Fire Brigade may install their training classes scheme in the use of the fire fighting equipment supplied by the Dept. Where it is proposed to use such equipment otherwise than for emergency work in the event of hostile attack par the Air Inspector authority of the Parliamentary Secretary must be obtained.

Clerk reported several telephone interviews with Mr Brizelle, D.O'Rafferty, Mitchelstown and Dr. Daly. The Technical school had been inspected by the Co. Surveyor and the Co. Med. Off. and found suitable. It is equipped with electric light, hot and cold water and sanitary accommodation. It is necessary to have shutters made for the windows and a supply of celloplane paper provided for protection against flare splinters and to provide presses for the purpose of storing medical requisites and dressings.

Council Considered matters were fully satisfactory and ordered that the Co Vocational Secretary be requested for the use of The Schools.

Rural Area Firefighting.

Offer from Co. Board of Health.

Town Clerk reported he had not yet received the scheme the Town Surveyor was ordered to bring in; so that nothing advancing the position can take place.

Town Surveyor replied he hoped to complete and submit a scheme by next week.

Adjourned.

Repairs Town Clock.

Letter 10 Dec 1940 was read from Contractor Warren Rocke to Rud Gorman Esq. Town Clerk stating his a/c furnished seven months ago had not yet been paid. The work occupied 5 weeks. He was so disgusted that he handed the key to the Town Clerk last night. If he was not paid tomorrow he would get the matter in Mr Kelly's (Sole) hands.

Clerk again went into the history of the repairs. The Town Surveyor held the bill.

Town Surveyor stated he had forgotten the amount. Mr Redmond said £15 and over. Town Surveyor gave the opinion the work was not worth anything like that amount. He would assess the value in the money if Mr Rocke would hand in the Town Clerks Office.

Adjourned by Council but giving authority to Town Clerk to pay the amount agreed upon between the Contractor & Surveyor if he could.

Town Surveyors Duties

The Council acting as a Committee of the whole Council having met duly convened:-

Mr Farman stated it was important to have the duties of the Town Surveyor revised so as to divide the work on the Streets and waterworks between the Water & Street Inspector and the Town Surveyor. Each Office had definite Statutory duties but the duties understood were not laid down.

Town Surveyor stated his duties are more or less comprehensive laid down in page 590 of Vanston. He regularly superintended repairs to Water Mains & House Services. At the same time he was entitled to be daily informed by the Water & Street Inspector of his results of his inspections.

No order.

Scavenging of the Town.

Letter Ref. 13203/37 22 February 1937 was once more read from Dept. Local Government & Public Health and also the addendum to the Draft. Duties of the Streets Inspector drawn up by the Town Surveyor in 1937. The Dept. letter pointed out "The Scavenging of the town is done by contract and as the Town Surveyor must certify payment to the contractor it would appear to be the responsibility of the Sanitary Officer to see that the work is done properly" and again "as the roads are maintained by the County Council there appears to be no necessity for the part of the duties submitted for approval "2 report to each meeting of the Council the manner in which the Scavenging and washing of the streets is being carried out"

It was decided in view of this communication to delete completely the addendum to the Duties arranged by Mr Shortall for the Street Inspector as not properly applicable to that Office

Lighting of new Road - Charleton Hill.

Notice of Motion by Mr Kernan.

Mr Kernan handed in notice of motion herein as follows:-

"I shall move or cause to be moved for me at the next available meeting of this Council that the decision reached at last meeting to light the new Road at Charleton Hill and the new Houses on Charleton Hill by the transfer of a single light pole 61 to 62 costing 7/6 be rescinded and that the original plan and cost to properly light the new Road to be agreed to and without alteration as both reasonable and serviceable"

P. O'Kernan

M. I. H.

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Monday the 13th day of January 1941.

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 oclock to transact business, including special business duly notified, for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. N. OGorman Chairman and J. Murphy P.C.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

Marcus Roche £15.0.0; Marcus Roche £2.10.0; National Bank £5.8.6; J. D. Butler £21.15.1; J. Freeman £4.6.0; P. Rossiter £56.19.0; A. R. Faench 13/6; Steele & Co. £3.5.0; J. Freeman 3/6; Messrs Moran Bros. 4/6. E.S.B. £3.9.6; E.S.B. 7/6 E.S.B £26.3.5; E.S.B. 7/6; L. Tenant & Co. £2.19.6; Messrs Ayton Saunders £1.11.3 Messrs Brooks Thomas & Co. £1.0.11; Ellams Ltd. 7/8; Hibernian Insurance £2.14.0 Hibernian Insurance £18.11.3. Messrs B. Hennessy 10/11;

Motor Hire – Waterworks £7.3.6.

Clerk drew attention to items therein. The items of 1939 to 23rd January 1940 were paid on February 21st 1940 and cashed 9th March 1940 leaving £4-6-0 due. On November 11th and 22nd Mr. Olrady went to Drana. Mr. Olrady's duties cease so far as he was aware at Ballyleigh – Mr. Murphy is responible thereout. Payment might be illegal.

Committee recommended payment on this occasion and Clerk was ordered to inform Mr. Olrady.

Priory Street Houses.– Mr. Rossiter Contractor

Certificates 159 and 157 received 13th instant from Town Surveyor were presented for Extras £35.10-0 and £59-8-0 finial on the £309.18.0 payment – making the total cost of repairs £345-8-0

Payment recommended.

Rates Poundage.

Miss Finn applied for £51.3.3 being @ the rate of 6d. in the £. on £2046.12.4 Poor Rate and £62.17.0 @ 6d. in the £. on £2513.19.8 Town and Domestic Water Rate.

Payment recommended subject to sanction.

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Insurances.

Hibernian Insurance Company applied for £2·14·0 to insure £3600 Buneen and Cockpit and Cross Lane houses and £18·11·3 £33,000 for 76 houses Charleton Hill.

Payment recommended.

A. R. P. Bill – Wages.

Clerk requested direction on payment of a sum of £1-17-6 Wages incurred by Town Surveyor storing Equipment and washing &c. hoses. The County Council is the Authority for the Town. The Council had not provided for such expenditure. Mr Shotall was duly informed.

Recommended that further expense be not incurred without the permission of the Authority and that the Wages bill be forwarded to the County Council for advice.

Mr. Williamson's Bill.

Claim for Duty on Cement £21·10·0.

Letter 10th instant was read from Contractor for above. Certificate for payment was sent to the Council by Mr. Shotall.

Adjourned as late for meeting.

New Ross Cinema.

Clerk reported receipt of £4 licence duty for 1937/8/9 and 1940. No application for renewal was received.

Recommended that payment be accepted as an application for renewal and the matter be considered by Council.

Mortgage £650. Cost of Mortgage.

Application for £5-8-6 for costs of mortgage to secure above loan was read re Priory Street Houses.

Payment recommended.

Town Clock.

Bill for Repairs.

Above submitted 10th May 1940 for £15·16·0 was considered from

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contractor Mr. M. Roche. – Town Surveyor recommended payment of £15.0.0 in full discharge of account which he agreed with contractor.

Clerk submitted figures for repairs over a five year period amounting to £47=1=0. Winding is £5 per year.

Payment recommended. Council to discuss installation of electric clock.

Pumping Station at Rosbercon.

Electricity Supply Board account for £3=9=6 being 2 months supply to above was considered.

Payment recommended noting that the council understood this pumping of sewerage would not entail expense.

Irish Tourist Association.

Bill for £5 the councils annual subscription was presented.

Payment recommended as council had agreed to the subscription.

A.R.P.

Dublin Lectures Expenses.

Town Surveyor submitted account for £24=10=6.

Clerk reported the Government was expected to refund 60% and the account would be met by the A.R.P. Authority – the Wexford County Council. The "Regulations" state "not exceeding 70% if approved."

Committee recommended that the account be submitted by Clerk to Mr. Frizelle.

Council – V – P.A. Brennan & J. Stacey.

Correspondence from Councils Solicitors was read. Both are sued as Sureties for Miss Elizabeth Kehoe for rent due on her house at J.K.L. Place from the date Miss Kehoe left 13th November 1939 to the date the lodger vacated 5th August 1940 @ 4/= = £4=12=0. The case would be on for hearing on tomorrow at 2 oclock. The Clerk and Rent Collector should be in attendance. Mr. Lalor

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is defending.

No recommendation as the case is sub judice

Priory Street Houses.

Rent due by Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Whelan.

Clerk reported application for back rent due by Mr. Lynch 1/10/37 to 1/1/41 £65 and Mrs. Whelan 10/4/38 to 10/4/40 £52. Mrs. Whelan replied on 7th January 1941 that for a number of years she repaired the house and repeated applications to the Agent failed to have necessary repairs carried out. She refused to pay and eventually secured another residence as she could not continue to live in the house due to health reasons and damage to furniture &c. In her opinion the rent due was compensated by these matters.

Rent Collector reported calling on Mr. Lynch. Mrs. Lynch refused to pay but would pay for the four months ended 31st December 1940.

Adjourned.

Mrs. McDonagh.

Damages for bad condition of houses.

Letter 2nd August 1940 was again read from Council's Solicitors in connection with proceedings against above to hold her responsible under the covenant in the Lease of 1st February 1937 to repair the houses. The Deputation had not yet seen the Solicitors and were waiting on the Town Surveyor's repot as requested.

Decided to request Mr. Shotall to prepare and submit reports without undue delay.

Arrears of Rent.

Solicitors reported Guard Feehan paid £9.19.11 and costs. Guard Cartright paid a further £2.10.0. The Decree would be lodged with the Sheriff unless the Guard paid the full arrears forthwith. Guard Cody paid 10/-.

Clerk reported Surety Mr. J.P. Doherty called and requested the Council to seriously consider the case of Mr. H. Browne. He now owed £5.10.9 less the amount held on deposit £1.13.4.

Recommended Notice to Quit.

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Clerk reported the collection as bad. The accrued Rent for the month of December is £305.17.11 and the amount paid is £283.3.5 leaving £22.14.6 arrears on the month alone. Deducting payment on arrears including £9.19.7 from Guard Feehan the total collected left the arrears on the month as high as £42.11.9. Orders given were suspended by the Council over the Christmas period.

Recommended that the action decided on by the Council be now enforced and the present position adjourned pending same.

Rate Collection.

Clerk submitted his usual Report for the month of December 1940. Total Warrants £8760.9.10. Payments including Discounts £4701.5.1½ leaving uncollected, including uncollectable amounts, £4059.4.8½ being 53.7% against 5.4% same month last year.

Considered Satisfactory.

Sergt. Coady's Sureties.

Letter 18th December 1940 was read from Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor that he has communicated to his clients the offer of the Council requesting their practical compliance.

Clerk reported he heard nothing since.

Recommended that Mr. Coghlan receive a reminder.

Irish Driver Harris.

Complaint of Water Meter.

Clerk reported Mr. Doherty called and stated his Directors were not satisfied the meter was satisfactorily working. Notwithstanding that at considerable expense the water was re-used the readings continued the same. They did not object to the charge as it was reasonable. The Company would have the meter tested at the Councils expense if the Council would prefer it. The meter was installed in March 1935 and paid for by messrs Driver Harris.

Recomonended that Town Surveyor interview Mr. Doherty, inspect the meter and if in his

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opinion it should be tested, Driver Harris have the test made and if found not properly registering the Council pay for test.

Good Shepherd Convent.

Clerk reported no payment on accounts presented. The meter is out of order from 30/3/39 to 31/12/40. Amount due on 31/12/40 based on prior periods is £55.14.5d.

Recommended that Town Surveyor inspect and report to next meeting.

County Board of Health.

Clerk reported the Board had not to date replied for or against the Councils' offer for water supply to hospitals

noted.

Damage to Property.

Collector reported Kielys house, William Street, Door and Windows falling asunder. Front door rotten.

Repot No 23 Town Wall. Back Door open. House damaged inside. Fireplaces in bad condition. Glass in windows broken.

Recommended Town Surveyor to inspect and report. In case of No 23. Town Wall to cause the house to be protected from continuing a commons and damage to the interior. This matter was before the council at the September 1940 Meeting.

Application of Mr. McCarthy.

Clerk of Works to Sewerage Scheme wrote on 7th December 1940 applying for commencing fees - 11th October 1939 to 24th same month.

Adjourned to next meeting.

P M O'Connell

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Tuesday the 14th day of January 1941.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, and special business of which due notice is given, pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 Local Government Act. 1925 and the various Acts enabling.

Present: Messrs. P. Hogan, Chairman. W. Doran. T. Cooney. J. Murphy P.C. J. Walsh, J. Breen, T. Martin. V. A. Doyle T. Redmond.

The minutes of the previous Meetings were taken as read and signed.

Votes of Sympathy: Proposed by Mr Chairman seconded by Mr Walsh votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Mr Laurence Curran Charles St New Ross and the victims of the bombing tragedy at Boris Co Carlow.

Employment Schemes Vote 1940 — Letters 16 and 18th Dec 1940 were read from County Secretary Wexford regarding grant 26 Nov 1940 - RU/207/109 requesting a few lines to state this Council will provide the £250 to obtain grant of £2000.

Clerk reported replying in idem that the £250 was agreed to and budgeted for on receipt of Comm. Order 3 Oct Arbrean 1940 RU/207/2.

Clerk also reported a consultation with the Assistant Surveyor Inspector Patrick Neill. Part of the grant was intended to level quarry at Ryf hill and to wall in dump at and re paint. In this opinion all should be acquired under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act. 1940 as well as the plot at Fair gate. It would not be reasonable to enclose property outside that belonging to the Council and those should be easily acquired under the Act.

Town Surveyor, without any one asking for his advice, stated the Council should not consider the acquisition of the three sites pending a prel

report-poor Rain on the district-Lakes in the Town.
Chairman ruled the matter out-of order. The only question before the meeting was the Employment Scheme Vote 1940.
Chairman Lavin read the notes supplied with copy Act. referred to
Proposed by Mr Keamard.
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided to apply the Act. to the Sites mentioned by the District Solicitor to Council advises favourably.

Opening of Streets
Without permission of County Council.
Letter 10 January 1941 was read from County Surveyor "notifying immediate prosecution of "any person opening streets in the Urban Area" without the previous consent of his Office or for "failing to restore same". All parties particularly Urban Council Officials are requested to comply with this order.
Town Surveyor stated the Council of the County Could not dictate to him in this matter. He was the deciding Authority and could and would open the roads whenever he considered it necessary. A prosecution could not succeed against him.
Mr Mooney rather agreed. In the matter of an emergency - Water or Sewer - it might be fatal to wait on the County Surveyor's permission.
Mr Murphy wanted to know if the County Surveyor replied to the Town Surveyors contention at last meeting.
Clerk informed Council an order had already been made to assist the County Surveyor in every way and to obey his instructions. No reply had been received but he took it this letter was by way of reply.
No Order further.

Lighting of Charleton Hill
Mr Romans Motion
Mr Roman moved after due Notice" That the decision reached at last Meeting to light the New Road at Charleton Hill and the New Houses on Charleton Hill by the transfer of

of a single light pan pole 61 to 62 costing 7/6 be rescinded and that the original plan and cost to properly light the New Road to be agreed to and without alteration as best reasonable and serviceable"
As there was no seconder the motion lapsed.

Quotations for Books &c.

Messrs Grover & Walford tendered to supply Financial Statement Books for £5.6.6 and Rate Books for £4.11.0. Messrs Holland Rd quoted £6.5.0 and £5.17.6 for Rate Books.
On the motion of the Chair
Seconded Mr Cooney the lower tender was accepted.

Tender from Co. Board.

above tendered to remove pole at end of Priory Lane to opposite wall for £5.10.0.

Mr Town Surveyor stated that under the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854 the Council could have the pole (23) removed without any cost. Clerk disagreed. The Only Council are the Road Authority now in any case and the Co. Co. get permission under their Act. to put the pole there. Town Surveyor stated the Council should not accept such nonsense.

Mr Murphy suggested the advice of their Solicitor should be obtained.

Decided on motion of the Chair
Seconded Mr Horan to refuse to pay the amount.

Local Loans Interest
Charge to 5% P.A.

Letter H 5937/2/40 17 Aeibhric na Nodlag 1940 was read from the Dept. L.G. & Public Health notifying "that save where the terms of an existing Mortgage Deed or Charging Order preclude it interest on every loan made out of the Local Loans Fund on and after the 1st instant shall be charged at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum" Noted
Free aid grant.

Notification Dept. 17 4757 2/40 23 December 1940 was read from the Dept L.G. & P.H. of Recoupment of £22 being 2nd instalment year 1940/41 above paid

Amount received Noted Entd.

Annal leave

Portress applied for and was granted her usual leave and Clerk was deputed to supply substitute. Replying to Mr Mooney, Clerk stated the Portress in question named Mrs Lindsay and she owned fee. the job agreed.

Waste ground for allotments

Emergency Letting.

Messrs Mc. Murphy, O'Brien, M.F. Kelly & L'Egan Indian and Doyle all of Charleton Hill applied to be permitted to till portion of waste ground - intended in Housing Scheme as a plantation - during present War Emergency.

Distribution of Ramora

Leasowen/ McKeon it was decided to have the Town Surveyor divide in plots for distribution between the applicants and to fix the rent at 2/6 per 11 months - subject to agreement

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Remarks of the Commissioners.

Called their attention to paragraph under the name of Phyllis Ryan. The Ross ~~was~~ particularly featured as follows:- "Tremendously interesting old women, with ugly faces framed in thick black shawling" and again " and smoked clay pipes" &c. &c.

Mr Mooney, after some remarks on the work by other members, considered the article not worth worrying about. Most of the well to do in Ross now were children of mothers who wore shawls and at least were able to smoke clay pipes.

No action.

Corporate Estate

Jno McCarthy Junr Jr. applied for and was granted permission to change the range from the kitchen into another room provided he replaced it at his own expense on vacating the house.

Free to L. Baron. Free Milk Scheme

Letter Dept. 15 8957 3/40 11 December 1940 was read from H.O. Dept. L.G. & Public Health that fees can only

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be paid to Mr Barron on the certificate of the Co. Md. Ref.

The Council unanimously disagreed with this decision and the Clerk was ordered to communicate further with the Department that in order to avoid delay in paying Mr Barron and so as to continue to retain the services of an Official so useful to the Scheme on account of his position under the Board of Health the Minister might be respectfully induced to revert to the original procedure.

Air Raid Precautions Act. 1940.

Extract from Minutes of Co. Vocational Education Committee held made on 7th January 1941, appertaining to Fire-Aid Post at New Ross No 12/41 was read from the Chief Executive Officer wherein attention of the Urban Councils application for the use of the New Ross Technical School as a Fire-Aid Post for the County Council Scheme generally "subject to the provisos that in normal circumstances the school routine be not interfered with and that when detailed proposals in connection with the use of the school are formulated they be submitted for the approval of the Committee".

The Council thanks the Vocational Committee and decided that Mr Ingoldsby Wexford County Council be informed of the grant.

Department of Defence
(Air Raid Precautions Branch)

Letter 13 January 1941 was read from County Council Secretary enclosing forms for completion by this Council in connection with (1) Fire-Aid Service (2) Fire Fighting Service and (3) Private Air Raid Shelters. He sent a copy of the Fire-Aid Schedules to the Co. Medical Officer would help this Council's Clerk thereon. As regards the Private Air Raid Shelters an advertisement should be inserted in this weeks press pointing out the advisability of householders erecting private Shelters.

Below handed Mr Shortall (Town Surveyor) the

Fire fighting schedule as he was trained in Dublin and has charge of the fire fighting scheme.

County Secretary pointed out that he required all the forms back by Friday next 17th instant.

Ordered that Authorities supply the information in time for next meeting.

Claim for Compensation.
Priory Street Houses.

Under date 14 Jan 1941 Town Surveyor reported " I endeavoured to inspect two houses at Priory St. (in occupation of Messrs. Finn & McCarthy) as desired. The latter has now been vacated and is locked up. The bailiff informed me that the key had been returned to landlord. If this is procured I shall make desired inspection". adjourned.

The meeting adjourned to 28th instant.

P.L. O'Gorman
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Tuesday the 28th day of January 1941.

An adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business unfinished at last Meeting and to transact business since accrued if convenient. Pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the various Acts enabling.

Present:- Mr. Richard Gorman, Chairman, D. Murphy P.C. T. Cooney, T. Martin, J. Brewer.

Mr. Sanitary Inspector was not in attendance.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by the Chair

Seconded by Mr. Murphy a vote of condolence with Mr. Wm. Romaine who was passed on the demise of his nephew Mr. Stanton.

Finance Committee Recommendations

The minutes of this Committee having been read in full:-

Town Surveyor objected to the matters concerning him which he stated might be taken as that he was neglecting his duties. As regards the car hire by the Water Inspector. Normally the statement in this minute is correct but the Council should not permit a water payment to interfere with such an essential service. If he required the Water Inspectors services he must get them on any part of the line. His attendance was essential to locate the burst on the main. As regards the wages for J. R. P. work paid for washing hose and storing equipment in his opinion this should be paid as the Council have fire practices or employ men to post by the equipment. It is no part of a voluntary Fire Brigade to dry or wash hose & he would not ask them to do it. It could also be understood from the minute relative to the refusal to the Post Shepherd Convent that he owed an arrear new meter and had not done so. He emphatically denied this. New Meters are impossible since the War. He has invited tenders but without success. He might strike off one. In the matter of the report on Micrographic property it was only quite recently

the Council asked him for the Report. He tried to visit the house various times by prior arrangement but could not get the key for admittance. Hence he cannot submit report.

On the motion of Mr. Martin
seconded by Mr. Murphy the recommendations of the Finance Committee (13 January 1941) were adopted. Mr. Evans was expressed on the Town Surveyor objecting (a) there would be no objection to paying for motor hire to me. Of away outside his area provided it was essential to the maintenance of supplies (b) The Council must wait on the Engineer's advice before paying A.R.P. wages or any other A.R.P. Expense (c) if practice is made fire brigade could use local equipment instead of A.F.S. staff and then wages might be considered reasonable. (d) The matter to the Report Shepherd Cement should have received earlier attention but as a relief cannot be easily procured now the time be expended to accept the average for the present and (e) Mr Evans, Solicitor should be now informed Mr Thomas Town Surveyor, cannot get the key of McCarthy's house.

Tomb Keeper
Increase in Salary.

Proposed by Mr Channon
Seconded by Mr Looney "That the Minute of Finance Committee meeting held on 6th December 1940 and recommendation be and is hereby adopted as and from that date and that the Tomb Keeper's Salary be increased by £1 per week." Passed unanimously

Opening of Streets without permission

Letter 16 January 1941 was read from Waterford County Council forwarding Copy of recommendation of the Finance Committee adopted by the County Council on 13th January 1941 "that the Roads Authority be informed that any person having

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the streets in their area without the previous consent of the County Surveyor or failing to restore same on completion of work to the County Surveyors satisfaction will be prosecuted by the County Council".
Letter from County Surveyor.

Under date 21st January 1941 the following letter was read from the County Surveyor "I am in receipt of your letter of 18th instant and note contents. In regard to the emergency opening of the streets by the Urban Council Officials there should be no difficulty in this. If there be any immediate necessity to open them up for burst water mains or choked sewers this may be done at once under direction of the Town Surveyor but he should be responsible for the full and proper restoration of the surface afterwards. Moreover I consider I should be immediately acquainted of any such emergency by wire".

Town Surveyor again held he owned open the streets without any Urban permission. He possessed full authority.

Mr Feeney held in view now time to take back the streets to the Council here. It was held by some members the Town Surveyor's salary should be reduced but they couldn't do so. Let the Council take back this work and pay their Surveyor charge.

Ordered that Town Surveyor duly "notify the County Surveyor but not by wire - in strict obedience to the implication in the letter "but he, (Town Surveyor) should be responsible for the full and proper restoration" as if the Town Surveyor would or had done anything else. The Council owned see no useful purpose served by asking to have the streets back.

A.R.P. Work.

Letter reported receipt of Air Raid Precautions Memoranda Nos 10, 11 and 12 from Rural District Councils Association.

Noted.

Letter also submitted which received

from the Town Surveyor on Saturday in connection with Sch 2. - Fire fighting appliances :- Wexford has no suitable premises in which to store the trailer pump received from Department of Defence. It is at present stored in his yard on the Quay. He holds the key alone. £12 is estimated cost of equipment. Crews of 5 of the pumps. 12 (about) are named volunteers to man the pumps. The crew were trained by weekly lectures and practices by the Town Surveyor - who was the local Officer sent to Dublin for training. Arrangements are being proposed by him, with the approval of Board of Health and also with Mr. Rossiter Cleansing Contractor to have lorry available.

Clerk reported despatch after a long delay by Town Surveyor to Mid-Eireann with a note that he accepted no responsibility for the replies.

Letter to Jany 9th was read from the Sec. Dept Local Government & Public Health stating "minister" may be informed of the present enquiry in the new Rural Urban District. in case of fire. If an agreement has been entered into with the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance a copy should be furnished to this Department."

The letter pointed out that "if a trailer pump is supplied by the Dept of Defence it is intended solely as an addition to the normal peace time fire fighting requirements of the area and not in substitution therefor".

Clerk pointed out the Town Surveyor several months ago was requested to examine the proposal of the Wexford Board of Health. The Clerk has not received any communication from Town Surveyor.

Town Surveyor then produced document dated 14 Jany 1941 from his pocket.

Chairman read same but adjourned the consideration until the Finance Committee and the Members of the Council had notice of the proposals contained therein.

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Letter 22 January 1941 was read from the Romahe Comhairle Condae Loch Garman that the Department approved of expenditure not exceeding £4 for the provision of press for the storage of drugs and dressings at first-aid post in Technical School New Ross. The matter was to be noted. No arrangements need be made for the protection of the windows of this post and any expenditure for this purpose will not be approved at this stage.

noted

Clerk reported receipt and handing over to the ~~Asst~~ Town Surveyor of 1 Ladder 16' to 30' Extension 1 Spade 1 Crowbar and 100.2" yards Rope Manilla and also acknowledging same to Department of Defence. He also reported handing over 1 Cross Cut-Saw to Town Surveyor before meeting.

New Ross Cinema
application for Licence Renewal.

Letter 22 January 1941 was read from Mr. Breen for renewal of Licence.

On the motion of Mr Chapman
seconded by Mr Murphy the Licence was granted on the usual conditions.

Allotments and Vegetable Plots.

Letter 20 January 1941 was read from Councils Solicitors with draft agreement for completion by holders of allotments - with the subject of allotments under the Allotments Acts for approval.

Clerk suggested some changes and subject to the changes agreed on same the draft was duly approved on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Martin.

At this point Mr Brewer left the Meeting and the Chairman having declared "no quorum"

The Meeting adjourned

P. O'Gorman
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Monday 10th February 1941.

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Present :- Messrs P. J. O'Gorman, Chairman and J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn : £11.5.11 People Newspaper Ltd. £4. 1. 0. Same £1. 11. 0, P. Rossiter £56. 18. 6 ; Ellams Ltd £2. 1. 9 ; John Donnelly 10/= Ryan Bros. £29. 14. 4 ; James Cooney £3. 0. 0 ; Guest + Chrimes Ltd. £36. 13. 0 : T. J. Dunphy £56. 8. 2 ; Mrs. M. Charles £7. 18. 3 : Graves + Co. £1. 15. 3. Central Garage 7/10. E-S. Board £2. 9. 2 J. S. Butler £21. 17. 6 ; T. J. Morrissey £1. 11. 6

Motor Hire to Dranagh

This account dated 9th January 1941 received 4th February 1941 for hire of car to Drana from Ballyleigh £1. 10. 0 was adjourned as it was not certified. (Vide Minute Page 637 below)

Income Tax £1. 11. 6

Ten days demand was submitted. Clerk advised payment as the amount when paid would be deducted from head rents on property.

Payment recommended.

Salary Engineer as Clerk of Works.

Letter 7th January 1941 received 10th February 1941 was read from Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor enclosing certificate covering Resident Engineers Salary from 4th to 23rd September 1940. The Resident, he understood, was paid up to 17th September 1940 and so only one week was due.

Payment recommended if dates found in order and as soon as it is possible for the Town Clerk to check the Certificate

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A. R. P. Expenses.

Letter dated 4th February 1941 was read from the County Secretary in connection with the bill for £1. 17. 6 plus 3/9 half holiday pay. Mr. Frizelle pointed out that if the expenditure was incurred in connection with A. R. P. his Council would pay same provided "the items and charges comprising the amount are fully vouched and in order". As regards the provision of a Siren for the Town the Defence Department "are not prepared to approve of expenditure in connection with A. R. P. Sirens as the use of these Sirens is confined to the four County Boroughs and the Urban Districts Scheduled under the A. R. P. Act."

Clerk reported having forwarded the Wages Sheet certified by the Town Surveyor to Mr. Frizelle.

Approved.

Priory Street Houses.

Adjourned business in connection with arrears of rent. £52 due by Mrs. Whelan and £65 by Mr. Patrick Lynch was considered.

Recommended that both tenants be informed that unless payment was received before next Meeting proceedings for collection will be instituted and that should the rents not be received action be taken without further recourse to the Council.

MB Rates ~~Rent~~ Collection

Clerk's Report.

Clerk submitted usual monthly Report. Total Warrant £8760. 9. 10. Collected £4726. 15. 4½. Discounts allowed £122. 5. 3. Uncollected £3911. 9. 2½ equal to 53.9% collected against 56.5% same month last year.

Committee considered the collection favourable in the circumstances but recommended collector be urged to do better present month

Car hire to Drana by Water Inspector

Clerk drew attention to the refusal of the Council to accept recommendation re this matter. He desired to ask the

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Council to note that in his opinion the payment is illegal because it is not within the province of the Inspector to create the expenditure in any circumstances and in his capacity he reminded the Council of Section 61 - (1) of the Local Government Act 1925 under which he asked that a vote be taken on the expenditure.

Recommended that a minute be made of this matter for the Council

Good Shepherd Convent Meter.

Clerk reported he informed the Reverend Mother of the position in regard to new meter. He had received no report since about the meter and payment had not been received for the estimated supply.

No recommendation.

Waterworks

Collector reported water supply in Whelan's Slaughter House, Cockpit Lane and that no water rate was charged. No report had yet been received re the reading of meter at Mr. Alexanders which consumer contests.

Recommended that Mr. O'Grady report without delay.

Clerks Reports.

Interviews at Departments in Dublin.

Clerk reported interviews on 6th and 7th of the month as follows:-

Allotments Acts

The payment of Mr. Shortall's fees are subject to sanction and may be paid only when sanction is obtained on the Council's Resolution. This also applies to all fees. Clerk pointed out the Council's Resolution had been in Department for some time awaiting sanction. This matter will receive attention.

Payment of expenditure incurred by the Council under the Acts for 2 years is now receiving attention and all items are agreed. excepting minor questions of original tenders relating to Farmyard manures - for which no tenders were received - Slight matters of explanation in writing affecting differences between the payments of 6/= and 4/6 for manure

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forks. and such like. Clerk obtained list of queries and hoped to reply by end of week so as to have refunds before end of year.

Department of Agriculture arranged after interview for 120 cwts artificial manures sufficient for the plots. Merchants should now be asked for tenders notwithstanding that the Scheme is not at the moment sanctioned. This applies also to seeds. Seed potatoes must for this reason be guaranteed and obtained by local Merchants from producers' lists obtained from Department. Department requests that all-in-tenders be considered only if at all possible

Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth decided old age Pensioners are not eligible for free allotments. As to the question of means Clerk must satisfy himself that the means stated are substantially correct. All implements must be stamped on the metal before delivery. Only one spade will be given to new applicants.

Committee recommended that tenders be obtained and that Merchants be informed a list of producers may be inspected at office.

Derelict Sites

Interview with Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth. Clerk explained the situation of the sites at Old Quarry, High Hill. Ruins on Bullawn and Dump at Ard-na-Greine. Department satisfied that if acquired all would add to the amenities of the town. Proposals for acquiring the sites may now be submitted.

Sewerage Grant

Labour Employment

In this matter as the Council is aware, the balance of the £2700 Grant is witheld because the labour from the local exchange appears too low and adequate arrangements were not made to employ in accordance with conditions. In particular skilled labour. Two Departments - Industry and Commerce and Board of Works - are the Engineers. The Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth is now satisfied with explanation tendered but this must be substantiated in writing

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by Certificates from Engineer and Town Clerk in Form Specified.

Rent of 23 houses Ard-na-Greine

Department consider the trouble in this matter is due to the Council not having ascertained if a rent of 8/4 was and would continue to be available before building the houses. Unless a plan can be submitted if the Council desire to reduces the rent the Rates must bear the deficit.

76 Houses Charleton Hill.
Third Subsidy.

After argument it was decided a case should be submitted in writing setting out the position before the Deputation visited the Department with the then estimates. Then the position before and during the dates of Sworn inquiry and estimates and finally the final actual costs and estimates.

Wexford appears to be in the same position but failed to substantiate their case. It would look as if some subsidy may be obtained in view of the matters submitted.

Committee adjourned all matters and recommended that Clerk submit the requisite documents with the least possible delay.

The Meeting Adjourned.

J. M. O'Gorman
M. J. 41

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Tuesday 11th February 1941.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial and special matters of which due notice given. :-

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Martin, J.E. Walsh
J. Murphy, P.C., J. Brewer, T. Cooney

The Minutes of the last monthly Meeting were taken as read and confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

Votes of sympathy were passed to Councillor James Callaghan on the death of his eldest son and to Councillor William Ronan on the death of his uncle, Mr. John Cullen.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

A vote of sympathy was also passed to the relatives of Sergeant James Curran who lost his life whilst exploding a land mine off Bannow Coast.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

The recommendations of the finance Committee so far as the payment of bills is concerned were adopted and the Treasurers Advice Sheets were then signed by Messrs P.N. O'Gorman J.E. Walsh and T. Cooney.

Clerk suggested they should transact some urgently important business but without hearing what it was the Council decided not to transact any business as is usual in like circumstances.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The Meeting adjourned as a mark of respect and sympathy to Tuesday the 18th February 1941.

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Tuesday 18th February 1941.

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the business remaining over from last Meeting and urgent business since that Meeting.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, W. Ronan J. Callaghan, J. Prendergast, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, J. Prendergast, J. Brewer, T. Martin, J. E. Walsh.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and Signed

Votes of Sympathy.

Letters were read from Councillors James Callaghan and William B. Ronan thanking the Council and Officials for messages of condolence in recent bereavements.

Free Milk Scheme.

Letter P.H. 2693/41 dated 8th February 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth that the Minister has nothing to add to his letter of the 14th December last reference to payment of fees to the Home Assistance Officer on certificate of the County Medical Officer of Heaelth.

No order

Recoupment 139.

Notification P.H. 2086/5/40 dated 29th January 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth of above for 3rd instalment year 1940/41

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment

Taxation of Costs.

Requisition to tax the General Costs of the Council was submitted by Council's Solicitors.
Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor, was duly appointed to represent the Council on taxation and the Seal of the Council was duly embossed on the Requisition and signed by Messrs the Chairman, J. E. Walsh, W. B. Ronan and the Clerk.

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Electoral Acts. 1923/35.

Letter 1st February 1941 was read from the County Registrar enclosing Lists for Rate Collector to be used at Revision.

Clerk reported handing the lists to Collector on date of receipt.

Relief Grant

Letter P.L/602/V.D. 8th February 1941 was read from the Electricity Supply Board, Waterford, in reply to the Council's letter that the Town Surveyor advised that the Electricity Supply Board must remove the Pole at Priory Lane without remuneration quoting Section 77 of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1927 that "the cost of necessary alterations must be borne by local authorities and not by the Board".

On the motion of Mr. Murphy

Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to provide for the pole's removal out of the Relief Grant on this road.

Main Roads through the Town.

Mr. Murphy. P.C. stated he was asked by residents of North Steet and South Sheet to complain of pot holes likely to cause serious damage in the channels in these sheets.

Mr. Chairman proposed and

Mr. Cooney seconded and it was agreed that the attention of the County Surveyor be directed to the complaints.

Letter 30th January 1941 was read from Mr. Flustey, Irishtown, that owing to recent frost the wall of property fronting Irishtown collapsed for several yards right across the public pavement. The debris should be removed as it is the cause of public danger.

Clerk reported he forwarded a copy of the letter to the Town Surveyor on the 4th February 1941 but no reply had been received.

Town Surveyor said it was his opinion the question was one for Mr. Flustey, and the County Council.

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Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
The Complaint was referred to the County Surveyor.

Petroleum Licence Renewal.

Mrs. Amy Ellis, 28 John Street, New Ross, applied for and was granted a renewal of her licence for twelve months. The Town Surveyor stating he had no objection.

Clerk reported he had sent two applications for Renewal Licences to Mr. Hugh O. Connor and Mr. Frank Doyle. The formers licence expired in March 1940 and the latters in October 1940

Decided that the Guards be informed.

Air Raid Precautions Act.

Letter 6th February 1941 was read from the Secretary, Harbour Board that "Pilots already have instructions to request Captains of vessels not to sound their Syens when entering or leaving port. I will again remind them of the matter."

Letter 11th February 1941 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council that he is notifying the County Medical Officer of Heath who is organizing the Official First Aid Post at New Ross that Nurse Furlong will be available to render assistance at this post for the Red Cross Society.

Letter 4th February 1941 was read from same refunding £1.17.6 expenditure incurred by the Town Surveyor on Fire Fighting Equipment. All expenditure fully vouched and in order will be paid by the County Council. "The Department of Defence state they are not prepared to approve of expenditure in connection with A.R.P. Syens as the use of these Syens is confined to the four County Boroughs and the Urban Districts Scheduled under A.R.P. Act."

Replying to Mr. Ronan, Chairman gave the opinion there would be no objection to the Syen if privately provided.

Letter 15th February 1941 was read from the County Medical Officer of Heath enclosing a lengthy report he made to the County Council on First Aid Post at Technical School, New Ross. Dr. Quigley was selected to

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Co-ordinate this Service and direct operations. Dr. Stafford was detailed to the District Hospital, Dr. Kissane to the Haughton Hospital. Dr. Quigley to First Aid Post at Technical School with Dr. Fitzgerald as Assistant. The latter also to emergency duty at proposed two minor posts. Nurses J. Walsh, R. Lappin and E. H. Furlong to assist the Doctors at Technical School Post. Ten trained Red Cross Workers were allocated to the Technical School names of same being attached.

The rooms in the Technical School to be allocated to Recording Room, Hospital Evacuation Room, Minor casualty Room, Major Casualty Room, Kitchen, Mortuary, Gas Casualties and Contaminated Clothing Room. All cases in this post to be sorted into (a) Cases for Hospital treatment and (b) Cases who, after treatment, may return home.

The doctor suggests the purchase of 12 Tilly Lamps, 2 Stirrup Pumps and 6 Sand Redhill Containers as well as 2 Primus Stoves for standby. It is necessary to have Shutters made for windows. A supply of cellophane paper and shelving to press already provided. This post should be at once equipped as per letter 22nd August 1940 No. A. R. P. 156 to County Council by Department of Defence and also 200 containers of Tetanus Anti Toxin of 1000 units each cost £10. 16. 8, 50 Ampoules of 3000 units mixture Tetanus Anti Toxin Anti Gas Gangrene Serum 4000 units cost £17. 15. 0, As well all doctors and hospitals should be immediately requested to Keep in Stock as large a supply as possible of the latter. 50 Army Type Stretchers and 150 Blankets are required.

Minor posts are necessary at Rosbercon Castle and the Tholsel manned by trained Red Cross Workers and Assistance from Doctors and Nurses. The rooms in the Tholsel, which he inspected with Doctors Quigley and Stafford could be used as Dressing Room, Rest Room, Recording Room, (Town Clerk's office) and the Room occupied by the Chamber of Commerce as a standby He (Dr. Daly) attached a list of Equipment for this minor post. Rosbercon Castle he was informed by

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Dr. Fitzgerald was already equipped.

For Ambulance Service a list of available suitable ~~(Services)~~ vans should be obtained and the two District Hospital Vans would be available. Four to six vans necessary. The Town Surveyor and Dr. Quigley should see to this. As all vans in the town are engaged daily in commercial pursuits and the uncertainty of same being available in emergency the Urban Council should provide a portable ambulance as supplied by Steele & Co., New Ross. Cost about £24. Mobile Ambulance units should constitute a further extension of the Minor Posts because (1) The unit can be brought to the Scene of operations and (2) time bombs may render fixed posts forbidden areas. One such mobile unit should be attached to each First Aid Post.

As regards Communication System in the event of dislocation of telephone Service a Runner System should be established having two or more runners to each Sheet. The Local Security Force or Boy Scouts could be used. The Town Clerk should see to this immediately. The general public should be asked to co-operate fully. Each householder should be able to render First Aid Services and the household should Secure bandages 3 x 2" one triangular bandage ½ lb of cotton wool and 2 oz iodine.

The Clerk reported he had heard nothing from the County Secretary on the proposals.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to postpone consideration pending instructions from the A.R.P. Authority

Fire Fighting
Fire Brigades Act 1940.
County Board of Health.

The report of the Town Surveyor in recommending the acceptance of the offer of the Board of Health for the services of the New Ross Brigade within the former Rural District of New Ross, gave a number of suggestions for

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a regular retained Brigade.

The Chairman stressed the necessity for complete details as to cost and equipment. The Council could not undertake any scheme until the total cost and details were before them. The only items appeared to be remuneration to Captain. £10 per annum, Deputy £7, eight Firemen £5.0.0 with 5/= per hour for the Captain and Deputy ~~and~~ for attendances at fires and 4/= per hour for practices. No cost was submited for equipment, telephones, oilskins, boots, helmits &c
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to appoint a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Messrs J. Murphy, J. E. Walsh, T. Redmond & T. Martin to meet on Thursday at 5 o'clock pm to go carefully into the Town Surveyor's Suggestions and the proposed arrangements with the Board of Health.

Letters 31st January 1941 and 4th February 1941 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Board of Heard that under the proposed arrangements the Urban Council received £30 if no fire occurs. If one occurs the cost of the services will be assessed at half the scale of fees until the sum of £30 is reached. Any charge in excess of the £30 will be paid by the Board. He could not interpret the attitude of the Department of Defence as to whether the trailer pump supplied by that Department may be used on the proposed Agreement but he would take the common sense will that "if there were urgent need of fire fighting appliances the equipment at the disposal of the local authority would be used to meet the need."

Clerk reported Commandant Meeneghan advised him definitely the said equipment cannot be used in the proposed Agreement because the Council cannot accept payment for same.

Adjourned also.

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Allotments Acts.

Clerk applied for and was granted 3 heaps of manure ex Chambersland Dump @ £2.0.0 per heap. and any other heaps available.

Clerk reported number of unemployed applications 125. Rejected by Department 10. Received since last Meeting 6 Total 121. He expected at least another 10. Mr. Doyle offers a further 2 acres of William Street Field at Charleton Hill contains 4½ acres. It is also expected there will be a fair number of applications for land from employed. So far 10 Applications are advised. If more land is required the nuns of Mount Carmel offer approximately 3 acres at £5 per acre within the Urban area. Tenders are required for manures, seeds &c. and the Council should decide on allocating the plots.

Mr. Gleeson, Department Inspector called on Yesterday. He is satisfied with the progress. He visited several people offering manure for sale and rejected same because of prohibitive cost. and in one case freshness. He also went into various matters in the office work and was most helpful in advice which should expedite the Councils Scheme.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was decided

(a) That old Plotholders be given their old plots.

(b) That Clerk allocate the new plots without recourse to Council

(c) That Tenders be at once invited for materials &c.

(d) That Department be advised of the reports of Merchants of the shortage of certified seed potatoes

(e) That the two acres in William Street be acquired at £5 per acre for allotments subject to Sanction.

(f) That the Charleton Hill field be offered to Department 4½ acres approximately at £5 per acre.

(g) That the Mount Carmel field 3 acres

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(approx.) be also acquired at £5. 0. 0 per acre if required and offered by the Nurs. and
(b) That the Clerk attend to all things necessary in connection with the Schemes.

Application by Private J. Moran.

Private Moran. Kilkenny Barracks requested an allotment for his wife & family.

Clerk stated he was afraid being a Soldier he cannot Succeed.

Council regretted same and suggested the Department might meet this exceptional case.

Complaint from Miss Kinsella, Bullaun.

Clerk reported Miss Kinsella called twice and complained of trespass and damage to her premises arising out of the demolition, clearing and levelling of Council's dwellings on Bullaun. The open space allows trespass from the Bullaun and she cannot till her garden and her household is in danger from stones pelted by the youngsters.

Town Surveyor stated he submitted costs for concrete walls to enclose the open spaces left in various Streets. by the demolition of Council's houses. condemned. but the Council considered the expense high. He suggested they inform Miss Kinsella that the Council has no objection to Miss Kinsella or her Landlord protecting this property.

Agreed.

Compensation Claim.

Letter 29th January 1941 was Read from Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor for John Walsh Tinnekelly noting the Council's attitude towards this claim. His client does not agree the damage does not warrant his £10 claim. The loss occasioned by him is in excess of compensation paid him for like damage by the Railway Co. when he received £7. An offer should be submitted for his consideration.

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Letter, undated, was also received alike from Mr. Walsh himself.

Chairman said the Councils Solicitors informed him there would be a number of claims. His own property received much more damage and loss during the Council's operations but he refused to send a claim.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to hand the claim to the Councils Solicitors for attention.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. J. O'Gorman
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Thursday 20th day of February 1941.

A Meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council, Messrs J. Murphy, J.E. Walsh, T. Redmond and T. Martin and the Chairman was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock, the day and time fixed by the Council to consider

(1). Offer of Board of Health for Fire Fighting in the old New Ross Rural Area.
(2). A.R.P. Fire Brigade
(3). Town Surveyor's suggestions for a Fire Brigade for the Town under the Fire Brigades Act 1940.

Present:- Mr. Chairman who decided that it was best to abandon the Meeting in view of the non-attendance of the Members and the Town Surveyor up to 5.15 p.m.

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Monday the 10th March 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock, to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council. and the Special Business duly notified.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, John Murphy. P.C. and Thomas Redmond.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

E. A. Finn £10.9.2 : P. Rossiter £46.16.0 : P. Rossiter £3.10.6
E. S. B. £4.17.10 E.S.B. £25.4.2. E.S.B. £5.18.6.
Messrs Croker & Co. £9.17.6 ; J. Bailey 18/= James Cooney £1.17.6
Messrs Steele & Co. £1.1.9 ; Guest & Chrimes £3.13.0
Messrs B. Hennessy £18.0.0 Messrs Graves & Co. 4/6
Moran Bros. £2.6.11 Messrs Ryan Bros. £9.17.6
M. Wayb. 4/= A. Nolan £2.1.6

Fees under Free Milk Scheme £3.0.0

Letter 26th February 1941 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health that "I am of opinion that he (Mr. L. Barron) carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner."

Committee considered this as a certificate and recommended payment. The account was sent for certificate on the 9th January 1941 after several letters on the subject of certification to the Department

Diphtheria Immunization Fees &c.

Account from Dr. A. C. Kissane as follows duly certified by the County Medical Officer of Health was read.

Viz :- New Ross Urban Area.

To Diphtheria Immunization :-

1939
December - 196 Urban Cases completed
1940
January 133 Urban cases completed
Jan. Feb. March 77 Urban Cases completed
406 cases at 2/6 each = £50.15.0

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Clerk reported that as a result of the Council's urgent enquiry in connection with an outbreak of Diphtheria in the Town the County Medical Officer of Heath reported fully on the the 16th February 1940. He advised the spending of £15.0.0 on Swabbing and £50 on immunization. Between the date of the report and the Council Meeting Medical Inspector Dr. Hourihan, Local Government Department and Dr. McDonald acting for the County Medical Officer of Heath discussed the matter in the Councils offices with the Clerk. The cost per capita was given by Dr. McDonald at 4/= including 2/6 for doctor's fees. At the 12th March 1940 Council Meeting on the motion of The Chair, seconded by Mr. Redmond it was agreed to expend £15 on Swabbing and £50 on Immunization as recommended but subject to Sanction. The Department delayed Sanction pending a Scheme to be Submitted by the County Medical Officer of Heath.

Duplicate letter 5th November 1940 was then read from the Council to Department enclosing copy of Scheme Submitted in person to the Council by the County Medical Officer of Heath as adopted by the Council "limiting the all-in-total expenditure to £50."

Letter 4th January 1941 was read from the Department referring to this letter (5th November 1940) approving of the Scheme.

Dupleate letter 7th January 1941 from the Council to the County Medical Officer of Heath was read informing him of the sanction and asking him to note "the Scheme covers only an all-in-expenditure of not more than £50.

Recommended payment Subject to Sanction the Department to be referred to the Scheme and the correspondence and to be asked if the Council is required to provide money annually for immunization. The Committee are unable to State the all-in-expenditure under this Scheme.

Account for £83.11.7.

Quarterly Statement of Account 24th February 1941

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from the Department of Pathology, University College, Dublin, was read.

Clerk reported the Committee has already informed the College that it would be necessary to prove this claim against the Council and to refer the Council to any Statutory Authority which will enable them to make a legal payment.

Recommended that the College be requested to reply to the Council's letter and that consideration be deferred pending said reply.

Account £21. 10. 0 Government Levy on Cement.

Letter dated 10th January 1941 was read from Mr. Williamson, Enniscorthy asking for payment.

Clerk reported the Council's Solicitors asked Mr. Williamson to prove his claim by submitting receipts &c. He (Clerk) also since last Meeting asked for same. No reply had been received.

Adjourned.

Account £66. 3. 4 Messrs Campbell & Co.

Statement dated 28th February 1941 was read from above being disputed amount under their contract for water Tower &c.

Clerk reported this matter was in the Solicitors hands. So far as he could learn the Solicitors were waiting on the Contractors to move in the matter.

Referred to Solicitors

Sewerage Scheme

£300 due to Contractor on Certificate

Letter 4th February 1941 was read from Messrs Lee Bros., requesting Paying Order for above due for a considerable time.

Letter L 804/1/41 dated 30th January 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting detailed reply to their letters in connection with the employment of labour &c.

Clerk informed Committee the reply had been

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forwarded. The employment was fully covered and the complete position stated. Skilled labour was not at any time required and the employment of unskilled labour outside the terms of the grant resulted from the second Strike of May 1940 and the restriction of employment was due to the working in short lengths. The Department held up the Loan and Grant until the various Ministries were satisfied on these points. It is anticipated money will shortly be available.

Adjourned.

Painting &c. of Tholsel

Committee considered general repairs to the Tholsel, and the Town Surveyors specification. Recognized the work was badly required.

Recommended postponement for the present.

It was considered if the Members of the Chamber of Commerce might be given permission to provide Keys and decided that this permission should be refused as otherwise it would be useless to provide the new lock.

Clerk reported having provided a Key to new lock of Lavatory to the Chamber of Commerce

Rates Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly Report. Warrant £8760. 9. 10. Collected £5076. 14. 4. Outstanding £3683. 15. 6 or 58% collected as against 59.2% last year.

Considered Satisfactory

Rents Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly report for February as follows :- Houses Quit 220. Let 214. Unoccupied 6. Arrears at commencement £482. 12. 11. Due during the month £238. 16. 4. Collected £233. 11. 4 Arrears at end of month £487. 17. 11 Showing £5 increase in arrears. The following paid nothing for the month Mrs. Ryan who now owes £19. 8. 6 - Christopher Hall, Guard Feehan, Timothy McCarthy, Mrs Mary O'Neill, Wm. Finch, Richard Brazil, Mrs. Anastasia Ryan

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and Myles McGrath.

Recommended that action be at once taken against Mrs. W. Ryan, Mrs. Anastasia Ryan and Guard Feehan and Myles McGrath.

Corporate Property.

Letter 6th March 1941 was read from Mrs. Gwendoline Whelan, "The Priory" asking the Council to consider a compromise of the amount of back rent claimed without prejudice.

Recommended that Mrs. Whelan be informed the Council is prepared to accept payment of the full amount due over a period of 4 years in equal yearly instalments payable at the commencement of each year the first payment forthwith subject to adequate security for the undertaking.

Messrs Cosgrave & Son 27th February 1941 enclosed cheque £29. 16. 0 overpaid to Mrs. McDonagh herein. Refund of overpaid sent by Mrs. McDonagh and Income Tax is due to them.

Clerk reported Mr. Lynch called. He promised to send on tomorrow a Statement of his claim against the Council for damage to his furniture caused by the leaking roof &c. and repairs he was forced to undertake to protect his health and property.

Committee considered that the rent due should be paid and any claim submitted should form a separate matter for consideration.

Cleansing of Ashpits.

Committee considered this matter. This item cost £25 this year. There are now no Council houses with ashpits.

Recommended that in considering any contract for scavenging this item be deleted.

Demolished Houses.

Letter 19th February 1941 was read from.

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Messrs Colfer & Son, Agent for Miss Sarah De Cliffe Tottenham Decd. Estate that they undertake not to relet the house recently occupied by Patrick Finn, Ln. William Steet.

Letter 25th February 1941 was read from Messrs Moore, Kiely & Lloyd, Solicitors, Dublin, Agents for Cliffe Estate that houses Nos. 12 and 13 Ln. William Steet are not the property of this estate so far as they know and requiring further information about Demolition Order.

Recommended that Clerk attend to these matters

Charleton Hill Houses.

Clerk reported a complete case had been submitted since last Meeting in favour of the one-third Subsidy. He submitted it to the Chairman before sending it to Dublin and he expressed his approval. He submitted now a duplicate of the Memorandum.

Recommended approval.

Accounts for Messrs H. & A. Hamilton.

The following accounts were recommended for payment and refund by Contractors :- Ryan Bros. Clearing flues Egan's house 38/- : J. Wall - Repairs by Hartnetts to pipe 5/-.

Letter 1st March 1941 was read from Architect Mr. Downes that he forwarded letters received by the Council in connection with Sewers Nos. 57, 68 and 71 to the Contractors for immediate attention.

Clerk reported he received further complaints since and would send them on.

Agreed.

Wanted Press for Stationery.

Clerk applied for above. Cost £5.10.0 estimated by P. Leacy.

Recommended.

Cinema Licence.

M. Breen wrote 6th March 1941 enclosing £1 for above.

Noted.

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Refund of Water Rates.

Mr. James Shea, Tinnekiely, 15/2/41 applied for above overpaid on houses occupied by Mrs. Haughton and Mrs. Lennon, Rosbercon 1937 8/10: 1938 8/10: 1939 £1: 1940 £1. No water laid on to these houses.

Adjourned for investigation

Refunds of Deposits.

Mr. Laurence Egan applied for and Committee recommended that he be refunded £2.10.0 being amount paid on Deposit house No. 74 Charleton Hill.

Mrs. Ledger, Charleton Hill, applied to have the Deposit 18/= on house No. 4 Charleton Hill transferred into her name from her mothers - Mrs. Mary O'Shea, deceased,

Recommended Same.

£1.16.0 for Gate to Allotments.

Above account dated 10th October 1940 - work done 25th July 1940 certified 7th March 1940. was submitted.

Payment recommended. Subject to refund by Department.

Damaged Wall

Attention was drawn to the coping of short wall at Rosbercon at old Pump site. Part of the coping was removed during recent Sewerage Scheme.

Recommended that the County Surveyor's attention be directed to Same

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

11.3.41

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Tuesday 11th day of March 1941

The monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling and Special business of which due notice was given.

Present :- Messrs P. D. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, V. A. Doyle, T. Martin, J. Prendergast, J. Murphy. P. C., T. Redmond, J. Brewer, J. Rossiter, J. Callaghan, J. Murphy, Budge, W. Ronan, J. E. Walsh.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and Signed

Finance Committee's Recommendations

The Minutes herein having been read
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Martin

The recommendations excepting that relating to ashpits where adopted.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were then Signed by the Chairman, V. A. Doyle and J. Murphy. and the amounts thereon ordered to be paid as soon as times permit.

Ashpits.

Mr. Cooney objected to the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee under this heading. The Council as the Sanitary Authority might find themselves up against disease very quickly. It might not be possible to force poor people to clean their ashpits particularly as most can only ill afford the present cost of 1/= even though it was costing the Council.

By consent it was agreed to give the Council an opportunity to discuss this matter at next Meeting.

Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act 1940.

Circ. 93/40 23rd Sept. 1940 was again read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health with Memorandum 23rd February 1941 re above.

Clerk stated the Town Surveyor's Reports were still

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awaited

Adjourned.

Allotments Acts.

Letter 26th February 1941 was read from the Department of Agriculture that where it has been found impossible to obtain tenders for certified Kerrs Pink and British Queen tenders may be invited for uncertified of the same.

Clerk reported receipt of one tender for the supply of all certified Seeds.

Letter 27th February 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth H.4430/2/41 that the Minister has approved of the Scheme submitted by the Council for provision of allotments during the 1941 Season. Economic Rent £1.4.1. A request was made for a reply to letter H. 23755/3/40 of 26th November last.

Letter 4430/3/41 27th February 1941 was read from Department of ~~Agriculture~~ Local Government and Public Heaelth that the Department is in communication with the Department of Agriculture as to the suitability of the additional land proposed to be acquired. The Question of manure has been referred to the same Department.

Letter 6th March 1941 same reference was read from same also letter 28th February 1941 that 93 and 8 applicants qualified under Certificate No.1 and 3(a) as unemployed persons. Certificate 3 (c) should be completed for Peter Walsh, William Daly, and Thomas Caul. The Department should be informed of the steps taken to check the means and if Insurance Cards were inspected. Michael Murphy, Charleton Hill, reported as having neglected his plot should not be provided with a plot at a reduced rent this year.

Letter was read from Murphy that he tilled his plot and sowed it.

Clerk reported the necessary certificates would be sent out and others were being prepared

Ordered that Murphy's letter be forwarded to the Department for consideration

Telegram the 25th February 1941 was read from the Department of Agriculture "90 tons of manure £30 plus 1/6 per ton delivered ~~and~~ approved"

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Clerk reported asking Messrs Flemings who sent in an all-in-tender to undertake this also and they agreed

Long letter was read from Private John Furness, National Army agreived as not having received his plot at reduced rent.

Letter was read 6.3.41 from Alderman R. Corish T.D., re this plot of Furness. He thinks it very unfair. The matter should be made right. According to the Minister for Local Government a couple of weeks ago Furness is entitled to retain the plot at a reasonable charge to be fixed by the Council.

Clerk was ordered to do the best possible for this man who had a large young family.

Clerk reported the following as applicants for plots at economic rent :- Edw. Hainey + A.W. Wade

Mr. Cooney desired the Council to express the opinion that all unemployed be given plots in the first instance.

Clerk stated there would be plots for all. In view of the present emergency the more applications The better the Government will be satisfied. More and more employed are desired.

Tenders for Supplies

The following replied it was impossible to procure certified seeds and regretted they could not tender :- Reviels Bros, Hanrahan Bros., B. Hennessy, Mr. John Byrne quoted for seeds but called later and stated he could not supply.

Messrs Flemings, New Ross, quoted as follows :-

"May I respectfully present following quotations for your approval in connection with Local Government Plot Scheme for each allotment :-

		s	d
½	cwt. British Queen Potatoes	7.	0
1½	" Kerrs Pink "	17.	6
½	oz Cabbage Seed	1.	0
½	" Parsnip "	1.	0
½	" Onion " James Keeping	1.	0
½	" " " Unwin's Reliance	1.	0
1	" Swede Top Turnip Seed.		2

Mr Furness 1/6 1/6

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	s	d
100 Cabbage Plants	2.	6
½ cwts Special Potatoe Manure.	14.	0
1 Carton Solfosan	2.	8.

The above prices are subject to safe arrival and immediate acceptance of prices."

"I beg to tender as follows in addition to my other tender, to supply to your Allotment Scheme

90 tons Farmyard Manure £30.0.0

delivery 6.15.0

40 Irish made Spades @ 5/9 each"

Clerk gave details of telephone consultations with the Department of Agriculture, subsequent to his visit to that Department. After Conference with the Chairman of the Council, agreed by the Department, Flemings Tender was agreed to and orders issued to them to procure the full supplies forthwith. They had done so and the position was now satisfactory. Department Inspector visited the Contractors with him and also inspected the manure heap at Mountgarret Lane. Implements were distributed to qualified applicants. The additional land was not yet mapped or marked out. Orders for the marking out of the Charleton Hill land had been given as well. as instructions for a map and plan of new two acres additional allotments at William Street.

Town Surveyor replying to Members stated he would attend to the marking out &c. without further delay. For some time the weather was not propitious.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The actions of the Chairman and Clerk were approved and the tender from Messrs Flemings were accepted. Town Surveyor was ordered to attend to the marking of the land &c.

Free Milk Scheme 1941/42.

P.H. Circular 18/1941 24th February 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health that amongst other things, the sum assigned to New Ross Council for the current year is £270.6.1. Immediate steps should be taken to invite tenders

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Fees Sanctioned - Allotments

Letter H.4200/9/40 dated 6th March 1941 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Heath Sanctioning Fee of £5.5.0 to the Town Surveyor for last years marking out and 2/= per plot to the Town Clerk.

Free Milk - Clerk notified that tenders were invited by Press Advertisement (New Ross Standard & Free Press) and only one tender was received from the present Supplier.

Tender from Mr. Butler.

Mr. John Butler, Newtown, tendered under date 8th March 1941 as follows :-

"I beg to tender for the supply of milk @ 1/4 per gallon under the terms of the Free Milk Grant as advertised in the New Ross Standard of the 7th instant.

I am registered under the Milk & Dairies Act. 1935."

Council expressed satisfaction at the reasonable price. same as last year - and also commending Mr. Butler on his successful transactions during the year. The milk was extra good and the service not even once complained of by the recepients.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh

Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The Tender was selected for approval pursuant to condition No.4 of the Circular.

Poundage Sanction

Letter G.5184/41 17th February 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath Sanctioning the payment of Poundage at the rate of 6d in respect of lodgments up to 31st December 1940 on foot of warrant for current year.

Noted.

Roads

Relief Work Grant.

Clerk reported interview 27th February 1941 with Assistant County Surveyor P.G. Neill. The County Council decided the removal of E.S.B. pole in Priory Land was not

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work under the Relief Scheme.
Other Matters.

Mr. O'Neill also stated he would attend to the reconstruction of the Water Tables in North Street and South Street as soon as weather permitted

Irishtown Fallen Walls.

Letter 3rd March 1941 was read from the County Surveyor that this is a matter entirely for the Urban Council. It has nothing whatever to do with Road Maintenance.

Report 6th March 1941 was read from the Town Surveyor that he had already expressed his view that this is a matter for the County Council.

Clerk advised the Council that from the interpretation of Road in the Local Government Act 1925 the walls - not having been erected by the County Council or under the Grand Juries - were not within the meaning of Road. The Council should serve Notice on the owners to remove the debris from the road.
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided that Notice be served.
Mr. Cooney remarking the Scavenging Contractor could do the work without any fuss.

Dangerous Building

The Medical Officer of Health on Form A. 221 dated 11th March 1941 - Inspected 7.3.41 reported as follows:-

"As Medical Officer of Health of the New Ross Urban District I hereby report to you that the gable and chimney of the house occupied by Simon Bailey, Irishtown is in a very dangerous state. It is ready to collapse and when it does it will knock the next door house and the occupants of this are in danger of being killed, and I Recommend that this house be demolished at once.

Clerk advised this was a matter for the Town Surveyor under the powers conferred on him by Sec. of the Towns Improvement Act.

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Town Surveyor was directed to attend to same

E. S. Board.

Notice Sec. 53 (3) Act 1927

Notice as above was read from the Secretary dated 7th March 1941

Town Surveyor stated he was of opinion it did not affect the Council.

No. action

A. R. P. Act. 1939.

Letter 20th February 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors setting out the Council's position under above. The Wexford County Council is the Scheme making Authority for the Urban Area. Under Section 15 it is the duty of the Urban District Council to discharge such functions as may be imposed on them and to carry out any Scheme in force. Also they are bound to ensure that the Council's Officers fulfil such functions assigned to them under the Act or Scheme. By Section 15 (2) it shall also be the duty of all Officers to fulfil such functions.

Letter 26th February 1941, with enclosure, was read from the County Secretary enclosing copy Circular A.R.P./1152 re damage to Public Buildings occupied by the Council.

First Aid Post.

Letter 21st February 1941 was read from County Secretary that Dr. Daly's report has been sent to the Department of Defence who will specify the expenditure which may be incurred in the establishment of official Post at New Ross. When reply received it will be transmitted to New Ross.

Letter 6th March 1941 was read from the same appending extract from letter from Department of Defence regarding First Aid Post and Fire Fighting services in New Ross. The Post should have Reception Rooms, Treatment Rooms and Rest Rooms. Records can be compiled in the Rest Room. Gas Casualties Section is not required. Expenditure on Telephones will not be approved. Presses may be purchased. Right

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Stretchers - design attached - blankets 3 per stretcher and pillows may be purchased. Protection for Windows is not proposed. Drugs and dressings will be forwarded during the week, 10 Firemens (Arpex) 10 Firemens Belts and Pouches and 10 overalls or dungarees at prices each respectively of 9/= 10/= and 9/= may be purchased. Steel helmets, rubber boots and oilskins will be provided by the Department.

Consideration Adjourned pending reply to Clerk's letter to Mr. Frizelle.

Mr. Doyle drew attention to the necessity for gas masks. These should be provided for the town. Everywhere else appears to be supplied already.

It was decided to draw Mr. Frizelles attention to this matter.

Letter 18th February 1941 was read from the ~~Valuation lists~~. County Secretary enclosing a book in which should be entered list of items of accessories making up trailer Pump outfit. The book should be available to County Surveyor or officer of Department of Defence.

Ordered that movements of any accessories above referred to be reported to him beforehand and again on its return in writing for record purposes.

Letter 7th March 1941 was read from the Same that on the 6th he received he received a reply from the Department of Defence that the question of the use in peace time of equipment supplied by that Department is under consideration generally and the result will be communicated on receipt.

Valuation Lists

Letter S.R. 8816 25th February 1941 was read from Valuation Office transmitting the lists for the year ending 28th February 1942.

Clerk reported due notices were duly posted.

Approved.

Fire Fighting.

A discussion took place in connection with the arrangement

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with Board of Health A.R.P. equipment and Scheme prepared by the Town Surveyor.

The Chairman replying to Mr. Cooney informed the Meeting that he attended the Meeting of Special Committee on all these matters but as no one turned up he left after twenty five minutes.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

It was decided that the same Committee - W. Ronan acting for Mr. Martin - meet on Thursday next at 5 o'clock p.m to dispose of the matter.

Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor wrote 24th February 1941 thanking the Council for his appointment on Taxation of costs.

Sales of Manure

Miss M. O'Brien, Irishtown and Mr. Thomas McGee Begerin, applied for and were granted one heap of manure each at 30/= ex the Dump.

Scavenging Contract

Clerk reported it would be necessary to consider the Scavenging of the Town as existing contract will expire soon.

Clerk replying to Mr. Cooney stated the present contract would cost about £700. 15. 0.

Mr. Cooney advocated direct labour. It would not cost that figure plus other monies well over £100 to casual labour during the year.

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to invite tenders by advertisement in the Press for the work.

Fair Day.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was decided to fix Tuesday 25th March 1941 as Fair Day vice the Fair Day

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abandoned by Order of the Government.

Plot at Cross Lane
Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided to allot the above to the four applicants to whom it has been granted recently.

The Meeting Adjourned.

D J O'Gorman
8/4/41

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Thursday 13th March 1941.

Fire Brigade Committee.

A Meeting of Special Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to consider
1. Town Surveyor's Plans for a Retained Fire Brigade.
2. County Board of Health Suggested Arrangements with the Council for Fire Fighting within the old New Ross Rural Area. and
3. A. R. P. Fire Fighting Arrangements.

Present :- Messrs the Chairman, J. Murphy. P.C., J.E. Walsh, M.C.C. T. Redmond M.C.C. W. Ronan.
The Town Surveyor was in attendance.

Mr. Shortall's Plan.

Town Surveyor Suggested a Brigade of ten Members remunerated as follows :- Captain - Mr. Shortall £10 per annum with 5/= per hour for practices : Deputy Captain (not selected) £7. 0. 0 with like fee for practices : Messrs P. Smith, Quay, Richard Brazil, Abbey View, Jas. Rossiter, Priory Street, Joseph Furness, Mary St. P. Maddock, Bullaun, A. Shortall, South Street, Patrick Kielthy, Irishtown, at 5/= per annum with 4/= per hour for practices.

Committee recommended £6. 6. 0 for Captain with 3/= per practices of not more than 12 practices per annum plus 5/= per hour engaged in fire fighting. Deputy Captain £4. 4. 0 per annum with like fees as Captain : Men £3. 3. 0 each per annum with like fees as Captain. Payments to be made at end of year. Insurance of Brigade and obligations of the Urban Council to be submitted to the Council's Solicitors, for advice and if necessary Deed of Agreement or Service.

It was agreed by a majority of the Committee that it would not be possible to form a Brigade on voluntary lines in New Ross.

Chairman informed the Meeting that from information

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he received recently in Dublin Councils are about pressing Insurance Companies to contribute a reasonable Sum towards this work as is done in England. It might be well if the Committee added a recommendation to this effect.

Recommended accordingly.

Town Surveyor Suggested equipment of oilskins, Rubber boots, Standard type helmets &c for each Member.

No discussion took place and no recommendation made.

Town Surveyor Suggested the names of the persons to form the Brigade

Chairman held all appointments and dismissals should be made by the Council.

Committee by majority held it would be better to appoint Mr. Shortall's nominees.

Recommended accordingly.

Town Surveyor suggested telephones from his own house, the Deputy Captain's house and the Waterworks Caretaker.

No discussion and no recommendation

Town Surveyor suggested it will be necessary to provide Suitable Storage accommodation for all fire brigade equipments. He included gear and trailer pump recently received from the Department of Defence. The Council has no suitable premises available at present and accommodation in Mr. Shortalls premises is provided free of charge.

A discussion took place. Clerk pointed out once again the trailer pump and equipment are held by the Council only as custodians and not for use or in the control of the Council. So whatever accommodation required will be provided by that Department.

Town Surveyor stated the trailer pump and equipment which would and could be used without hesitation locally and in rural area if any fire occured, whilst under his (~~charge~~) control, as at present stored, was considered unsuitable by reason of storage in open shed.

Committee considered the pump was sufficiently stored.

No recommendation was made on Surveyors

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proposal as regards accommodation of equipment provided out of local rates.

Town Surveyor suggested he should be appointed the authorized officer to be appointed under seal by the Council without increased remuneration and quoted some Sections of the Act.

Town Clerk advised the Council this appointment was not considered essential or urgent. Anyone of the Brigade could be appointed in due course.

Town Surveyor quoted from the Act and urged Someone with a Knowledge of buildings would be necessary.

After a discussion the majority of the Committee recommended the appointment of the Town Surveyor in that capacity without additional remuneration.

The last suggestion by the Town Surveyor was then considered to establish centres for the distribution of Sand in the event of an outbreak caused by incendiary agencies or otherwise was then mooted

Clerk stated this was A. R. P. work and not a matter for the Council. The County Council might be advised.

No recommendation.

Board of Health Arrangements.

Town Clerk stated at outset of the consideration of these proposals :-

1. The Trailer Pump and accessories here provided by the Department of Defence through the County Council cannot as at present be used under this or any arrangement with the Board of Heaeth.
2. If use in any circumstances is permitted by the owners of the pump and equipment - namely the Department of Defence - the Council cannot accept payment either by Retainer or otherwise. Clerk gave as his authority Commandent Meenaghan who is in charge of this section. Therefore any arrangement
3. with the Board of Heaeth must be made subject to Mr. Shortall's assurance that this pump and equipment

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will ~~only~~ alone be used. He, clerk, should report the matter to the Secretary of the County Council.

Town Surveyor again definitely stated that after a lengthy interview with Mr. T. B. Sinnott, Secretary, Wexford County Board of Heath this equipment supplied by the Department of Defence can and should be used by this Council without any consent of the Department of Defence and he had no hesitation in advising the Council they should accept the offer of the Board of Heath and that the Agreement could contain any Stipulation they, the Council, considered necessary.

The majority Members present agreed to recommend the acceptance of the arrangement as outlined by the County Board of Heath for Fire fighting in the old New Ross Rural Area subject to the Agreement being in accordance with the advice of the Council's Solicitors to fully protect the Council including insurance against all risks

3. Several Boards of Heath had arranged to provide own equipment. Clerk submitted advertisements in Daily Press 24th February and 9th February from Galway and Longford Boards in evidence.

The Meeting Ended.

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Monday 31st March 1941.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day in the Tholsel, New Ross, at noon o'clock pursuant to the provisions of Circular W.S.F. (Payments) 12 March 1941 to pass payments on account of the Sewerage No.1. Scheme.

Present :- Messrs The Chairman, John Murphy (Bridge) J. Murphy, P.C. J. Prendergast, W. Ronan, V.A. Doyle

Circular having been read

Proposed by Mr. Doyle

Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge)

The following payments under The. the Scheme were passed Viz:-

(1) Certificate dated 20th March 1941 from Consulting Engineer to Lee Bros. Contractors £530.

(2) Certificate from same 7th February 1941 £5.5.0 Fees to 23rd September 1940 (Final week)

(3) Commission to Consulting Engineer £13.4.0 being 2½ % of Certificate £530.0.0.

Retention Money.

Clerk drew attention to the fact as the Scheme figures presented by Mr. O'Connor (Consulting Engineer) demonstrates that after payment of £530 to Messrs Lee Bros. the Retention money under the Contract would only amount to £259 against £588.

Special Transfers from General Account.

Rent Deposits.

At Clerks request Council agreed to create a Rent Deposits account and to transfer all monies lying to credit in General Account into this account. Arrangements had already been made with the Treasurer subject to Council's sanction. Amount £106.8.8.

Agreed.

Letter 15th March 1941 was read from County Secretary, M.J. Frizelle that Paying Order received £882.15.4 should be £914.12.9.

Clerk informed the Council the £882.15.4 was lodged to credit of County Council. The amount now

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necessary to transfer is £31. 17. 5.

Agreed.

£225 Road Maintenance (Urban)

Clerk reported above now due to County Council as Road Authority on the Transferred Urban Roads

Payment Agreed

On the motion of Murphy. P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by the Chair and Messrs V. A. Doyle and W. Ronan and the amounts ordered to be paid.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Monday 7th April 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and in particular to consider the Clerk's Estimate of the Poor Rate for the ensuing year.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney and J. Murphy, P.C.

Bills

The following accounts were presented. examined and recommended for payment :-
J. Ward, £3.4.0 ; People Newspaper £1.5.0 ; E.S.B. £24.4.11 Central Garage 16/4 ; People Newspaper £1.11.0 do. £4.4.0 National Banks £152.8.0 ; Irish Press 17/6 ; P. Rossiter £4.3.6 Hibernian Insurance £5.4.0 ; Hibernian Insurance £6.17.0 L. Barron £3.10.4 ; P. Leacy 18/= Graves & Co. £2.4.6 P. Rossiter £50.4.0 ; E.A. Finn £14.14.9 ; E.S.B. £4.7.7 ; Mrs. Murphy 10/- James Power 3/8 : Moran Bros. £3.5.0 : Furlong & Hanrahan 3/6

Refund of Deposit.

Mr. T. Mullally, 64 Charleton Hill gave notice of surrender of tenancy and applied for return of Deposit £2.10.0.

Recommended on the usual conditions.

Poor Rate Estimate

Printed estimate was submitted by the Clerk. He reported having supplied each Member of the Council with a copy. The County Council Demand is £3894.13.0 to which is added £652.7.0 being expenses of collection added to uncollectable rate by reason of vacant premises &c. Total Gross Valuation of Town £10029.6.0. This is £100 under last years Valuation and increases liability. This years total Demand is £4547 against last years £4202.

A rate of 9/- in the £ produces £4554.16.9
Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

A rate of 9/- in the £ was adopted by

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the Committee.

Statement by County Council.

This Statement of the amount to be demanded by the County Council on Urban District of New Ross was Read. The only increase over last year appears under the headings Board of Heaeth and Poor Relief. Roads, County Services and Separate charges Fee by £43.

The Statement was adopted as basis of Poor Rate. for ensuing year.

Rate Collection.

Clerk Submitted his monthly report for March. Total Warrant £8760. 9. 10. Collected £6425. 7. 2 Discounts £122. 5. 3. Uncollected £2212. 17. 5. Percentages collected end of March 1938 76 : 1939 - 78.3 ; 1940 - 77.3 and this year 74.7. In considering the Committee should take into account the abnormal amount expected as uncollectable.

Rate Collector reported She was disappointed in the collection this year. She was forced to apply for an extension of time to 31st May 1941.

Committee recommended extension

Rent Collection.

Clerk Submitted his monthly report for March. Rents accrued during month £297. 2. 7. Collected £275. 11. 6. Arrears commencement £487. 17. 11. and at end £509. 9. 0. Therefore instead of reducing the arrears the rents due during the month were not collected by £30 if a payment on account of arrears alone of £8 is considered.

Collector Miss Finn Stated the Clerk in preparing or submitting his Report did not Know the short collection was due to the impossibility of continuing the collection owing to the extremely inclement weather.

Recommended Notice to Quit be served Following intimation of same to Tenants undermentioned viz:- M. Connolly, Church Lane £1. 14. 1 ; Anastasia Ryan, Tollyhouse Lane

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£2.8.10. Michael Martin, William Sheet £2.16.7
Mary Cotton £4.0.9; Michael Monoghan
£10.5.0; B. Holden £4.1.0; R. Donnelly £10.2.0
Myles McGrath £6.1.6. Elizabeth Donnelly
and Sergeant Brehany £8.2.6. and
Guard Feehan £6.18.8.

The Council -v- P.A. Brennan and J. Stacey.

Letter 1st April 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing cheque for £7.12.0 amount due by above as Sureties for Elizabeth Kehoe

The Council -v- Guard Bisset and Hartigan.

Letter 31st March 1941 was read from Mr. Coghlan Solicitor enclosing his cheque for £8.0.0 being compounded amount as Sureties for Sergeant Coady.

Increase in Rent of 6d per week.

Letter 25th March 1941 was read from Collector Miss Finn that she made personal demand on all the Council's tenants for the increased rent on the 24th instant with the exception of three tenants - Mary Keeffe, Timothy McCarty and John Fanning all of William Sheet at whose houses she got no response. All the tenants - Upper William Sheet, Cockpit Lane and Buneen Lane - refused the increase. The old rent was collected on account of arrears.

Miss Finn verbally reported to Committee that following an interview with Town Clerk she called on the Council's Solicitors. She was informed the two tenants sued had paid the increased rent plus all arrears since September with costs. Mr. Coffey advised her to again demand the increase on today (7th April) and report to him. She called and submitted to the Committee a list of tenants who had paid as well as a list of those who had not.

Recommended that Collector report to the Solicitors and that Notices to Quit be prepared and Served on all tenants who refused to be bound by the

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arrangement between their Solicitor Mr. Kelly and the Council's Solicitors to abide by the Courts decision in the cases of Messrs Brazil and Tench.

Guard Cartwright.

Letter 14th March 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors that proceedings were issued for £10.5.0 rent due to 23rd September 1940. A decree by consent for £12.4.6 was obtained being the rent and £1.19.6 costs to be discharged at the rate of £2.5.0 per month. £7.5.0 was so received by them. On default in January payment the decree was lodged and returned marked "no goods". At January 17th 1941 £6.13.4 more accrued due, making due now £11.16.10. Mr. Lalor, Solicitor, Submitted to them the Guard owed £86.7.0 and proposed to discharge same by 25% in August 1941 out of a monthly £2.10.0 making it three years to discharge all the debts. Creditors totalling £30 consented and he asked the Council to agree. If the Council do not accept they propose Examination Order. and Instalment Order proceedings.

Recommend that Mr. Lalor be advised that unless the settlement arranged with Council's Solicitors be completed the Council Submit the matter to the Guards Authorities after next Meeting.

29 Houses increase in Rent.

Increase of Rent Acts.

Letter 26th March 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors intimating they have not received the further instructions required by their letter of 21st September 1940 re above.

Adjourned.

Weighmaster's Salary.

Clerk intimated that the Weighmaster continued receiving his salary although one weighbridge was out of commission. He requested a direction.

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Committee considered that Mr. Quinn was engaged sufficently to permit of continuing his Salary even if the proceeds are very Small. Increase in Scale charges was mentioned to meet the Situation.

Adjourned.

Corporate Property.

Letter 31/3/41 was read from Mr. P. Lynch Priory Sheet as follows :-

"I am prepared to pay £35 (Thirty five Pounds) in Settlement of rent due on Priory Sheet. I belive your Council will admit this is a very fair offer considering conditions of lettings of house."

Clerk Submitted Bills for Repairs to this house and Furniture handed in by Mr. Lynch Viz :- Repairs to Roof (J. Rossiters a/c.) 16/8 in 1939 : Kitchen Sink £1. 7. 0 Washer & Cock 7/6 (Hanrahan Bros.) in May 1937. A bill from E. Monaghan for £22. 17. 6 Repairs to roof, removing debris, building concrete wall, work on floor & ceilings &c. and £11. 12. 0 damage to carpets, Furniture etc. Total £35. 6. 4.

Recommended that Mr. Lynch be informed the Council must refuse his offer and cannot accept responsibility for the bills. Notice to Quit be Served unless arears of rent paid in Full.

Clerk reported that no reply had been received from Mrs. Whelan.

Recommended that Clerk inform Mrs. Whelan proceedings must issue unless the Council is informed after next Meeting unless the arrangement proposed be accepted.

Immunization Scheme.

Dr. Kissanes Bill.

Sanction 29 March 1941 P.H. 6540/2/31 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health to payment of £50. 15. 0.

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Tottenham Estate

Income Tax refused.

Letter 27th March 1941 was read from Agent that he agreed the Council should have deducted income tax from the rent ~~back~~ but "I am unable to give you a refund of the tax." Payment of the rent due now was demanded.

Recommended that Clerk deal with the matter.

The Meeting Adjourned.

D. A. O'Gorman
8.4.41

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Tuesday 8th April 1941.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the various powers enabling and the following Special Business duly noticed :-

1. Adopt Estimates of Poor Rate for ensuing year.
2. Contract for Seavenging and other works.
3. Acquisition of Sites Act 1940.
4. Allotments Acts.
5. A. R. P. Reports
6. Fire Brigades Act 1940. Committee Report.
7. Resolutions from Bray Urban Council. and the Labour Party.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Dooley, J. E. Walsh J. Murphy. P.C. J. Murphy (Bridge) T. Redmond, A. Cullen T. Martin, T. Cooney.

The Minutes of the last two Meetings were taken as read and signed.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

The Minutes of last evenings Meetings were read and signed and on the
Motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted and the Bills were ordered to be paid as soon as funds permitted.

The Treasurers Advice notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs Dooley and Walsh.

Adoption of Poor Rates.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The estimates of the monies required for the Poor Rate Service for the ensuing year - copy of which sent out to each Member of the Council - as recommended by the Finance Committee were adopted.

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Contract for Seavenging

Clerk notified due advertising in the local Press - New Ross Standard and Free Press.

The following tenders were opened and read :-

From Mr. Patrick Rossiter

"I hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows :-

1. As specified in Paragraphs Nos. 4, 5. and 6 @ £1. 11. 0 per day.
2. Cleansing of Surface Traps, cutting of grass &c @ £1. 8. 0 per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits @ 6/= each.
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory @ 6/= per week.
5. (a) Washing Inishtown after fair Days @ per wash £1.12.6
   (b) Washing of Rosbercon after fair Days @ per wash 15/=
6. Conveying of materials @ 5/= per ton."

From Mr. Peter Gahan

"I hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows :-

1. As specified in Paragraphs. Nos. 4, 5 & 6 @ £1.7.6 per day.
2. Cleansing of Surface traps, cutting of grass &c. @ £1.0.0 per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits @ 5/= each
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory @ 3/= per week.
5. (a) Washing Inishtown after fairs @ per wash 15/=
   (b) Washing Rosbercon after fairs @ per wash 15/=
6. Conveying of materials @ 3/= per Ton."

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh.

The tender of Mr. Gahan being the lower - after examination by the Town Surveyor - was accepted nem. con.

Deaths.

Mrs. Roche and Mrs. Quigley wrote thanking the Council for votes of sympathy on recent demise of Mr. Michael Roche.

Tenders for Printing

Free Milk Scheme :- Moran Bros. for Milk Books @ 2/= per book. Cullen & Son @ 3/3 per book.
The tender of Moran Bros. was accepted.

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Rate Demands &c.

Moran Bros. tendered @ £3. 17. 6. Cullens also @ £3. 17. 6
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen

It was decided to give the order to Moran Bros. if Cullen & Co got the order last year.

County Council – Payment of Wages Relief Workers.

Letter dated 21/3/41 was read from the County Surveyor that his Council would like to Know if the Council would undertake to pay men on Relief Works to be reimbursed subsequently by the County Council.
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

This was agreed to.

Acquisition of Sites Act. (Sec. 1).

Letter dated 22nd March 1941 was read from the County Surveyor that his Council would like to Know if the Council would undertake to pay men on Relief Works.

Letter dated 22nd March 1941 L. 2283/2/41 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth today that they required copy of Town Surveyor's Report on above as soon as received.

Clerk reported he had asked the Town Surveyor long since for it on the Order of the Council.

Ordered that Town Surveyor attend to this matter without delay.

Allotments Acts.

Correspondence was read from the Department Local Government and Public Heaelth H. 4430/8/41 dated 24th March 1941 enclosing copy letter H. 25485/40 (Pc.) in connection with applicants for allotments at present serving in the Defence Forces.

Letter H. 4430/10/41 was read from the same approving of the acquisition of the following lands for the

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1941 Scheme (a) 2 acres from Mr. V.a. Doyle @ £5 per acre (b). 4 acres Urban Council @ £5 per acre and (c) 3 acres from the Carmelites @ £5 per acre. An extract from Inspector Department of Agriculture was enclosed with Form 2. for completion.

Letter H. 4430/10/41 27th March 1941 from same was read that 19 applicants submitted were approved for plots at reduced rent. Certificate 3 (c) should be completed for John Gladney. John Furness and Thomas Furness are ineligible for reduced rent plots.

Letter G. 129/40 13th March 1940 was read from Department of Agriculture that 40 x 1 cwts and 85 x 1½ cwts fertilizer is Specially reserved for plots.

Letter G. 1016/40 14th March 1941 was read from same regarding the tender from Messrs Flemings accepted by the Council for seeds and other requisites and the steps taken to obtain competitive tenders.

Intimation H. 4200/9/40 13th March 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public of £101. 11. 4 recoupment under the Acts for the 1940 Season and H. 5413/17/39 of £84. 14. 0 for the 1939 Season.

Letter dated 28/3/41 was read from Inspector Gleeson that unless the 2 acre plot for allotments was marked and mapped out before Monday he would be forced to instruct his Department to forego the arrangement with Mr. Doyle.

Letter was read from Ml. Murphy - who had been refused a plot as he had not called it last year.

Clerk reported it would not be possible to obtain seeds and manures for the Mount. Carmel land (2) The Potatoe Manures, small seeds, cabbage plants, farmyard manures and British Queens were supplied and the plots are now progressing. There was a possibility the Kerr Pinks certified seeds might not be procured. The Contractors were finding it difficult to obtain The Supplies ordered some time ago- immediately the Council accepted the tender in fact. The position was unchanged this evening

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(4). The Town Surveyor now reports that two acres. are marked out. He states the weather was unfavourable

A. R. P.

Clerk reported various interviews, telephone communications and arrangements hereunder since last Meeting. After travelling the town on three occasions advertising by poster and handing in copies of the poster to various business premises the only tenders obtained are as follows:-

John P. Dunphy :- Cannot supply Press @ £4.

W. Morris :- Will supply press approved by Dr. Quigley for £4.

W. Morris :- 2 x four fold bed screens to Satisfy Dr. Quigley for £3. 17. 6 (Panes 6 ft. high 1½ ft. wide 2 in strong but hinges covered with cretonne.

W. Morris :- Cannot estimate as unable to get some of the materials for Stretchers.

Steele & Co:- Standard Army Type Stretchers best quality non slip handles &c. 35/= each.

Mrs. Roche :- 10 ~~pillows~~ ~~Gallons~~ (down) @ 5/6 each.

Ordered that tenders be forwarded to Mr. Frizelle for the Department of Defence.

Discussing the impossibility of procuring tenders locally for all other equipment the Council expressed disappointment and left the matter in the Clerk's hands.

Voluminous correspondence was read in part between the County Council and the Town Clerk relative to various matters and between the County Medical Officer of Health and the Town Clerk. Mr. Frizelle wrote on the 14th March 1941 stating the actual position. The Urban Council is expected "to give all the help possible". Dr. Daly is the principal for First Aid Services and Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, is in charge of fire fighting services. The only official First Aid Post is at the Technical School. All payments will be made by the County Council after being certified by the chief Executive Officer of the Urban Council. Items should be obtained at as reasonable prices as possible.

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Clerk reported the County Surveyor attended here on The Town Surveyor was present and Mr. Assistant Co. Surveyor P. O'Neill. Decontamination Fire Fighting Arrangement for Stores in Ross and other matters affecting his department were fully discussed. The County Surveyor stated he would attend personally to everything and issued instructions to the Town Surveyor. Nurse Mrs. Furlong and Dr. Quigley attended at the Technical School to check up the materials and to store them in the new press.

Clerk reported also having handed papers received re Decontamination and circular requesting particulars of sewers and water mains under or through Bridges within and without the town serving the Urban Area. He had not received the Surveyor's Report yet.

No orders.

Byelaws.

Letter 24th March 1941 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health referring to his communication of 2nd February 1940 re Scavenging within the Urban Area. He requires to know what action has been taken or is proposed with regard to the adoption of Byelaws relative.

Clerk reported he sent a copy of the Officer's communication to each Councillor at the time as well as to the Sanitary Inspector and the Town Surveyor. But no action was taken further.

Adjourned.

Bill of Costs.
Certificate of Taxation.

Above was received certifying the balances due as £334. 2. 5.

Obstruction in Irishtown.

A further letter 15th April 1941 was read from Mr. M. Fluskey, Irishtown, complaining that nothing had been done to clear away the debris on the

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Foodpath. He would hold the Council responsible for damage to his premises and cattle.

Letter was read from Council's Solicitors 8th April 1941, that they had the matter in hand and generally advising. The owner Mr. J.E.N. Richards informed them that no income was being received for this property. In their opinion the best method of having the work done is to procure an Order under the Towns Improvement Acts on the grounds that the wall constitutes a danger to the public. The County Council is not liable.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dooley

It was agreed to instruct the Solicitors to proceed as advised.

Valuation Appeals.

Clerk reported receipt of appeal by Grand Canal Co. against Valuation of £4. Valuation Office acknowledged receipt of Appeal Notice by S.R. 8895. 3rd April 1941.

Corporate Property.

Letter 25th March 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors "That until the information specified in our letter of 2nd August 1940 has been supplied to us we are not in a position to take any steps" or express any opinion on the questions relating to claim for compensation under the lease of the property at Priory Steet to Mrs. McDonagh.

Clerk stated the Council is waiting stiee on the Town Surveyor's report.

Town Surveyor stated the 2 houses are now in good order. As regards the other two the measure of compensation would be the recent expenditure undergone by the Council.

Clerk asked the Councie to have the Surveyor send his report in writing as requested by the Solicitors.

Ordered accordingly.

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Annual Returns.

Circular 8/41 LLgh. (S+R) 13th March 1941 45/40 of 22nd March 1941. H. 33/1941 LL.GH. (P.L) 18th March 1941 Llghmeitheach (S+R) 20/1946 of 13th March 1941 43/41 of 31st March 1941 42/41 of 31st March 1941 and 32/41 of 3rd April 1941 were read + returns ordered to be forwarded as soon as possible.

Sanitary Salaries.

Intimation of recoupment of £15.12.11 dated 31st March 1941 was read being proportion due for the year ending 30th September 1940.

Clerk reported due lodgment with Treasurers.

Free Milk Tender.

Sanction

By letter P.H. 8766/41 of 25th March 1941 the Department of Local Government and Public Health transmitted approval of the tender of Contractor John Butler for milk supply @ 1/4 per gallon subject to favourable reports from Inspectors.

Clerk intimated the reports had since been forwarded.

Electoral Acts.

Clerk reported he attended Revision Session during the month and everything was satisfactory according to the Registrar.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman

20/5/41

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Friday the 2nd Day of May 1941

A Special Meeting of the Town Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall New Ross, this day at 5. o'clock P.M. to transact the business of (1) Considering the Clerks Estimates for Town & Domestic Water Rate for the Services of the ensuing year to the end of March 1942 (2) Employment Schemes 1941/2 Vote in relation to the Estimates (3) Reduction of Public Lighting and (4) Fire Fighting for New Ross under the Fire Brigades Act. 1940.

Present Messrs T. Redmond M.C. Chairman and J. Murphy. P.C.

The Town Surveyor and Rate Collector were by request in attendance.

Reduction in Lamps

The Town Surveyor and Committee carefully examined the maps supplied by the E.S.B. and letter dated 9th April 1941 from the E.S.B. having been read - recommending the reduction to a minimum — Committee recommended.

That the existing lighting consisting of 88 Lamps be reduced approximately by 50% - Excluding Pilot Lights and Corner lights as per decision of Committee marked in blue pencil on the said Map, and that the Board be so informed.

Scavenging Contract.

Ensuing Year.

Town Surveyor and Committee went into the figures in this matter and considered the total cost for the year can scarcely be less than £600 for Budget Estimates.

Fire Brigades Act. 1940

Uniforms Scheme.

Clerk submitted the Town Surveyors Scheme to Capt. Deputy £7.0.0 8 men £40.0.0 and Captain £10 with fees £25.4.0. Committee (Spl) recommend this

received the enquiries to £57 including fees from the total of £82. Clerk further submitted provision should be made in the Estimates for a trailer pump and equipment as well as the other items - oilskins helmets &c included in the Town Surveyors Estimate.

Repeying Clerk gave the opinion once more that the trailer pump and equipment with the other equipment supplied by or to be provided by the Department of Defence cannot be used in any circumstances whatsoever to obtain the fees offered by the Co. Board of Health. He, Clerk, reported visits from a Cunagh Officer and the County Surveyor. It had now been agreed the proper person to have control of the trailer pump and accessories with equipment was the person trained to give instruction and so it was proposed that as Mr Hoolall received a certificate to give instructions he should be placed in responsibility for the custody and maintenance of this plant & Equipment.

To the Fees amounting to £57 should be added insurance and whatever obligations the Council's Solicitors may advise. The Estimates provides for a loan of £150 for pump and the necessary equipment - cost £100. The £57 must be provided by rate and will be an annual charge.

Recommended that no provision be made in the Estimates for purchase of Trailer pump and Helmets Boots &c.

Air Precautions

Circular 36/1941 dated 26 March 1941 was read from the Dept Local Government & Public Health enclosing Copy Emergency Powers (Defence) Act 1939 Order hereunder empowering the Council to provide Air Raid Shelters deposits &c. Clerk reported Council to advise if it would be necessary to provide for anything in the Estimates.

Committee recommended that as Carlow Council was interested in Drumm

Boy and no other deposits are available on the advice of the Town Surveyor it was decided to recommend no action be taken as regarding for roads in Estimates

Brief for £83-11-7.

School of Pathology. dated 28 April 1941

Letter R.H. 33 20/1941 was read from Dept of Public Health replying to Council's letter for a. direction of 5 November 1940 that "The Minister has been in communication with the County Medical Officer of Health in the matter and has been notified that the examinations were made in connection with an investigation into an outbreak of typhoid fever which occurred in the Urban district." The Council was referred to the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1929 Articles 10 to 12 which the Sanitary authority are bound to defray the expenses incurred by the Medical Officer of Health in carrying out the duties imposed on him by these regulations.

Councillor Lang read the relative sections suggested that the expenses incurred by the Board of Health did not come within the meaning of the sections and suggested the matter be referred to Council's Solicitors.

Recommended that the matter be referred to Solicitors for advice. and that no provision meantime be made in the Estimates.

Employment Schemes Vote 1941/2.

Circular Ref 20718/2 23rd April 1941 was read from Dept of Public Health asking for a local contribution of £240 in this year Estimates towards above.

Clerk within stated the Assistant County Surveyor should called and stated he had no idea of the works the Council could undertake on roads

Recommended that the Council vote the £240.

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Budget.

Year ending 31 March 1942.

Clerk submitted his detailed estimates as follows & summary:—

Repayment of Loans	£5572.0.0
Urban Road maintenance	400.0.0
Road Relief Board	240.0.0
Diphtheria Immunization	50.0.0
Repairs Artizans Dwellings	250.0.0
Demolition - last year	150.0.0
Uncollectable rates.	350.0.0
Printing & advertising	125.0.0
Public Lighting & Water.	380.0.0
Salaries.	1205.0.0
Scavenging Contract.	600.0.0
Law	100.0.0
Office Expenses	100.0.0
Miscellaneous	988..0..0
Total Expenditure	£10510.0.0.

Estimated Receipts 5092.0.0

Leaving to be raised by Rates £5418.0.0.

Effective Valuation £8484 gross valuation £10029.6/- at a rate of 13/9 produces £5408.11/- and this is made up as follows Towns Improvt. Act. £1838.4/- Local Govt Acts ~~£1090.17~~ £1378.18/- and Rural Acts £2791.14.0.

Recommended that the Estimates be reduced as follows for the reasons given viz:—

£100 Fire Brigade Loan Repayment - Unnecessary as advised by Town Surveyor.

£65 Percy Street Houses Loans - repairs &c - as postponed to next year. Clerk to arrange to get in back rent. meantime.

£175 Urban Road maintenance - as £225 was provided last year adequate.

£50 Immunization Diphtheria - Rates at present made to meet this.

£120 Public Lighting - economy conserving electricity during emergency Period

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£75 Painting advertising — in lieu of money Voted. Town Clerk keeps Assistant.

£100 Repairs (Fencing and) Dwellings — postponing Except minor repairs suggested by Town Clerk as necessary to maintain the Property. Town Surveyors advice to provide at least £10 per house for outside plaster to be postponed as regards Lower Wedon Street: Church Lane: Dolly Horse Lane.

£100 Water mains & Sewers leaving £150 for the work which in Committees opinion paved Supervision should be adequate.

£100. Uncollectable Rate — in Committees opinion Vacant Premises should show considerable reduction this year.

£75 Ryan Bros as Demolition — postponing same to next Budget.

and that should the deductions be agreed thereby reducing the amount to be found by rate to £4489.9.0 (originally £5405.11.0) a rate of 10/7 in the £ (producing £4489.9.0) be adopted to provide for the Services of Town Rate and 1/6 in the £ as and for Domestic Water Rate and further that the existing Water Rent Charges be maintained.

Roads Maintenance.

Estimate from County Council for the maintenance of non-main Urban roads was read upon that Council fixing £400 as net Estimated figure required.

Recommended that the sum of £400 be not agreed to but that £225 be provided.

Arrears of Increased Rents.

Rent-Collector reported delay in collection. She was advised by Council's Solicitor the Council are entitled to same by Verbal agreement with the Solicitor to Tenants but the bill would not be legally recoverable.

Application for Collector to again see Tenants

Deleted by Council 6.5.41 J.O.B.

Tholsel Cleansing.

. Ldon reported a visit. from the C. M.O.H. He expressed his intention to close the Tholsel on account of its unsanitary condition. Unless reasonable cleansing, painting and repairs were carried out this shop would be forced to close the building.

Recommended that as a sum of £75 had been collected for this work and in view of the unemployment in town the work be advertised by contract.

P.W. Forman
6.5.41

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Tuesday 6th May 1941.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Thalsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the Recommendations of the Finance Committee on the Clerk's Estimates of the monies required under the various Acts for the Services of the financial year ending 31st March 1942. pursuant to the Public Bodies Orders as Town Rate.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy, T. Redmond, J.J. Walsh, T. Cooney and J. Murphy, P.C.

Vote of Sympathy to Hogan Family.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

A vote of sympathy was passed to the widow, parents, brothers and sisters of Daniel Hogan who lost his life in saving the lives of his neighbours in the recent bombing of London.

Estimates

The Chairman's views of the Estimates were then read.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee having been read

Restriction of Public Lighting
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

That the recommendations of the Committee in this regard be attend to "That the existing contract between the Electricity Supply Board and the Council be terminated and at the end of five months that a contract be entered into for the lighting of 88 Public lamps less the lamps marked with a blue cross by the Council on map supplied by the Electricity Supply Board for the balance of the year ending 31st March 1942 and that provision for same be made in the estimates."

Replying to Mr. Redmond, Clerk quoted the circular

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from the Electricity Supply Board setting out allowance for extinguished lamps £1.17.8 for 200 Watt from Dusk to Midnight and £2.13.2 from Dusk to Dawn. Clerk stated in his opinion such a contract as proposed would not be feasible.

The motion as proposed and seconded was adopted.

Recoupment to Town Clerk.

Arising out of the Estimates Letter G. 5343/41 dated 24th April 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of 10th February last regarding the grant of £1 per week to you to reimburse you expenditure incurred by the employment of an assistant, I am directed by the Minister for local Government and Public Heath to state that he considers the time is inopportune for a proposal of this kind and he is not prepared accordingly to sanction it."

Mr. Walsh said apparently the Department was not fully informed by the Clerk of the position. In his opinion the Town Clerk's salary should have been increased thereby effecting his pension rights and his status and as well the services of an assistant.

Mr. J. Murphy. P.C. said that the (salary) Council would not be at all satisfied that the Clerk out of his small salary should pay for Council work. It was utterly impossible for him to work without the help of an Assistant and particularly ever since all the free work was added under the Government Schemes. The Council should without any hesitation ask the Minister to sanction the very small amount which the Council has already intimated they are prepared to pay. The present is a time when the Council is making every effort to create employment.

Other Members having spoken the Chairman said that apart from the work of the office which must have quadrupled since the retirement of the late Town

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Clerk the present Town Clerk was twelve years in their Service and the Salary must be about the smallest in Ireland. There was no telephone, no messenger, and noone to do a hands turn for him thereby making this position different from most of the Council Offices in the State. Likewise there is no Stenographer's Office in the town. The small sum allowed would not only not recoup the Clerk in full but it would mean a saving in printing and other expenses of over double the amount apart altogether from efficiency and he had great pleasure in moving that the Minister be asked in the extremely special circumstances to reconsider his decision as this action of the Council had the whole-hearted support of all the members of the Council and would tend to decrease the Rates.

This was seconded by Mr. Redmond and unanimously passed.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The recommendations of the Special Finance Committee Meeting held on the 2nd May 1941 were adopted subject to the above motion by Mr. Walsh.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

That a reduction all round be made in the Clerk's Estimates as amended by the Finance Committee so as to reduce the rate in the £ by a further 7d and that this Council adopt a Town Rate of 10/= in the £. on the effective valuation of the Urban District for the purposes for which they are empowered to make such Rate and a Domestic Water Rate of 1/6 in the £. on all premises supplied with water for domestic purposes with a minimum of 10/= and that the existing Water Rent Charges be maintained - for the the Services of the year ending 31st March 1942.

The Meeting Ended.

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Monday the 12th day of may 1941.

The monthly meeting of the Finance committee of the New Ross Urban District council was held in the Thobel, New Ross this evening at 5 oclock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the council.

Present:- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., Presiding; John Murphy, Bridge; T. Redmond, and V. A. Doyle.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment as early as funds available:- Messrs Ryan Bros. £12.0.6; Messrs B. Hennessy. 5/6; F.W. Hartrick £22.12.11; J. Furlong £5.8.0; E.S.B. Pumping Station £6.3.1; J. Butler £21.9.7; E.S.B 7/6; P. Rossiter £50.4.0; Moran Bros £1.2.2; J. Donnelly 5/=; J. Cooney £1.17.6; P. Murphy £4.10.0; Free Press £7.5.0; Ayton Saunders & Co; 5/=; Government Publications 2½d; A.R. French 18/6; Eason & Son 2/8; Typewriter Co. 6/9; Mrs. Murphy 2/=; Messrs B. Hennessy 2/6; Furlong & Hanahan 3/10; Miss E.A. Finn £10.8.3; P. Rossiter £4.19.0.

Special Fair Bills.

Waterford News £1.10.0; and "Independent" 17/6.

Recommended for payment.

Swabbing account.

From Pathology Department University College £4 (Cleary Family)

Payment recommended.

Diphtheria Immunization.

Bill for £10.5.0 from Dr. Quigley certified by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Recommended payment as in case of Dr. Keane.

Offer for Old Paper.

M. Dinn & Co., Dublin offered £10 per ton for old manuscript books, and £4 for old papers.

Recommended that Clerk inspect and arrange the sale if possible.

Allotments Acts.

Fees to Town Surveyor.

" To Surveying lands at Charleton Hill and William Street, preparing drawings of same, laying out same in 48 allotments, with necessary passage, approaches &c. £8.8.0."

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" Arranging and superintending removal of concrete stakes and Wire fence £2·2·0".

Recommended bill be sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

Bill £343·6·1 was received from Contractor Mr. James Fleming New Ross.

Recommended that as the Council's Bank Balance will be very low if indeed not exhausted before ordinary bills and salaries are met the Council should ask the Department of Agriculture to meet the bill this year. The practice is that the Council examine and pay where sanction to the expense is not required and then apply for a refund.

Rents Arrears Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly Report for the month of April 1941. Houses occupied 213. Unlet 7. Accrued due during the month £240·6·8. Received £250·12·10 reducing arrears by £10·6·2 to £499·2·10. Notices to Quit were served on Sergt. Breheny Charleton Hill; Michael Connolly Church Lane; John Fanning William Street; Mary Cotton, Cross Lane; Myles Melgath, Charleton Hill; Robert Donnolly, J.K.L. Place; William Ryan, Town Wall; Michael Monoghan, J.K.L. Place; Michael Martin William Street; Anastasia Ryan Tollyhouse Lane. Notice to Quit was returned in the case of Mrs. Bridget Holden, decd. The following live in this house :- Johanna Holden, Margaret Holden, Michael Holden and Mrs. Ellen Foley.

Mrs. Ryan, Tollyhouse Lane called and offered 3/6 after receipt of notice. Rent Collector stated to Committee she offered her 14/-

Letter was read (5·5·41) from Mrs. L. Carr, Sinningdale, England offering to pay the rent for Mr. Michael Connolly. She had given a payment to Miss Finn.

Recommended that the notice be suspended in Mr. Connolly's case.

Letter 7th May 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors that they conveyed the Council's order to Mr. Lalor, Solicitor for Guard Cartwright.

Recommended that steps for the recovery of the arrears without further delay be taken by acquainting the Authorities of this debt.

Letter 28th April 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors that the

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debt and costs in the case against James Byrne and Peter Gahan were paid by both defendents £4.4.7. Clerk reported complaints of trespass on unoccupied premises at J.K.L. Place and Charleton Hill. Locks were purchased and gates secured. A watch was set for some days but no report was received of trespassing. This precaution might with material advantage to the rates be repeated as considered necessary to protect property.

Recommended same and that immediate prosecution should follow after report to Council.

Rates Report.

Town Clerk submitted his usual monthly Report for April 1941. Warrants £8760.9.10. Collected £6981.2.11; Discounts £122.5.3. Outstanding end of April £1657.1.8. Collected last year same time 84.6%. This year equals 80%. A fall of 4.6%. Considered good at 80%.

Council -V- Francis Doyle.

Under date 22nd April 1941 Council's Solicitors reported that application to defendent failed notwithstanding decree obtained on 22nd October last. Debt £11.4.2 costs £2.9.6. Asked instructions - Adjourned.

Bartholomew Deegan.

Deems reported on 2nd May 1941. Instalment Order granted granted by the District Justice 29th September 1936 of 5/= per week (debt from rates and costs £15.15.10) was not carried out. They required instructions whether to apply to the Court for an Order for committing defendent to prison or otherwise. Serveral reminders by the Solicitor failed.

Richard Kearns.

Instalment Order of 25th July 1939 at 5/= per week (debt £7.7.9 Rates) had not been met. Several reminders also sent.

Recommended in both cases that the order be sought as in the Committees opinion, after consultation with the Rate Collector, both can pay.

Patrick Kehoe.

By letter 7th May 1941 Solicitors reported the Council's offer to accept £4.9.0 in full payment of debt would only be accepted

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by Defendent at 1/= per week provided the Council would make good the damage done to the chimney. Requirt instructions.

Recommended that the case be taken into Court.

Ranges account.

Collector reported a number of accounts remained unpaid and no offer of payment was made at the 1/= per week for half cost of ranges. Recommended that notices be sent out by Clerk giving 7 days in which to pay and that afterwards all cases be taken to Court.

Repayment of Loans £2309.2.0

Half years Annuities - Payment recommended. In view of the low state of Bank Balance £2495-0-2 Committee recommended the Council to avoid all but urgent expenditure for the present.

The meeting adjourned.

P. W. Gorman

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Tuesday the 13th day of May 1941.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council convened for this evening at 7.30 O'Clock in the Town Hall, New Ross, to transact business pursuant to the provisions of the Town Improvement (Ireland) Act. 1854 &c and including financial and Special A.R.P. Business was adjourned in accordance with L 10 & 11 Vict. c16 Sec 41 to next Tuesday at 7.30 o'clock p.m. by the Town Clerk in the absence of ~~any~~ all members of the Council. it being more than half hour after the time appointed for this meeting. the cause of the absence is the holding of a Mission in the Parish Church.

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Tuesday 20th May 1941

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the various Acts enabling and also for the following Special business viz:-

1. General Survey and correspondence. Re A.R.P. Act 1939.
2. Fire Brigades Act 1940 and offer of Board of Health.
3. Application for an adequate water supply to Bawnyames Military Camp.

Present:- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J.J. Walsh, John Murphy, P.C., J. Murphy, Bridge, T. Martin, T. Cooney.

The Sanitary Inspector was by leave of the Chair absent.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The last Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee having been read and considered
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Martin
The recommendations were adopted and the accounts were ordered to be paid as funds available.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes(3) were then signed by the Chair and Messrs J. J. Walsh & S. O'Murcada.

Scavenging Contract

Letter dated 6th May 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Agreement and Bond - Peter Gahan and Sureties with the Council herein for due execution by the Council.
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
The Seal of the Council was embossed on the Deed and witnessed by the Chairman.

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Turf Production.

Emergency Powers (No. 73) Order 1941 of Statutory Rules & Orders 1941 No 80 was before the Meeting.

Decided that as the County Surveyor is in charge of this work consideration be deferred.

Allotments Acts.

Letter G. 384/40 was read from the Department of Agriculture intimating that an order in payment of a grant of £172. 12. 7 was issued same day hereunder to the Council's Treasurers. The difference of 6/- represents the cost of one extra Spade purchased.

Noted.

Town Clerk reported a visit and Inspection by Mr. M. O'Rian of the Department of Agriculture and Mr. Gleeson. They are satisfied with the progress made. Two Allottees have Rhubarb in the allotments. They should be instructed to remove it at the end of the season as otherwise a right of tenure might result. They are Shea & Blanche. The Cabbage plants supplied are small and so far not certain to be of the York Variety. They are not worth 2/6 per cwt. Nothing is to be done pending report from Department.

Clerk stated he met Mr. Gleeson and pointed out to him the Council were very happy to be able to get Seeds and plants.

Town Surveyor stated (he met Mr. Gleeson) the smaller the plant this season the better the cabbage. They should go a head now after the rain.

Adjourned.

Rate Collection.

Extension of Closing date.

Letter G. 978/5/41 of 7th May 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heart "That provided the collector closes her warrant satisfactorily by that date (31st May 1941) he (Minister) will be prepard to give favourable consideration to any proposals in respect of poundage that may be submitted."

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County Council Relief Workers.

Letter 26th April 1941 was read from the County Surveyor thanking the Council for offer to pay the men but stating there would now be no necessity as he is advised by his Finance Committee.

Derelict Sites Act 1940.

Letter L. 2283/2/41 of 28th April 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enquiring "whether the data therein (Departments Letter of 22nd ultimo) requested can now be furnished."

Town Clerk stated the (~~Town Surveyor~~) Council were still waiting on the Town Surveyor's Report.

Town Surveyor now stated he would at once proceed with the Survey and have same ready for next Meeting.

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to two bad sites in the town - on the Bullaun. Town Clerk mentioned that he had not yet heard from the owner of the Quarry on the High Rise.

Ordered that the owner be again requested to reply.

Tourist Association

Council decided not to complete the Local Contribution Agreement requested by the Association.

Sales of Manure.

William Donovan. Mary Sheer tendered 30/= each for two heaps of manure ex Chambersland Dump.

Accepted.

Income Tax.

Various Forms were submitted.

Clerk was instructed to complete and attend to same.

Employment 1940/41 Schemes.

Letter 3rd May 1941 was read from the Wexford

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County Secetary asking if this Councie will put up a (collection) contribution of £240.

Clerk reported replying the £240 had been estimated for.

Demolished Wall, Irishtown

Letter of 28th April 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors that "Mr. Richards (owner) has now taken the necessary steps to have the wall demolished completely and the debris cleared. It will accordingly not be necessary for us to take any further action."

Noted

Notice of Rates having been made.

Circ. 51/41 L.G. (S.R.) 10th April 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth requesting two copies of Notice of Rates having been made for the year ended 31st March 1942.

Clerk reported copies of Adopted Rates were sent and he would send the others after next Meeting when the Rates would be made.

Adjourned.

Application for Plot.

Mrs. Connolly 4 Cross Sheet, applied for the use of the derelict ground beside her house.

Town Surveyor reported the ground in a bad condition and recommended giving the use of it.

Granted.

Sewerage Scheme - Loan of £4200.

Letter of 10 adh Aibrean 1941 L 804/6/41 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth advising issue of £450 loan 1st instalment and £480 balance of grant.

Noted.

Letter 9th May 1941 L 804/8/41 was also read from Same Department "that the details of the final Contract accounts together with Consulting Engineers Report thereon have been noted and there is no objection thereto."

Noted.

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Foot & Mouth Disease.

Memorandum A. Mach. 31/4/41 was read from The Department of Local Government and Public Heaerh in connection with Circular Letter P.H. 52/1/41 of 23rd April 1941.

Decided to inform the County Medical Officer of Heaerh of the wishes of the Department.

Fire Brigades Act 1940.

The recommendations of the Special Committee dated 13th March 1941 were agreed to subject to the Sanction of the Department.

The Town Surveyor desired to make it plain to the Council that he was now asking the Council to undertake rural fire-fighting by & on. the proposed agreement with the Board of Heaerh. provided the equipment of the Ministry of Defence can be used because the Council has no equipment for rural fire fighting.

Letter of 8th May 1941 was read from the County Secetary enclosing further copy of letter 6th March ARP/156 from Department of Defence that no decision on peacetime use of this equipment had yet been come to.

Clerk pointed out he had advised the Council long Since. It would have avoided much delay and inconvenience to the Board of Heaerh & the Town Surveyor had not given the opposite advice to the Council.

Irish Driver Harris Co.

Further letter of 19th March 1941 was read from the above that they are concerned of all possible protection against loss by fire in the present conditions. Considerable hardship in unemployment would follow fire damage. Appropriate action without undue delay must be taken.

Clerk reported replying that if a Special Brigade was required the Company might perhaps consider a reasonable contribution to the expenses of this Brigade. but had not had a reply.

Decided to inform the Company that ordinary protection would be provided when

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and where possible and requesting the Company to assist by providing man power from our staffs.

Letter L. 24552/40 of 16th May 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath requesting a reply to letter of 16th January last in regard to Fire-Fighting arrangements in the Urban District

Clerk reported replying giving a general review of the Council's activities to date.

Ordered that copies of the Town Surveyor's Suggested "Retainer" Brigade and decision of Council be sent the Department.

Air Raid Precautions – Town Surveyor's Report.

Under date 20/5/41 Town Surveyor reported as follows :-

"Regular practices are now being carried out with the local Fire-Fighting equipment including trailer Pump. At request of local Military Officer demonstrations were arranged the benefit of the local Military Forces. It is proposed to continue practices and other training exercises twice weekly during coming months.

It will be recalled that for some time after the delivery of the trailer pump it was stored for convenience in a local garage. This was not regarded as suitable by the Minister for Defence and it was then transferred to its present accommodation. In the absence of heating facilities for drying hose after use as well as storing the equipment these premises are not regarded as suitable according to memo issued re "Care and maintenance of Emergency Fire Appliances" I know of no suitable alternative premises and accordingly there appears to be no option to construct a suitable building - probable cost £450".

Clerk notified the Council that there is really no Fire Brigade under the Air Raid Precautions Act 1939

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The following extract from letter 28th April 1941 from the County Secretary, Wexford County Council was read :-

"The Department of Defence have written as follows :-

"It has also been brought to the Parliamentary's Secretary's notice that the trailer pump and equipment at New Ross are being stored under unsuitable conditions. In this connection I am to direct your attention to the instructions contained in the booklet on "The Care and Maintenance of Emergency Fire Appliances", and other booklets which have been supplied with the pump, and to emphasise the necessity for strict compliance with such instructions if the equipment is to be preserved in good condition."

Please see the above instructions of the Department are complied with."

Town Clerk reported a visit from the County Surveyor on this matter inter. alia. He suggested housing the equipment in some vacant private garage in the Town and left to consult with the Town Surveyor.

Town Surveyor stated it was absurd to try to house the trailer and equipment in private garages.

Decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

Tenders for Equipment - First Aid Post.

Clerk reported advertising by Poster for :-
8 Stretchers, 2 bed Screens, 2 pairs trestles, 2 tables 4 Forms, 8 chairs, 3 sets biscuits or Mattresses, 11 pillows, 4 Knives, 4 Spoons, 4 plates 1 two-gallon Kettle, 1 three-pint teapot.

Mr. Morris tendered for 2 Screens for £3.17.6
Steele & Co. for 8 Stretchers @ 35/- each
Philip Cushen for 33 Blankets @ 10/6 each.
Mr. Morris 1 Press for £4.0.0.

The County Medical Officer of Health signified the prices were reasonable and the County Secretary

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wrote (16th May 1941) the blankets which appear in the Schedule to be obtained locally should be purchased if the Council were satisfied the price was reasonable.

Clerk reported all above were ordered.

The Press, Screens, stretchers are provided. The blankets will be delivered within the week. As after several attempts to get quotations for the balance of the equipment on the Schedule he had ordered the 3 Waterproof Sheets, 4 mugs, 4 Knives, 4 spoons, 4 plates, 1 two gallon Kettle, 1 three pint Saupan (aluminum) from B. Hennessy and the 2 tables, 4 forms and 8 chairs from W. Morris. As regards the 10 Firemens Axes, 10 belts and pouches, 10 overalls or dungarees for Firemen, after consultation with the County Surveyor he had ordered them from Messrs Harvey & McNaughton, Dublin and L. Smith & Sons, Dublin. The former returned the order as not available and he had them sent it to C. O' Donohoe & Co. Dublin. No reply had been received from Smith & Son and C. O' Donohoe & Co at date.

Council considered everything possible was being properly done and agreed the prices quoted reasonable and further confirmed the orders given.

Maintenance of Services.

Circ. 31/41 of 14th March 1941 received 19th April 1941 was taken as read.

Clerk reported the Town Surveyor had sent back the Schedules required and they were forwarded the Department of Local Government and Public Heath on 19th April 1941.

Noted.

Stretcher Frames for Ambulances.

Clerk reported he had not yet had a quotation for this from Steele & Co. who promised to attend to same. Reminders had been sent.

Ordered that the Company be again requested to reply.

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Petrol Supplies.

Clerk submitted correspondence re this. The Town Surveyor and County Surveyor are making arrangements. Ten gallons per month is the maximum quantity which should not be reached if possible. No allocation of petrol for A.R.P. Work had been received up to 30th April 1941 and indeed up to the date of the County Surveyor's visit to the office.

Decontamination Services.

Letter 1st May 1941 was read from the County Surveyor enclosing forms and Memo A.R.P. 1318 requesting the formation of a Squad of 7 men and 7 more of a reserve for non-scheduled areas.

Clerk reported a visit from the Instructor Guard Coghlan. He arranged with the guard to visit Wexford, and obtain the fullest possible particulars. He called to the County Secretary and since then the County Surveyor issued instructions by letter dated 16th May 1941 to at once obtain the squad. He, the County Surveyor, will then attend at New Ross, meet the Officer and arrange as to equipment &c. Immediately he Clerk consulted with the Instructor and issued an invitation by poster setting out the conditions of service in force. The Local Cinema Kindly agreed to put the Notice on the screen nightly for a fortnight free of cost. Copies of the poster had been sent to the Garda Station, the County Surveyor and the County Secretary.

Considered satisfactory.

Bombs For Town Surveyor

Letter 2nd May 1941 with copy letter from Defence of 30th April 1941 A.R.P/1455 was read from the County Secretary that 4 practice bombs will be shortly issued to the Town Surveyor - as Instructor - maximum requirement.

Clerk reported sending copies to the Town Surveyor.

No order.

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Trailer Pump.
Towing Attachment

Letter 16th April 1941 was read from the County Seretary. re above.

Clerk reported due receipt and handing over to the Town Surveyor

Vote of Sympathy

letter 17th May 1941 was read from Mr. James Hogan thanking the Council for above on the death of his Son.

Water extension for Military Camp.
Town Surveyor's Report.

Dated 20th May 1941 The Town Surveyor reported as follows:-

"In accordance with recent order I arranged with Lieutenant Coghlan, C.E. to Baunjames Camp and carried out certain tests for pressure and volume on existing mains at Rosbercon. On the 22nd April. Tests were carried out at midday (the peak draught hour) and also at midnight - the zero draught hour. It was clear from these tests that three inch main extended to Baunjames would be quite capable of delivering the quantity per diem estimated to be required - 5000 gals."

Replying to Mr. Cooney the Town Surveyor stated it was his advice that there would be an adequate supply to the Camp provided the new three inch mains were laid without shutting off the lower part of the town at any time. He based this on the tests made. Lieutenant Coghlan B.E. and another officer agreed with him.

Mr. Cooney stated the water supply was recently cut off from the lower part of the town.

Town Surveyor stated that he understood this took place by orders from the Water Inspector of which he had no prior notice. He understood from the Water Inspector it was done to give a supply to the

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Camps. Although Rules and Regulations were laid down by the Council for the Water Inspector he had not reported to him daily either as to the condition of the Service or the Water Tower readings which should be read twice daily and submitted to him. The Town Surveyor did not wish to report in the absence of the Water Inspector.

The Chairman held it was the Town Surveyor's duty to report so that the Council should know the position.

Clerk reported consent to the duties of the Water Inspector had not yet been received from the Department.

Decided to adjourn consideration of this matter pending a report from the Water Inspector.

Vote of Sympathy with Mr. Michael Corcoran.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

a Vote of Sympathy was passed to Mr. Corcoran on the death of his sister Mrs. Dowling, Ballyneale.

Rates Arrears:
Bartholomew Deegan.

Clerk intimated that he omitted to ask the Finance Committee if Postman Deegan offered £5.0.0 and a Settlement of 5/= per week could he hold over application to Imprision him.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy P.C.

Clerk was given authority to do this.

Rent Arrears.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to arrears of Guard Feehan and proposed that notice to Quit be served forthwith and that the Guard be evicted from his house.

There was no Seconder and no order.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. Whelan
10/6/41

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Friday 6th day of June 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this day at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider Schedules of Uncollected Rates Submitted by the Rate Collector for the year ended 31st March 1941.

Present :- The Chairman of the Council.

Having waited until 6 o'clock the Chairman adjourned the business to the Finance Meeting of the Council.

F W Lomax
8.7.41

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Tuesday 10th June 1941

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was held in the Scholoel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial pursuant to the various Acts enabling and to make the Rates for the ensuing ensuing year.

Present :- P. J. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy (Bridge) T. Martin, T. Cooney, J. Murphy, P.C., J. F. Walsh, M.C.C. T. Redmond and A. Cullen.

Bills

The following accounts were presented, examined and ~~Recommended~~ Passed for payment :-
E. A. Finn £12. 6. 0; P. Butler £18. 6. 7; Dunphy's Bakery £39. 6. 5; Margaret Charters £6. 13. 1; P. Butler £8. 4. 4 B. Hickey £1. 11. 8; "Echo" Newspapers 7/6; Jas Ryan £1. 2. 3. Mary Murphy 1/9; National Bank £217. 15. 10; Moran Bros. £1. 7. 6; Hely's Ltd 18/=; Cullen & Son £4. 12. 6 G.S.B. £2. 11. 5; Wm Rochford £3. 0. 0. James Cooney £1. 17. 6 W. & T. Avery ~~£24. 15. 0~~ £2. 17. 6; Peter Gahan £24. 15. 0; P. Rossiter £17. 11. 0 P. Gahan £3. 3. 0; E. M. Maher £2. 7. 0.

Payment for washing hose.

Letter 9th June 1941 was read from the Secretary, enclosing copy letter 5th idem from the Department of Defence that the proposed expenditure of 15/= per week for the drying of hose etc. at New Ross cannot be approved "as in all other parts of the Country this work is being done between the Members of the Auxiliary Fire Services who are working voluntarily".

Clerk reported the Town Surveyor employed a man for this work and 10/= had been paid him. There were two 15/= due him which cannot be paid.

Town Surveyor stated he would not ask any man to do the work free.

No order.

£87. 11. 7 a/c from Dept. of Pathology

Clerk reported £4 of this bill was paid as ordered by the Council. The rest of the account was sent Council's Solicitors for advice. Adjourned.

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Refund of Rates

£2.9.7 to Mrs. Maher.

As a result of reduction in valuation on appeal of £2.10.0 this amount was claimed by Mrs. Maher.

Agreed.

Notices to Quit.

Council's Solicitors under date 28th May 1941 reported receipt of Seven notices upon which possession has been demanded and refused. They are issuing proceedings against the various tenants

Mr. Cooney moved that in the case of Mrs. Anastasia Ryan, Tollyhouse proceedings be Stayed. She has 6 children and her husband is now working. She offered £1 and to pay the arrears but this was refused by the Town Clerk and Rent Collector.

Rent Collector said She was never offered £1 and Town Clerk stated he was offered 3/6. In any case the Council had ordered that proceedings be taken after Several notices had been served and even Notice to Quit without any response but abuse when the Solicitors had intimated proceedings.

Mr. Redmond Seconded.

Town Clerk referred the Council to Section 61 Local Government Act 1925 and gave his reason that Mrs Ryan would not pay and Stated she owed not. That her husband owed the Council £ and when he was evicted the Council gave the tenancy to his wife who now owed In any case the Councils order Stood until Rescinded. He requested a vote of the Council in case of Surcharge.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney

Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided unanimously to Suspend proceedings on the undertaking given to Proposer and Seconder that £1 would be paid as Soon as possible and 5/= extra per week off the arrears as well as the regular ~~Uncollectable~~ weekly rent.

No vote was taken.

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On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
the Advice Notes were Signed by the Chairman, and Messrs Murphy, P.C and Walsh and the bills ordered to be paid as Soon as possible.

Uncollectable Rates.

The Council then examined the returns of above and
Proposed by Mr. Murphy. P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was resolved
" That Sums of Poor Rate amounting to £112. 4. 2 and Poor Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £148. 13. 1. be cancelled That Town and Domestic Water Rate amounting to £242. 14. 9½ and Town and Domestic Water Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £190. 16. 3½ be cancelled and that Sums of Poor Rate £209. 16. 0 Town and Domestic Water Rate £228. 2. 7 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

Town Rate Resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy. P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was resolved.
" That we raise the sum of £4200 and forty one pounds fourteen shillings and Seven pence as and for Town Rate and for that purpose make a Town Rate of 10/= in the £. for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1941 and ending on the 31st day of March 1942 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross rateable under the undermentioned Acts for the purposes therein mentioned of which Town Rate of ten shillings in the pound, the Sum of three shillings and one penny in the pound for Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 purposes, the Sum of two shillings

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and Seven pence in the pound for construction and maintenance of Urban Roads, the Sum of Four Shillings in the pound for Sanitary purposes under the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1854, and the Sum of three pence in the pound under the Education (Provision of Meals) Ireland Act 1914 and 1917 and one penny in the £ for the purposes of Free Milk Scheme and shall be collected in two moieties together with arrears of two hundred and twenty eight pounds two Shillings and Seven pence the first on or before 30th September 1941 and the second on or before 31st March 1942."

Poor Rate Resolution

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was resolved that "that we raise the Sum of four thousand and thirty six pounds, six shillings and four pence as and for Poor Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a rate of nine shillings and one penny in the pound for the financial year ending 31st day of March 1942 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and the other Acts incorporated therewith and that same be collected in two moieties together with arrears of two hundred and nine pounds Sixteen shillings and the first on or before 30th September and the second on or before 31st March 1942. That public notice be given of said rates having been made by printed placards or advertisement duly posted."

Domestic Water Rate Resolution

Proposed by Mr. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was resolved

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"That we raise the sum of four hundred and seventeen pounds twelve shillings and seven pence as and for Domestic Water Rate and for that purpose we hereby make a Domestic Water Rate of one shilling and six pence in the pound under the provisions of the Public Heath (Ireland) Acts on the valuation of the premises supplied with water for the financial year commencing on the 1st day of April 1941 and ending on the 31st day of March 1942 (subject to a minimum of 10/= per annum)."

Signing of Books - Poor Rates

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was resolved

"That the Presiding Chairman and five members of the Council sign the Poor Rate Books and the Resolution making the Poor Rate endorsed thereon and the Collector's Warrants and affix the common Seal of the Council to said Poor Rate Books and documents."

Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy. P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

"That the Presiding Chairman and five Members of the Council Sign the books in which the Town Rate and Domestic water Rate are made out and the Resolution making the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate and the adoption of the Rate (Town) on said books, and endorsement and the Collector's Warrants affixed to said Rate Books and to be affixed to Collecting Books be signed by Presiding Chairman and five other Members of the Council present at the Meeting and countersigned by the Clerk and Sealed with the common Seal of the Council."

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Sympathy.

Mr. M. Corcoran wrote acknowledging the Council's Resolution of condolence with him on the death of his sister.

Conference on Food and Fuel.

Messrs the Chairman, A. Cullen, J. J. Walsh, J. Murphy, P.C., and Y. Redmond were appointed to joint the Conference of the joint bodies of the Parish Council and Vincent de Paul Society on above for the winter and to meet the Coal Merchants of the Town on Tomorrow at 4. p.m.

Annual Meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to fix Friday the 27th June 1941 at 7.30 p.m. for above

Public Lighting Contract.

Tender dated 9th June 1941 was read from the Electricity Supply Board same as last year for £290.19.3. In the event of restrictions the clauses applied last year will be applicable this year. Payment as follows viz:- £48.10.1 on the 31st ult and £28.4.11 per month thereafter including 31st March 1942. The allowance for discontinuance of lighting from the 17th ult. to 30th September next will be £38.4.1. Thereafter as 23/200 watt are only to be lighted the allowance will be notified.

Chairman Said he had received representations from the Clergy and the Garda that in the Public interest the Pilot lights should be continued.

Clerk intimated there would be 136 days outage and the allowance should be £108-8.0 odd.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to continue the Pilot lights (and to protest) and to protest against the small allowance for outage.

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A. R. P. Stretchers

Clerk intimated Messrs Steele & Co had provided 8 Stretchers. He asked Dr. Quigley to inspect same before accepting delivery as in the opinion of Mr. Horgan - Technical Institute - they were very slender.

Approved.

School Meals Grant.

Circular P.H. 38/41 10th April 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath requesting returns hereunder and in connection with administration and provision of Milk and Meals.

Council decided that as there is a Special Committee appointed no change appears necessary.

Fire Brigade

Letter 3rd June 1941 was read from the Irish Driver Harris Co., Dublin requesting reply to application for Special Fire Service.

Clerk intimated he had written the Company in accordance with Council's directions

No order.

Statistical Returns

Reminders Circulars 56/41 20/1941 43/41 and 42/41 were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath.

Clerk stated that on account of exceptional stress of work he is unable to attend to this business at present.

Decided that the Returns be provided as soon as possible.

Railway's Valuation

Letter S. 3092 of 13th May 1941 was read from the Secretary Valuation Office that it is intended to make above as a whole to have effect for rating purposes for the quinquenium commencing on 1st April 1942.

Noted.

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Allotments Acts.

Letter 17th May 1941 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth enclosing forms for Recoupment under Sub Sec. (4) of Sec. 4 of the Acts of 1934

Letter 27th May 1941 was read from the Department of Agriculture in connection with Spraying.

Noted.

Clerk reported Matthew Shea and Thomas Blanche called and satisfied him their plots are now tilled and seeds &c. put in.

Agreed to allow both to retain the plots for this season.

Clerk reported visit from Inspector Gleeson. He complained of the turnip seeds germination. He, Clerk, called on Contractor and ascertained the seed was sown too early.

Chairman stated he was in the seed line and most of his customers had not yet put the seed in.

No order.

Derelict Sites

Letter L. 2283/41 of 20th May 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to above and requesting a reply to letter 28th ultimo.

Town Surveyor stated he had the report ready and would hand same to the Clerk in the morning.

Adjourned.

Fire Brigades Act 1940

Letter L. 14178/2/41 of the 5th June 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth that enquiries as to the circumstances in which the trailer pump provided by the Department of Defence might be used should be addressed to that Department

Ordered that the enquiry be put through.

Rates

Commission on Collection.

Collector Submitted her account as under Viz:-

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Commission on Poor Rate lodged from
January to 10th June 1941 £1307. 13. 7
@ 6d in the £ £32. 13. 10
Same on Town Rate lodged for
same period £1643. 15. 6 @ 6d in the £. £41. 1. 10.
On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
It was decided to apply for sanction
to payment in full.

Association of Municipal Authorities.
On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Cullen
It was decided not to send representatives
to the Conference this year.

Unemployment Votes Scheme 1941/42.
Clerk reported Mr. O'Neill, Assistant County Surveyor called and requested that a Committee of the Council meet him on next Friday between 11. a.m and 2.p.m. to discuss proposals under above Scheme
Proposed by Mr. Cullen
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
It was decided that a Committee consisting of Mr. Chairman and Messrs Murphy, P.C. Walsh, Redmond and Cooney be appointed to meet at 12 o'clock (noon).

Rates Report.
Clerk submitted his monthly report for the month of May as follows :- Warrants £8760. 9. 10. Collected £7410. 18. 4½ Discount £122. 5. 3. Outstanding £627. 6. 2½ i.e. 86% against 90.6% last year.

Rents Report
Clerk reported on the May Collection as follows :- 215 houses let 5 unoccupied. Arrears at commencement £499. 2. 10 at end. £519. 7. 1. Accruals £240. 18. 2 Collected £220. 13. 11. Arrears increase due to The Town Ward

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and Charleton Hse tenants who pay monthly not paying within the month and to others in William Steet and Tollyhause Lane ill. This is not exceptional and most have been paid since. The rent sheets were examined.

No order.

Free Milk Scheme.

Messrs Cooney and Martin complained about delivery. Several Recipients had complained of not having received supplies for days.

Clerk reported one called on him. Howe, but on investigation by him the recipient had not handed in his voucher until the day he made the complaint. This man also stated the Contractors man sold his supplies.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

It was decided that the Sanitary Inspector receive complaints in writing and inquire into same - Mr. Redmond objecting as the work should propperly be the work of the Town Clerk's Office.

Bus & Rail Service.

Proposed by Mr. T. Murphy, P.C.,
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to draw the attention of the Railway Company to the inconvenience caused travellers to New Ross by reason of the decision to discontinue the Service by rail from Dublin to Enniscorthy thence by bus to New Ross.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
8-7-44

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Friday 13th June 1941.

A Meeting of the Special Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council appointed to consult with the County Surveyor on Employment Schemes under the 1941/42 Votes Grant was held in the Tholsel, today at noon.

Present:- Messrs J. Murphy, P.C., and Y. Redmond.

Mr. O'Neill attended for the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Neill detailed a list of the works undertaken under recent grant giving works completed and on hands.

Committee suggested Roadwork on the following as part of a new scheme for this autumn: Part Goat Hill; Tollyhouse Lane; Barrack Lane including clearing of Derelict Sites; Path at College Road on each side with concrete Kerb. and water channel. Path at ~~College~~ and Road at School House Road. Completion of other road works.

Committee however considered it much more important to take on reclamation of derelict Sites. Over 75% would be the labour content and about £1600 could easily be well Spent on the works. Mr. O'Neill agreed.

Clerk reported the question of the old quarry on High Hill and Dumping Ground at Ard-na-Greine had been held up by the Council. Replying to Mr. Murphy Clerk stated that Mr. O'Neill wanted the Council to operate the Derelict Sites Act as regards both places many months ago - on Mr. Murphy's own motion - thought this was a matter for the Town Surveyor and postponed work pending report on derelict sites from the Town Surveyor - which had not been received since.

After a two hours discussion it was determined:-

1. To permit Mr. O'Neill to remove the old weighbridge at Irishtown and to advertise it for sale
2. To permit the County Council to level the place around the cattle market in accordance with his plan.
3. To submit the question of reclamation of derelict sites to the Department for a decision if such work is within the Scope of the vote
4. To transfer the whole matter of derelict sites over for

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attention by the County Council under the Scheme - without waiting for the Town Surveyor's Report and that Mr. O'Neill make the inspection as soon as the Department replies to query No. 3.

The Chairman wrote regretting inability to attend as he was urgently called to Wexford.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. Holohan
8-9-41

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Friday 27th day of June 1941.

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the Local Elections Acts 1927 et. seq.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. E. Walsh, Y. Redmond, Y. Cooney, Y. Martin, J. Murphy, (Bridge) J. Murphy, P.C., W. Ronan, J. Callaghan.

Clerk read Circular F. 53/40 dated 20th June 1940 from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath and also the relative Section of the Local Elections (Amendment) Act 1940 and stated it appeared to him that as this year is an election year and as no amending Act was notified as intended to postpone the due triennual elections he wired the Department as follows :- " Local Dublin. May Annual Meeting be held tomorrow without your authority please. Town Clerk." but received no reply. He this afternoon visited the Chairman and then the Solicitors. The Solicitors agreed it would be advisable to postpone the Annual Meeting until the Question could be examined.

Mr. Walsh and Several members quoted from the press that Several annual Meetings had been held. The Wexford County Council would have their Meeting on Monday

It was unanimously agreed to proceed.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and Signed.

Mr. O'Gorman intimated that he had definitely decided to relinquish the Chair. No power on earth could induce him to alter his determination.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman

"That Mr. J. E. Walsh, M.C.C. be and is hereby duly elected Chairman of the New Ross Urban District Council for the ensuing year."

No Seconder

Proposed by Mr. Cooney

"That Mr. Redmond be elected."

No Seconder.

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Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney
"That Mr. Murphy, Bridge, be elected."
Mr. Murphy declined the honour.
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
Mr. P. H. O'Gorman, outgoing Chairman was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.
Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney
All the outgoing members of all Committees were unanimously re-elected.

The Meeting then resolved itself into a Special Meeting. Mr. Ronan left.
Proposed by Mr. O'Gorman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh
Votes of sympathy in which all joined - were passed to the relatives of the late Captain James Faraday (of the "St. Patrick") and Mr. James Cullen, Wexford Steel, New Ross.

Summons for Rent.

Letters were read from the Council's Solicitors that in their opinion very good settlements were offered in the cases of Michael Martin, Myles McGrath the Settlement should be accepted. Notice to Quit could be served instantly if default is made in any weekly payment.

Chairman asked if there was any use in the Finance Committee accepting the directions of the Town Clerk and going through the work, trouble and cost. So far as he was concerned he might be taken as against any settlement because the Town Clerk had stated definitely several times settlements and better ones could have been made months ago. Rent had been in these months accumulating and the tenants were taking advantage of the Councils going

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back on their own Resolutions without rescinding them.

Town Clerk again gave notice of the certainty of a deficiency to the funds of the Council by The Council's proposed action to agree to tentative Settlements. It is not humanly possible for a tenant unable to meet a weekly rent to pay it and double it weekly now. He then referred the Council to The Section of the Act. Nevertheless :-

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to accept the settlements proposed. Mr. Walsh stating his motion was meant to follow the action of the Council in the case of Ryan.

Clerk and Lettings.

Clerk was given power to let house No. 64 Charleton Hill or any house and report to next Council Meeting.

J. Walsh
24/6/42

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Monday the 7th day of July 1941.

a meeting of the Finance committee of the New Ross Urban District council was held in the Thobel, New Ross, this evening at 5 oclock to transact business for the Finance meeting of the council.

Present. Messrs P. N. Glynnan, Chairman and
J. Murphy P.C.,

The Rates and Rent collector was present.

Bills.

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment as soon as funds available:- P. Lahan £34.7.6. Do £4.3.4 E.A. Finn £9.14.0. Ryan Bros. Total accounts £47.15.6. F. Hartrick £16.1.0. Mrs. Fleming £4.2.8 do 10/8. Moran Bro. 4/6. do. 9/4 do. 1/2. E.S.B. £40 on account. Ellams Ltd. £1.2.0 "People" £3.15.0. E.S.B. £3.11.7. Do 7/6. J. Butler £24.14.2. Hibernian Insurance Co. £15.9.6. J. Power 3/6. B. Hennessy 3/= do 1/6. Graves & Co. 11/2. do 15/5. do 9/10. J. Doyle £40. Dr. Quigley 7/= Dr. Kissane 8/= Dr. Fitzgerald 2/6.

Council's Financial Cash Position.

Clerk reported cash in Bank on General account as £408=0=3 The accounts presented to be paid total £533.1.7. It will be necessary to reduce expenditure over the next two months to a minimum.

Accounts Adjourned.

Delap & Waller £36.7.8 — for Engineers.
J. V. Downes £186.0.0 — same. This account submitted only today.
P. Lahan £1 and 12/6 and 15/- — late for meeting.

Town Surveyor's account allotments.

McShotall requested to be informed when payment of his account may be expected. The work was carried out in March last.

Recommended that copy of the request be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture.

Final Rates Report.

Clerk reported above as follows:- Warrants £8766.3.7. Receipts £7512.1.1. plus £121.15.3 discounts allowed leaving £437.18.7 to be carried into arrears and £694.8.3 written off as uncollectable. Collection is 94.9%

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as against 95.1 % last year.

Committee complimented Collector on a difficult collection year's work.

Free milk accounts.

Clerk reported the H.A.O. Mr. Barron refused to certify above pending result of Mr. Olpady's investigations. No report had been received from Mr. Olpady but he, Clerk, understands there are only four complainants of failure to deliver the milk on 6 occasions out of 124 deliveries per day for the month of June.

Committee recommended the Council to allow the Contractor to reply to the complaints before future publication.

Water Rent due by Board of Health.

Clerk reported £49.10.0 due by above to the quarter ended 31st March 1941. The quarter ending 30th June 1941 will add £16.5.0 to this amount. The Council offered to provide water at double the old rate or alternatively to provide a meter but no decision had yet been conveyed to this Council.

Recommended that the Board be requested to reply without further delay.

Rent arrears.

Clerk submitted his monthly report for June. Built 220. Let 215 Unoccupied 5. Arrears 1st June £519.7.1. Accrued during month £327.4.7 Total £846.11.8. Collected £267.6.5. leaving arrears £579.5.3 or £59.18.2 increase in arrears in one month. Part of this is due to the addition of 12/6 each owing to the 6d. increase.

Report from Solicitors.

Letter dated 7th July 1941 as follows:-

"In accordance with your letter of the 26th May last we duly instituted proceedings for recovery of possession of the premises from the tenants therein mentioned. We now beg to report as follows:-

Robert Donnelly.

A Summons for possession was issued under the

Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) act 1851. Mrs. Donnolly called here and offered to pay 12/= per fortnight. She also agreed to pay our costs. We accepted this offer and we now enclose cheque for £1.0.0. We made it clear to her that if default was made in any one payment that proceedings will be continued immediately.

Anastasia Ryan, Tollyhouse Lane.

No summons was issued in accordance with your letter of the 11th ultimo. Mrs Ryan paid £1.0.0 down and undertook to pay 7/11 per week until the arrears etc are paid off. Up to the present she has paid 12/11 per week, being 10/= on account of arrears and her current rent 2/11. We therefore enclose cheque for £2.5.10.

Michael Monoghan J.K.L. place.

A Summons for Possession was also issued in the case and was made returnable for the 8th inst. However the District Justice has decided not to hold a court this month until the 22nd. inst. and therefore the case will not be heard until then.

Michael Martin, William Street.

A Summons for Possession was also issued in this case, and as instructed by your letter of the 21st ult. we are holding up the proceedings until the Council has considered the offer of the Defendant to pay £1.0.0 down and to pay 10/= per forthight until the arrears are paid off.

Sergeant Michael Breheny, Charleton Hill.

Sergeant Breheny has paid £2.10.0 down and has undertaken to pay £2.0.0 in addition to his current rent every month. We enclose cheque for £7.12.6.

Myles McGrath, Charleton Hill.

A Summons for possession was also issued in this case. Defendant made an offer to pay £1.0.0 down and undertook to pay 6/= per week, being 4/= his

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current rent and 2/= on account of arrears, and also 10/= at the end of each month. The Council has already decided to accept this offer and we therefore enclose cheque for £1.6.0. If default is made in any one payment the proceedings will be continued at once.

William Ryan, Town Wall.

A Civil Process in Ejectment for overholding was issued in this case, and will come on for hearing the 22 nd. inst.

We shall be glad if you will kindly let us have receipts."

Rent Collector who attended at Committees request, stated that in her opinion, the collection is seriously hampered by the Councils recent decisions withdrawing prosecutions for arrears. In her opinion also the collection this week – when only 7 paid the rent – is due to same cause. The arrears are excessively high and only drastic action in at least 30 more cases will help her. She went fully into each case and requested to Council to help her in every way. She desired the Committee to record her protest and that she was not responsible for the position.

At the request of the Committee Collector will attend the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Chairman stated he was sorry to say he was the only one that objected to taking the rent collection out of the hands of the Solicitors and Collector. He was totally against the decision of the Council and would leave the Chair if similar action was taken in future and he would like this statement published.

Committee after a lengthy sitting adjourned all the other business.

The meeting Adjourned.

P. McSorman
8-7-41

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Tuesday 1th 8th day of July 1941

The Monthly Meeting of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council was held in the Town Hall, New Ross, this evening, at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, and the various matters of which due notice given.

Present Messrs. P. Forman, Chairman, J. Walsh, J. Murphy Vice. Mooney, T. Martin, T. Redmond.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and Special Meeting were read and signed.

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

Arrears of Rent

At Chairman's request Rent Collector detailed her experiences since the Council sanctioned their own Orders for prosecutions for arrears of rent. Out of 43 only Eight paid the rent on the first day - several refusing on the ground that the neighbours would get away with it. She (Collector) wished it to be definitely understood that she could not be held responsible for increased arrears in the circumstances and that in her opinion the Town Clerk's efforts to assist in the reduction of arrears were regarded for the future.

Chairman stated the Town Clerk informed him that the amount of abuse and low menace to which he was submitted was intolerable. One lady, in his absence, abused his wife and resulted in her victory as a result of the Council's unwarrantable decision to withdraw the prosecutions.

Mr. Walsh stated he agreed to be lenient, having heard the various tenants explanations, because the Council had at the previous meeting set the example by forgiving tenant Miss Ryan Telephone Lane. The Town Clerk, at his request, told him so.

Collector gave a special instance. Myles McGrath went into arrears in a house provided by the Council to rehouse persons transferred from a condemned house in Distillery. The Council on the Town Clerk's advice and on the recommendation of the Finance Committee ordered notice to quit.

and proceedings for recovery of arrears. Myles McGrath left but his son Walter remained. Walter handed up the keys to the Council's Solicitors, but immediately canvassed the Council to give him back the keys and he would pay the arrears by £1 down with costs and continue to pay the rent weekly plus an amount weekly off arrears. The Council agreed to this although the Town Clerk had repeatedly refused this offer. Walter having got back the keys handed over possession to his brother Thomas and family and went to reside on the Quay himself. Thomas is therefore living in a house which the Council could not give him since he was not transferred from a condemned house.

Several Councillors agreed to the canvas but stated they were misled.

Town Clerk stated he fully explained the Council on the matter, and of the consequences to all the other Council property. The rent collection of necessity suffered by this action.

Proposed by Mr Walsh
Seconded by Mr Redmond it was decided to evict Myles McGrath on the ground that he admitted lodgers and to sue for the recovery of the arrears of rent.

On the motion of Mr Chapman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided not to interfere with the Councils decisions in future excepting after due notice and where a particular hardship subsequently becomes known.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

Miscellaneous Advance Notes were then signed by Mr Chapman, and Messrs. Walsh and Thompson and the accounts were ordered to be paid as soon as funds available.

Vote of Sympathy:- Messrs Lonergan, Foster, Lalor, Coph

Faraday, acknowledged the message of sympathy on the loss of the Captain of the "St. Patrick" in the discharge of his duty.

Local Offices & Employments (amendment) Order 941

Circular C.L. 74/41 of 23 June 1941 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health that all remuneration of all offices and employees of local authorities after 17th May 1941 is subject to the approval of the Minister.

Urban Roads Noted.

Maintenance 1941/42.

Resolution of 10th June 1941 that the Demand for £400 be reduced to £225 by the County Comm. was read.

Valuation Department. Noted.

By S.R. 905 of dates 25 June, 4 July and 30 June above Department acknowledges receipt of Lists and Supplement of Lists duly

Letter 11 June 1941 was read from the Great Southern Railways requesting Provisional List of Rates struck to 31 March 1942

Clerk reported due dispatch.

Rates.

Letter L. 9787/41 of 5 July 1941 was read from Dept Local Govmnt & Public Health requesting from 61 Authority the position of the Collection on the 30th inst.

Clerk reported Early last. Same.

Sanction to the payment of full pondage in respect of Judgment mod. of warrants for the financial year 1940/41 was read from the same Department. Noted.

Henry Wilson & Others.

Several legal documents from the High Court "In Bankruptcy" were read.

Clerk reported the Collector would send on the usual affidavit.

School Meals part

Recoupment notice D.H. 12570/41 of 14th June 1941 was read from Dept. Local Govmnt & Public Health of £37 1st Instalment Year 1941/2.

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Sales of manures

Ed. Bromebreacon offered for 2 cart loads and Patrick Whelan for one. McKennedy one ton for one.

Clerk reported asking the Town Surveyor on 28th June if any available but. No reply had been received.

Town Surveyor now verbally states "none at present available" and "two loads in Tolland".

Allotments Acts

Tender for Sprayer & barrel.

Only one tender received from "Flemings" Worth £4.@ £3.15/- for Eclair Sprayer and 10/- for 4 gal limbii barrel. Accepted—

Lease of Windmill Field.

Letter 7th June 1941 was read from Messrs Hoppe Hon Sec's that on 20 Jan 1940 draft. lease had been submitted by them on behalf of the Tottenham Estate. They would be glad of return.

Left in the hands of the Town Clerk

Employment Schemes Vote

Urgent Circular Memorandum regarding the Council to submit proposals at once was read.

Clerk informed the meeting the Co. Surveyor attended the Council's Special Committee and would submit proposals as soon as the Department directed work on derelict sites in the Town would come within the scope of the grant.

A list of derelict sites prepared by the Town Surveyor and submitted now for the first time was not read as Clerk stated the Special Committee had deputed the Assistant (Orrell) to the Co. Surveyor and Town Clerk to visit all sites and submit detailed reports re under the Employment Relief Votes. This inspection would commence on Thursday next.

Letter L. 22831/8/41 of 27 June 1941 was read from Supt. Lond. Council of Public Health requesting to be informed of the estimated cost of the work on derelict Sites before the Minister

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would be required to give a decision on the matter.
Letter L 2283/3/41 of 18 June 1941 from the same was read in like manner and asking for an indication of the municipal labour content.
approved.

Housing Returns.
Letter (Reminder) Hyg/8/3/5 7 July 1941 was read from the Dept. Local Govt. & Public Health enquiring "if you are now in a position to furnish these returns in respect of the year ended 31/3/41".
Clerk said he would do his best to have the Returns forwarded before next Meeting.

Water works.
Water Supply to Bannyane Camps.
Long letter Ref CE/G/921/11 of 24 June 1941 from Commandant Engineers (Supply Command) stating Comrails application for loan and grant-in-aid. They however required the continuance of the pipe by about 250 yards to the Camps and a meter without. Had to take to the Camps. They also required a guarantee of 5000 gals per day and a provision vesting the new out-of borough boundary main in the Municipality during occupation and afterwards between the Urban Council and the Military County Council.
Clerk reported having sent copy of letter to the Dept. Local Govt. & Public Health on receipt.
Letter L/16280/41 of 30 June 1941 was read from the Dept Local Govt & Public Health that "no grant will be available towards the cost of this work. If the Council proposes to proceed with this scheme a specification should be submitted in due course".
Councillors reported he asked the Town Surveyor for the requisite specification and only received it during this meeting.
Mr Walsh stated the Council could not guarantee 5000 per day and in view of the position as set out in the Military letter and the refusal of the Department to give a grant

he would hand in a notice of motion to have the whole proceedings stopped.
Mr Walsh then handed in notice that he would move at next available meeting that the Councils Resolution in connection with the reconstruction of the water pipe line from Rostruen be rescinded
Letter Ref: CE/C/921/11 of 6th June 941 from the Engineer Command was read that the Engineer "would be glad if arrangements could be made by your Council to have present water supply to this Camp and to Adross House restored."
Tom Surveyor stated it was the duty of the military to provide and install own meters. Mr Doyle produced the original meter to Barrijames
Decided to inform the Military so.

Damage by Tenants

Property at Tomrade

Miss Roche Knockmullen under date 23 June 1941 wrote "that the boundary fence between the Councils land and my land at Bishopslaws is in need of repair. People from the other side of the fence come into the fields later and throw bottles for their gardens and throw broken glass and other dangerous material where my cattle are passing. as the fence is boundary I am prepared to repair my side of the Council will kindly repair their side from which the trespass is coming."
Tom Surveyor stated it was not the duty of the Council to keep the fence referred to in repair. Miss Roche had her remedy against trespassers.
Proposed by Mr Mahon
Seconded by Mr Murphy that it was ordered that the Tom Surveyor inspect and report to next Meeting.

A.R.P.

Letter reported "no progress" in formation of Fire Brigade: Decontamination Squad Nor. Rescue Service. The had also reported to the County Secretary.
Letter was read from the County Secretary

that the County Surveyor would probably take up all matters with the Town Clerk in the near future.

Fire Fighting Equipment.

Letter 7 July 1941 was read from the County Secretary that from attached letter of 2nd July 1941 the Council would see that above equipment "is not intended as a substitute for ordinary peace time equipment which should be obtained by the new Rosslare Urban Council under the Fire Brigades Act 1940".

Mr Cooney stated the reply meant that the Council could not undertake the Rural Area Fire fighting by using the Trailer Pumps and so the Arrangement with the Board of Health must fall through.

Army Blankets.

Letter 23rd June 1941 was read from Philip Cuskan Graiguenamanagh "that these (33 grey army blankets) will be delivered in a few days and are now in Town".

Letter reported non-delivery so far.

Letter 17 June 1941 was read from County Secretary "The Department of Defence have approved of the purchase of 33 blankets @ 10/6 each for new Rosslare and Post".

Letter 17 June 1941 was read from the same enclosing list of members of rescue Squad for new Rosslare A.R.P. Services received by him from the County Surveyor's Department. It will be necessary to give me duty roll of this Squad.

The following constitute the list referred to:- James Rossiter (Foreman) Newtown Abbeylands Breedu Cross Lane, Joseph Brewer, Carpenter Ardcolm, John Fleming (Driver) 23 Strip Hill, James Brewer Carpenter Ardcolm Edward Monahan Abbeylands Hill John Monahan Williamstown Michael Murphy Brewery St and James Bradley Ballyhack. James Rossiter and Peter Whelan will give the use of ladders if required. James Rossiter will lend 30 Ct Chain ladder Snatch Block 2.5 Ton blocks.

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Celeon reported having asked James Rossiter to get Women together for sept roll. He wrote him and saw him twice since but nothing came out of it.

Decided better see him again.

Motor Lorries for Emergency

Letter 17 June 41 was read from Secretary that the following are earmarked for A R P work in time of emergency for this Town:—

2 Ton Bedford Lorry M14120 Earmarked by Milelaing authorities - Owner James Rossiter.

Like " M.T. 4345 " - Owner Peterbridge.

Clerk reported the Ford Stepside van had been earmarked for service at Divl. Aid Post Technical School and that he had so reported to the Co. Secretary.

Fire Brigades Act 1940.

Letter 18 June 1941 was read from Dorset Harris Coy Ltd that "In spite of what you have to say in your letter on the subject (whether any Fire Fighting Apparatus would be available for immediate use should an outbreak occur on their factory premises and if the trailer pump supplied by the Dept. of Defence under A R P could be put to immediate use for the protection of the factory) I am still without a reply to my enquiry regarding Fire fighting." and further "Your full reply is required before the 20th instant because I require this information before going to England and unless it is to hand from you I shall try other means to obtain it."

Proposed by Mr Walsh

Seconded by the Chairman and Mr Redmond the Letter was marked "read" nem con.

Town Surveyor & Fire Fighting

Mr Murphy enquired if any reply had been received re Council's Fire fighting Scheme.

Town Surveyor pointed out - there was a lot of hair splitting and some one was hindering the work, He read the Act and

could find nothing in it to warrant the sanction of either the Minister or the Department. The money to be paid was not worth talking about.

Town Clerk stated that he advised the Council to apply for sanction and to submit the Town Surveyors proposals to the Department. In his own opinion there were no covered proposals - just applications for payment for protecting.

It was decided to remind the Dept of the matter.

Mr Murphy enquired for what sum all the Councils Solicitor had got ready the deed for dealing in connection with the appointment of Mr Shiels as the "Authorized Officer" under the Act.

Clerk replied the matter had not been heard from the Department yet.

Adjourned.

Derelict Sites

Letter 20 June 1941 was read from Wexford Town on behalf Mr Richards Hopkins Officer for Dale Sites of demolished houses.

adjourned

Public Lighting

Letter 16 June 1941 was read from E.S.B. and that the allowance for reduced lighting advised to the Council is calculated on the value of current saved during the outage period plus saving in lamp renewals. This is correct.

Matter referred to Finance Committee.

Petroleum Acts 1871/1881 etc.

Applications for renewal of licences to keep petroleum were received from and granted to the following. Town Surveyor Hately. no objection 23 - James Murphy Quay Lane. Dock Steel as. Patrick Murphy Henry St.

P. M. Forman
12. 8. 41

Tuesday the 11th day of August 1941

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman and J. Murphy. P.C.

Bills

The following bills were presented, examined and recommended for payment as soon as possible viz:- Rates £48.1.6 : P. Butler £20.4.1 ; Mrs. Fleming £341.17.11 Rates (Dump) 12/5 : Moran Bros. £1.11.6 : M. Doyle 2/= Charles Warren 15/9 and £1.10.6 : G.S.B. £15.0.0 on a/c. P. Gahan £2.15.0 do. £37.2.6 : do. 12/6 : do 15/= do £1.0.0 : do 9/= : do 15/= : do £3.0.0 : G.A. Fin. £10.5.1 : G.S.B. 14/5 : Association of Municipal Authorities £3.3.0 ; James Cooney £4.2.6 : A.R. French 10/= Ryan Bros £5.2.6 P. Cullen 14/6 : Delap & Waller £14.18.0 : J.V. Downes £186 Dr. Quigley £10.5.0

Bills Deferred.

Expenses of Delap & Waller. £36.7.8.

Clerk reported he asked for more particulars on the 11th July 1941 especially transport and tips but no reply had been received.

£83.11.7 from School of Pathology.

Clerk reported that final advice had not yet been received from Solicitors

Letter P.H. 3320/41 24th July 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heath requesting the Council's observations on the present position of this account after receipt of Solicitors advice.

£19.7.6 from Steele & Co, New Ross. Clerk reported the £14.0.0 was due by the County Council and the bill had been sent them on receipt. The £5.7.6 he cannot recommend as he has no idea what it is for.

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£5.5.0 John McCarthy.

Clerk reported nothing further had been determined by the Council.

Account due the Council

Clerk submitted duplicate of bill sent Board of Health for £66 for water supply to the Hospitals here. No reply had been received from the Board.

Recommended a further application.

Rates Report

Clerk submitted report for the month ending 31st July 1941 as follows:- Total Warrants £9133.12.1. Collected £290.12.6: Discounts £2.2.0 Outstanding £8840.17.7

Rents Report

Clerk submitted reports for the month ended 31st July 1941 as follows:- 220 houses built. 217 let. 3 unoccupied. Arrears at commencement £579.5.3: Accrued £245.2.2. Total £824.7.5: Collected £250.5.5 leaving arrears at end as £574.2.0. The report to the Department intimated of the proceedings taken for recovery of arrears against 6 defaulters by the Council.

Several letters were read from Council's Solicitors informing the Council of the position of the proceedings against defaulters at various dates. Decrees were obtained against William Ryan, Town Wall, Michael Monaghan, T.K.L. Place and Robert Donnelly, same place. The Sureties are being sued. William Ryan paid £20.13.6 (in full) and arranged to pay costs direct to Solicitors. He has been reinstated on a bond from Mrs. A. O'Connor and husband for £10. Michael Martin, William Steer paid the full arrears £3.17.0 and costs. A new Agreement is ready for signature. As the tenant paid they had no alternative but to accept and to reinstate him. In Michael Monaghan's case the Garda Siochanna took over possession on the 31st July 1941. In the case of Anastasia Ryan she paid £1.0.0 off arrears and costs and is paying 7/11 per week to them (5/= being in reduction of arrears).

Committee considered proceedings were very satisfactory

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New Notices to Quit.

Committee then went into the arrears with the Rent Collector and recommended Notice to Quit be served on the following and that payment of arrears in full and costs alone be accepted. The Clerk to have no authority to suspend proceedings no matter what offer otherwise is made :—

Patrick Monaghan, Town Wall	£11. 6. 0
Mary Whitty, J.K.L. Place	5. 13. 8
Mary A. Roche, Town Wall	13. 15. 7
Annie Murphy. do.	10. 17. 0
Michael Malone, J.K.L. Place	9. 16. 0
Wm Finch do.	6. 15. 2
Michael Clooney, Charleton Hill	5. 1. 2
Mary O'Neill, William Street	7. 11. 10

Rent Collector reported as follows verbally :-

1. Mrs. Monaghan is residing now with Mr. Reynolds in Council's house at J.K.L. Place.
2. Michael Martin paid no rent last week or this week.
3. William Ryan same. Mrs. Ryan stated she only got back to the house on Friday but as the new Bond was continuous and as the Solicitors informed her (Collector) rent was due since May she requested a direction

Committee recommended :-

1. That action be taken under the Agreement against Mr. Reynolds for sub-letting.
2. Collector to inform Mr. Martin the Council must take action should this continue.
3. As Solicitors advised rent was due since May the arrears should be charged up and collected.

Rates on Small Dwellings Act

Clerk intimated notice of Increase of Rent of Dwellings owned by the Council was duly served on tenants pursuant to above.

Committee recommended approval

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Loan Charges - 26 Houses Charleton Hill.

Letter H. 7260/41 of 24th May 1941 was considered in which the Minister for Local Government and Public Heath intimated "he is not prepared to vary the decision already conveyed to the Council" that no contribution can be made since the Council had decided they could obtain an economic rent for these houses and on that account the Minister sanctioned the erection of these houses.

Recommended that the Council continue membership of the Association of Municipal Authorites and that the delegates to the Conference have this matter of the loan charges discussed. Afterwards that the delegates interview the Department with Chairman on the matter which is most important.

Debts for Ranges.

Letter was read 24th July 1941 from Council's Solicitors that as no payment had been received on applications to James Frezille, Cockpit Lane Reps. James. Ryan, Buneen Lane, Thomas Boyle, William Sheet (~~put in other two or three~~). Civil Bills for recovery will be issued on receipt of particulars.

Clerk reported full particulars had been handed Solicitors. Total amount £23. 6. 5.

Francis Doyle

Clerk reported no payment had been received for water charges

Recommended that the water supply be discontinued.

Allotments Acts.

Letter G. 1016/40 16th July 1941 was read from the Department Agriculture enclosing an order for £341. 17. 11 for payment of Mrs. Flemings Account. "The cost of the turnip seed, a sample of which was tested and found useless, is excluded from the amount of the Grant."

Recommended that Mrs. Fleming be informed

Public Lighting.

Letter 7th August 1941 was read from the Electricity Supply Board that Pilot lamps were lighted as from the

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14th June last. The allowance of £38.4.1 is therefore reduced to £30.12.6. The allowance is calculated on the current actually saved during the outage period plus saving in lamps renewals. As 50% of the lamps are to be lighted, by order of the Council, for the winter months as against 23 as from the 1st October next it will be necessary to notify the Board of the exact number which are omitted during the winter period. The account will be credited with £30.12.6.

Recommended that £15. be paid on account and that all lamps including pilots, be lighted during the whole winter months.

Allotments Acts.

Letter H.4430/13/41 of 14th July 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health inquiring the value of the work executed in removing and re-erecting the fence referred to in the Town Surveyor's claim for fees item No.3.

Clerk reported having sent same on on receipt from Mr. Shortall. The amount is £10.9.0.

Priory Steet Houses.

Letter 8th July 1941 was read from Mrs. McDonagh, Greystones that by Covenant in lease she is required to expend £50 in repairs. She wishes to inform the Council that she has now expended £129.16.0 in re-roofing improvements and repairs to these houses.

Noted.

Rents due by the tenants.

Clerk reported no reply had been received to final application for payment of arrears by Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Whelan and the cases would now be handed to the Solicitors for proceedings for recovery.

Notice dated 1st July 1941 was received from Mr. Lynch that he is vacating the house as and from 30th September 1941

Recommended that the tenancy be advertised

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in the New Ross Standard and Free Press.

Disinfecting Materials.

Letter 14th July 1941 was read from the County Medical Officer of Heath authorizing the purchase of above locally as same cannot be procured from Ayton Saunders.

Noted.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
12. 8. 41

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Tuesday 12th August 1941.

A Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including financial, and the Special business duly noticed including Mr. Walsh's motion to rescind Resolution in connection with improvement of Waterworks to Bawnyames.

Present: Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Martin, J. Prendergast, J. Callaghan, T. Cooney, J. Murphy, P.C. J. Murphy, Bridge, T. Redmond.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Roads Statistics.

Letter 28th July 1941 was read from County Surveyor W. F. Barry reporting detailed particulars of monies provided for improvement of the Streets for the year ending 31st March 1942.

Clerk reported having submitted same
Total amount £565.

Public Lighting

Letter 16th June 1941 was read from the Electricity Supply Board explaining the method of calculating the allowance for outage.

Chairman explained the attitude of the Finance Committee and read the Minute relative. In view of the ridiculous allowance it would be far better in the public and National interests to continue the complete lighting system for the winter months.

Unanimously agreed to.

Letter from the New Ross Town Tenants Association dated the 7th instant. re lighting of New Road at Charleton Hill Housing Scheme and matters concerning Shores.

Referred to Town Surveyor for attention and Report.

National Free Milk Scheme

Notification of Recoupement P. H. 816/10/41 was read

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from Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth of 2nd August 1941 of £19. 6. 1 for final instalment 1940/41 year herein.

Clerk reported due lodgment.

Notification P.H. 816/11/41 L.L.G.H. (A6.) 7th August 1941 of recoupment of £108 for 1st instalment of year 1941/42 herein

Clerk reported due lodgment.

Letter 31st July 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors that they are proceeding with the preparation of Contract Documents herein.

Noted.

Fire Brigades Act 1940.

Letters L.14178/3/41 of 17th July 1941, 24 and 31st idem were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth in regard to the proposals set out and submitted to the Department on 28th May last. The responsibility of deciding whether reasonable provision for fire fighting exists rests with the Council. As regards the proposed Agreement with the Wexford Board of Heaelth the Ministers consent is required to the making of Agreements and before his consent can be given he would need to be satisfied that the Council is in a position to carry out the terms thereof "A further report on this aspect of the matter should be submitted by the Town Surveyor and furnished to this Department." A further communication will be issued in regard to rates of remuneration of the voluntary fire brigade as soon as the matter of the Agreement with the Board of Heaelth is considered.

Clerk reported communicating with the Town Surveyor but had not received the report requested in the Department's letter until now.

Town Surveyor's Report.

Dated 12th August 1941 Mr. Shortall reported "Since it would appear from communication recently received from Ministry of Defence that the trailer pump and accessories lent by them to us are not to be regarded as a substitute for "peacetime equipment" and as no other mechanical equipment is available

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here for use in adjacent Rural District, it is not clear how the proposed Agreement with the Wexford County Board of Health under the Fire Brigades Act 1940 can be given practical effect to, in the event of a fire outbreak having to be dealt with arising from causes other than through the agency of hostile incendiarism".

Ordered that copy be forwarded to the Department.

A. R. P. Act.

Letter 16th July 1941 was read from the County Surveyor requesting "that the proposals adopted should be forwarded at once" in regard to decontamination and rescue services in New Ross Urban also if the Fire Fighting and First aid services are on an efficient footing.

Clerk reported that he replied the County Surveyor had sent a deputy (Mr. O' Kennedy) to organize the rescue services. Nothing had been heard since as the County Secretary stated the County Surveyor intended visiting the town relative. No A. R. P. Fire Fighting Squad was in existence as several times informed him. The First Aid Service Was Surney established.

Letters 17th. 22nd July. 6th and 7th August were read from the County Secretary in connection with A. R. P. Fire Fighting. It is not possible to understand the delay in formulating a Brigade and Submitting Size Roll. This has been done in Enniscorthy long ago and Department of Defence cannot understand the reason for the delay in New Ross. He (Secretary) was also writing the Town Surveyor - Mr. Shortall - and work should be started at once on this matter. The County Surveyor has supplied petrol to Mr. Shortall for A. R. P. (purposes) practices and he understood the Brigade was practising

Town Clerk reported he had been informed by Mr. Shortall that he had now received intimation from The L. S. F. that twelve men would be available subject to certain conditions - undisclosed to Town Clerk - and that he had so informed the County Council. He Town Clerk, immediately notified the County Secretary.

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Town Surveyor stated he had secured twelve names and sent same to Wexford with certain conditions.

Missing Articles

Letter 6th August September 1941 was read from the County Secretary asking (a) the date Railway Company acknowledged receipt of claim and (b) whether they have given any reply agreeing or rejecting claim.

Clerk reported having sent the card of acknowledgment.

Letter 29th July 1941 was read from County Secretary that he had been informed by Captain Roche, Wexford that cars and lorries have been allotted for A. R. P. services in New Ross from

Miss Kennedy, South Steet, New Ross
Denis Hennessy South Steet, New Ross
L. O'Brien, Central Garage, New Ross
James Kelly, Charleton Hill, New Ross
Patrick Roche, The Quay, New Ross.
Jennie Butler, White Church, New Ross. Campile.

Letter 6th August from same was read that "it will be in order for you to notify the owners of above vehicles that the military have agreed to the vehicles being available for A. R. P. services."

Clerk reported having duly notified the owners.

Peace times use of Trailer

Letter 7th August was read from the County Secretary with extract from a letter to him of 2nd July A. R. P. 156 from Ministry of Defence re above. The letter concluded. "You will note the Department state that fire fighting equipment supplied by them is not intended as a substitute for ordinary Peacetime equipment."

Several Members expressed astonishment at the communication.

Local Offices + Employments Order 1941.

C. L. No. 74 A/41 of 9th July 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing printed copy of order. Noted.

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Valuation Department.

Letter 25th July 1941 was read from above acknowledging receipt of lists of tenements requiring revisions.

Noted.

Reeds for making Paper.

Letter 11th August 1941 was read from Blondeekin Paper Mills requesting to be put in Touch with persons in the district interested in cutting reeds. "Junais Communis" for their mills

Cambrin to Mudhouse was suggested and Clerk ordered to write the Company so.

Complaint by Miss Roche.

Town Surveyor reported under date 12th August 1941

"I inspected pasturelands in occupation of Miss Roche, Knockmuleen, (at rear of J.K.L. Terrace). It is true that a quantity of debris - Broken glass &c. has been scattered more or less indiscriminately on portion of lands adjacent to your boundary fence but it would be manifestly impossible for me to apportion responsibility for this state of affairs unless there was more tangible evidence to act on. In any event I think there can be little doubt that this matter is entirely one for the complainant herself (Mrs. Roche) to deal with."

No action

Demolished Sites

Clerk reported receiving an incomplete report from Town Surveyor dated 26th July 1941 on above. He had requested Mr. Shortall to send in the complete reports.

Adjourned pending receipt of complete reports.

Meter to Baunjames Camp.
Mr. Walsh's motion to rescind.

Mr. Walsh Moved. Mr. Murphy, P.C. seconded a motion

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as follows :-

"I beg to give notice that it is my intention to move at next available meeting that resolution re water to Baunjames Camp be rescinded."

J. F. Walsh."

In moving the motion Mr. Walsh stated his reasons were (1) the Government refused a grant (2) the Military authorities wanted the Council to undertake a contract outside the Urban Area and (3) The Military Authorities required a supply certain of 5000 gallons per day. As regards No. 3 the Council in his opinion could not guarantee such a supply without seriously interfering with local supply.

Mr. O' Grady, Water Inspector stated the Military had since installed an electric pump and had more than an adequate supply now.

Questioned by Mr. Cooney Mr. O'Grady stated he had not that statement officially.

Mr. Cooney objected to the motion on the ground that the Military should be given an opportunity of further considering the position.

There voted for :- Messrs the Chairman, Y. Redmond, J. Callaghan J. Murphy, P.C., J. F. Walsh.

Against :- Messrs. Y. Martin and Y. Cooney.

Did not vote :- Messrs. J. Murphy (Bridge) and J. Prendergast

The motion was declared carried.

Mr. Cooney desired to move an amendment but the Chairman ruled "out of order" as notice of same had not been given.

Sanitary Sub-Officers Permanent Appointment

Mr. Cooney asked if anything had been heard from the Government of Mr. O' Grady's permanent appointment

On receipt of a negative reply Mr. Cooney suggested to the Inspector that he should send in a bill for arrears of Salary.

Sale of Manure.

Mr. Edward Browne, Beacon, applied for and

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was granted 2 heaps of manure ex the Dump for £1. 10. 0 each

Finance Committee's Recommendations.

The Minutes of the Committee having been read :-

Mr. Murphy, P.C., objected to the drastic action suggested in the report. In his opinion particularly of the different times through which we are passing with money stringency the tenants should receive a final notice before notices to Quit be served. Under the rule made at last meeting nothing could stop legal proceedings excepting payment of the full arears and costs. and he would move that this recommendation be altered to "that final notice be served on the named tenants with a warning that Notice to Quit with all its consequences would be served unless a reasonable payment on arears was received by Collector before next Finance Meeting."

Mr. Cooney seconded.

Chairman, allowing the motion, expressed himself very strongly against any action of the Council which in any way affected the rent and rates collection. The Finance Committee examined each case on the merits and intended to persue the defaulters in batches of 8 at a time. Only drastic action will make defaulters realize the position.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted subject to Mr. Murphy's Amendment.

The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by the Chair and Messrs J. J. Walsh and J. Murphy, P.C. and the amounts ordered to be paid as soon as funds permitted

Free Milk Scheme.

P.H. Circular No. 96/41. July 1941 was read enclosing printed copy of the Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Regulations

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1941.

Arising thereon the Clerk replying to Mr. Cooney stated no reply had been received from Contractor Mr. Butler to the communication which he (Mr. Cooney) asked him to send to Mr. Butler.

Mr. Cooney strongly objected to Mr. Butler being allowed to flout the Council. Several recipients complained to him of non-delivery of milk. He asked that Mr. O'Grady make investigations

This was agreed to.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Gorman
9.9.41

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Monday 8th September. 1941.

The Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P. J. O'Gorman, Chairman, and J. Murphy P.C.

Bills

The following bills were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

Theresa O'Neill 12/ ; P. A. Finn £4. 11. 2 ; J. S. Butler £20. 9. 3 J. S. Butler £25. 4. 7 ; P. Gahan :- £35. 15. 0 ; £35. 15. 0 : £4. 6. 8. 3/= £4. 10. 0 ; 13/6 ; 13/= £3. 0. 0 ; J. Furlong £3. 5. 6 ; A. Fleming £1. 9. 4 Carlow County Council £6. 1. 7½ ; P. S. B. £53. 9. 11 ; P. S. B £4. 4. 10 : P. S. B. 7/6 ; Moran Bros £7. 11. 4 ; A. R. French 4/=. L. Barron £3. 0. 0 ; J. J. Shortall £6. Colfer & Son £50. Chas. Warren 15/6 ; P. A. Finn £12. 1. 9. James Cooney £1. 17. 6. Colfer & Son £200.

A. R. P. Blankets

Paying order - Wexford County Council was presented for £17. 9. 6 for blankets for First Aid Post in favour of Philip Cushen, Graigue.

Ordered that on certificate of due receipt in good order the amount be forwarded.

Fees to Town Surveyor £10. 10. 0

Allotments Acts.

Letter H. 4430/13/1941 of 3rd September 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister "considers £6 ample remuneration for the work performed by the Town Surveyor in connection with the 1941 Allotments scheme provided by your Council."

Payment recommended.

Sanitary Inspectors Bill

Arrears of Salary.

Dated 8th September 1941 letter was read from Mr. O'Grady "I would be grateful if you would let me have a cheque to cover difference in the salary which is due and that actually got by me since my appointment."

Recommended "await Sanction".

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Fire Insurance

Letter 9th June 1941 was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., Dublin that Policy 17984 with the Irish National Fire due 24th June 1941 and it had been arranged between the Companies to transfer.

Recommended that all Policies be transferred to the Hibernian. Insurance Company.

University College, Dublin.
Bill for £83. 11. 7.

Reminder 29/8/41 was read from above and requesting early attention.

Recommended adjournment pending final advice of Solicitor's.

Refund of Rent Deposit

Deposit Receipt No. 9 was presented by Mrs. Theresa O'Neill, Town Wall, who left the premises - No. 10.

Refund recommended on receipt of report from Town Surveyor.

Income Tax 1941/2.
Meat Market, Weighbridge, Waterworks and Business Rents.

Notice of Assessment D. 1520 Shewing a "nil" assessment under all above headings was inspected.

Chairman thanked the Clerk for this work.

Letter H. K./asD. of 23rd May 1941 was read from the Inspector of Taxes relative to Repayment Claim (Fire) 1933/34 to 1939/40 requesting further information.

Clerk stated he would attend to it.

Recommended accordingly.

Allotments Acts.

Letter 13th August 1941 was read from Messrs Coffey & Son, Solicitors that "We have today received a further letter from the Tottenham Estate Agent with reference to the draft lease. (Windmill Field) Kindly let us know whether the matter is being proceeded with."

Adjourned to ascertain if the field may be obtained yearly without the expense of leasing.

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Sewerage.

Letter L.804/12/41 26th August 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth requesting "that the precise amounts of outstanding liabilities be furnished, together with an indication of the Councils proposals in regard to the payment thereof" and "if any direction has been given as to the Consulting Engineers fees.

Clerk stated a full account was submitted on the forms A. provided. A direction was asked on the payment of Expenses to the Engineer. The particulars however must be again submitted in order to obtain money to pay for outstanding liabilities.

Recommended accordingly.

Water Supply to Hospitals

Clerk reported "no reply" had been received from the County Board of Heaeth. The amount now due is £66.0.0.

Recommended that a further reminder be sent to the Board.

Rates Report.

Clerk submitted his usual monthly Report as follows:- to 31st August 1941:- Total Warrants £9133.12.1 Payments £842.7.4½. Discounts allowed £15.3.5. Arrears £8276 1.3½.

Noted.

Corporate Estate.

Patrick Lynch & Mrs. Whelan.

Letter 2nd September 1941 was read from Councils Solicitors that the matters submitted on the 23rd ultimo will be dealt with by Mr. Boeffer on his return from holidays.

Noted.

Arrears on Ranges. a/cs.

Martin Kehoe & Miss Martin.

Letter 30th August 1941 was read from same that proceedings for recovery are issuing.

Noted.

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Letter 3rd September 1941 was read from Same enclosing cheque for 16/1 paid by Miss Martin and £3. 17. 6 from P. + B. Ryan, Bunree.

Letter 6th September 1941 was read from Same that the cases of Patrick Kehoe and James Frizelle will be heard by the Court Sitting on 23rd instant.

Noted.

Rent Arrears Report.

Clerk submitted report for the month ending 31st August 1941 as follows:- Number of Houses built 220. Occupied 218 Not let 2. Arrears at 1st August £574. 2. 0 on 31st August £572. 0. 11. Collected £351. 4. 9. The arrears are increased by £18. 12. 5. No rent was received from the following:- during the month Mrs. Mary O'Neill (since paid £2. 10. 0) Arrears £7. 19. 6. Mr. Connolly Arrears £2. 15. 4. Mrs. Anastasia Ryan. Arrears £3. 14. 3. Pat. Monaghan Arrears £12. 12. 2 Mrs. K. Purcell. Arrears £6. 9. 6. Robert Donnelly Arrears £12. 6. 0 Mrs. Bridget Browne Arrears £2. 11. 0. Myles McGrath Arrears £9. 10. 0; John Donnelly (decd.) arrears £6. 19. 0. S. J. Frizelle Arrears £10. 12. 6. Mary A. Roche paid one week. Arrears £14. 17. 6. John Ryan paid two weeks. arrears £6. 3. 2 Mrs. Annie Murphy paid two weeks. Arrears £11. 6. 2.

Only one of the defaulters, Michael Clooney before last Meeting called but Clerk could not accept the offer of 10/= on arrears of £5. 6. 2. The decision of the Council was that Notice to Quit be served and only withdrawn if full arrears paid.

Clerk reported Miss Roche informed him her brother would be working within a fortnight and she would pay the arrears. She is looking for a less expensive house.

Solicitors Reports.

Under various dates Solicitors reported collection of Arrears (enclosing their cheque) as follows:- Sergeant Breheny £9. Myles McGrath £2. 8. 0: Mrs. Ryan £1. 11. 8; Robert Donnelly £3. 0. 0: Guard Cartwright £1. 13. 10

Myles McGrath has not paid the additional 10/= per week. They recommended a fresh Notice to Quit. Mrs. Anastasia Ryan did not pay since 1st August and

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they recommended a fresh Notice to Quit. Robert Donnelly is carrying out his Agreement to pay 12/= per week.

Recommended that Notices to Quit be served as recommended by Solicitors and on the defaulters decided on at last Meeting.

Guard Cartwright.

letter dated 27th August 1941 was read from Mr. Lalor-Solicitor, to Council's Solicitor that the debtor failed to pay instalment of £2.10.0 due on the 7th instant and he has not since heard from him. The amount paid to date less his costs and outlay enabled the discharge of one-seventh of each respective amount - of the sum of £11.16.10 due the Council. he enclosed his cheque for £1.13.10.

No recommendation.

Subsidy on 26 Houses, Charleton Hill

Committee considered the Situation created by the refusal of the Minister to provide the Subsidy very Serious for the Ratepayers. The houses were advertised at 15/= per week on the Departments instructions and subsequently @ 12/6 per week which turned out to be the rent (including rates) at which they could be let but not the economic rent to clear the rates of liability. Committee recommended a resolution from the Council calling for a discussion to be moved by Council's delegates at the coming Municipal Conference with a view to approaching the Minister on the matter later.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P. O'Connell
9.9.41

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Tuesday 9th September 1941

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, and Special matters duly notified pursuant to the provisions of the Town's Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854 and the enabling legislation.

Present :- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Redmond, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Cooney, T. Martin, J. J. Walsh.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read and signed.

Finance Committees Recommendations.

The Minutes of last Committee were duly read.
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The recommendations of the Committee were adopted, the advice notes were signed and the amounts ordered to be paid as funds available.

Relief Grants

Mr. Cooney handed in Notice of Motion as follows:-
"I beg to give notice of intention to move at next available meeting that the Relief Grant be administered by the Urban Council as well as main & Urban Roads in future."

Letter L. 2283/5/41 29th August 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health
"In connection with the proposal to consider works in clearing, levelling and fencing derelict sites under the employment Relief Scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to inquire if the information asked for in this Department's letter of 27th June can now be furnished."
Clerk reported visiting the sites with Mr. O'Neill (Assistant County Surveyor) and afterwards obtaining maps and marking same. These were handed to Mr. O'Neill and he promised to attend without delay to the matter.

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He, Clerk also informed Mr. O'Neill of this letter from Department.

Town Surveyor submitted a further report on demolished houses.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to acquire the derelict sites referred to in the map and lists and for that purpose to employ the Councils Solicitors for work on acquisition in accordance with Departments circular provided the work of demolition, clearing and as submitted to Department was sanctioned as Relief Work qualifying for Grant.

Town Surveyor's Reports
Demolition Orders.

Under dates 26/7/41 and 9/9/41 Mr. Shortall reported as follows :-

"Housing Acts - Demolition Orders. 26.7.41.

"Resulting from personal inspection of miscellaneous premises which have been the subject of recent Demolition Orders I have to report as follows :-
Ballalley Area. Tenements recently occupied by Michael Clooney, P.K. Curran, J. Bolton, Wm Cass. Roofs removed. Walls still standing.
Fishtown Area. Tenements recently occupied by Michael Hayden, J. Nolan, P.K. Carroll, Mr. Murphy Jas. Fleming, also 14 tenements (names of occupants not available) situated on east side of Mr. Fluskey's Licensed premises. Roofs removed. Walls still standing.
House recently occupied by Myles Mc Grath. Roof and Walling intact.
Cockpit Lane Area. Tenements recently occupied by Jas. Ronan, Laurence Malone, Mary Murray, Mr. Kavanagh, P. Lindsay, P. Cashin, Roofs removed. Walls still standing
Chapel Lane Area. Tenement recently occupied by Patk. Dunne. Demolished, levelled and cleared.

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Bullaun Area. Tenements recently occupied by P. Flanagan Margaret Pyne. Premises levelled and cleared.
Bewley Steet Area. Tenements recently occupied by J. Moran R. Murphy. Wm Knight. Roofs and walling intact. Windows boarded up.
Windmill Lane Area. Tenements recently occupied by P. Curran, T. Somers, B. Caul, P. Hayes, J. Gorman, T. McCaul. P. Kehoe, T. Mackey. Roofs removed. Walls standing.
Michael Steet Area. Tenements recently occupied by M. Browne and P. Gardiner. Premises as before and re-occupied by a Margaret Cullen and P.K. Ledger.
William Steet Area. Tenement recently occupied by Edward Monaghan. Roof removed. Walls standing.
William Steet (contd.) Tenements recently occupied by J. Cleary, P. Donohoe, M. Shea, M. Meenigan. Levelled and cleared.
William Steet Area (contd.) Tenements recently occupied by M. Somers, P. Shannon, T. Nolan, T. O'Brien, Partially demolished. Not cleared.
John Steet Area. Tenement recently occupied by R. Cullen. Roof removed. Walls standing.
Maiden Lane ("Little Hill") Area. Tenements recently occupied by James Hughes, Jas. Caulfield, now re-occupied by a John Flynn and P. Kelly."
"Re Demolition Orders. 9.9.41"
"Barrack Lane Area. (Deane Estate).
Old dwelling houses demolished. Debris on Site. - not cleared.
Gandley Estate. Same observations.
Tottenham Estate. Former dwelling houses not demolished or unroofed. Window & door opes built up. Property appears to be now used as stores.
Cross Lane Area. Estate E. Browne.
Old dwelling houses demolished. Sites not levelled and cleared.
Nunnery Lane Area. Old dwelling houses demolished and property now enclosed by High Wall which has been plastered and dashed.
Cockpit Lane (or Abbey View) Area. Estate M. Harney.

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Old dwellings unroofed. Portion of wall still standing. Not cleared and levelled."

Audit.

Letter A. 18532/41 of 12/8/41 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaeth appointing Mr. J.J. Flood, Local Government Auditor to audit the Council's accounts for the periods ended 31/3/41 and till further notice.

Noted.

Letter 25/8/41 was read from the Auditor that he would require to certify the expenditure on Relief Scheme (Sewerage) and Allotments Scheme on Wednesday.

Clerk reported due attendance of Mr. Flood.

Noted.

School Meals Grant.

Recoupment Notice P.H. 12571/41 of 16th August 1941 was read of £17.11.3 being final instalment of 1940/41 year.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Noted.

Contribution in lieu of Rates

Letter 3188 of 26th August 1941 was read from Department of Valuation enclosing form A.40 for completion.

Ordered that same be completed.

Scavenging and other matters.

Long report of 5th September 1941 was read from the County Medical Officer of Heaeth summarized by him as follows:-

(1) The Scavenging does not appear to be carried out in a Thoroughly Satisfactory manner, and it appears that Sufficient care is not exercised at all times in emptying the bins or in removing the contents of bins which may have been spilled.

(2) An uncovered lorry is sometimes used;

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(3). I understand that the Urban Council provided covered bins for the houses erected by them. I also understand that a fair proportion of other householders provided themselves with proper covered bins, but nevertheless, I understand that a great many others did not do so. Wooden boxes and various other receptacles are used, and, needless to remark, this is very undesirable and in addition, it makes the Scavenger's job unpleasant and difficult.

(4). The cleansing of the Streets does not appear to be carried out in an entirely Satisfactory manner.

(5). I have noticed waste papers blowing about the Streets on windy days, and this is highly objectionable.

(6). The dumping does not appear to be carried out in an entirely Satisfactory manner.

(7) I understand that there are no bye-laws in force with regard to the collection and removal of house refuse, and with regard to the cleansing of Streets

I recommend that the Urban Council should take steps to ensure that the present defects are remedied, and that Bye-laws should be adopted with regard to these matters."

Chairman informed the meeting that the Town Surveyor who is responsible, duly certified the work properly carried out when he certified the accounts of the Scavenging Contractor for payment and the Sanitary Inspector certified the accounts for domestic scavenging and Scavenging of the Fishhouse.

Town Surveyor stated the work was well done by the late Contractor and reasonably carried out by the present Contractor. He saw no reason for reductions.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy
the report was marked "Read."

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Letter from Town Tenants League.

Long letter 6/9/41 was partly read from above dealing with lighting of Charleton Hill and the Scavenging of the upper Streets of the Town.

On the motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided not to entertain or read any communications from this body in future as the Councils officers were there to attend to such matters.

Foot and Mouth Disease.

Letter 29th August 1941 was read from the Department of Agriculture stating the Minister "regrets he cannot see his way to allow fairs in the New Ross District for the present."

Chairman informed the Meeting he asked for a permit without calling a Special Council Meeting.

Sale of Manure.

Mr. Wm. Donovan, Mary Street, applied for and was granted a heap of manure ex. Chambersland Dump for £1. 10. 0.

Free Milk Complaints.

Under date 9.9.41 Sanitary Inspector O'Grady reported "I interviewed a number of people re complaints on delivery of free Milk and have been informed that the delivery has been Satisfactory for the past month."

Replying to Mr. Cooney Mr. O'Grady said the following stated they did not receive milk:- Mrs. O'Connor 8 pints; Mrs. O'Neill 5 pints. Mrs. Ronan 14 pints; Mrs. Blanche 8 pints; Mrs. Dunne 11 pints. and Mrs. Aspel 4 pints. Total 50 pints.

Decided to inform Mr. Butler of the quantities Short.

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Replying to Mr. Cooney, Clerk stated only milk supplied was paid for.

School Meals.

Letter was read from Mrs. O'Brien, Honorary Secretary, School Meals Committee that her committee are not able to procure cocoa for coming term.

Decided to send copy of letter to Department of Local Government and Public Heart.

A.R.P. - First Aid Post.

Mr. O'Grady reported having inspected the parcel from Mr. P. Cushen, Graiguenamanagh. There were 33 Army Blankets and in good order.

Noted.

Bank Increased Charges.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

A resolution was passed protesting against proposed charges by the Banks for writing up customers books as an unenviable attempt at extortion

Corporate Estate.

Clerk reported having duly advertised the Residence in Priory Street - to be vacated by P. Lynch 30th inst. - without reserve.

Ordered that the advertisement be continued and also inserted in Irish Press and Irish Independent. The P.L.V. is £14. and Rent £25.

Water Supply.

Letter 14th August 1941 was read from Messrs Maher and Cleary, New Ross, requesting to have the supply cut off from garages.

Town Surveyor stated if cut off there would be no supply to the workshop lavatories

Chairman pointed out that cars can be

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washed if the supply is kept to the lavatories.
Decided to cut off the supply provided it can be used in lavatories without use in garage at £1 per annum.

Lowering of Lights - Recoupment

Intimation A.R.P./1366 of 12th August 1941 was read from the Department of Defence of final recoupment of £5.10.8.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

Overdraft - Mayor Corish

Chairman drew attention to a Statement in the Press. Replying to Alderman Coffee at a Meeting of Wexford Corporation. The Mayor stated "We always had (an overdraft) at this time of year. Every Public Body in the country has." He wanted Alderman Corish to understand the New Ross Urban District Council have not had an overdraft for the past 12 years at least.

Agreed.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for last financial year.

Clerk read above from abstract of Accounts
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond
The statement was accepted.

Water Supply to Baunjames

Letter 21st August 1941 was read from Curragh Command acknowledging the receipt of the Council's letter of 14th inst.

Noted.

Fire Brigades Act 1940

Letter L.14178/5/41 of 18th August 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health "to state that the contents of the Town Surveyor's report dated 12th instant are noted"

No order

Complaint from Mr. Brewer Water Tables at Drishtaun.

Under date 9/9/41 the following letter was read from above.

"I beg to call your attention to the dangerous State of paths in the Drishtaun, since the new water table have been constructed.

It will be a source of danger to people especially in the coming winter. with dark nights etc.

In most cases the depth of the water table from the path, varies from at least 8 inches to 12" or 13".

I would respectfully suggest that the County Surveyor or whoever, is responsible, be asked to slope or level, the existing edge of path, so that people will not break their limbs."

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin.

It was ordered that a copy be forwarded to the County Surveyor for attention if required.

Hoarding on Bullaun.

Mr. Martin drew attention to the disgraceful state of this hoarding erected years ago by the Town Surveyor. It should be removed from the footpath and re-erected against the old wall of the house.

Ordered that Town Surveyor inspect and report.

The Meeting Adjourned.

P W Lonman
14.10.41

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Friday 3rd October 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 5 o. clock to consider letter L. 2283/11/41 dated 30th September 1941 from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaelth as follows :-

"With reference to your letter of 27th instant in regard to the proposal of the New Ross Urban District Council to acquire a number of derelict sites as an Employment Scheme, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that no information has been furnished as to the number of sites to be acquired, the area thereof, the use to which they wie be put or the estimated cost of clearance. It has been pointed out on a number of occasions that this information is essential if the works are to be undertaken in connection with the current programme of relief schemes. If no steps have so far been taken by the Urban District Council to acquire sites, it would appear that, owing to the time which must necessarily elapse before the Sites become the property of the Council, it would not be possible to undertake the work during the coming months."

Unless an alternative Scheme can be furnished within Seven days, it is proposed to transfer to the County Council the amount which has been provisionally allocated to the Urban District Council for the employment Schemes Vote for Relief Works."

Present :- Messrs. T. Cooney

The Meeting was abandoned for want of a quorum at 6 o' clock p.m.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Monday 13th October 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy. P.C. and T. Cooney.

Bills :-

The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-

Peter Gahan	£35.15.0	James Cooney	£1.17.6	Irish Press	12.0
do.	12.0	Moran Bros.	15.3	Free Press	12.0
do.	4.6.8	Bank of Ireland	£316.2.10	"People"	18.0
do.	13.0	Central Garage	8.2	Broker+Co.	2.16.6
Waterford News	9.0	Hodges Figgis	2.0.6	P.S.B.	2.8.0
T.J. Dunphy	42.0.5	National Bank	150.1.9	do.	21.13.10
A.R. French	3.10.0	Park. Leacy	6.5.0	J.S. Barry	3.5.10
P.A. Finn	14.9.4	Mercy Convent	10.0.0	Tottenham Estate	10.0.0

Payment for Assisting Water Inspector.

Bill for 15/= certified by Water Inspector as due to P. Grace for work done assisting at inspection of mains and Services on 8th and 9th October 1941 was presented. Clerk requested a direction. This work was not continuous. Grace carried the equipment required for inspection. He was previously employed by the last Inspector.

Payment recommended.

Income Tax Sch. A.

Letter was read from Inspector of Taxes in connection with Tax on Allotments Fields.

Recommended that Clerk attend to same

Free Milk

Fee to L. Barron H.A.O. Quarterly Account for £3 was submitted herein

Payment recommended subject to certificate

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From County Medical Officer of Health.

Ministry for Defence
Decontamination Equipment

Clerk reported this equipment arrived. The case was broken and so far as he could see 10 bells 10 suits were missing. He notified the County Secretary and the Ministry of Defence but had not heard from either since.

Noted.

School Meals.

Arising out of an examination of bills presented by this Committee Clerk submitted a press cutting of recent Parish Council Meeting and reported an interview with the Secretary. The Secretary informed him the Secretary to the School Meals Committee stated at the Ladies Parish Council Meeting that the School Children were only receiving dry bread for the daily Meal. No butter, margarine, jam, milk or cocoa. Butter, margarine, milk and cocoa were impossible to obtain and the jam in New Ross was not good enough. He, Clerk, had an interview with Mrs. O'Brien and informed her the Government had made arrangements for a supply of cocoa and her Committee should have asked for it. So far as he was aware the jam in town was both good and plenty. Mr. Butler, who supplies the free milk stated he was never asked to supply milk to the Committee. The Council budgeted for £175 for School Meals this year. The Government refunded 50% of the amount expended less voluntary contributions of money or food. Wexford supplies Bread Golden Syrup and Cocoa. Enniscorthy - Milk and sweetened currant Buns. Wexford's outlay was, according to the Official report £229. 9. 9. and they supply 6 schools. New Ross supply 4 schools and cost £155. last year

No recommendation.

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Public Lighting

Letter 8th October 1941 was read from the E. S. B. replying To Town Clerk's Telegram that as the lighting was not effected until the 4th the Board would make a grant of allowance of £1. 2. 0.

Noted.

Bells for Pumping Station

Estimate of £1. 2. 6 was read from the E.S.B ~~replying~~ for 4 bells.

Refered to Consulting Engineer

Shambles Stall Vacant

Miss Delaney wrote surrendering tenancy of stall @ 1/= per week.

No recommendation.

The Council -v- Peter Gahan.

Clerk reported Mr. Gahan agreed to pay the £10 on Civil Bill for recovery of same on bond with Michael Monaghan late of T. K. E. Place. The Solicitors reported the case would be heard on the 23rd but Subsequently verbally reported a consent had been effected.

Noted.

The Council - v- Patrick Lynch

Letter dated 4th October 1941 was read from Council's Solicitors handing in Keys of house.

Clerk reported the Solicitors had since informed him Mr. Lynch had paid £50 of the arrears and would pay the balance of some £30 within the week. He had not heard further since. So far notwithstanding extensive advertising the house had not been let.

Recommended that Clerk inspect and try to find out any reason for failure to let

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The Council -v- Patk. Kehoe.
Range Account.

Clerk reported that this case was adjourned generally on the application of Mr. Nix. The Council's Solicitors will bring it on again at next Court unless a settlement was effected meantime. The account will be paid in full and costs provided the Council undertake to have the range work effectively.

Rates Return

Clerk submitted his report for September as follows:-
Warrants £9133.12.1. Collected £3556.7.2½. Discounts £127.19.0
Outstanding £5449.5.10½. Percentage collected :- 38 last year. 38 the previous year and 40.3 this with an increased warrant over last year of £373.
Considered very satisfactory

Board of Health.
Water Charge of £66 Still unpaid.
Clerk reported "no reply" yet from above Board.
Recommended further application

Rates on Hall Rents &c.
Town Clerk's Report of Conference
"Municipal Conference held in Dublin on 16th 17th and 18th September 1941.
Mr. Murphy was unable to attend.
The Council will remember that last year the owners of property in the Town let to the State for occupation for public purposes - the Post Office, Guard's Barracks, Technical School, Revenue Commissioners Offices at South Street (2 offices), the Courthouse - contended that such property was exempt from the Town Rate and only rateable for Poor Rate on half the yearly rent they receive from this property.
The position created was very bad and your Finance Committee agreed there must be something wrong when a landlord obtaining a £105 rent

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out of one house in the Town could get away without paying any Town Rate and only the Poor Rate on £50 and so the matter was brought before the Municipal Conference at Dublin with a view to an amendment of the law to render the Valuation at least liable for all rates. The question after discussion was referred to the Executive Committee and a case prepared for them.

Up to the present we have been getting the sum of approximately £2.1.0 per annum from the Government in lieu of rates on such property. This year we shall get an increase of approximately £51. for the year. which means a gain of ½d in the £ annually to the rates and the Council's deficiency by the action of the Property Owners made fairly right again.

Your Finance Committee's attitude however is that the Landlord or Immediate Lessor not the State should foot all the rates. By the Poor Relief Act 1883 such property was exempt even from Poor Rate but by the Poor Relief (Amendment) Act 1849 they were rated as you already know. There therefore appears to be no reason why they should not be rated in full and not receive special exemption considering they enjoy a very high protected revenue from the state for their property."

"Subsidy on Charleton Hill Houses.
26 Houses Scheme.

This matter was laid fully before the Conference and received fullest consideration. Your Finance Committee desired the Conference to appoint their President and Honorary Secretary to accompany your Delegates to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to obtain this subsidy which is equivalent to £5 approximately per house per annum - taking into consideration the rates you receive in the

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rent of £6.4.0. The loss is one of rates only. However, the Council is entitled to rates and the computation for Subsidy allows for rates.

The Conference decided unanimously to appointed their President and Secretary. Before making an appointment with the Minister the Conference directed that the Executive Committee discuss the case when it is submitted in due form in writing

This has not yet been done but I hope to attend to it before next Meeting. The Council might consider appointing a delegation for this purpose in case the appointment comes before next Meeting.

Letter 29th September 1941 S.3188 was read from the Valuation Office agreeing to accept a claim for the Poor Rate on a further £2.9.0 valuation and for the Town Rate on the Valuation of £105.9.0

Recommended that the matter referred to be further pursued and that a delegation be appointed.

Sewerage Scheme.

Accounts presented by Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor for balance of fees & Expenses stated by him to amount to £490.9.4½ were presented.

Clerk reported that when in Dublin he interviewed the Chief of the Department in this particular and since then the necessary data had been furnished in connection with the Council's application for Supplemental Loan. Mr. O'Connor had already been paid £603.15.0 but until receipt of the loan money The Council held no funds to consider any further payment. Mr. O'Connor was informed of this.

Adjourned.

Rent Report.

Clerk submitted his September report as follows:- 220 houses built: 218 let 2 unoccupied. Arrears at close

Of last month £572.0.11: Accrued during month £314.8.3 Total for Collection £886.9.2. Collected £318.10.11 leaving arrears £567.18.3. The following special cases were reported on :-

Church Lane.

Michael Connolly paid no rent during month Arrears £3.9.11

Town Wall

Guard Feehan paid no rent during month Arrears £4.17.0. M. A. Roche only paid 2 weeks. Arrears £16.4.9: John Ryan arrears went up during month by 7/= now £6.10.2; Annie Murphy arrears up by 13/= in month now £11.19.2: P. Monoghan paid no rent during the month arrears now £14.14.8. William Ryan: Arrears went up by 8/6 now £5.0.10. Mary Flynn only paid 2 weeks rent arrears £3.6.8.

J.K.L. Place.

Andrew Browne paid 3 weeks rent only Arrears now £3.16.0. Mary Mullery paid only 2 weeks Arrears £3.11.6: James Holden same Arrears £6.11.0: Michael Malone missed one week Arrears £10.2.0: Thomas Purcell paid only 2 weeks Arrears £6.14.4 Robert Donnelly paid no rent. Arrears £10.6.0

Charleton Hill.

Moses Somers only paid 2 weeks Arrears £2.7.6

P. Shannon same Arrears. 2.18.6

Clerk reported that as the Notices to Quit were not legal for want of the third signature they had not been served.

Recommended that Notices to Quit be Served also in the cases of the Arrears specially reported now.

Mr. Cooney objected.

The Meeting Adjourned.

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Tuesday the 14th day of October 1941

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act 1854, the various ~~Acts~~ Local Government Acts and Acts enabling. The following special business was transacted after due notice.

1. Notices to Quit
2. A. R. P. - Most important including Town Clerk's Special Reports.
3. Rats & Mice Act 1919.
4. Reports from Municipal Conference
5. School Meals - Cocoa &c. position
6. Derelict Sites Act 1940.
7. Mr. Cooney's motion re transfer of Streets and relief work.
8. Town Clerk's expenditure on Temporary Assistance in office.
9. New Scheme suggested by County Medical Officer of Health for Immunization.
10. Applications for vacant houses.
11. Timber for fuel - County Surveyor wants Council to buy firewood stored in New Ross.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed.

Present:- Messrs P. N. O'Gorman, J. Murphy, P. B. J. E. Walsh, J. Redmond, T. Cooney T. Martin.

Vote of Sympathy.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

A vote of condolence was passed to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese and the relatives of the late Father Martin O'Connor C.C. Wexford. a native of New Ross on his demise.

Finance Committees Recommendations

The Minutes of this Committee held yesterday having been read
Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

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The Treasurers Advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs Murphy and Walsh and the amounts ordered to be paid.

Fair for October.

Chairman expressed delight that the ban on the export of cattle &c. to England had been raised and moved that the Department of Agriculture be requested for a permit to hold the second October on the 28th.

Letter of 4th October 1941 was read from Sean Roinn Talamhandheacta replying to two telegrams and a letter from the Council "that the Minister for Agriculture regrets he cannot at present agree to the holding of the Fairs in question" (2 Fairs in New Ross during October.

Mr. Cooney seconded and added that all the T.D's of the County be asked to approach the Department on the matter.

The Motion Was Adopted.

School Meals

Letter P.H. 23258/41 of 1st October 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. on the Subject of Supply of Cocoa herein "that by an order made by the Minister for Supplies supplies of cocoa powder to Local Authorities are restricted to 50%. of the quantity purchased during the year 1940. If you are unable to obtain the quantity allowed under the Emergency Order you should communicate the facts to the Department of Supplies without delay".

Clerk informed the Council the letter was handed to the Honorary Secretary, School Meals Committee immediately on receipt.

Letter D. 10/679 undated was read from the Department of Supplies, Dublin requesting particulars of cocoa supplied during 1940, names of Suppliers &c.

Ordered that the Town Clerk attend to same and get all information required by him in connection with

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complaint of shortage of butter, margarine, jam, cocoa, and milk.

Unemployment Relief Works.

Letter L. 2283/11/41 of the 30th September 1941 was read from the Department of (Agriculture) Local Government and Public Heard "that no information has been furnished as to the number of Sites (Derelict) to be acquired, the area thereof, the use to which they will be put or the estimated cost of clearance" This information is essential. "If no steps have so far been taken to acquire Sites it would not be possible to undertake the work during the coming months. Unless an alternative Scheme can be furnished within seven days it is proposed to transfer to the County Councils the amount which had been provisionally allocated to the Urban District Councils from the Employment Schemes Vote for relief works."

Town Clerk reported calling a Special Urban Council Meeting for consideration of this letter. Only Mr. Cooney attended and the Meeting was abandoned.

Chairman stated he was in Dublin and could not attend.

Town Clerk reported (~~calling a Special Urban Council Meeting~~) that as the Council were anxious to clear the derelict Sites he asked the Department to delay decision pending Council Meeting.

Letter L. 2283/14/41 of 8th October 1941 was read from the Department "that if the Council desires the clearance of such Sites to be considered in connection with the current Relief Schemes Programes full details of their proposals should be furnished immediately."

Town Clerk pointed out the delay in Submitting proposals was entirely due to the Council. The County Surveyor by his Assistant had agreed at a Special Council Meeting to put forward the Sites as work under the Employment Schemes vote. The Council on the motion of Mr. Murphy P.C. detailed the work as within the provined of the Town Surveyor and it was agreed that progress be delayed pending a full report from

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The Town Surveyor and it was agreed that progress be delayed pending a full report from the Town Surveyor. From an interview with Mr. O'Neill he, Clerk, understood a road Scheme had been forwarded for the grant which included work on roads in the Rural District adjacent to the Urban District and to absorbe approximately £2000. Mr. O'Neill at that interview definitely stated he would have nothing to do with derelict Sites as it was patent the Council desired the Town Surveyor to undertake this work under The Derelict Sites Act.

Mr. Redmond stated he could not understand where they were. The work was undoubtedly the work of the County Council and if it is now given to the Town Surveyor he doubled the Council's Authority.

Town Clerk stated the work was absolutely in the hands of the County Council and if it is now given to the Town Surveyor he doubled the Council's Authority.

Repeat.

Town Clerk stated the work was absolutely in the hands of the County Council and that Council had by courtesy asked this Council for a consultation as to the works to be carried out

Without a regular motion it was agreed after arguments of Mr. Cooney, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Walsh to ask the Town Surveyor to prepare the requisite information forthwith submit to the Clerk for forwarding to the Department and

On the Motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was decided to inform the County Council that this Council's resolution is that none of this grant be expended outside the Urban Area.

Annual Revision of Valuation

Intimation of 2nd instant that Mr. J. O'Brochain will commence above within the Urban District on the 8th instant was read and noted from the

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Audit for Housing Accounts.

Letter dated 13th instant, from County Hotel, Cavan was read from Local Government Auditor, Mr. J. J. Flood that he would check receipts and payments in connection with Housing Subsidy during week.

Noted.

Parnell Anniversary.

Card from Padraig McNamara requesting the attendance of the Council at Public Procession and Oration at Parnell Monument on Sunday 12th October at 3 o'clock was read.

No action possible as procession was over on prior Sunday.

Sanatary Salaries.

Letter 1st October 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting particulars of above expenditure during the year ended 30th September 1941.

Ordered that same be sent.

Allotments - 1942 Season.

Circular H. 129/1941 of 8th October 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to continue the Scheme under like conditions of last scheme and that the Town Clerk take all necessary steps for the carrying out of the scheme including the acquisition of further land if required. A nominal rent of 1/= per plot per annum was fixed. The rent per plot for employed persons to be fixed as the economic one as soon as ascertainable.

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Provision of Fuewood
Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order 1941

Cusular C. L. 115/41 of 11th September 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Heaert re Provision of Fuewood transmitting copy of Emergency Powers (No. 108) Order enabling Urban Authorities to acquie timber and have it felled and made into Fuewood.

Letter 13th September 1941 was read from the County Surveyor, Wexford County Council as follows :-

". At the Finance Committee Meeting of the County Council held on yesterday, 12 instant I was directed to communicate with you in regard to obtaining supply of timber to be stored in your Town as a reserve in an emergency. If your Council wie make arrangements to purchase this timber, which you are empowered to do in the recently promulgated Order I am to notify you that the County Council will arrange for the preparation and storage of fuel blocks which will be available as may be available required later.

I shall be glad if you will bring this matter at once before your Council."

Clerk reported he consulted with Chairman on receipt - 15th September 1941 - and Chairman decided the letter would be in pleenty of time for next Meeting.

The Council was divided on the meaning of the letter and it was decided that the Council could not understand the intended meaning.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

That this Council will purchase the timber and that the County Surveyor be asked, if he will, have it felled, transported to New Ross and stored there for the Council. That application be made for a £200 loan to purchase the fuewood from the Owners. That consideration of distribution be deferred

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pending completion of purchase, Fencing Storage &c.

A. R. P.

Decontamination clothing. Clerk reported a visit from the County Surveyor. Equipment for Decontamination Service was received and is at present housed in the Large Room, Tholsel as the Town Surveyor agreed as the only available proper store for same pending the acquiring of accommodation. The County Surveyor agreed that if placed in a wire cage in the corner of the room there could not be a better permanent Store for them. In the meantime - i.e. until such a press was provided - the room should be considered engaged and not available.

Mr. Redmond and Mr. Cooney objected to closing this room to Meetings as there was no other rooms available in the town. It should not be used for A. R. P. or other equipment

Town Clerk also reported the County Surveyor adverted to his, Clerks, intimation to him that Mr. Shortalls yard was now sold to another and that it would be necessary to provide alternative accommodation for the trailer pump and accessories. He, County Surveyor suggested that the pump be housed in a private Garage or two if required. Town Clerk communicated same to Town Surveyor who stated he would attend to the provision of accommodation for the pump &c. without delay and considered Mr. J. Lynch's yard and garage desirable.

Combined Purchasing Act.

Clerk reported usual visit and inspection by Miss Shannon. She found all in order.

Town Surveyor's Report.

This report dated 14. 10. 41, handed in during the Meeting, was adjourned as the Council was unable to reach on same.

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A. R. P.

A. Summary of the work of the Conference called for 23rd September 1941 in Wexford at which the Town Clerk and Town Surveyor were present was given by the Clerk. The Town Surveyor informed the Conference that the hydrants in all parts of the Urban Area are in good working order and adequate for the purposes required by this Council for Fire Fighting being capable of 130/160 lbs pressure.

Town Clerk informed the Conference there was no A. R. P. Fire Brigade but the Council had not officially asked the L. S. F. (but the) to form a Fire Fighting Unit as had been done in Enniscorthy. The Rescue Service Corps had been established with James Rossiter as leader Lorries and Ropes and equipment has been promised by Mr. Rossiter & Mr. Peter Cullen - both Builders. The Size roll had already been sent the Ministry of Defence. There was no Decontamination Service established yet. Placards Press Notices and references by Clergy & Urban Council were not of any use.

The Conference agreed the County Surveyor and Town Clerk should assist in the formation of the Decontamination Service and pointed out that whilst the trailer pump supplied by the Ministry for Defence would be available as an addition to but not in substitution for the ordinary peace time fire equipment of the New Ross Urban Council under the Fire Brigades Act 1940 the County Board of Health and the Urban Councils were obliged to make adequate provision for Supplies of Fire Fighting equipment for their areas under normal conditions

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Martin

It was decided to ask the L. S. F. to form a Fire Fighting Unit and that everything possible be done to bring the other Services up to standard.

Circular S. 128/41 of 8th October 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in regard to the maintenance of water supplies over bridges.

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likely to be demolished in an emergency setting out the arrangements proposed to be made and submitting particulars of requirements for the observations of the Council.

Town Surveyor after an examination of the particulars stated no observations were in his opinion necessary.

First Aid Post Equipment.
Technical School New Rds.

Long letter of 13th October 1941 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health enclosing a letter he had received from the County Council dated 3rd October 1941 detailing additional items required and to be provided locally for this post. Samples of Casualty Record Cards, Record Sheets, + Hospital Record Sheets were also enclosed and the doctor recommended 2 doz. books of fifty Casualty Cards and 6 books of 50 Hospital Record Sheets. Immediate Steps should be taken in this matter. The 12 Walking Sticks and 6 pairs crutches assorted sizes, a reserve of Shoes and clothing of assorted sizes for both Sexes and Some Sugar and tinned milk for use with coffee or cafe-au-lait could be obtained voluntary from local Sources

Ordered that Clerk attend to this matter as far as possible and report progress provided the expenses are met by the County Council

Town Clerks Assistance

Letter G. 5343/3/41 of 30th August 1941 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health hereon.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Thos Redmond

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Monday 10th day of November 1941.

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Cooney.

The Meeting was abandoned for want of a quorum.

Thos Redmond 11 11 41

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Tuesday the 11th day of November 1941.

The Monthly Meeting of the Newross Urban District Council was held in the Thotsel, Newross this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business including Financial and Various Special business of which due notice was given Pursuant to the various Acts enabling:-

Present. Mssrs Redmond (Presiding on the motion of Mr Murphy seconded by Mr Cooney) T. Cooney, J. Murphy P.C. T. Mackin, J. Walsh, V. A. Doyle, A. Allen.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & signed. Clerk informed the Meeting there was no Meeting of the Finance Committee as convened and as two Members of that Committee had arrived in Sufficient time the Finance Committee was held prior to this Meeting. Mssrs Murphy Redmond and Subsequently Mr Cooney attended. The following bills were recommended for payment. viz The Salaries Wexford Co. Co. £115 Same £270 Same £973.13.3: St Stephens Cemetery £20 P. Gahan £37.2.6 Plus £4.10/- plus £2 Plus 13/6. Eat Finn £13.0.7 W. Doyle 10/- Moran Bros 21/- do 4/6 E. & B. £20.11.10 do £1.2.6 M. Ellis 7/9 Hibernian Insurance £2.5/-. Ellams Ltd 10/6 A.K. French 4/6 Typewriter £1.16/- University College 21/- Irish Press 18/- P. Burke £19.9.10 Independent 10/6 Pares Ltd 13/2 Postmaster £200 and Parke Davis Co £14.13.4.

Rent Arrears.

Committee considered Clerks Report. Houses Unit. 220 Arrears 30/9/41 £567.18.3 at 31/10/41 £572.13.6. Notices to Quit were duly served. W. Tench called a few days ago - made no offer.

Recommended that Clerks report on the issued of Service of Notices to Quit be received for the Funeral Meeting.

Rates Report.

Clerk submitted Monthly report on Form 61. Warrants £9133.12.1 Collected £4319.6.2 Dis Cont £127.19/- Not Collected £4686.4.10 = 47% as against 47% last year on a lesser Warrant.

Committee considered Satisfactory

Refusal to pay Deposit on Rent.

Clerk reported a Mrs Mc Namara had called & refused to pay the deposit on transfer to House at Town Wall. Explaining the Council had permitted the transfer and no remedy lies.

Recommended that the matter be left in the Clerks hands and that in future transfers be determined by reference to the wards of others who have not Houses belonging to the Council.

The Council -v- Gwendoline Whelan.

Letter 15th October 1941 was read from Councils Solicitors enclosing a letter 13 October 1941 from Mr Whelan's husband in the matter of £22 rent due to the Council out of property acquired from Mrs Mc Donagh at Prussia St Kenmare. Mr Colfer stated "we do not know sufficient about Mr Whelans personal means and possibly there may be some difficulty in levying the amount of the decree. In these circumstances it might be well if the Council considered an abatement in so far as the £20 is concerned on the grounds that the Councils property and the letting value of the house may have been increased". Mr Whelans letter offered to pay £25 in full discharge of the claim of £32. He deducted £20 which he stated was expended in installing electric light and £6.10/ in lieu of notice. "As nobody appears to have known who the Landlord was, least of all the Council, it would have been impossible to give any notice of surrender of tenancy. No claim is being made by my wife for other money expended by her from time to time on the House." He offered to pay £10 at Xmas and the rest by half yearly instalments of £5.

Clerk reported verbally Mr Colfer reminding him of the Councils instructions and that his letter - which could have been written on the 13th prior to last Meeting - was only causing delay in collection. Mr Lynch who had a like Claim for repairs and was in exactly the same position and undertook as Mrs Whelan had paid up after consultation with his Solicitors. As Mr Colfer did "not know sufficient about Mrs Whelans personal means" the Committee was not

believed of responsibility
Recommended that no action be taken on the Solicitor's recommendation but that the answer be corrected in full in accordance with the Council instructions.

Insurance - Midgrady: Clerk reported a visit of Mr Leahy, Inspector National Health & Unemployment Insurance. He stated Midgrady's position as temporary Sanitary Inspector rendered the Council and Midgrady liable for contributions. This had been decided for him by various Departments of State. The appointment (original) was made 27 July 1936 and continued for 274 weeks to 26th October 1941 making the amounts due (1) National Health and Pensions £18.5.4 @ 1/4 and (2) Unemployment @ 1/7 £21.13.10 Total £39.19.2.

Committee held the period of temporary appointment should date to the date it was made permanent by the Council and that the question of prior to that date be investigated. Recommended adjournment pending decision.

Sewerage Scheme
Mr Johnson's Fees & New Loan.

Letter L8041/41/41 of 30 October 1941 was read from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health in regard to the payment of Fees and Expenses to the Consulting Engineer in connection with the carrying out of the first section of Sewerage Scheme.
(1) Consultants, the letter states, generally are entitled to recompense of travelling and subsistence expenses. The matter is one for the Council (2) as regards fees the fee for preliminary report should be restricted to the estimate then furnished £22,000. (3) there would appear to be no reason why a fee of 2% of the revised estimate, £26075, should not be paid for preparation of plans & specification (4) basis of fees for supervision appears to be correct (5) as regards the abandoned section of the work due to the selection of alternative route for which a sewer the Consultant would appear to be entitled to a fee of 2% for preparation of plans & specification and not 2½% as claimed (6) in a scheme of this size the fee of ½%

is usually allowed(?) Any other item of expense claimed by the Consultant are matters for the Council. As regards payment of Clock Works for a period to the date on which the contract work commenced it seems clear that a certain amount of preliminary work was necessary and there would appear to be no objection by the Dept. to the payment of the amount involved. Form A sent in should now be adjusted after decisions on foregoing matters. A recommendation to forward the outstanding balance of the loan, £360, was being sent to the Office of Public Works out of which sum, when received, a substantial payment should issue to Consultant on account of fees & Expenses. "Representations have been made by him to this Department that settlement of the balance of his account is urgently required" "Any proposals the Council may wish to submit for the temporary financing of urgent liabilities pending the issue of the supplemental loan will be favourably considered".

Letter 8 October 1941 was read from the Consultant in which he set out as due to him i. 1941 Mar 20th a/c rendered £548.3.9 20th £396.7.3 Total £944.11/- 20th Expenses £146.16.10½ Oct 8th - Leitrim - £2.16.6 Total £149.13.4½ grand Total £1094.4.4½. Received on a/c £528.15 and £45 Total to date £603.15/- leaving net amount due £490.9.4½.

Clerk submitted that the Consultant had a lapsus knaci of sending his a/c so close to the meeting - his a/c is dated 8th October [a ~~Saturday~~ Wednesday] and the meeting is for the 13th October] - that it was not possible to consider same. However in view of the Consultants attendance speech at last meeting — unobjected by the Council - the bill of expenses would appear open to objection. As regards the account generally the Consultant does not appear to be in a position to submit a reasoned statement. He Clerk now submitted that the Consultant on his Contract with the Council is only entitled to 5% as set out in his Contract and submitted the following as his view of the

the outside limit of any reasonable claim by the Consultant:- 1/2% on Preliminary Report &c per particulars required from Consultants on his appointment c.e. 1/2% on £22,000 £110.0.0. 1½% on quantities of £4626 = £69.7.9 (disputed by Council but agreed by Department.) 2% fees for preparation of full working drawings and specification of each section into which the work may be divided as per (b) of above referred to particulars on £22,000 = £440.0.0 and 2½% on £5600. certificates &c as referred to in (c) of above £140.0.0 Total £759.7.9. If the Committee decided on the Departments letter that Consultant was entitled to Expenses they must hold Expenses actually incurred and so fee, Clerk presented accounts which in summary corresponding with Consultants totalled £126.7.1½ most of which has not been vouched and is very doubtful. Therefore the total is £885.14.10½ against the Consultants £1094.4.4½ and the payments £616.19.0 against £558.15.- & £49 leaving the sum of £268.15.10½ unpaid but disputed by the Council not £690.9.4½ according to this Surveyor.

Recommended that an advice of £200 be raised on Treasurers advice note and that subject to Departments direction that Surveyor has complied fully with the terms of his contract and particularly (b) of 4 of the particulars relating to same to £200 be held to him as the Council is still under the impression the 5% covers his fees & Expenses. as regards Payment of Clerk of Works before the scheme had commenced when Cathy was Surveyor to assistant and the Council considered Surveyor should pay his own assistant

Finance Committees Recommendations

On the motion of Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Martin the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

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the Treasurers advice notes were then signed and the amounts ordered to be paid as soon as funds were available and further as Clerk was ordered.

Town Clerk's Assistant

Letter Ref. 53443/3/41 of 30 August 1941 was read from the Dept. Local Government Public Health regarding the part. of £1 per week to the Town Clerk to re-imburse him expenditure incurred by employment of temporary assistant that the system of placing an allowance at the disposal of a permanent Officer in order to enable him to employ the necessary assistance is open to objection. "If Clerical assistance were required continuously it should be engaged by the Council and the person employed should be in the services of the Council"

Clerk stated as he had already written the Council he could not do the work. His pay was £200 per year and out of it he could not possibly be expected to employ an Assistant to do work which he could not overtake. Unless an Assistant was given him the work would not be overtaken for months. Attendance alone on 220 tenants with various complaints - Tree Thiel - Allotments - A.R.P. &c are only to mention a few of the extra duties imposed since his appointment.

Mr Redmond, Chairman, stated the Finance Committee had gone carefully & methodically into the position and heartily agreed an Assistant could not be done without.

Proposed by Mr Walsh

Seconded by Mr Chapman - it was decided to inform the Department that the Council were resolved that the Town Clerk be given a temporary Assistant for 3 months - to cover period of 3½ years Audit - Allotments - Tree Thiel - A.R.P. &c - at a remuneration of £1.5.- per week the Assistant to be employed by the Council and be in the services of the Council.

Votes of Sympathy :- Acknowledgments of Votes were

read from the Lord Bishop of Ferns and Memorial of Famors on the Death of Father Walsh of former C.C. Weighbridge - Quay.

Weighmaster Quinn reported the platform or plate was broken either by accident or design a fortnight ago. He reported the matter to the Town Surveyor at the time but nothing was done since. He also reported to the Guards and verbally to the Town Clerk.

Ordered that the Town Surveyor inspect & report without delay.

Wage-earning Classes Rents.

Form 102/B&T and circular re-posting particulars of representative rents paid by wage earning classes in the town for November 1941 were read and

Ordered that the particulars be furnished

2nd Register of Electors

Letter F. 137/41 of 10th November 1941 was read with accompanying circular of same reference and date from the Dept. Local Government & Public Health as above.

Noted

Free Meals Scheme.

Circular P&T 134/41 of 5 November 1941 was read from the Dept Local Government & Public Health drawing attention to Voucher Food Scheme in connection with which a weekly allowance of 3½ pints of milk per person is available to certain classes - defining the classes.

Ordered that copy of the Circular be sent to H.A. & Laurence Bannon although it is not applicable at present since all the ladies of the Food Voucher Scheme are over 60

Circular 11/41 of 5 November 1941 was read from the same requesting completion of Form FM2

Noted.

School Meals

Letter D10/679 of 7 November 1941 was read from Department of Supplies in connection with supplies of cocoa for above requesting the Council to again communicate with Supplier.

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Letter 5th November 1941 was read from Davy Cores & Ltd Dublin enquiring to forward 1/2 cwt. Davy Cores Powder for School meals being 75% of the 1940 usage. Invoiced to Mr. Charles who will charge up in the usual way. Also reported handing copy of the letter to the Hon. Sec. School meals Committee Mrs. Brien on receipt.

Also drew attention to the offer of the Parish Council to supply 10cb Butter weekly to the School meals. The Red Cross & Ladies Committee of the Parish Council were collecting 6d per week to buy the butter he was thanked informed. This contribution would of course have to be notified to the Department as it affected the grant.

A.R.P. - Decontamination Squad.

Clerk Sanitalia Foster calling a meeting to form this Squad for November (Half Day) and enquiring for enrolement between 4 & 6 o'clock P.M. on that day.

No one attended. He communicated same to the Secretary Wexford County Council.

deposited.

Foot & Mouth Disease - Fair

Correspondence was read and Licence read giving authority to hold the November Fair on 11th. & 12th. "It will be necessary to apply in good time for a separate licence for any fair proposed to be held in the future" states the Departments letter of 3rd.

Ordered that immediate steps be taken to obtain a licence for the December Fair.

Objection to valuation - W. Murphy

Letter D.R. 93 24 27 October 1941 was read from the Commissioner of Valuation returning Mr Murphy's letter complaining of the Valuation on his lands at College Road advising "the case will be considered if it is included in the list of Tenements requiring revision to be sent by you to this Office next June".

Noted.

Letting of Shanlehartill.

Town Surveyor 14.10.41 reported" It will be recalled that the matter had been the subject of earlier correspondence with Co. Board and they required that a sum of about

£48 be paid to them for the extension of the electric mains and standards from Wexford St. to this area" "a Committee of the Council visited this area with me and recommended that an existing lamp at Cross Lane path be transferred to another which partially illuminates the lower section of the new housing scheme at a cost of 7/6".

Outdoor Relief

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Mooney

Leonard Mooney it was decided to again ask the E.S.B to erect the standards and mains free of cost in view of the revenue from the Public Lamps.

Allotments Scheme

Clerk informed Councillor Mr. Doyle agreed to let the field at Mill Lane St. at old terms. It would be necessary for the Council to formally agree to let the Charleton Hill land. No reply had been yet definitely had from Tottenham Trustees. Offers were in progress but the Finance Committee of the Council do not want the unnecessary cost of leasing land and the Tottenham people are sitting on it. Letter was read from the Mercy Nuns agreeing to let their part of the orchard field as heretofore at the same price.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Mooney all offers were accepted and it was decided to again let the Charleton Hill field for allotments on the ordinary terms and at a rent of £5 per statute acre.

Clerk also reported that so far only 97 persons had applied for allotments. He hoped this season to interest employed persons and to be able to let the land at a reasonable economic rent.

Provision of Firewood
Emergency Order 108 of 1941.

Correspondence was read between the County Surveyor from Clerk. County Surveyor by his letter 13th September 1941 stated "I am directed to communicate with you in regard to obtaining supplies of timber to be

stored in your Town as a reserve in an emergency. If your Council will make arrangements to purchase this timber what you are empowered to do in the recently promulgated Order I am to notify you that the County Council will arrange for the preparation ". Clerk reported he wrote the County Surveyor as directed at last meeting and received reply on 24th October 1941 that " the onus .. is on the Urban Council. The County Council are most anxious to facilitate the Urban Council in obtaining and disposing of the wood but we certainly do not contemplate undertaking the whole work ".

Clerk advised the Council the Order could not impose an onus. It may do such a thing but no more. The Council merely asked the County Surveyor if he would arrange to cut the fuel transport it to Ross and let the Urban Council buy and pay for it or if the meaning of his letter was that the Urban Council could by the prepared firewood from the County Council yard in Ross. It appears from the letter the County Surveyor had no idea of the import of his own letters.

Proposed by Mr Cooney

Seconded by Mr Walsh it was unanimously

agreed to buy the firewood and that the Town Surveyor with a Committee of the members of the Council present - two to form a quorum - do all things necessary to procure the timber and carry out the intentions of the Emergency Order.

Sanction to Overdraft. of £200 for Firewood.

Letter G. of 6 November 1941 was read from Dept. L.G. and Public Health enclosing sanction of same date and reference. " If at the expiration of current sanction (ending 30 November 1941) a continuance of overdraft. accommodation is required a further application should be submitted and particulars should be furnished of stocks acquired, expenditure incurred and arrangements for storage and distribution ".

Mr Cooney stated the £200 was not enough. Enquiries should be made for more or at least that the £200 should

be continued

The Council agreed.

Clerk reported inviting a number of people with a view to facilitating the Council's intention to provide firewood. He only had one reply, from the Forestry Department at Castleboro. The Office could only supply with 5 or 10 ton lots per week at £1 per ton ex Castleboro. Captain Deane Doake met him (Clerk) on the Rd & stated he was prepared to supply on the same terms as he had supplied to the Parish Council.

A.R.P. - Fire fighting

Letter was read from the R.D.Force that they were prepared to undertake the formation of a Fire Fighting Unit. under the Act. but subject to the Consultation to the Town Surveyor.

Clerk reported he sent this letter to the Co. Secretary and received reply dated 3rd November (read) that "Unless the R.D.F. are prepared to fall in with the proposals outlined by Major Lawlor I am afraid it will be necessary to organize a fire fighting unit outside the R.D.F." "Pending your meeting on the 11th instant perhaps you may be able to come to an understanding with the R.D.F. but in any case it will be necessary to have squad trained as soon as possible" He (Clerk) suggested a Committee of the Council should interview some of the R.D.F leaders.

Proposed by Mr Redmond
Seconded by Mr Walsh & it was decided to leave the matter in the Clerks hands and Messrs Redmond, Murphy P.J. Mooney and the Chairman of the Council would meet the R.D.F whenever arranged.

Quotations for First Aid Post.

Clerk reported only one quotation was received. From Messrs. Bryan Hennessy American Hurricane Lamps 6/6 Ea with 4" yard Sweeping Brushes 1/- 1/4 & 1/6 Ea Scrubs 8" 10" 1/- 1/3 & 1/6 Ea. Mops 1/6 1/9 Ea Handles 6d Extra. No Horsetoed soap or paraffin oil. The (Clerk) had sent on the tender to the most who called that morning and informed him the matter was over for the

Council on the advice of their Clerk as there is a shortage of Soap & Paraffin an application had been sent the Ministry of Supplies relative.

Town Surveyor here intervened and advised the Council to also apply for a supply of paraffin oil for use in Lamps on waterworks at night. agreed.

Long letter was read from the Council dated 30th Oct detailing requisites required in reply to the Councils letter asking for same of the 13th October 1941 and stating "(5) I understand from Mr Thomas Fuzzells County Council Office that the County Council will be responsible for payment" and as regards walking sticks shoes clothing milk & sugar Coffee &c he (Co. Mgt) was in communication with the Department.

Enquiries for further particulars to be obtained to acquire the lamps from Messrs. Bryan Hennessy New Ross —.

Corporate Property.

Letter reported "no application" for House at Priory Street.

Recommended that the Finance Committee visited on forthcoming morning at 11 O'clock with Town Surveyor to find out the reason why and if it lies in the bad condition of the House although much Light expenditure had been incurred — Decided to re-advertise.

Urban Roads

Mr Mooney moved his motion of 9th September 1941 " That it is my intention to move at the next available meeting that the Relief Grant be demanded by the Urban Council as well as main Urban Roads in future"

Mr Mooney stated the Council now had the roads on Yard order and it was time the Council took back Control from the County Council as it would give the Town Surveyor something to do for his salary of £5 per week

Mr Walsh seconded and there was no other proposition

Chairman declared the motion passed

Weighbridge at Irishtown:-

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Town Surveyor verbally reported the Weybridge as it is now in use for a considerable time should be offered for sale. Decided to advertise it.

Relief Schemes

Local Contributions

Letter 3rd November 1941 was read from C. Surveyor certifying three works U/852E 857E and 862E have now been completed. The amounts due the Co. Council are £115 £270 and £250. Clerk advised the Council this is the first intimation received excepting a phone message from the Co. Secretary to which he, Clerk, replied that this Council required a certificate the works were done and giving particulars.

Owt to motion of Mr Reamond

Seconded by Mr Martin it was decided to forward £115 and £270 leaving the balance due pending receipt of particulars of the works done on each scheme.

Letter 8 October 1941 L 2203/14/41 was read from the Dept of Public Health relative to Derelict Sites to be considered by them in connection with Relief Schemes and requiring particulars.

Clerk stated on the order of the Council the Town Surveyor was instructed to prepare the necessary documents

It was decided that Mr Thorpe submit the Schemes without delay.

Local Government Act 1941

Correspondence. 131/41 of 28 October 1941 Order No 1 1941 &c were read from Dept LG & Rat. Circular 137/1941 Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) (amendment) Act 1940 was also read & noted

D. O'Donovan
9. 12. 41

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