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# NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## FRIDAY THE 5th DAY OF DECEMBER I94I.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 5 o'clock p.m., on this day to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

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

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

P. Gahan £34. 7. 6, Same £4. 3. 4, Moran Bros. I8/6, E.A. Finn £II.I4.9, Echo I0/-, People 20/-, People I5/-, Ellams Ltd. 22/6, Glenfield & Kennedy I7/-, National Bank £257. 9. 2, J. Fox & Co. £7. I0. 0, Moran Bros. 4/6, M. Doyle 8/-, Tottenham Trusts 30/3, People I2/-, L. Barron 27/-, Dr. Kissane £3., W. Morris 25/-, P. Gahan I5/- P. Gahan I2/6, Hibernian Insurance £2. I3. 3, L. Barron £3. J. Butler £I9. 0. 4.

COUNCIL -V- Mrs. Whelan.

Letter dated 4th instant ( received an hour ago) was read from Council's Solicitors that "proceedings have been instituted against Mrs. Whelan to recove the sum of £52 being arrears of rent due by her out of Priory Street premises and we are now in a position to mark judgment". The Solicitors enclosed copy of a letter dated 4th instant from Mrs. Whelan to them. This letter regretted the Council refused to accept £25 in settlement although Mrs. Whelan had expended about £20 for electric lighting service. "I am anxious to settle this matter and for this reason I am prepared to increase my offer as follows :- £I0 before Ist January I942 and the balance by two yearly instalments of £I0. This is the best offer my circumstances allow me to make and I trust that on further consideration it will be accepted by the Council."

Committee having debated the circumstances and the means in the case and having decided that legal pursuit might involve compensating expense.

Recommended that the Council accept £42 in settlement by equal instalments payable Ist January I942, Ist July I942 and Ist January I943 without prejudice.

THE COUNCIL -V- PETER GAHAN AS MONAGHAN'S SURETY.

Letter dated 24th September I94I was read from Council's Solicitors reporting Decree by consent for £I0 and costs on 23rd September I94I and requesting to be instructed "if the Decree is to be lodged with the Sheriff for execution."

Recommended that Solicitors be instructed to apply to Mr. Gahan for payment and to accept same by monthly instalments.

PAYMENTS TO SOLICITORS

Solicitors reported 27th November I94I the following paid and cheque enclosed for £60. 6. 0.:-

Myles McGrath £2. I8. 0, Robert Donnelly £2. 8. 0, Michael Brehany £3, Patrick Lynch £50, Martin Kehoe £2.

A.R.P. ACCOUNTS

Messrs Bryan Hennessy submitted account for £8. 8. I0.

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Clerk reported this had been sent the County Council.

Decided to refer it again to the County Council.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS - MRS. FLEMING'S ACCOUNT

James Fleming submitted a balance of £I. 8. 2 due on account of £343. 6. I. No particulars were furnished.

Clerk reported the Department by letter G.I0I6/40 of I6th July I94I (read again) excluded the cost of turnip seed as "a sample of which was tested and found useless."

Recommended that Mrs. Fleming be again informed of this.

SEWERAGE CONTRACT.

Letter dated 29th November I94I was read from Lee Brothers "will you please let me have paying order for £200 as certified by Mr. T.J. O'Connor, Engineer, for the above works."

Clerk reported non receipt of the certificate.

Adjourned.

RELIEF SCHEMES

Mr. Frizelle wrote asking for Paying Order for local contribution £250 Relief Grant I940/4I works No. U.862E.

Clerk reported this sum was deferred at last Meeting pending receipt of particulars of the expenditure of the Grant.

Recommended that the amount be paid.

MR. O'GRADY'S PERMANENT APPOINTMENT.

Letter P.H.2692/3/4I of I5th November I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister "has approved of the proposal of the New Ross Urban District to appoint Mr. Richard O'Grady as Sanitary Sub Officer, Street and Water Inspector in a permanent capacity as from the date of the resolution of the Urban District Council, I4th January I94I, at a remuneration at the rate of £3. I0. 0 per week. A further communication will be addressed to the Council in regard to Mr. O'Grady's duties other than those attached to the position of Sanitary Sub Officer."

Recommended payment of I0/- per week from I4th January I94I i.e. 47 weeks £23. I0. 0.

To Committee again discussed the position in this case as regards liability for Unemployment and National Health Insurance. The amount demanded by Inspector Leahy is £39. I9. 2. During the debate letter 4975/40 of 4th December I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance) that Mr. O'Grady was employed as Temporary Sanitary Inspector from 27th July I936 to I2th January I94I and that no National Health, Pensions, or Unemployment Insurance Contributions were paid. Duly stamped cards or a remittance should be forwarded to the Head Office as follows :-

233 weeks (National Health & Pensions) @ I/4 per week £I5. I0. 8
Unemployment @ I/7 per week £I8. 8. II. Total £33. I9. 7. "The fact of Mr. O'Grady having been appointed as a permanent and pensionable official as from the I4th January I94I does not affect the Council's liability for the arrears of contributions hereby claimed."

Committee recommended payment.

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SUBSIDY UNDER HOUSING ACTS.

26 HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

Letter received 2nd December I94I (undated) was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities re above.

Clerk reported he was unable to reach on the work and would get the case ready and forward it before next Meeting.

RATES REPORT.

Clerk submitted his monthly report on the collection for November I94I. Warrants £9I33. I2. I. Receipts £4599. 0. 3½. Discounts allowed £I27. I9. 0. Outstanding £4406. I2. 9½ being 5I.7% collected.

Collector reported to him it was getting very difficult to get in the rates.

RENT COLLECTION REPORT.

Clerk submitted his monthly report for November. Houses built 220. Let 2I8. Unoccupied 2. Starting arrears £572. I3. 6. Ending Arrears £584. I8. I.

The rent sheets were not examined.

No recommendation.

MRS. O'NEILL, WILLIAM STREET.

Clerk reported Mrs. O'Neill did not pay the £I within the time allowed at last Meeting. It has not been paid since.

Recommended that Notice to Quit be pursued and the matter be handed to the Solicitors.

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT.

By letter G.5343/3/4I of I3th November I94I the Minister raises no objection to the temporary allowance for clerical assistance being made to the Town Clerk up to 3Ist March I942 - expenditure to be vouched.

APPLICATION FROM MR. FLYNN.

Tenant Mr. Flynn, Cross Lane, applied for permission to remove the kitchen cooker and put in a grate as he has no coal.

Committee recommended refusal.

THE MEETING ENDED

Pat Gormall
9-12-41

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## 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 business pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act I854, the various Public Health Acts and other Acts enabling and the special business of which due notice was given as well as financial :-

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

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

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy (Bridge)

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted the Minutes of the Meeting having been first read by the Chairman.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman and Messrs V.A. Doyle and J.E. Walsh and the amounts were ordered to be paid.

## RELIEF WORKS - ROADS AND DERELICT SITES

Town Clerk reported two long telephone interviews with Roads Department, Dublin. The Officer expressed dissatisfaction with the progress of the preliminaries by this Council. Adequate information was not yet supplied and if the Council forwarded complete maps, specification and detailed estimates giving value of materials and labour content in monies worth by Wednesday morning (I0th instant) sanction could be accorded and the work started within a fortnight. He, Clerk, immediately saw the Town Surveyor and conveyed the message handing him at the same time a letter conveying Department's requirements. He had heard nothing since.

Letter I2th November I94I was read from the County Secretary, N.J. Frizelle that the Department offered that the Department offered £I900 subject to a local contribution of £240 for road works to be carried out in or near New Ross Urban District. The County Surveyor stated there was no such work within that district which would carry the necessary 40% labour content and he selected the road from the Fair Green to Woodville as the most suitable for the scheme. At his Council's Meeting of I0th November the New Ross Representatives Messrs Redmond and Walsh disagreed that such work could not be found within the Urban District. A resolution was adopted asking the New Ross Council's views. If the Urban Council can put up a scheme for roads within their district carrying a 40% labour content it would be received favourably. It was to be distinctly understood that otherwise the County Surveyor's scheme would be carried out.

The Town Surveyor's scheme included derelict Sites at Fair Gate cost £75. Barrack Lane £I00, High Hill Quarry £250, Windmill Lane £280, Little Hill £240, Bullawn £I00, Chapel Lane £50, Ballalley £I05, Cockpit £I08, Irishtown £598, Windmill Lane and William Street £3I2 and an estimated labour content of 80%. Roads as follows :- Cooper's Lane £II2, Lady Lane £I00, Cooks £I32, Maiden Lane £560, College Road

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and Mountgarret £320 carrying a labour content of 60%.

Messrs Redmond and Walsh, who had just returned from the Wexford County Council Meeting stated that it was decided at that Meeting to start work on two part roads - from top of Creywell Road to Barratt's Park cross roads and from the County Fever Hospital Gate to Farrell's Cross (Knockmullen) as the Grant was for Xmas work and further delay would impede the Government's intention to relieve unemployment during the Christmas Season. They asked this Council to agree. The County Surveyor stated that this Council could apply for a new Grant for derelict sites and provide £240 for it. In his opinion this will be successful.

After a lengthy discussion during which it was stated the Department could not expect the particulars within one day and the Town Surveyor stated the post made it impossible to have the particulars in Dublin tomorrow and the Chairman pointed out that in April I94I the Department asked for proposals and the Council agreed to put up the £240. Again in June I94I the Council met the County Surveyor's Assistant and arranged a scheme. Again later schemes for derelict sites were requested so that the position now obtaining was not due to the Department.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

It was agreed to accept the work suggested by the County Council and later to apply for a Grant towards derelict sites and Urban Roads.

EMERGENCY POWERS (No. I08) ORDER.

COUNCIL'S FUEL COMMITTEE REPORT.

This report was read. The Committee called by the Town Surveyor met on 4th December I94I. Present :- J. Murphy, P.C., T. Cooney, J.E. Walsh, M.C.C., and T. Redmond M.C.C.. Letters G.II5/4I of I4th November I94I and G. 26564/4I were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Order is to enable the Council to supplement the fuel supply by acquiring timber. The sale of the timber should meet expenses and sales should be in small lots to those who cannot afford to purchase larger quantities. It is essential that the Council should control expenditure and all payments should be received and accounted for by an Officer of the Council responsible to the Council.

Tenders :- Clerk informed the Committee the Firewood was advertised in Press and by posters and a copy of the poster posted to all likely suppliers. (I2 in all). Captain Deane Drake offered to deliver in 30 ton lots cut ready for use @ £I. I0. 0 per ton. Shelburne Co-Operative Society @ 37/6 per ton and John Hearne & Son, Waterford £30 per barge load of average weight of I5 tons in Barge alongside Quay. Captain Deane Drake's tender was accepted.

Storage. The Town Surveyor stated the premises of Irish Driver Harris was unobtainable according to Mr. Doherty. Town Clerk stated his information that these premises would be made available came from the County Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill during a visit to his office. The Committee asked Messrs Redmond and Walsh to ask the County Surveyor to permit the storage in the County Council yard in Marsh Lane. The Committee decided to use the weighbridge and the weighmaster employed by the Parish Council in the County Council yard. It was also decided that stocks up to I00 tons be provided but not disposed of otherwise than in the event of a shortage of stocks in the town and sold at the prevailing price in the town in small lots, expenditure to be controlled as directed by the Department.

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Mr. Redmond stated that he, with Mr. Walsh, interviewed the County Surveyor who refused the yard because he had timber there as well as the Parish Council and more would only lead to confusion.

It was decided that the Town Surveyor see about a a suitable store starting with one belonging to the late Mrs. Carr in Henry Street which is idle.

FREE MEALS SCHEME.

Letter Ist December I94I was read from the Honorary Secretary, School Meals Committee that the Council's Grant of £I30 placed at their disposal would only provide bread being I3/- per day for 200 school days. This leaves no provision for butter or jam or cocoa.

Town Clerk intimated the fault lies with the Committee. It meets irregularly and sends in accounts covering several months at a time e.g. the last account received is dated October I94I and covers the months of from the Ist April to IIth July. Again no estimate is received in time to budget for requirements and the Council has no knowledge of any contracts entered into. As the weather was very severe the children required hot meals and the Council was at liberty to provide the money.

It was decided to increase the Grant to £I75 and to request the Committee to send in accounts each month and make arrangements for next season in time.

REPRESENTATIVE RENTS.

Letter dated 20th November I94I was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce acknowledging receipt of Form B. 5.

VALUATION OFFICE.

Letter dated I3th November I94I was read from the Office asking for Lists and letter I8th idem was read acknowledging receipt of same.

RATS & MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT I9I9

Letter dated I3th November I94I was read from the County Secretary, Mr. Frizelle that the County Council on the 9th proximo will adopt the resolution delegating their powers to this Council.

Noted.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Clerk reported as follows :- (I) At present I50 applications for plots are received (2) Mr. Doyle and the Mercy Nuns have agreed to continue the letting of their lands at the same rent (3) The Tottenham Estate agreed on yesterday (by Agent Mr. Davis) to continue the letting of Windmill Field and agreed also that the Estate would bear the cost of the lease - the Council to pay for the lease and to deduct the cost from the next payment of rent and (4) in all the Council has I8 acres. Clerk considered the position unsatisfactory in regard to applications. In the present emergency many more should apply and there should be a large number of employed that could go in for this important work.

Decided to ascertain the economic rent and invite further applications from Unemployed and Employed and acquire more land if necessary.

FREE MILK SCHEME.

Letter P.H.2963/2/4I of 26th November I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health approving of the

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proposed payment to Mr. L. Barron, Assistance Officer for his services in connection with above on the same conditions as last year.

DUTIES OF WATER INSPECTOR

Letter P.H. 2692/3/4I of 8th December I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding above (I) there should be no need for routine daily reports to the Town Surveyor. Weekly reports should be sufficient except in case of any urgent matter arising (2) a clause should be added to the list of duties requiring the ensuring of the greasing and proper working of all valves, hydrants &c. (3) It would be well to make the Water Inspector responsible for all firefighting equipment in the Town (4) There appears to be overlapping of the duties of the Water Inspector and those of the Waterworks Caretaker which were approved in I934 (5790/34) and the observations of the Town Surveyor might be obtained in this matter (5) a statement showing the water rents charged in the Urban District and the arrangements for collection should be forwarded.

Town Surveyor stated it was necessary that the readings of Tower supply should be given him morning and evening as this indicated to him the condition of the whole service. Mr. Ronan and other Members held the Department's requirements should be sufficient. Eventually

It was decided that Mr. O'Grady make daily inspections and report weekly to the Town Surveyor and that the other matters in the Department's letter be attended to.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

HOUSE AT PRIORY STREET.

Town Surveyor under date 9.I2.4I submitted his report of the Council's Committee's recommendations as regards this house. Committee : Messrs T. Redmond, J. Murphy, P.C. and T. Cooney. Repairs required totalled £86. 5. 0. There is a leak in the new roof and the Contractor's attention has been drawn to it.

Town Clerk reminded the Council of the large expenditure incurred already on this and the adjoining house. A loan had been obtained to defray the expenditure which amounted to £650. This expenditure was arrived at by the Town Surveyor.

Mr. Cooney expressed the opinion that the present defects should have been included in the original estimates.

Town Clerk intimated he did not know where to get £86 for this work and the Council decided that the house would never be let unless the major part of this work was done.

Decided to expend all but £30 on the work and to then advertise it for letting - Mr. Cooney recommending that a revision of the valuation should be listed.

WEIGHBRIDGE - QUAY.

Town Surveyor reported a visit from Mr. O'Mahony, Mechanic, Waterford who offered to repair this bridge for £7. I0. 0

Council accepted the tender.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

Letter H.26747/4I of 27th November I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing a copy

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of letter from the New Ross Town Tenants' Association in regard to above.

Letter F.A/JD of 2nd December I94I was read from the Electricity Dupply Board confirming "that in the present circumstances the Board is unable to consider work of this nature (public lighting of Charleton Hill Housing Scheme, New Ross)." If conditions were normal the Board could not undertake to provide the lighting in question unless the quotation already submitted in connection therewith was accepted by your Council."

Chairman having remarked "that settles the matter" did not read the copy letter sent by the Department and

It was decided to send a copy of the Electricity Supply Board's letter to the Department by way of reply.

SCAVENGING OF THE TOWN

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S REPORT ON STREET INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Under date 4/I2/4I the following was read from the County Medical Officer of Health :-

"I send you herewith a copy of a report which I received today from Mr. O'Grady, Sanitary Inspector re the above matters. You will note that the Sanitary Inspector has pointed out defects with regard to (I) Cleansing of Streets and with regard to the use of (2) Ashbins (3) and to the use of a lorry which is too high and not properly covered. I recommend that these defects should be remedied immediately and that :-

(I) The cleansing of streets should receive proper attention and should be carried out in a satisfactory manner.

(2) The refuse should be removed and in a closed vehicle with a low loading line.

(3) Household refuse should be kept in covered galvanized iron dust bins.

In connection with these matters I wish to refer you to my letters under date of 2nd February I940, 28th February I940, 24th March I94I 5th September I94I, 28th November I94I.

With regard to Sanitary accommodation and the use of Dry Closets I recommend that a Sanitary Survey be carried out and I propose to instruct the Sanitary Inspector and District M.O.H. with regard to carrying out of same early in I942.

Please be good enough to bring my report before your Urban Council and inform me with regard to any action taken or proposed to be taken."

The following is the report from the Street Inspector referred to :-

"Re Scavenging and cleansing of streets - The Main streets are being fairly well cleansed. The outer streets are not well cleansed i.e. Irishtown, Mountgarret Lane, J.K.L. Place, Ardnagreine, Charleton Hill, Wexford Street, and William Street. The lorry used is too high and is not properly covered.

Proper covered ashbins are not in use in 50% of the houses in the Urban Area.

There are still about 200 houses in the town where dry closets

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or privy ashpits are the only sanitary accommodation. The majority of these have to be cleansed through the household. This is done by the Contractor on payment to Urban Council of I/- by the householder."

The Chairman remarked that no deductions had been made by the Town Surveyor for the neglect referred to.

Town Surveyor replied the report of Mr. O'Grady was over two months old although perhaps in error this copy is dated 3rd December I94I. Since then and after repeated warnings the work is reasonably satisfactory.

Letter Ist December I94I was read from Mr. Michael O'Brien, Mary Street as follows :-

"I wish to draw the attention of the Council to a continuous flow of surface water which runs past my door at Mary Street, the result of a trap underneath a water fountain at Chapel Lane corner being filled up with dirt and refuse dumped there by people coming to draw water from said fountain. The top grating of trap was removed by someone lately thereby leaving an open to top of trap which holds and stops trap from acting. I have cleaned it out several times myself and your late Contractor Mr. Rossiter used to attend to it also but no notice has been taken lately by present Contractor. In addition to water flowing from fountain, which at times is constantly running, there is also water from a quarry which also passes my house at Mary Street. I wish to have this note read at Meeting so as to draw the attention of those responsible who may in turn affect some remedy. I had to refer to this matter some years ago when only a temporary remedy of same was affected. You may judge how bad it is when people coming to Church on Sundays are obliged to step off the footpath to escape the running water.

Hoping you will give this matter the attention it merits."

It was decided to draw the Scavenging Contractor's attention to the complaint.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

FIRE BRIGADE - CONFERENCE WITH L.S.F.

Town Clerk submitted the following report of Conference held on 25th November I94I in the Tholsel, New Ross :-

"At 4 o'clock this evening the Conference took place for the purpose of providing a Firefighting Organization in the town of New Ross under the A.R.P. Act.

Present :- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding, J. Murphy, P.C. T. Cooney with the Town Surveyor (representing the Urban Council) and Mr. Horgan, Mr. Ward and Mr. Murray (representing the L.S.F.)

Town Clerk read correspondence between the L.S.F. and the Urban Council and informed the Conference that unless the L.S.F. are prepared to fall in with the proposals outlined by Major Lawler it will be necessary to organize a fire fighting unit outside the L.S.F.. Under the A.R.P. Act the Urban Council is obliged to provide an adequate fire fighting unit to cope with fires resulting from war attack. Several attempts had been made to form this unit in accordance with the County Council's instructions conveyed by Mr. N.J. Frizelle.

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So far nothing had resulted. The present Conference is to lay the position before the L.S.F. with a view to the formation of a firefighting unit as had taken place in Enniscorthy subject to the A.R.P. Authority which for New Ross Area is the Wexford County Council.

Letter dated 27th October I94I was read from the L.S.F. signed by the Adjutant (John A. Bolger) as follows :-

"Your letter of the I5th instant to hand. I beg to inform you that I submitted your letter to the Meeting of the Group Staff held on Monday the 20th instant and I am directed to reply as follows :-

The New Ross Group L.S.F. are willing to form a Fire Brigade, and the Group Staff have already submitted a letter (dated 5/8/4I) to Mr. J.J. Shortall together with a list of twelve names and particulars of the men for the proposed fire brigade and also a number of conditions imposed by the L.S.F.

The Group Staff propose to adhere to these conditions and insist that the Fire Brigade be formed within the framework of the L.S.F. They wish to state also that they would be very pleased to accept the instruction and equipment offered by you."

Clerk intimated the attitude of the Authorities as against any conditions.

Mr. Horgan (L.S.F.) stated they are always willing and eager and are now so to provide a firefighting organization provided it stood for efficiency. The L.S.F. are prepared to form a fire fighting unit within the framework of the L.S.F. and to co-operate to the fullest extent with the A.R.P. Authorities. He was assuming that the A.R.P. Authority would provide complete adequate equipment to be at the disposal of the L.S.F. Unit for practice and which would be stored by the A.R.P. Authority and that the L.S.F. Firefighting Unit be provided with a key and means of access at all reasonable times to this equipment. The men were already selected. They would elect or select their own Chief and Mr. Shortall would, he understood, be placed at their disposal as Instructor.

Mr. Ward and Mr. Murray would not agree that the cleansing and drying of the hose after practice was work for the voluntary unit.

Town Clerk repeated Mr. Lawler's statement on this matter - that the volunteer would naturally prefer to attend to this work himself in order to have the hose in good working condition if required.

Mr. Shortall stated Major Lawler was comparing New Ross with Tara Street where expensive washing and drying apparatus was available. to install same here would exceed £I000. The hose had to be scrubbed with a brush and washed and dried. The cost would work out at I5/- per practice should outside men be employed. As regards the housing of the equipment Mr. Lynch had offered his premises in Marsh Lane and the trailer pump &c. would be convenient whenever required.

Questions of insurance and compensation for injuries received during operations were discussed.

Result of Conference :-

I. The L.S.F. are prepared to form a voluntary firefighting unit within the framework of the L.S.F. to act in full co-operation with the A.R.P. Authority. Nominations and size roll will be supplied to the Town Clerk. The brigade to elect their own Chief and the Town Surveyor to act as official instructor.

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2. Instruction to start as soon as full equipment is supplied by the A.R.P. Authority. The Large Room Tholsel, to be available on two evenings per week - Wednesday and Friday - and arrangements as to lectures &c. to be agreed between the L.S.F. Unit and the Instructor.

3. The A.R.P. Authority to provide the I5/- per practice required to clean and dry the hose and to arrange for insurance and compensation for the Members of the Unit against injury &c.

4. Town Clerk to convey result to the Secretary, Wexford County Council."

Town Clerk intimated the report had the approval of the Presiding Chairman and Mr. Horgan and copy had been sent to the County Secretary, Mr. N.J. Frizelle forthwith.

TOWN CLERK IN CHARGE OF EQUIPMENT.

Letter I8th November I94I was read from the County Secretary, Wexford County Council appointing the Town Clerk as the Official in charge of and to account for A.R.P. Equipment lent to the County Council by Department of Defence, A.R.P. Section for the town of New Ross.

Clerk reported receipt of one stirrup pump since last Meeting. It is at present in the office.

Clerk reported that he had forwarded an offer to the Town Surveyor by Mr. Lynch V.S. to let his garages to the A.R.P. Authority for storage of Trailer Pump and equipment at £I2 per annum to the Wexford County Council. No reply had been received.

LETTER FROM IRISH DRIVER HARRIS, NEW ROSS.

Under date 9th December I94I the following letter was read from Mr. Kelly, Solicitor on behalf of above :-

"I am instructed by my Clients Messrs Irish Driver Harris Limited to refer to a recent report in the New Ross Standard of a discussion which took place at a recent Meeting of your Council in which it was stated that the Council were in a position to use my clients' yard at Creywell for the storing of timber for fuel for the people of the town. It was further suggested in the discussion that it would be necessary to appoint a Caretaker to look after the Council's timber in my Clients' yard.

My Clients take a very serious view of these statements. No request was ever made by or on behalf of the Council to my clients for the use of their yard. The statements made at the Council Meeting were entirely unauthorized and unwarranted as far as my clients are concerned, and my clients request that the statements be withdrawn and an apology tendered."

Adjourned so that the Clerk may investigate the complaint - Mr. Redmond remarking that there would appear to be no necessity for the letter.

DAMAGE TO RAILING AT HIGH HILL.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the damage done at High Hill. About a fortnight ago he saw that the lowest bar - horizontal - was removed and a like bar of the same railing was bent as if by a stroke

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of a heavy sledge. No prosecution had taken place over this wanton destruction of a nice job done by the County Council. The Superintendent of the Guards should be notified.

Mr. Thomas Redmond in referring to this destruction stated he was informed the lowest bar was actually placed across the steps of the High Hill to trip any unsuspecting person and possibly maim them for life. If the Guards are not capable of stopping this bad work the town should insist on a Vigilance Committee with powers to deal with such cases.

Ordered that the Guards be communicated with and asked to find the culprits and prosecute as otherwise the town will become unsafe.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

D. P. O'Gorman.
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MONDAY 12th DAY OF JANUARY 1942.

## MUNICIPAL MINUTES

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. and Thomas Cooney.

BILLS.

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

E.A. Finn £13. 16. 8; People Newspaper 13/-; E.S.B. £44. 6. 11; Independent Newspapers 17/6; P. Gahan £4. 10. 0; Same £3. 0. 0. Same 13/6; Same £1. 10. 0; Moran Bros. 2/3; Same 7/6. L. Barron £3. 0. 0 (subject to certificate from County M.O.H.); J. Ward £1. 19. 3; Government Publications 2/2½; Veritas Company 12/11; Dr. Fitzgerald 5/-; Dr. Kissane 4/6; Dr. Quigley 5/-; Foreshore Rent 2/-; Waterford News £1. 13. 9; Irish Times £1. 16. 0; Free Press £1. 11. 6; Carlow County Council £6. 1. 8; E.S.B. 7/6; P. Leacy £2. 0. 0; Dublin Japan Works £3. 13. 4 ; P. Gahan 9/-; E.S.B. £2. 15. 7; P. Gahan £37. 2. 6; J. Butler £23. 15. 5 and the usual monthly and quarterly salaries and allowances.

SEWER CONTRACT.

Certificate for £150 was submitted by Contractors, Lee Bros., making the payments to date to the Contractors £5750. 0. 0.

Payment recommended as funds permit.

FREE MILK ACCOUNT FOR DECEMBER

Account £18. 8. 8 was submitted. Clerk reported Home Assistance Officer, L. Barron, could not certify for payment as Contractor had not submitted complete vouchers.

Adjourned for certificate of Town Surveyor.

E.S.B. ACCOUNT.

PUMPING STATION, ROSBERCON.

Amount £3. 13. 2 certified by Sanitary Inspector.

Payment recommended and that the Engineer receive intimation of the present cost.

INSURANCES - FIRE

2 Houses Priory Street insured for £1050. Premium 15/9, 2 Artizans Dwellings Buneen Lane, 3 in Cockpit Lane and 8 in Cross Lane. Sum insured £3600. Premium £2. 14. 0. 50 and 26 in Charleton Hill insured for £33,000. Premium £18. 11. 3.

Payment recommended.

CARETAKER CHAMBERSLAND DUMP.

8th October to 3rd December 1941 £2 and 3rd December 1941 to 7th January 1942 £1. 17. 6.

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Payment recommended and that in future the Caretaker be paid monthly to facilitate the books unless an adverse report is duly received from the Town Surveyor.

RATES POUNDAGE.

Collector submitted her account as follows :-

Commission on Poor Rate lodged to 3I/I2/4I £2208.I8. 0
@ 6d in the £. £55. 4. 5 and on Town and
on Town and Domestic Water Rate collected to 3I/I2/4I £2489. 3. 5.
@ 6d in the £. £62. 4. 6. Total £II7. 8. II.

Payment at full rate recommended subject to sanction.

INCOME TAX ON PROPERTY, &c.

Clerk applied for time to examine into the demand submitted.

Granted.

Letter 5th November I94I was read from the Inspector of Taxes that "no repayment is being made in respect of six rents referred to in letter dated I4th September I940 since the properties out of which the rents arise have not been identified. I shall be glad therefore to learn whether you can furnish any further information at this stage which might facilitate tracing the properties in question. Otherwise I shall proceed to certify claim."

Letter I8th November I94I was read from the same submitting a list of queries arising out of the Inspector's examination of the Council's annual accounts.

Clerk reported there were several ground rents merged in different properties now that were matters of separate leases and it was difficult to determine same as no map appeared on the leases. The repayments were very small but he was endeavouring to trace the rents. These rents were regularly paid to the Council and income tax deducted but the Inspector apparently desires to discover if the leases have paid to the Revenue the tax deducted from the rents.

Recommended that the Clerk continue to deal with the Repayment.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Mrs. Flemings Claim for £I. 8. 6.

Mrs. Fleming submitted a letter from her Suppliers of Turnip Seed, Messrs Charles Sharpe & Son recommending her to submit a sample of the seed to the Department of Agriculture as "It is obviously unfair to test seed which has been sown and dug up again as such a test would not represent the real germinating value of the seed supplied."

Recommended that copy of the letter be sent to the Allotments Section of the Department for submission to the Inspector who refused to certify for payment because"a sample was tested and found useless."

RATES COLLECTION.

Clerk submitted his monthly report for the month of December as follows :-

Warrants £9I33. I2. I. Collected £4698. I. 3½. Discounts £I27. I9. 0. Outstanding £4307. II. 9½ being 52.8 collected as against 53.7 last year and 54 in I940.

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Considered satisfactory.

RENT COLLECTION.

Clerk submitted his monthly report for the month of December as follows :-

Arrears at end of November £582. II. 6 and on 3Ist December £6I0. I9. I0. the 220 were occupied but 2 only for a week. Total monthly rents for collection £3I2. 7. 7 and £282. I9. 3 was collected (including some for arrears). The arrears at end of December I94I £484. 5. I so that arrears have increased in a year by £I26. I4. 9.

Committee examined the Collector's rent sheets and recommended that in cases marked X on the sheets the Sureties and Tenants be notified of the arrears and that legal action would be taken unless the arrears were reasonably reduced and the rents accruing being duly met.

Michael Malone wrote regretting he could not continue to pay I2/- per week on arrears due to unemployment but he will continue to pay 5/- per week.

Mr. Hanrick of Messrs Colfer & Son called during the Meeting for instructions in connection with three cases listed for the mornings District Court. The Committee discussed the cases with him and

Recommended (I) that the offer of Mrs. Anastasia Ryan to pay £2. down be accepted without prejudice to a claim for costs (2) that if Myles McGrath by his Solicitor Mr. Lalor pays £2 before the Court proceedings it be accepted with costs and (3) that as Patrick Monoghan's keys were handed in at 4.30 proceedings be discontinued. also recommended that the offer of Michael Malone be accepted.

CLAIM FOR £55. I. 8 BY MR. GAHAN

Clerk reported receiving a phone message from Local Government Auditor Mr. J.J. Flood at 5.20 p.m., today that he had received a bill claiming £55. I. 8 as total balances due him on old contracts due to reductions for work not done. He recommended the matter be brought to the notice of the Finance Committee. He, Clerk, replied the Council had considered the claim and found the deductions were made on the advice of the Town Surveyor. The Auditor considered the matter one primarily for the Council.

Replying to Committee, Clerk stated the Town Surveyor was requested for his observations on the various claims as considered by the Council from time to time but he had decided that his certificates covered any question that might arise coupled with the clause in the Contracts enabling him to make the deductions.

Committee considered the Council were bound by the Town Surveyor's certificates and that the Auditor be so informed during the present audit.

DEFECTS IN HOUSES - CHARLETON HILL.

Clerk reported Mr. James Rossiter, Contractor, called and exhibited a letter dated I0th January I942 from Messrs Hamilton, Builders, accepting his tender to remedy defects in houses in Charleton Hill. Tender dated I8th November I94I. Mr. Rossiter stated the work would not be delayed.

MR. BREEN'S HOUSE, CROSS LANE.

Replying to Committee, Clerk stated he interviewed Mr. James

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Rossiter and got his assurance that he would without delay remedy the defects in this house. This was some months ago.

Committee recommended that Mr. Rossiter be reminded of his promise because the house is in a bad state due to the leak in the porch.

CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM FOR DUTY ON CEMENT

Mr. Williamson, Contractor, to the 34 houses, J.K.L. Place wrote for the Duty of £2I. I0. 0 submitting list of dates &c. As the Solicitors required evidence that the amount was paid by the Contractor and that an opportunity be afforded the Council of inspecting the Contractor's receipts this matter lies in abeyance for some considerable time. Also the Town Surveyor in his list of debts due to this Council I932 states that Mr. Williamson owes £I6. I6. 0. Mr. Williamson now states for the first time he owes nothing.

Recommended that Mr. Williamson be requested to reply to the Council's letter of 24th December I937 and that the Town Surveyor report on the £I6. I6. 0 direct to the Clerk.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

P. M. O'Gorman
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TUESDAY I3th DAY OF JANUARY I942

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 business, including financial, pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act I854 and the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Murphy, P.C., J.E. Walsh, T. Cooney, T. Martin and J. Prendergast.

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

NOTICE OF AUDIT.

Auditors notice of appointment that Mr. J.J. Flood, Local Government Auditor, will attend for a three years accounts audit was taken as read since all the Councillors were duly notified. Date of opening I2 o'clock 8th January I942.

Clerk reported publishing and transmitting the statutory notices and handing copy of the New Ross Standard containing the advertisement to the Auditor.

Noted.

LOCAL LOANS FUND INTEREST

Letter H.28369/I94I of I5th December I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that on and after Ist December I94I the rate of interest shall be $4\frac{1}{4}$ per cent per annum.

Noted.

FIREWOOD.

Sanction G. 26564/2/4I of 22nd December I94I was read from same Department to the borrowing by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of current expenses incurred in connection with purchase and sale of firewood not exceeding £200 and the sanction to extend to the period ending 3Ist March I942.

Noted.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Shortall handed in his report on the firewood position during the Meeting as follows :-

"In accordance with his undertaking, Capt. C.D. Drake, Stokestown House, has delivered $24\frac{1}{2}$ tons of firewood blocks to store at Barrack Lane, (property of Miss Deane, Longraigue) which has been available for this purpose through that lady's kindness and courtesy, as well as that of Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solr., and Estate Agent, New Ross. It will be seen from Mr. Coghlan's letter attached that the premises are let rent free subject to exemption from rateable and Income Tax Assessments. Also on condition, that during its present occupancy, damage caused - (if any) - shall be restored and that an adequate Fire Insurance Risk Policy be effected. Estimated cost for the latter, Ten shillings per annum. These conditions are only reasonable and I recommend their acceptance.

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Mr. John Roche, Merchant, Ballyanne, has also very kindly lent a beam-weigh-scales and Messrs James Power, Coal Merchants (through the courtesy of their manager, Mr. Patrick Murphy) have very kindly lent a hand barrow and scales weights. Some repairs are needed to the roof of this store. Estimated cost £7. IO. O."

Clerk informed the Meeting the Town Surveyor or even the Council had no control over the Income Tax or Rate Assessments. As he had no knowledge of the Report he could only advise the Council that if the offer was accepted the funds available for the fuel should pay the taxes if legally due and collectable.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin the offer was accepted and special thanks were tendered to Miss Deane and all concerned for their generosity and help. It was definitely decided not to undertake the repairs to the roof.

WEIGHBRIDGE - QUAY

Town Surveyor reported (I3/I/42) as follows :-

"I wrote Mr. Mahony, Waterford, intimating that his proposal to repair Public Weighbridge had been accepted but have not since heard from him.

Chairman said he wished to protest against the delay in having this matter attended to. The Council was informed by the Town Surveyor at last Meeting (five weeks ago) that the scales would be repaired efficiently and the Council gave the order to have the work carried out.

Town Surveyor replied he had written to Mr. OMahony but got no reply

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman and adopted that unless the work was done within one week the Town Surveyor employ Mr. O'Connor, Marsh Lane, to do the work.

MUNICIPAL FIRE BRIGADE

Town Surveyor in his report I3/I/42 requested as follows :-

"I shall be glad to learn the present position regarding establishment of Municipal Fire Brigade (concerning which a scheme was submitted by me on I4th January I94I) - if it is intended to provide the necessary equipment, oil skins, rubber boots &c., for personnel and if the "Authorised Officer" has yet been appointed as required by Section 8 Fire Brigades Act I940.

Mr. J. Lynch, V.S. is also interested to learn if his offer to provide storage accommodation at his Marsh Lane premises at £I2. O. O per annum for A.R.P., Fire Fighting Equipment, has been accepted. This offer was submitted about two months ago."

Clerk reported this matter was still under consideration by the Department. As regards the paragraph dealing with Mr. Lynch's offer there was also a letter from the County Surveyor.

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Letter from County Surveyor

Under date 24th December I94I letter was read from Mr. W.F. Barry as follows :-

"FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT NEW ROSS TOWN

"The Secretary is enquiring from me if satisfactory arrangements have been made regarding storage of equipment (fire fighting). He points out that any proposed charge for storage must be approved of by the Department of Defence before arrangements are entered into.

I shall be glad to hear from you in this matter."

Clerk reported that on 2Ist November I94I he received written intimation from the Town Surveyor that the A.R.P. Pump and equipment was then stored in a shed in Marsh Lane owned by Mr. J. Lynch, V.S. and the rent proposed is £I2. 0. 0 per annum excluding rates. He advised installation of electric light. He, Clerk forwarded the original document to the County Secretary on 24th November I94I and had heard nothing since.

Ordered that the County Surveyor be referred to the County Secretary for information on the matter.

CORPORATE PROPERTY.

Town Surveyor under date I3/I/42 reported as follows :-

"In compliance with recent order of Council to have repairs carried out to your vacant house at Priory Street (recently occupied by Mr. P. Lynch) proposals were invited from three Local Builders viz :-

Messrs P. Cullen, James Rossiter and Ryan Bros., in accordance with attached specification. Two tenders only have been received - one from Mr. J. Rossiter @ £52. 7. 6 and Ryan Bros. @ £49. I9. 0."

Replying to Chairman Town Surveyor stated he had not the tenders, which were received and opened by him but he would send them to the Clerk later.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy the lower tender was accepted and a further amount to be determined by the Town Surveyor, for repairs to back gates.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF SCHEMES.

Letter RU/208/I09 of I3adh Nodlaig I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health "That the County Surveyor has been authorised to commence work on the road scheme for the New Ross Urban District."

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the present position. This Grant totalling £2I00 with the £240 contribution was given to provide employment - certainly not less than 60% labour content. At present only 6 men were employed and to supervise the 6 men there was a ganger at perhaps £3 to £3. I0. 0 per week. He asked this Council to protest against this abuse of the efforts of the Government to create employment for the unemployed.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to send a protest to the County

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Council through the County Secretary and to request that the matter of the protest be investigated.

Derelict Sites

Replying to Mr. Cooney, Clerk stated nothing further had been done about applying for Grant to relieve unemployment. The Department required certain figures, map, &c., but these have not been received yet.

Town Surveyor stated he understood the Council had decided to postpone work on the Derelict Sites until the Christmas Relief Grant was out of the way. He would attend to the work.

Mr. Cooney desired to register a protest against delays in these important matters on the part of whichever official or officials of the Council responsible. Unemployed were waiting for work.

OPENING OF ROAD FOR TANK.

Notice of intention to open up the underground Petrol Storage Tank at New Ross Engineering Company for cleaning was received from Irish American Oil Company, Dublin.

Decided this is a matter for the County Council.

WIDOWS'& ORPHANS' PENSION ACTS.

W.P.666/36/42 of 3rd January I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing forms for completion.

Ordered that same be attended to.

APPLICATIONS FOR VALUATION CERTIFICATES.

Secretary, New Ross Town Tenants Association wrote under date 20.I2.4I to be informed if notice had been served on the landlord of Demolition Order of house occupied by John Flanagan, William Street and if such order was made conditional on the premises being put in a proper state of repair.

Clerk reported he had several applications for Valuation Certificates but as the Lists were away in the Valuation Office he doubted if the Rate Books would suffice. These people had received all particulars on demand notes. As regards the Demolition there can be no conditions.

Matters left in the Clerk's hands. No order made.

FREE MILK SCHEME

P.H. Circ. III/4I of 20th December I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requiring return on Form F.M.2. immediately after 3Ist December I94I.

Ordered that the Clerk attend to same.

OFFERS OF NEW LAND

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Alexander Nolan, New Ross, offered his 2A. 2R. 24P. @ £5 per acre. Edward Browne offered IA. OR. 30P @ £5 per acre. Both from

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Ist February I942 to 3Ist December I942. Mr. Nolan desired the Council to erect separate entrance gate.

Clerk informed the Council Department Inspector inspected buth lands and a 4 acre field belonging to the Mount Carmel Nuns. He was not satisfied with the Mount Carmel Field as it was open to trespass impossible to control.

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

It was decided to take Nolan's Field and Browne's if it is required.

SALE OF MANURE EX DUMP.

P. Donovan, Robinstown, offered 37/6 per heap, M. O'Brien, Irishtown 30/- and M. Kennedy, Arnestown 30/-.

Clerk requested the Council to hold the manure for the Allotments Scheme.

Town Surveyor advised there would be enough for the Allotments later.

Mr. Donovan's tender was accepted.

Clerk reported asking for tenders for seeds and manures. The Merchants reported back to him both were unobtainable so far.

Ordered that Clerk take the matter up and make any necessary arrangements.

Letter 8th January I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that "Form R has not yet been received and requesting it without further delay.

Clerk informed the Meeting that owing to the Audit and excessive work he could not reach on this. He would attend to same now.

Noted.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

Letter H.26747 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of Ist January I942 enclosing copy of further letter from the Secretary, New Ross Town Tenants Association in regard to the necessity for installation of electric light in houses erected by the Council. Particulars of the Council's decision should be furnished.

Ordered that as no provision for electric supply can at present be made by the Electricity Supply Board the Council cannot further consider the matter.

The letter from the Association was not read.

DERELICT SITES.

Letter 24th December I94I was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors stating that Mrs. Hickey is willing to sell the Chapel Lane Property at a nominal sum. Portion of the premises have fallen. They would be glad to be informed if the Council intended to proceed with the Scheme for the demolition of derelict sites.

Ordered that the Solicitors be asked the price.

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A.R.P.

Letter 5th January I942 was read from the Acting County Medical Officer of Health requesting to be informed of the personel of the official First Aid Post at Technical School have undertaken to attend on duty should an emergency arise. The ministry will require to know whether the staff advocated to the Post have signified their willingness in writing. Such willingness should be secured.

Referred to the Clerk.

Letter I3th December I94I was read from the County Secretary asking if stirrup pump had been received from Rescue Squad.

Clerk reported due receipt.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Supplies in connection with Supplies of Parafin, Soap, Water Bins &c. not obtainable locally.

Clerk reported due receipt of 2 hose, ramps and packets of hose and couplings. They were not examined yet but appeared in order.

Clerk reported inspecting the First Aid Equipment with Dr. Quigley at Technical School. The doctor found all in order. He reported same to the County Medical Officer of Health.

Letter 24th December I94I was read from the County Medical Officer of Health that the Department of Defence was making application to the Department of Supplies for permission to purchase Parafin oil for A.R.P. Posts.

Clerk reported receipt of I0 gallons through Messrs B. Hennessy, New Ross.

Letter same date from same was read "an endeavour should be made to obtain 6 lbs. soap." Quotations should be obtained for water containers 90-I00 gallons each.

FUEL FOR EMERGENCY.

LETTER FROM IRISH DRIVER HARRIS

Clerk reported he communicated with the County Surveyor immediately after last Meeting as he had informed him the yard of this compeny would be available for storage of the Council's fuel emergency supplies but at date no reply had been received.

No order.

MR. O'GRADY'S DUTIES.

Clerk reported the Town Surveyor had been requested to attend to the last paragraph of the Department's letter P.H. 2692/3/4I of 8th December I94I but so far nothing had been done.

Town Surveyor stated he was attending to the matter.

No order.

FREE MILK SCHEME

Mr. Martin drew attention to a complaint he had received from Mr. M. Aspel that he was not getting milk quantity allowed because he did not give the supplier the order. These people should get the

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milk supply allowed by the Government.

Clerk requested the Council for an order that Supplier should deliver milk without the official order. The practice up to the present is :- Home Assistance Officer issues the Order for milk to the recipient. The Recipient delivered the Order to the Supplier. Orders were ready for issue on delivery up of executed orders when duly signed by recipient as having received the quantity allocated. The Supplier found great difficulty in obtaining the Orders from certain people. The Council should consider the impossibility of a Supplier delivering milk without an order without loss to himself.

Decided that no business man would deliver goods without an order and that there is no reason for altering the present proceedure.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were signed by the Chairman and Messrs J.E. Walsh and T. Cooney.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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MONDAY 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY I942

MUNICIPAL MINUTES

The Monthly 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 borrowing by way of overdraft to meet expenditure recently incurred and not provided for in the Annual Estimates.

Present :- Messrs John Murphy, P.C., Presiding (in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman) and Thomas Cooney.

BILLS

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

General Account

J.S. Butler £I8. II. 0; J.S. Butler £22. I7. II; E.A. Finn £II. 5. 0; J. Murphy £I0; Pathology Department 2I/-; Dunphy's Bakery £55. I0. 4; James Power & Co. £6. I8. 3; E.A. Finn £II7. 8. II; Ryan Bros. £I. I0. 0; Peter Gahan 3/-; Peter Gahan £I. I0. 0; Peter Gahan I3/6; Peter Gahan £4. I0. 0; Peter Gahan £37. 2. 6; M. Doyle 6/-; G.S. Railways 2/7; J. Cooney £I. I0. 0; Ordnance Survey I8/-; Steele & Co. £5. 8. 0; Veritas Company £2. 5. 8; D. Burns 30/-; Veritas Co. £2. I4. 0; Graves & Company £3. I0. 0; Ryan Bros £2. 0. 0; Ryan Bros. £5. I0. 0; Ryan Bros 5/-; Ryan Bros. £5. I0. 0; Ryan Bros. £I. I0. 0; Ryan Bros £2. I0. 0; Ryan Bros £6. 0. 0; Ryan Bros. £2; Ryan Bros. £5. I0. 0; B. Hennessy £I. 0. 9; B. Hennessy I/6; B. Hennessy 7/-; B. Hennessy 7/3; Moran Bros. I7/6½.

Fuel Account

B. Hennessy I2/4 and Petty Cash £I5.

WINDING TOWN CLOCK.

Bill £5 was read from Mr. Marcus Roche for year ended 3Ist December I94I.

Payment recommended. Also recommended that this work be advertised for coming year. Committee considered closer attention to this important work was required.

PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. BILL £83. II. 7.

Quarterly statement was read.

Recommended that the Council's Solicitors be asked for the legal position on this matter.

REPLACEMENT OF MANHOLE COVER OVER BOOSTER

Account from Messrs Steele & Co. for £5 adjourned for further examination and certificate of Town Surveyor.

INCOME TAX £4. I2. 6

Clerk reported receipt of Demand and requested delay to enable an examination of same.

Granted.

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APPLICATION FROM BAWNJAMES MILITARY CAMP.

Clerk reported an account for water supplied to above was furnished for £5. 6. 2 being I000 gallons per day from Ist April I94I to 30th June I94I. The estimate of I000 gallons was agreed between the Water Inspector and the Military Officer responsible for some prior quarters. An Officer attended at the office and met the Water Inspector and it was agreed between them that 200 gallons per day should be substituted from Ist April I94I to 3Ist July I94I reducing the £5. 6. 2 to £2. 2. 6. Water has not been required at the Camp since the 3Ist July I94I.

Recommended that in the circumstances the bill be reduced to £2. 2. 6 and that the difference be written off as irrecoverable.

HOUSING.

RENTS REPORTS.

Clerk submitted monthly report for January I942 as follows :- Arrears 3I/I2/4I £6I3. 6. 5. Accrued during month of January £250. 5. 0 Total £863. II. 5. Collected £239. 3. I0. Arrears at end of January I942 £624. 7. 7. Arrears up by £I2. I. 2 spread over all houses in Town Wall and Charleton Hill 50 and 26 schemes.

Reports were read from Council's Solicitors enclosing cheques amounting to £40. 5. I0 made up as follows :- Martin Kehoe £I; Sergeant Breheny £6. I0. 0; Robert Donnelly £2. 4. 0; Myles McGrath £4. 7. 0; Mrs. Anastasia Ryan £2. 0. 0; Mrs. Whelan £I0. 0. 0; Peter Gahan on account of Suretyship £3 and Mrs. Purcell £II. 4. I0.

Ryan

Committee examined the Collector's Rent Sheets and recommended notices be served on Guard Feehan(£5. 8. 9) and on Samuel Frizelle(£II. 5. 0).

RATES REPORT.

Clerk submitted monthly return as follows :-

Total Warrants £9I33. I2. I. Collected £4879. I9. 6½. Discounts £I27.I9/
Outstanding £4I25. I3. 6½ or 54.8% collected against 53.9% same period last year.

Committee considered collection satisfactory.

REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS' DWELLINGS &C.

Arising out of examination of several bills presented, Committee considered it desirable that all such work should be submitted with full details and estimates and that tenders should be invited and considered by the Council excepting in urgent cases and

recommended accordingly.

DERELICT SITES

Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, wrote under date 3rd February I942 offering to sell the fee simple site of derelict houses in Chapel Lane recently occupied by Mr. James Brennan for £I0.

No recommendation.

FUEL SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Letter 26th January I942 was read from the Manager, National Bank, New Ross, advising sanction to a temporary overdraft of £200 on an account to be opened in connection with the purchase and storing of

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firewood under the Emergency Order.

Clerk reported I2/4 was recommended for payment at this Meeting to B. Hennessy for hardware and £7. 0. 5 was expended per Workmens' Wages Sheets and certificates of the Town Surveyor.

HEALTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT STAMPS - MR. O'GRADY.

Letter 4975/40 of I3th January I942 was read from the National Health Insurance Section, Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting present position of application for £33. I9. 7 in this matter.

Clerk reported replying that the Council had by Resolution at last Meeting extended the pensionable position of Mr. O'Grady retrospectively to cover the full period of permanent appointment when recommended by the Department.

Adjourned.

£2I. IO. O CEMENT LEVY, MR. WILLIAMSON.

Correspondence was read in connection with this old matter.

Clerk reported asking Mr. Williamson to furnish original certificates of payment of the duty to the Government as advised by Council's Solicitors. The Solicitor's advice of 23rd November I937.
was read DDB.

Adjourned.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES.

Clerk reported that he found it very difficult to make up the Council's Estimates without details from the officials ~~of~~ and the Public Bodies concerned. He had asked the School Meals Committee to submit detailed particulars of expected income and expenditure for the year I942/43 but have not had a reply. This Committee appears to have made some complaints about the distribution of dry bread to the Children to the Parish Council and of the restriction of funds to supply adequate hot meals to the children. If a proper estimate was supplied in time to the Council arrangements might be made to help this Committee. This Council's School Meals Scheme is in operation since the year I9I2 and up to now has been found adequate. The St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee usually supply a rough estimate. In this connection the audit which is proceeding is conducted by Mr. Flood and his attitude is that the Clerk's Estimate should be only based on adequate estimates. Estimates are also required from the Town Surveyor and Sanitary and Water Inspector under the various headings.

Recommended that all estimates required be prepared at once and handed to the Clerk before next Meeting. The Town Surveyor's estimate should include full details of the cost of the Fire Brigade and any scheme he may advocate.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

P. O'Gorman
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TUESDAY I0th DAY OF FEBRUARY I942

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m., in the Tholsel, New Ross, to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the various Acts enabling and the special business was duly notified.

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

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The Advice Notes - General, Fuel and Rent Deposit accounts - were then signed by the Chairman, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Walsh and the amounts ordered to be paid as soon as possible.

VALUATION DEPARTMENT

DECISION ON APPEAL

Letter S.R.9475 of I9th January I942 was read from the above enclosing decision in the case of the Grand Canal Company's premises, Quay, New Ross.

Clerk reported due advertisement and so far no notice of appeal to the Court has been received.

EMPLOYMENT RELIEF VOTE

Letters 26th January I942 and 2nd February I942 were read from County Council (Wexford) Finance Committee that the County Surveyor stated I2 men and a carter were at the moment employed on the Urban Relief Scheme. The matter was referred to Mr. O'Neill for detailed report.

Mr. Walsh and Mr. Cooney agreed there was no point in accepting a relief Grant if only I2 men and I carter were employed on a £2I00 scheme.

Adjourned.

SCAVENGING

Report on Form A. No. 229 was read from the Medical Officer of Health that lane from South Street to Conduit Lane is in a shocking state, is used as a public lavatory, seldom cleaned and the residents are forced to put the heaps of dirt in the public street to have same removed. Fever has broken out in this neighbourhood as a result. The gates at each end should be closed and locked.

Clerk reported he only received this report (dated 9th February) today. The Sanitary Inspector immediately proceeded to investigate and he would report.

Sanitary Inspector reported that Mr. Neville on the South Street end would take a key and agreed tomkeep the gate locked. Mr. McDonald on the other end refused but Mr. James Byrne, Quay Street, agreed to keep this end gate locked.

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The Town Surveyor gave the advice that the lane was a public thoroughfare and could not be closed.

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

It was nem.con. decided to have the gates closed and locked at night to prevent a continuance of unsanitary conditions and spread of fever.

EMERGENCY ORDER.

FUEL STORAGE

Clerk reported writing further to the County Surveyor for a reply to the Council's letter in connection with the yard the property of Messrs Driver Harris, New Ross. Letter of 27th January I942 was read from the County Surveyor that "I cannot see how I am in any way interested in the dispute. A Committee viewed Messrs Driver Harris's Yard but we found subsequently that ~~we~~ would not require it. Of course if we had been in possession of the yard we might have been able to assist your Council in obtaining a quantity ~~a quantity~~ of timber but as we did not take the kind permission granted to us we had no further interest in the matter."

No action.

POUNDAGE - RATE COLLECTOR

Sanction G.3433/43 of 29th January I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health " at the rate of sixpence to the Rate Collector in respect of her lodgments up to 3Ist December I94I on foot of her warrant for the current financial year."

NATIONAL FREE MILK GRANT.

Intimation of recoupment of £6I year I94I/42 2nd instalment was read from same Department P.H.4I59/4/42 of 29th January I942.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

DERELICT SITES ACT I940.

Letter L.2283/I6/4I of I4th January I942 was read from same Department in connection with the above "to enquire what the present position is in the matter."

Clerk reported receiving maps from the Town Surveyor on the eve of the 2nd and forwarding same to the Department on the 3rd February. Town Surveyor stated the Department had not the requisite material.

Letter 3rd February I942 was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, that the premises occupied by John Sheehan on the Richard J. Teehan Estate is in an extremely bad state of repair and is likely to prove dangerous to the occupants. The cost of putting the premises in habitable repair is prohibitive. Steps should be taken by the Council to have a Demolition Order made as soon as possible.

No order as the Council have no alternative accommodation at present.

MANURE FOR SALE.

Mr. Edward Browne, Creacon, applied for and was granted one heap of manure ex the Dump for 35/-.

PATHWAY AT IRISHTOWN.

Mr. Martin complained of an accident arising from the concrete

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path constructed by Town Surveyor outside the premises of Mr. Whelan. The kerbing was too high and it should be capered.

Ordered that Town Surveyor inspect and report.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Letters H.2305/2/42 of 20th and 28th January I942 were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that "no objection will be raised to the releasing of the lands held last season." Copy of Inspector's Report on new lands set out the Mount Carmel field was not suitable owing to liability to much trespass. The 2 acres (approx.) from Mr. Brown, I from Mr. V.A. Doyle and 2 (approx.) from Mr. A. Nolan were suitable and the price £5 per acre reasonable. I00 of the applicants on certificates No. I 3 (a) and 3 (b) may be regarded as unemployed and are eligible for allotments at the reduced rents. Certificate 3 (c) should be submitted in respect of John Somers, Edw. Kavanagh, J. Dunne, James Kavanagh and Moses Somers. The steps taken to check the means of applicants on Certificate 3(c) should be stated and if insurance cards were inspected.

Letters H. 4430/I7/4I of 7th and 9th February I942 were read from the Department Agriculture that sacks under seeds must be duly returned to the Suppliers and the cost of sacks must not be included for recoupment.

TENDERS FOR SEEDS, MANURES, &c.

The following tenders were received :-

Reville Bros.

"I wish to tender for the supply of certified seed potatoes for the Free Allotments Scheme also the small seeds; prices are as follows :-

£I5 per ton certified British Queens
£I2 " " " Kerr's Pink
I50 x ½ ozs. Cabbage Seed I/9 per ounce.
I50 x ½ ozs. Parsnip " I/3 " "
I50 x ½ ozs. Onion " 5/- " "
I50 x ½ ozs. Swede Turnip - none at present
I50 x 2 lb.pkts. "Soltosan" 3/6 per 2 lb. packet.
I50 x I00 cabbage plants @ 2/- per I00.
I50 x ½ cwt. Compound Fertilizer @ £I2. 0. 0 per ton.

subject unsold, you to secure Fertilizer."

Messrs Flemings.

"I respectfully submit below tender for allotments scheme.

½ cwt. British Queen Potatoes 6/- (Uncertified)
I½ " Kerr's Pink ditto I8/- (Certified)
½ oz. Cabbage Seed I/-.
½ oz. Swede " 4d.
½ oz. Parsnip " I/-.
½ oz. Onion " 2/-.
I00 Cabbage Plants 2/6.
I2" x 6" x 5" Cranked Garden Spade, Irish Manufacture 8/- each.

The above are subject to immediate acceptance and safe arrival."

B. Hennessy

British Queen Potatoes (certified seed) 20/- cwt.
Kerr's Pink Potatoes (certified seed) I6/- cwt.
Swede Turnips 4d oz.

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Cabbage Seed I/6 oz.
Onion Seed 5/- oz.
Soltosan (2lbs) 3/6 packet
Irish Spades 8/6 each.
All subject to supplies being available."

T.J. Murray.

I have pleasure in quoting at foot - for seed potatoes - cabbage plants - swede turnip - cabbage, parsnip and onion seed -
Potatoes- British Queen)
Kerr's Pink ) £I2. I0. 0 per ton.

Above are selected graded stocks - grown from certified seed in I94I - made up in I cwt. Bags - Bags supplied in accordance with regulations and must be returned.

Cabbage plants 25/- per I000 in consignment of two or more.

Garden seeds - ½oz. each Swede Turnip - Cabbage - Parsnip and Onion seeds @ 3/II per collection.

Hoping to receive your kind order which will have my personal attention."

Messrs Furlong & Hanrahan did not tender.

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to accept the lowest tenders and in the event of any merchant refusing to supply the small seeds that the Clerk arrange for supply from another. In the case of a tie the Clerk to arrange between the Merchants themselves for supplies.

DESTRUCTION BY HERD OF GOATS.

Letter I2/2/42 was read from Thomas Nolan, allottee field at William Street complaining of destruction of IIOO plants half grown by 20 goats and requesting the Council to take action.

Decided to send a copy of the letter to the Superintendent of the Garda Siochanna.

CANCELLATION OF OLD RENT ARREARS.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the following balances on rent accounts were cancelled :-

Anastasia Doran, Church Lane I/7; Anastasia Whelan, Church Lane 7/6; A. Cullen Follyhouse Lane I5/-; James Cusack, Cockpit Lane £I. 2. 0; Michael Dunne, Town Wall 5/6; Joseph Knight, Town Wall I3/-; Thomas McGrath, Town Wall; Sergeant Cody, Town Wall £3. I4. 9; Reps. Elizabeth Leary, J.K.L. Place £3. I6. 0; Michael Browne, J.K.L. Place £2. 8. I0; Margaret Pyne, Bullawn, £3. 6. 3; Margaret Pyne £o. I4. 5; P. Flanagan, Bullawn, £9. I8. 3; Patrick Dunne, Chapel Lane £2. 0. I; John Hand, Shambles £2. I5. 0; James Hanlon, Shambles £2. I2. 0; Fianna Fail Club £I. I6. 6.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S REPORT - I0th February I942.

Town Surveyor reported under above date as follows :-

"Repairs to vacant house (Mr. P. Lynch, late Tenant) Priory Street are nearing completion by Contractors. When wall plaster had been removed for repairs it was found that four door and

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window lintels were very much decayed. I arranged with Contractors to renew same at cost of £3. I2. 0. It was also found that the kitchen Flue was choked up with debris and needs to be reconstructed. Height about 25 feet. Estimated cost £I7. The kitchen cooker is burnt out and useless for cooking purposes. Estimated cost for renewal (Liffey Type) £8. I0. 0.

Maps of derelict housing sites have been furnished as desired.

I inspected house in occupation of M. Maddock, Charleton Hill as ordered. Owner Mrs. Gibbons, Ballywilliam. These premises are in very bad repair generally. The roof is crudely covered in felt and there is no sanitary accommodation. I also inspected house in occupation of E. Howlett, Bewley Street (Tottenham Estate). The Town water supply is laid on here and a W.C. has recently been installed. Ground floors appear to have been recently reconstructed in concrete. If the walls were plastered inside and out it would be very much improved."

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was
Ordered that the expenditure be incurred on Priory Street House.

RESOLUTION FROM GAELIC LEAGUE.

Resolution was read from the above I4 Cearnog Parnell, Baile Ata Cliath asking the Council to have street names and signs at Railway Station in Irish after the period of Emergency.

No order.

RESOLUTION FROM SINN FEIN

EMERGENCY POWERS (No I39) Order I94I.

The Chairman stated this was a matter for the Government who doubtless required the powers and knew how to use them.

Not read.

MR. O'GRADY'S POSITION - PENSION

Letter P.H. 3I62/42 of 9th February I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding above and Council's Resolution requesting a copy of the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health together with an extract from Council's minutes of the Meeting at which recommendation was considered.

Ordered that the information be supplied as early as convenient.

A.R.P.

Letter I6th January I942 was read from the County Secretary enclosing 20 copies of Memorandum No. I7 - Firefighting.

Clerk reported sending copies to the Town Surveyor.

Letter 22nd January I942 was read from the same enclosing copy of letter from the Department of Defence of I6th No. A.R.P./I798 regarding restrictions on display of light in the A.R.P. depots and requiring estimates of cost involved.

Clerk reported asking the County Medical Officer of Health, Town Surveyor and Dr. Quigley to arrange to inspect, report and submit estimates. Copy of this request was submitted same day to the County Secretary.

No order.

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Letter 22nd January I942 was read from the same enclosing copy letter of 20th instant No. A.R.P./I085 from same Department regarding hose delivered to the Council.

Ordered that same be forwarded to the Town Surveyor. No further order.

Letter 27th January I942 was read from the same enclosing a statement setting out the actual position in regard to the New Ross U.D.C. re A.R.P. which has been forwarded to the Department of Defence. The Secretary stated he would notify the Council as to the requirements of the Department.

The statement was read. - No order

Letter 3Ist January I942,(received 3rd February I942) was read from the same enclosing extract from communication of Department of Defence of 28th November I94I to the scheme sent the Council on the 27th instant. "The Department's communication sets out the actual requirements of the Minister for Defence and will be a guide to you for future action by your Urban Council."

The Communication was read and it was ordered that a copy be sent to the Town Surveyor - no order.further

Letter 7th February I942 was read from the same enclosing copy circular letter from Department of Defence of 4th instant No. A.R.P.I24I regarding drugs and dressings at official first aid post at New Ross. "I am asking Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health, to advise you further in the matter."

Clerk reported that the doctor had just paid his usual visit and he read the communication but nothing was done about it.

No order.

28 PAIRS WELLINGTONS

Clerk reported receipt of I doz. size 8s, I doz. size 9s I/3rd doz. size IIs. These are stored in press in Large Room, Tholsel.

PURCHASE OF PARAFFIN - PERMIT.

Clerk reported receipt of Permit to purchase I0 gallons Paraffin Oil for general use by the U.D.C.

FIREFIGHTING.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940

Letter 27th January I942 L.I4I78/4/4I I4I78/5/4I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that "it is not clear that any formal fire fighting scheme has been submitted to this Department." The position in New Ross Urban District would not appear to be at all satisfactory.

Letter L.I4I78/4/4I of 5th February I942 was read from the same "that the Town Surveyor's report of I4th January I94I cannot be considered as a formal fire fighting scheme and the Town Surveyor should now have a proper scheme prepared and submitted." A statement from the Town Surveyor should be submitted indicating whether he considers the present fire fighting equipment in the Urban District of New Ross adequate - (a) in exceptional circumstances permitting the use of the Trailer Pump and (b) in circumstances where the use of the Trailer Pump might not be considered justifiable. A separate letter will be issued in regard to the remuneration of employees of

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Council's Fire Brigade.

Ordered that a copy be sent to Town Surveyor for his attention.

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Letter 2/2/42 was read from above asking the Council to submit Agreement for the use of the Council's Fire Brigade in the rural district.

Ordered that copy be sent to Town Surveyor.

WEIGHBRIDGE - QUAY

Mr. Martin inquired why the Town Surveyor had not above put into commission according to the order of the Council. It was now over nine weeks since the Council gave orders for repair.

Chairman stated the order made at last Meeting was that if Mr. O'Mahony failed to do the work within one week Mr. O'Connor be asked to undertake it.

Town Surveyor replied he had done his best. In his opinion Mr. O'Connor's work might not have been passed by the Garda Inspector even though he had no test of Mr. O'Connor's work.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was decided to allow one week more to Mr. O'Mahony and after that Mr. O'Connor was to be employed.

DANGEROUS SLATES.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the potential public danger of falling slates from gable wall of house occupied by Peter Nolan in South Street, New Ross. The slates were loose and a terrible danger.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was ordered that Town Surveyor serve statutory notice on the Landlord to remove the slates or render them safe.

MCDONAGH -V- THE COUNCIL

Arising out of the Town Surveyor's report that he required more money to put the house recently occupied by Patrick Lynch in habitable repair, Clerk informed the Council Mrs. McDonagh's lease stipulated that this work should be done by her.

Town Surveyor stated it was his considered opinion the work he was doing rendered Mrs. McDonagh liable.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was decided to send in a claim as soon as the work was completed through the Council's Solicitors.

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P. McFoman
16/3/42

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The Finance Meeting 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, T. Cooney and J. Murphy, P.C.

BILLS

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

James Cooney, £I. IO. O ; E.S.B. £2I. I3. IO.; James Fox & Co. £5. I4. O.; Graves & Company £IO. I6. 7.; Moran Bros £IO. 7. 2; J. Freeman I/6; E.S.B. £5. IO. 2; E.S.B. I5/-; Dollard Ltd. £3. I6. I; Steele & Co. £5. O. O.; E.A. Finn £I2. 2. 6.; B. Hennessy 9/-; Dr. Kissane 2/-; Dr. Fitzgerald 5/-; James Power & Co. £I. I3. O; John Furlong £4. I5. O; Ryan Bros. £8. 8. O; Ryan Bros. £49. I9. O; J.F. O'Mahony £8. IO. O; Peter Gahan £2. 2. O; P. Gahan £37. 5. O; J. Freeman £3. O. 7; E.S.B. £2. I3. IO.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT - RENT

A.J. Wade applied for and was granted refund of Deposit No. I3 £3. O. O in connection with house No. 57.

FREE MILK ACCOUNT

Mr. Butler submitted account for £22. 8. 4 for month. Clerk reported there was not time to submit the account to H.A.O., L. Barron or to check the items. Bills should reach him in accordance with the Public Bodies Orders three clear days before the Committee Meeting.

Adjourned.

MESSRS RYAN BROS.
£8. 8. O account for repairs

Town Surveyor's certificate No. I90 was presented.

Clerk reported Messrs Ryan's account was not attached.

Payment recommended subject to receipt of the original bill sent by Ryan Bros.

REPAIRS TO WEIGHBRIDGE

Bill for £8. IO. O was read from J.F. O'Mahony, Waterford, Scalemaker for above weighbridge on the Quay. The contract figure was £7. IO. O but £I. IO. O extra expense was created on the instructions of the Town Surveyor.

Payment recommended.

E.S.B. BILL £4. I5. 3

PUMPING STATION, ROSBERCON.

This account was certified by Sanitary Inspector for December I94I and January I942.

Payment recommended and that Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor be informed.

A.R.P.

Letter I8th February I942 was read from the County Secretary

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advising refund of 7/6 in respect of missing articles from Stork Trailer Pump outfit.

Bill for I/6 Battery for torch was presented from Town Surveyor.

Recommended submission to County Council.

Mr. Peter Gahan

Old Bill for £55.I. 8.

Letter IO/2/42 was read from above as follows :-

"With reference to the outstanding account £55. I. 8 which was deferred from time to time, I would feel obliged if you would ask the Council to consider this matter at their meeting tonight and grant payment of same."

Clerk reported refunding Mr. Gahan £I certified due to him by L.G. Auditor last week. The Bond stated £I2. O. O would be deducted in lieu of Bond with Insurance Company. As Mr. Gahan worked for I3 months £I3 was deducted.

Committee decided they could not entertain consideration unless the certificate of the Town Surveyor or Officer responsible was attached. As the Town Surveyor had refused to give his certificate the matter appears to be one for Mr. Gahan.

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY &c.

BILL FOR EXAMINATION OF SWABS &C.

FROM 24th APRIL I940 TO 9th DECEMBER I940

The Quarterly statement of account for £83. II. 7 was presented.

Clerk reported the matter was in the hands of Council's Solicitors for considered opinion.

The questions submitted were

(I) As the Council had no knowledge of the bill until October I94I and therefore could not have ordered the work to be carried out can the Council be sued ?

(2) Does the examination of swabs come within the scope of a Sanitary Authority or the County Board of Health within the Urban District ?

(3) As the work was carried out for a private school can this school be held responsible for the cost provided the Solicitors decide this Council is responsible ?

The Solicitors are examining into this matter generally and will advise.

Adjourned and recommended that the Department be advised of the present position.

INSURANCE OF CARETAKER OF CHAMBERSLAND DUMP.

Letter 20th February I942 was read from the Hibernian Insurance Company confirming "that we are holding the Caretaker covered under the terms and conditions of our present printed policy (No.3I4I58) subject, of course, to a declaration of earnings on renewal."

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INCOME TAX ON PROPERTY

Demand was submitted. Clerk advised payment only on charges which will be refunded by Landlords. He would interview the Inspector of Taxes on Friday relative to same and refund claimed on property and investments of which claim the Committee were acquainted.

Payment on charges recommended.

RATES REPORT.

Clerk requested the Committee to defer his report until the end of the Financial year. They would then be in a position to examine the matter with more detail.

Recommended accordingly.

RENTS REPORT

Clerk submitted his monthly report for the month of February I942 as follows :-

Houses built 220. Let. 2I9. Unoccupied I arrears due at 3Ist January I942 £624. 7. 7. Accrued during February £249. I7. 0 Total £874. 4. 7. Collected £26I. II. 7. Struck off as uncollectable £6. I7. 4. Arrears at end of February. This represents a fall in arrears of £I8. II. II.

Recommended that all persons in arrears over four weeks receive notice of arrears and that unless arrangements for reasonable payment is agreed to at next Meeting the position be further considered.

Application by H. Murray

Mrs. Murray of 34 Charleton Hill requested permission to replace existing range with a fan fire.

Recommended refusal.

EMERGENCY POWERS(No. I08) Order I94I - FUEL

Clerk reported Mr. Deane Drake, Contractor, called and stated he had supplied 30 tons of timber for fuel at 30/- per ton delivered. He now required £I. I7. 6 per ton should the Council want more. He requested a direction as to advertising.

During the discussion it transpired the Council might be offered at the rate of 3£/- per ton delivered.

Recommended advertising.

SURETY Mr. T. MERNAGH - MONOGHAN'S BOND.

Letter from Council's Solicitors was read directed to Mr. Mernagh requiring him within seven days to provide £I0 on Monoghan's Bond.

Clerk stated the matter was unofficially before the Committee but in view of the financial position of the Surety and the short notice to pay he would be glad of the Committee's advice.

Committee considered Mr. Mernagh might be informed he could make an offer to the Solicitors and then the matter would come before them officially. In the meantime the Solicitors might be requested to hold over proceedings provided there was no undue delay.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED

J R O Gorman
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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 the special business of which due notice was given.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Prendergast, J. Murphy, P.C. J.E. Walsh and T. Cooney.

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

VOTE OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. J.M. Hearne, son and daughter on the death of Mrs E.M. Hearne, Chilcomb and to Mr. V.A. Doyle, U.D.C. on the death of Mrs. Hearne, his sister.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh the Meeting of the Council was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Hearne until Monday 16th March 1942 at 7.30 o'clock p.m., after transacting urgent business.

FREE MILK SCHEME

P.H. Circular 29/1942 dated 26th February 1942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health re above.

Clerk intimated due advertising by Press and poster soliciting tenders for the milk supply and delivery for the year ending 31st March 1943.

TENDER

Only one tender was received as follows :-

"I beg to tender for the supply of New Milk under National Free Milk Supply Grant in accordance with the terms of your advertisement appearing in the 'New Ross Standard' of the 6th instant at 1/8 (one shilling and eight pence per gallon.

I am registered under the Milk & Dairies Act 1935."

Yours faithfully,

John S. Butler.

Mr. Cooney stated the present price of milk delivered is 3d per pint. The Council agreed the price reasonable but argued the Department should increase the Grant to meet the increased cost of supply due to agencies over which the Contractor had no control. Increase in cost meant reduced supplies or reduction in the number of recipients. In other matters the Department agreed Contractors were justified in increasing Contract prices over which they had no control and the Council are grieved the Department cannot either control the price or meet the deficiency of supplies.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

The tender was accepted subject to sanction and the

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terms of advertisement, circulars, &c. governing the Grant.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

The recommendations of the Finance Committee, so far as relates to the payment of bills, were adopted.

The Advice Sheets were then signed by Messrs The Chairman, J.E. Walsh, and J. Murphy, P.C. and the amounts due ordered to be paid as soon as funds permit and under the conditions of the recommendations of the Committee.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS

Clerk reported the plots in Nolan's, Browne's and Doyle's newly acquired fields were not yet marked by the Town Surveyor. He, Clerk, with Owner Alex. Nolan, interviewed the Town Surveyor early last week but nothing had been done since. 32 men were waiting for plots and 22 more were waiting on double plots. All are sanctioned and men are complaining about delay and regularly interviewing the office.

Town Surveyor stated he was ill for some time and then had to travel to Dublin. On his return illness started again.

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

That the Town Surveyor be employed to make necessary plan and divide up the lands acquired from Messrs A. Nolan, Charleton Hill, Edward Browne, William Straet and V.A. Doyle, William Street for allotments purposes under the Acts as sanctioned by the Department at the usual fee and that the maximum fees be allowed as heretofore for the administration of the Acts.

That the land offered by Messrs E. Browne and V.A. Doyle, William Street be acquired at the cost of £5 per statute acre plus rates, the requisite fencing to be carried out by and under the direction of the Council. All entrance gates to be provided and maintained by the owners.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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MONDAY I6th DAY OF MARCH I942

The Monthly Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to complete the business not transacted at last Meeting.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Cooney, J. Murphy,(Bridge) J. Prendergast and T. Martin, and J. Callaghan.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Minutes of this Committee Meeting held on the 7th March I942 were read.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Martin

The recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

TAXATION OF COSTS.

Letter I6th February I942 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing Bill of Costs since last account amounting to in all £II4. I6. 6 and outlay £I3. I5. 4 also "Requisition to Tax" for completion by the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by the Chairman, Mr. James P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, was appointed to attend on taxation for the Council and the requisition was duly signed by the Chairman, Messrs Thomas Cooney, James Callaghan and the Town Clerk, having been duly sealed on the motion of Mr. Cooney and the Chairman.

FUEL OVERDRAFT ACCOUNT.

Clerk notified the Meeting that the Town Surveyor delayed the bill due to Captain Deane Drake for 30 tons of timber beyond the legal time within which the bill could be accepted. Owing to the adjournment of the usual Meeting and as Captain Deane Drake wanted his money the Council might be disposed to put an Advice Note through.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

The Meeting decided to pay Captain Deane's bill and a bill for £I. 7. 0 to Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor as premium on insurance of the store in Barrack Lane using to house the timber.

The Advice Note was then signed by Mr. Chairman, T. Cooney and T. Martin and the amounts were ordered to be paid.

REFUNDS OF DEPOSITS ON RENTS

Clerk notified the Meeting that Advice Notes and relevant Paying Orders were cancelled in the cases of Mrs. Mary Shea, Charleton Hill, Mrs. Margaret Rowe, Town Wall, and a new Advice Note would be required to reissue the Pay Orders.

Proposed by Mr. Martin
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was decided to sign new Advice Notes and

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same was signed by Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, J. E. Walsh & T. Cooney. and orders given to reissue the cancelled Orders.

UNCOLLECTABLE WATER RATE

YEAR ENDED 3Ist MARCH I939

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney the following amounts were cancelled for the reasons givenviz:- G.W. Rogers, Quay, Wexford, on North Street, New Ross, I0/-. Dairy discontinued and Dinagh Shortall, Quay, New Ross. 20/- . Supply cut off.

YEAR ENDED 3Ist MARCH I940

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney the sum of £I water rent charged to Ellen Doyle on Charles Street, New Ross, premises was cancelled as the premises were vacant for the year.

WATER CHARGES

Clerk reported the Board of Health had not yet paid their account.

Decided to send a further reminder.

Mr. Martin stated the tap in Mr. Shortall's yard was not charged for. If not in charges it should be cut off.

Mr. O'Grady was ordered to attend to this.

Mr. Martin stated the Showman (Mr. McDonald) was using the town water since he took over the yard from Mr. Shortall. He should be asked to pay the charges since that date.

Ordered accordingly.

RELIEF SCHEMES

Letter I2th February I942 was read from the Wexford County Council that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, New Ross, Area reported this scheme started on I6th December I94I and for each week the number of men employed was I3 labourers I carter and I ganger; I2 men, carter and ganger, I2 men carter and ganger, I2 men, carter and ganger, I3men, carter and ganger, I3 men, carter and ganger, I2 men carter and ganger, I2 men carter and ganger and ended 7th February I942, I2 men, carter and ganger. The County Surveyor, ~~convened~~ [sic] the letter, stated the grant was not a Xmas relief one. The employment was governed by material. New Ross was badly circumstanced as regards material. Rural labour could only be employed if the material was obtained from Ballykelly. Material could only be had from Creywell as the grant was for employment of Urban workers and there all possible men were employed. The Chairman of the County Council, continued the letter, stated "There were no grounds for the minute of the Urban Council which stated that only six men had been employed."

Mr. Cooney who raised the question originally, again stated he saw the six men only working and had it confirmed by the Employment Exchange.

No order.

EMPLOYMENT RELIEF SCHEME

Mr. Cooney objected to the same carter being employed by

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the County Council when several others, and some very poor men, got no turn. The County Surveyor should be requested to look into this matter.

Ordered accordingly.

LETTER(6/3/42) FROM TOWN TENANT'S ASSOCIATION

The Chairman stated there was a lengthy letter or report from above but as the Council had already decided not to read outside reports and to depend on their officials for reports he would not read the letter.

Mr. Cooney objected. The Council should hear the letter read at all events.

Mr. Chairman handed Mr. Cooney the letter to read for himself.

FREE MILK GRANT

Letter P.H. 8212/42 of 13th March 1942 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 refer to your letter of the 11th March 1942, and to state that the tender at 1/8 per gallon for the supply of milk under the approved Free Milk Supply Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1943, is considered excessive. In the circumstances I am to suggest that the tenderer might be asked to reduce his price to 1/6 per gallon.

The result of any action taken in this matter might be notified to this Department by letter as early as possible."

AUDIT REPORT

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Letter A.4625/42 of 9adh Feabhra 1942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health enclosing above and Abstracts for the 3 years ended 31st March 1941.

The report dated 9th January 1942 was then read.

No order.

WINDING TOWN CLOCK.

Clerk exhibited poster asking for offers for above work for one year and reported "no tender received".

Ordered that Clerk interview the local Watchmakers and try to obtain a tender.

VALUATION LISTS.

YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 1943.

Letter S.R. 9518 of 24th February 1942 was read from the Valuation Office intimating the forwarding of the revised lists.

Clerk reported due receipt and that the Statutory Notice had been given.

REVISION OF VOTORS LISTS 1942

Notice dated 12th March 1942 was read from the Clarathoir Chonndae that the Session would be held in the Courthouse on 14th April 1942 at 11 am for the New Ross Urban District.

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COUNTY COUNCIL DEMANDS

Letter 5th March I942 was read from the County Secretary to arrange to have as many outstanding instalments as possible lodged by 28th instant for credit in the accounts during the current year.

Clerk reported this matter would be attended to in time.

SCHOOL MEALS GRANT.

Intimation P.H. I2570/2/4I dated 20th February I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health of recoupment of £I2 year I94I-42 second instalment.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Letter I6/2/42 was read from above requesting Pay Order for their purposes before end of financial year.

Mr. Cooney moved that no contribution be forwarded.

There was no seconder.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was agreed to contribute the usual £5

ECONOMY CAMPAIGN.

C.L. I57/I94I of 20th December I94I was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

No order.

EMERGENCY POWERS (BAKERS) ORDER I94I

Circ. No. P.33/42 of 6th March I942 was read from the same Department drawing attention to above. Where batch bread is supplied under School Meals Scheme contractors should be consulted with a view to securing reductions in contract prices corresponding to the amount of the subsidy of one half penny per four pound loaf.

Ordered that a copy be forwarded to the School Meals Committee.

PUBLIC LIGHTING CONTRACT TO 3I/3/43

Tender from the Electricity Supply Board of I2th March I942 was taken as read. The Board offered to light maintain and operate 88 public lamps ( in present positions), at inclusive charge, without extras, of £290. I9. 3 - same as last year payable £24. 5. 2 on 30/4/42 and £24. 4. II per month thereafter including 3I/3/43.

It is the intention of the Board immediately on completion of an Agreement with the Council to remove all redundant lamps, lanterns, brackets, etc., and the Council should finally decide its full requirements for the year.

Town Clerk drew attention to the non-lighting of Charleton Hill roads and Housing Scheme. There were 76 new houses and perhaps the Council would now make provision for lighting this road and approaches.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney the tender of the Electricity Supply Board was accepted and that the Council's Officials report to next Meeting any alterations that

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may be required where existing lighting is redundant.

FUEL EMERGENCY ORDER

Letter I3th March I942 was read from Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor, Agent for Miss Deane, Owner of Store loaned free to the Council to house fuel under above stating the premium on the policy of insurance for £500 to 25th March I943 would be £I. 7. 0.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was agreed to pay the premium.

CHAMBERSLAND DUMP.

Clerk reported an interview on 27/2/42 with Caretaker J.Cooney. He stated that old cans and buckets were scattered all over the place and the Contractor refuses to clean up. He, Clerk, informed the Town Surveyor on 28th.

Ordered that the Contractor be asked to attend to this matter.

DERELICT SITES

Letter L.3460/2/42 of 2Ist February I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as follows :-

"With reference to the map furnished by you of derelict sites in the Urban District, I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enquire whether these sites have been acquired by your Council in accordance with the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, I940. If this is so and it is desired to undertake clearance works, it will be necessary to furnish a detailed estimate of the cost of the work in each case together with an indication of the use to which it is proposed to apply the sites when cleared."

Ordered that the Town Surveyor prepare "a detailed ~~esti~~ estimate of the cost of the work in each case" and that the matters be placed on the agenda for next Meeting.

SHOPS (CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT) ACT I938.
PART VI.

Under date 28th February I942 the following letter was read from the County Medical Officer of Health :-

"Re Shops (Conditions of Employment) Act, I938 Part VI.

"With regard to inspections carried out in the New Ross Urban Area under the above Act, I shall be grateful, if you will be good enough to let me have the reports made by the Sanitary Inspector on the standard forms, with regard to inspections carried out by him each month.

Please be good enough to let me have such reports, in future with regard to each month, on or before the 7th day of the month following. I have not received any such reports with regard to inspections carried out by the Sanitary Inspector during the month of December, I94I, and January I942."

Sanitary Inspector stated he had sent on various returns.

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RATS & MICE (DESTRUCTION)ACT I9I9

Draft "notice to Each Householder New Ross Urban Area" was presented by the County Medical Officer of Health re above under cover of his letter dated 26th February I942.

Clerk stated he asked the doctor to assist the Council in this matter.

Ordered that copies be prepared and distributed.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Trespass of GOATS

Letter 2nd March I942 was read from the Superintendent Garda Siochana, New Ross, "the Gardai can take no action in the matter." The owners can be prosecuted by complainant for trespass or the goats can be placed in the pound. "I expect Mr. Nolan knows the owners of the animals." Mr. Cooney disagreed. The goats must travel on the streets and the Gardai surely must have seen them.

Ordered that a copy of the letter be sent to Mr. Nolan.

Letter G. 2279-4I of I2th February I942 was not/read from An Roinn Talmhaidheachta as Clerk informed the Meeting certified seed had been engaged.

Letter G. I0I6/40 of I3th February I942 was read from the same enclosing extract from Inspector's Report on the Turnip Seed supplied by Mrs. Fleming last year which he refused to certify for as follows :-

"I desire to state that the sample I submitted on 24/5/4I through Mr. O'Riain was obtained from the plotholder named Patrick Cullen and was part of an ounce packet he had left over after he had made a first sowing earlier. There was no question as far as I am aware of this sample being sown and dug up.

The practice among plotholders is to make two or more sowings of turnip seed from about April to June. On inspection I noticed none of the turnip seed had germinated and I was informed the men had sown them from three to five weeks earlier. They werecapparently sown under normal conditions in beds and in drills.

Consequently, I investigated and succeeded in getting the sample submitted and believed the plotholder as to the contents having been supplied by Messrs Fleming. "

Ordered that a copy of the report be forwarded to Messrs Flemings.

Letter H.2305/4/42 of 24th February I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that 37 of the Applicants in respect of whom certificates 3 (c) were submitted on 26th ultimo and I9th instant may be regarded as eligible for reduced rent allotments. The following are ineligible :- Margaret Knight, Thomas Lacey, James Kiely, Joseph Moran, Elizabeth Kavanagh, Mrs. Anastasia Gorman, Michael Murphy, Annie Carty.

Clerk reported he would now requireda further acre from Mr. Doyle and Mr. Browne's small field. He expected this latter would be utilized for plots at the economic rent of £I.

TENDERS.

Clerk reported the Council did not determine which of the

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tenders were accepted at last Meeting. Messrs Revilles and Flemings were the same price as regards Kerr's Pinks. In view of the importance of obtaining certified seed he tried to consult the Chairman and having failed got both traders together to determine themselves. Messrs Revilles won on the draw and Flemings agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

Council approved of the transaction and declared the tender of Messrs Revilles accepted.

MARKING OF PLOTS

Clerk reported the marking of the plots had not yet started. He saw the Town Surveyor again and he hoped to have all ready soon. He held the weather was against the work.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940

FIREFIGHTING IN RURAL DISTRICT.

Letters 2/2/42, I0/2/42, I9/2/42, 23/2/42 and 5th March I942 were read from the Board of Health (Wexford County) requesting the Council's decision of Agreement submitted by that Board hereunder and as regards the use of the trailer pump supplied by the Minister for Defence under that Agreement.

Clerk reported replying to letter subject to the Council's decision. He accepted the Town Surveyor's report and gave extracts which should be sufficient for the purposes of the Board.

The Meeting approved.

Long letter dated I0/3/42 was read from the Town Surveyor (as Report) that a scheme for auxiliary equipment is what is required before an agreement may be entered into with another Local Authority. Without such auxiliary equipment the Department of Defence may not be prepared to consent to the use of their trailer pump and gear by virtue of any agreement that may be entered into with a Rural Sanitary Authority. Whilst the ordinary stock of appliances (standpipes, hose, etc.) would be capable of dealing with limited outbreaks within the Urban Area by connecting with existing hydrants such equipment would not be of service in a rural district. Mr. Shortall submitted an estimate for auxiliary equipment the cost to fall on the Council amounting to £II32 made up as follows :-

| | |
|---|---|
| One trailer Pump3/400 9 H.P. capacity | £450 |
| One 30 H.P. Lorry to convey gear and personnel | 400 |
| 600 Lin. Yards flaxen hose and couplings | 80 |
| Belts & Axes | I5 |
| Breathing apparatus | 30 |
| Personal Equipment, Oil skin suits, Rubber Boots, Helmet etc. | 45 |
| Extension Ladder | 25 |
| One Jump Sheet | 22 |
| Ropes and other incidentals | I5 |
| Chemical, foam, & C.T.C. Extinguishers | 50 |
| | £II32 |

The Chairman said he was opposed to providing £II32 for the Rural Area. The Council should attend totally to the town. The Scheme should not be considered.

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Mr. Cooney desired the whole matter to be adjourned to next Meeting as the Town Surveyor was not present.

Agreed.

SALE OF OLD FIRE ENGINE

Mr. James Sinnott, Drakestown, Ballycullane offered £2 for above.

Clerk stated the engine was advertised months ago but only an offer of £I was made.

Accepted.

A.R.P.

RESTRICTIONS ON DISPLAY OF LIGHT IN DEPOTS &c.

Clerk reported having sent copies of letters from the County Council in connection with A.R.P./I798 Lighting Restrictions A.R.P./I832 care of trailer pump and other matters. The estimate required by the Department of Defence for effective arrangements for the Technical School had not yet been received from him.

No order.

DECONTAMINATION SERVICE

Letter dated 2nd March I942 with copy letter Department of Defence A.R.P./I3I8 was read from the County Secretary giving list of equipment for above which is being supplied by the Department on a repayment basis. "The Department has been notified to forward the equipment to the Town Clerk, New Ross."

Noted.

Letter 24th February I942 was read from the County Surveyor that he has received a permit to purchase kerosene for use in above service of 5 gallons. The Town Clerk should make arrangements with a local Trader and the County Surveyor would communicate with him.

Noted.

Letter 25th February I942 was read from the County Secretary regarding A.R.P./I696 Emergency Services Personnel and A.R.P. Duties.

Letter I0th February I942 was read from the County Secretary regarding lectures and supply of equipment for rescue and decontamination services.

Letter I4th February I942 was read from the County Secretary regarding the painting of the trailer pump.

Referred to Mr. Shortall for attention.

MANURE AT THE DUMP

Mr. Martin drew attention to the delay in having the manure removed by purchasers..

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Martin it was decided to notify all purchasers that unless the heaps are cleared within a forthnight the Council will take over and dispose of.

GEAR IN MAHER'S GARAGE

Mr. Martin stated there were a number of tampers and other gear at the rear of Maher's garage which were Council Property. He suggested

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that a list be submitted to next Meeting for the purpose of disposal.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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The Monthly 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 consideration of Estimate of the Poor Rate for the service of the year ending 3Ist March I943.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, and T. Cooney.

BILLS

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

P. Gahan 3/-; New Ross U.D.C. £20. 0. 0; J.S. Butler £22. 8. 4; Graves & Co. £I. 5. 0; Ryan Bros £29. 2. 0; Peter Gahan £4. 6. 8 ; Peter Gahan £35. I5. 0; G.S. Railways £I. 3. 6; Tottenham Estate £I.I0. 3; Tottenham Estate £I0. 0. 0; Ellams Ltd. £3. I9. 0; People Newspaper I2/6; B. Hennessy 7/II; National Bank £I47. 8. 5; Bank of Ireland £23I8. I7. 3; Hibernian Insurance £5. 4. 0; Hibernian Insurance £6. I7.0; Crokers Ltd. £4. I4. 6; Moran Bros I5/-; Hely's Ltd. £6. 5. 0; New Ross Standard £I. 2. 6; Moran Bros £3. I9. 3; Irish Tourist Association £5. 0. 0; E.S.B. £2I. I3. I0; E.A. Finn £I5. 2. II E.A. Finn £7. 2. 6; Dr. Kissane £I. 2. 6; Free Press II/6; Free Press £I. 2. 6; A.R. French I9/-. P. Gahan £2. 3. 0.

Arising out of the certificate of Sanitary Inspector, Mr. O'Grady, on the account of Contractor, Mr. Gahan for cleansing of ashpits, Committee discussed the question of Mr. O'Grady's certificate on all bills excepting those for disinfecting and sanitation in view of the resolution of the Council when granting Mr. O'Grady the increase of I0/- per week. The Resolution so far as the Committee understood granted the increase of I0/- per week on the condition that Mr. O'Grady carried out the work of Water Inspector himself without any assistance paid out of the rates.

Recommended that this matter be adjourned pending production of certificates issued by Mr. O'Grady for other than sanitary work since the date of the Resolution granting the increase in salary.

PRIORY STREET HOUSES

Clerk reported he had received three enquiries of these houses, interviewed prospective tenants and inspected the houses with them. Nothing further had materialized. He had instructions to keep the refusal open for another week of Lynch's house.

Committee recommended the Council to have the question of disposal of this property on the agenda for next Meeting. In the Committee's opinion they should sell well being fee simple.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS

Clerk reported receipt of £I20. I4. 0 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health being refund of expenses incurred by the Council on the acquisition of land for Allotments and the marking out of the plots, rent, rates and fees as well as law costs £I78. I4. 7. The difference must be met out of the rates. It is possible part of this difference may be covered by a further recoupment of £2I. I5. 6 being law costs not provided for in former certificates as the bills were not received and paid in the prior seasons. The present account relates to the I94I Season. Hitherto the Department only recouped sanctioned expenditure. The Council is now obliged to provide anything, pay for same and then seek recoupment so that any expenditure passed by the Council should be treated having this in view. The estimate of expenditure made at the commencement of the

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Season fell short of the actual. He would report further to the Committee as soon as he had examined fully into the matter.

£II30 Loan to extinguish old Capital Balances.

Clerk reported this loan, as the Committee and the Council were aware, was obtained to cancel balances standing in the Council's books against the following schemes which were overexpended i.e. expenditure was incurred in excess of the Government Grants and Loans obtained for same originally :- Housing £I4. I0. 2; Same £26. I4. 2 (old); Filter Plant £5I. I0. 9; Sanitation (50 houses provided with lavatories) £I24.13.8 Concreting Quay Road £232. I4. II; Concreting Irishtown, Quay Street, &c. £382. I2. 3; O'Connor -V- The Council £I60 (including costs) and Cross Lane Wall £I37. 8. 8. Total £II30. 4. 7.

The Local Government Department sanctioned the loan for Housing and other matters. The Auditor held the loan should be applied only to the Schemes submitted to the Department and that it would be necessary for the Clerk to visit the Department as the Filter Scheme and the Cross Lane Wall were not credited. Clerk having visited the Department succeeded in transferring part of the loan to clearing the balances on Concreting Robert Street &c. £I53. I8. 6; Marsh Lane £8. I3. 2; 23 Houses Town Wall £3I. 2. 6 and Roads Reconstruction £I3. I0. 6 which with the others absorbed £II30. 0. 3. The reason for the transfer is that the Cross Lane Wall debt was increased between the date of the application for the loan and the Grant to £I96. I2. 2 and by transferring the other balances were completely wiped out. Provided the Council agreed the matter was ended.

Recommended that the Council agree.

£23I8. I7. 3 for Repayment of Loans

Receivable Orders from the office of Public Works were examined for above on Housing £I754. I7. I and Sewerage and Waterworks £564. 0. 2 for half year to Ist May I942.

Payment recommended.

£I947. 6. 6 to County Council

Clerk reported having sent above to the County Council during last month leaving one quarter's Demand due at end of financial year.

£I47. 8. 5 Repayment of Loans.

National Bank Account for above being repayment of principal and interest on Road Improvements and Sanitary Loans was examined.

Payment recommended.

St. Stephen's Cemetery - Estimates.

The Secretary, Mr. Corcoran presented his estimates for the ensuing year. Income £49. I0. 0. Expenditure £I67. 0. 0. He required £40 from the New Ross Urban District Council.

Recommended that £40 be provided.

RATES REPORT

Clerk submitted his monthly Report for the month ending 3Ist March I942 as follows :- Total Warrants £9I33. I2. II Collected £6662. 5. 7. Discounts allowed £I27. I9. 0 leaving outstanding £2343. 7. 6 or 74.3% collected against 74.7% last year.

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STATEMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND

Demand dated IIth March I942 was read from the Wexford County Council setting out that £3684. I9. I is the apportioned rate required of the New Ross Urban District Council as follows :- Roads £4I5. 2. 7; County Services £I325. Library £25. I8. 6. Poor Relief £I777. I3. 3. Board of Health Charges £I25. 7. 5. Separate Charges £I5. I7. 4.

£225 for Urban Roads

A further Demand was read for this item.

Committee recommended the Council to budget for this sum in their annual estimates.

ESTIMATE OF POOR RATE REQUIRED FOR I942/43

Total required by the County Council £3684. I9. I. Additions required to provide for Uncollectable Rate, Vacant Premises, percentages to owners of Small Dwellings remissions under the Acts, Collector's Commission, collecting books and last estimate for refund to Railways £72I. 0. II. Total to be found £4406 against £4547 last year. The Gross Valuation is £9969. 6. 0 against £I0029. 6. 0 last year. 9/- in the £ will be required.

Clerk reported having furnished each Member of the Council with a printed copy setting out full particulars.

Committee recommended the Council to provide a rate of 9/- in the £ and adopted the estimate which was duly signed by the Chairman.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Clerk was directed to attend to the completion of these returns as soon as possible.

RENT ARREARS

Clerk reported collection for the month ended 3Ist March I942 as follows :- Houses built 220. Let 2I9. Unoccupied I. Arrears at close of February £605. I5. 8. At end of March £62I. I4. 8. Accrued during the month £3I3. 6. 3. Collected £297. 7. 3. 35 Notices were sent out during the month. Mrs. Mary Hand, Mrs. Mary Dunne, Mr. T. McCarthy, Mrs. Ellen Rochford and Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe called and made offers of settlement.

Committee examined the list and selected the following for Notices to Quit consideration :- Bridget Rochford £3. 4. 5; Michael Martin £3. 2. 9; Michael Connolly £6. I4. I; Bryan Hennessy £2. I0. 8; Nicholas Cashin £3. I7. 7; Guard Feehan £4. I8. 0; Christopher Hall £6. 8. 5; John Ryan £9. 8. 0;£Annie Murphy £I2. I4. 2; James Ryan £3. 8. 8; Kate Purcell £5. I8. 2; Mary Flynn £5. 0. 8; John Shea £6. I2. 0; Elizabeth Donnelly £8. 8. 0; James Fleming £4.8.6; Bridget Caul £4. 3. 0; Michael Clooney £4. I3. 8; Michael Breheny £5.I8/- and Samuel Frizelle £I6. I7. 6.

The Rent Collector attended.

As the Committee were divided on the service of Notices to Quit the decision was left to the Council.

RENT DEPOSITS

Clerk reported that each applicant for the tenancy of a house handed in a four weeks rent deposit which had to be refunded should the applicant not get the house. He requested authority to change

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this system and to substitute that only the successful applicant hand in the Deposit. In the event of successful applicant refusing to provide the deposit arrangements might be made to give the house to next applicant receiving the highest number of votes.

Recommended same.

Clerk reported that Patrick Dunne, 25 Charleton Hill had not yet provided sureties vice Messrs Charters and Maher.

Ordered that Mr. Dunne be informed unless he provided the Sureties Notice to Quit will be served.

SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

BILL FOR £82.

Letter I6th March I942 was read from the above noting the Council's observations that the Finance Committee of the Council directed their Solicitors to advise generally on the position. "In this connection we would point out that a similar statement about the Council's Solicitors being consulted occurred in your letter of I4th June I94I to us. In other words the matter is not being treated seriously. Unless the sum due is paid forthwith we will instruct our Solucitors to proceed to recover the amount with costs."

Letter P.H. 8I00/4I of I6th March I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health referring to the Council's letter of 3Ist July last in the same matter stating "that further representations have been made by that Department (Pathology) regarding the prolonged delay" in the settlement of this matter and requesting early attention to it.

Clerk reported having sent copy of each letter to the Council's Solicitors.

Adjourned for Solicitors advice.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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TUESDAY I4th DAY OF APRIL I942

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 the special business of which notice was duly sent each Member, including the Estimate of monies required for the services of the Poor Rate for the financial year ending 3Ist March I943.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, T. Martin, T. Cooney, J. Callaghan, W. Ronan, J. Murphy, P.C., T. Redmond, J. Murphy, (Bridge) J.E. Walsh, J. Brewer.

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

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of Dr. W.F. Hearne, New Ross, on his demise, the relatives of Thomas Butler, retired Sanitary Sub Officer on his demise and to the Town Clerk and Mrs. Barry on the demise of Mrs. Kelly, Glanworth, Co. Cork.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Patrick Browne, Bewley Street, on his demise.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Chairman having read the Minutes of the last Meeting of this Committee referred to the **stalemate created** by reason of the disagreement of the Committee in the matter of service of Notices to Quit on Rent Defaulters. In his, Chairman's,opinion there should be no hesitation in using every available power to collect the arrears. There was no earthly use in employing the Finance Committee on the consideration of those arrears unless a serious effort was made by the Council to help the collection.

Mr. Cooney stated he had no objection to service on selected persons - those who could afford to pay and would not. Then again the arrears should be considerable.

A discussion took place during which it appeared the majority of the Council could not understand the attitude of Mr. Cooney. There should be no distinction. All had received notice that this question would come before the Council. Only four had interviewed the Town Clerk and he had accepted not unreasonable settlements.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was decided to have the Notices to Quit served on all on list excepting any who had proposed settlements or who might do so meantime.

Chairman then referred to the matter of the employment of men by the Sanitary Inspector on other than disinfecting work.

Mr. O'Grady - Inspector - stated the Finance Committee were wrong in the statement that he had received an increase in salary of I0/- per week. The Council appointed him to the permanent post which was advertised at £3. I0. 0 per week which is his present remuneration. He had no notice this matter would be discussed.

Town Surveyor under date I0th March I942 - handed in at this Meeting I4th April I942 - reported as follows :-

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"I interviewed Mr. Lang, of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, regarding the apparent overlapping of the duties of the Water Inspector as proposed and those already defined for the Waterworks Caretaker.

The situation will be clarified by adding to paragraph (2) after the words pipeline "from New Ross"to Ballyleigh).

Also by adding to paragraph (6) after the words - extensions &c. "on the distribution system and on pipe-line."

Regarding the Water-tower at Irishtown it is of the first importance that this should be inspected daily and reports regarding contents, inflow and outflow noted and furnished each day, as this unit is regarded as the barometer of the entire system.

If attended to a shortage may be prevented and defects promptly discovered. If not serious consequences may ensue."

Chairman,
Replying to the/Town Surveyor stated he was not receiving daily reports from the Water Inspector.

Replying to the Chairman, Water Inspector stated he inspected the Water Tower daily, reported weekly and in the interm whenever there was a serious drop in the tower. He was waiting on the particulars of his work. the Council had already decided on daily inspection and report to the Town Surveyor whenever the Tower indicated a serious drop. Town Clerk reported the Council and the Department were waiting on the Town Surveyor's reply to the Department's communication of many months ago. The report from the Town Surveyor is the first time a reply was received.

The Chairman, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Murphy, P.C. contended there should be a daily report.

Mr. Cooney said this was rediculous. Daily inspection only was agreed to and necessary and a report when something serious shewed would be quite sufficient.

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

"That daily inspection of the Water Tower and daily report to the Town Surveyor form part of the duties of the Water Inspector."

After a long discussion Mr. Walsh withdrew his proposition.

No order.

It was decided to forward paragraphs (2) (3) and (4) of the Town Surveyor's report to the Department.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The Advice Notes were then signed by the Chairman, Mr. J.E. Walsh and Mr. J. Murphy, P.C. and the amounts were ordered to be paid as soon as possible.

EXTENSION OF RATE COLLECTION.

Under date I3th April I942 Collector, Miss Finn, reported as

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follows :-

"I beg to submit hereunder particulars of Rate Collection at 3Ist March I942, viz.,

POOR RATE

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|---|---|---|
| Warrant for year ending 3I/3/42 | | £4246. 2. 4 |
| Lodged to 3Ist/3/42 | £3I28. 0. 0 | |
| Discount allowed to Landlords | 57. 7.I0 | 3I85. 7.I0 |
| | Outstanding | £I060.I4. 6 |

TOWN RATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Warrant for year ending 3I/3/42 | | £4887. 9. 9 |
| Lodged to 3I/3/42 | £3534. 5. 7 | |
| Discount allowed to Landlords | 70.II. 2 | 3604.I6. 9 |
| | Outstanding | £I282. I3. 0 |

Since the 3Ist ult. a sum of £424. 9. 5 has been lodged reducing the total amount outstanding to £I9I8. I8. I which sum includes rate assessed on vacant premises and otherwise uncollectable.

I regret that it has not been possible to close the collection on the 3Ist ult. and I trust in the circumstances that the Council will grant an extension of time."

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

It was unanimously decided to extend the collection to the 3Ist May I942.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME.

Mr. Cooney stated that since the opening of the schools the children were not getting cocoa or butter.

Decided that the matter be brought to the notice of the School Meals Committee - Mr. Murphy stating the schools had only re-opened a few days ago and that the Committee were considering substituting milk for cocoa. The Committee found butter scarce and were looking for jam.

WINDING TOWN CLOCK.

Clerk reported calling on the two clock makers in the town in connection with this business. No offer had been received from Messrs Schelbys and Mr. Brooks offered to wind the Clock for one year for £I0.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to accept the offer provided Mr. Brooks undertook the ordinary repairs.

COMPLAINT BY CULLEN BROS.

Letter dated I6th March I942 was read from above that as a result of demolition of two Council houses on the Bullawn their property adjoining is subject to continuous and destructive trespass and requesting the Council to take steps to prevent same by reconstruction of fence. Also to have dangerous parts of old wall adjoining their

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house occupied by Miss Kinsella taken down.

Decided to consult the Council's Solicitors on the Council's obligations.

FREE MILK SCHEME

Clerk reported a visit from the County Medical Officer of Health to Mr. Butler's home at Newtown with a view to obtaining a reduction in his tender for milk supply from I/8 to I/6 per gallon in accordance with the Department's instructions. Mr. Butler agreed.

Letter P.H. 8212/42 of 4th April 1942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health sanctioning the amended tender from Mr. Butler at I/6 per gallon.

OFFERS FOR MANURE.

Two tenders were received. One from Mrs. Kelly, The Wood, Camblin and the other from Mr. Kennedy, Arnestown. Both offered 37/- per heap.

Decided to advertise 3 heaps of manure for removal within three months.

FUEL ACCOUNT

SANCTION TO FURTHER OVERDRAFT

TENDER FOR FURTHER SUPPLIES.

Letter G.9419/42 of 2nd April 1942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that "there would be no objection to the Council's proposal that the overdraft should be on current account provided there is a special account in the books of the Council to which all transactions relating to the provision of firewood are posted. The Special Account with the Treasurer may, in that case be closed. Sanction to overdraft of £200 on the current account is attached.

No order.

Only one tender was received for further supplies in reply to the Council's Press Advertisement. Mr. Deane Drake, Stokestown, tendered for delivery in New Ross of Forty tons (40) Oak, Beech, Ash or Deal cut in logs or blocks 11" x 6" x 6" or thereabouts @ 37/- per ton delivery as early as possible.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

The offer was accepted.

Mr. Cooney stated the timber lying in the store should now be disposed of as there was a scarcity in the town. Several Members agreed.

The Town Surveyor stated the Council decided to hold the stocks as an iron ration.

Moved by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to dispose of the firewood should the necessity arise (shortage in town supplies) at the current price of £2 per ton. Dockets to be obtained and handed to the Collector for distribution on receipt of 2/- per cwt.

POOR RATE ADOPTED FOR 1942/43

Clerk reported having sent each Member a printed copy of the estimate

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for this rate.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murphy the rate of 9/- in the £ was adopted.

WALL AT FAIR GATE

Mr. Murphy drew attention to the dangerous state of the wall adjoining the Fair Green attached to the gardens of Council's houses.

Ordered that Town Surveyor inspect and that tenders be obtained for removal of the top portion of the wall.

VANDALISM

Mr. Murphy stated the Council should by resolution condemn the blackguardly destruction of private and public property in the town. The Civic Guards appear to be powerless to prevent this vandalism. Railings are torn from newly constructed protective rails on High Hill; doors of shops are mutilated - cut with penknives. Walls torn down.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was resolved to condemn this wanton destruction and to again bring it to the notice of the Garda Siochanna. Also to ask the County Council to repair the damaged railings and restore the stolen part.

SLAUGHTER LICENCE

William Aidan Ronan, Mountgarret, applied for and was granted a licence to slaughter.

Mr. John Ronan, Mountgarret, applied for and was granted permission to re-open a Slaughter House at Mountgarret subject to satisfactory report of the Veterinary Inspector.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

Messrs Cullen and Sons tendered for Rate Collection Books 2 of Ordinary and 2 of Small Dwellings @ £4. 5. 0.

Messrs Moran Bros tendered @ £3. I7. 6.

Messrs Cullen & Sons tendered for I4 Free Milk Books of I00 pages each @ 2/4.

Messrs Moran Bros. tendered at 2/- each.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The lowest tenders were accepted.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS

Letter H. 2305/3/42 of Ist April I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister "has caused to be paid to the Treasurer of your Local Authority the following sums towards recoupment of the loss sustained by them in providing allotments for unemployed persons. Amount paid £I20. I4. 0."

No order.

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Under date I7th March I942 Town Surveyor reported enclosing map of new lands acquired marked in allotments.

Letter 30th March I942 was read from Mr. Eamon Kissane, T.D.,B.L., that he could not work the allotment given him.

Clerk reported that only one applicant out of 6 took an allotment for employed persons. Browne's field was teken to accommodate them and the Council would not have been asked to take this field but for the applications. The 7 were,however, given to unemployed who were eligible.

No order.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940

The Town Surveyor's report dated I0th March I942 adjourned from last Meeting was not read.

Ordered that each Member be supplied with a copy for next Meeting.

All other correspondence relative to this matter and the application of the Wexford Board of Health were likewise adjourned.

Mr. J.M. Hearne, Chilcomb House, wrote acknowledging receipt of the Council's sympathy on the occasion of the death of his wife.

A.R.P.

Letter dated 2Ist March I942 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health requesting information of quantity of kerosene purchased for First Aid Post.

Letter dated I9th March I942 was read from the County Secretary intimating the forwarding of steel helmets for firefighting, rescue and decontamination squads and asking if the number are sufficient.

Clerk notified the Council nothing had been done under A.R.P. for the town. The Council should arrange to meet officials of the County Council and discuss ways and means.

It was decided to ask the County Council Officials to meet the Council.

Black Out Arrangements.

Letter 20th March I942 was read from the County Secretary regarding above and asking for proposals and estimates relative to A.R.P./I798 of I6th January I942.

Clerk reported he had sent a copy to Town Surveyor but had not had his report and estimate. A copy of the Department's requirements was also sent him on receipt by the Council.

Ordered that Town Surveyor attend to this matter now.

DERELICT SITES

Clerk reported not having received a reply from the Town Surveyor relative to the Department's communication L.3460/2/42 of 2Ist February I942 to enable the Council to reply fully to this communication.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 5 o'clock this evening to consider the Clerk's Estimates of the monies required for the services provided for by the Town and Domestic Water Rates for the year ending 3Ist March I943.

Present:- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding, and Thomas Martin.

The Chairman intimated inability to attend due to a cold.

The Town Surveyor was requested by the Clerk to attend in connection with the scheme proposed by him under the Fire Brigades Act I940 - copy of which was circulated to the Members of the Council.

ESTIMATES.

TOWN RATE AND DOMESTIC WATER RATE

Presiding Chairman having read the Estimates referred to the press reports of similar Bodies as the Urban Council and stated a majority percentage disclosed a reduced rate of a considerable amount. The Poor Rate dropped for the first time in many years. The Council should not be asked for an increased rate this year but rather hoped for a reduction. Last year £240 was laid aside as not required for the Road Relief Grant and no new works had been undertaken.

The Estimates were then duly submitted by the Clerk. The valuation of the Urban Area had dropped from £I0029. 6. 0 to £9969. 6. 0 thereby increasing the rate in the £. The effective valuation is £9I20 or equivalent to £38 for one penny rate, for the purposes of the Estimates. The Total Expenditure is estimated as £I0I97. 0. 0 and the Income £5025. 0. 0 leaving £5I72. 0. 0 to be found by the Town Rate. A rate of II/4 in the £ produces £5I68 to meet this net expenditure. An increase of I/4 in the £ on last year.

LOANS EXPENDITURE

Outstanding Loans amount to £65643. I4. 9 and require £5555. 0. 0 - subject to Government Subsidy estimated at £I200. Of the Loans Housing totals £54024. I5. 0. £I762. 4. 6 is due still on the I9I2 and I9I3 Cockpit Lane Schemes. The balance starts with I930 and ends with I938 schemes. Total to meet Housing Loans required £3509 leaving £2046. 0. 0 to be found to meet other Loans. Waterworks accounts for £680. I0. 0 - the old loans of I907 and I908 taking £36I. 0. 0 of this as there is still £I683. 2. 8 outstanding. The Water Tower costs £I50 and the Filter £8I yearly. Borrowing for Streets takes £439. 0. 0. The £2000 loan is now reduced to half and will be met in five years. Sewerage will cost £509. I0. 0 which includes £I09. I0. 0 of I9I3 to I9I6 sewerage schemes. Provision is also made in this figure for new borrowing of £600 to complete the last Sewerage Scheme. The balance is made up of miscellaneous loans repayment, including a sum of £I58 for the purchase of equipment for a town Fire Brigade estimated by the Town Surveyor at £II32.

NORMAL EXPENDITURE.

Road Maintenance £225. School Meals £200 as against £I30 last Year. Immunization against Diphtheria £50 - last year nil. Public Lighting £330. Scavenging Contract £600. Derelict Sites Act £250 - last year nil. Law Costs £200 - last year £I00. Allotments Acts £30 - last year nil. Salaries - including Rent and Rate Collector and Town Clerk's Assistant but excluding Superannuation to late Sanitary Sub-Officer £II00. 0. 0. Uncollectable Rate, Vacant Premises and Discount to owners of Small Dwellings £575. Rent, Rates and Taxes, Office Expenses, Notification of Diseases, Free Milk Grant Expenses, Port Sanitary Authority, St. Stephen's Cemetery, Disinfecting, Printing, Advertising and Stationery remain unaltered at last year's estimates excepting Notification of Diseases £20

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increase. St. Stephen's Cemetery £5 increase. Fire Brigades Act £I56 - last year nil.

Repairs to Dwellings require a minimum of £I50. Property £50. Sewers and Watermains £200. Town Clock £I0 and Weighbridge £30. £30 as a final collection to refund overpayment to Railway Company completes the list totalling £4642. 0. 0.

INCOME

The following estimates are expected :-

Sanitary Salaries £35. School Meals £I00. Domestic Water Rate £420. Rents of Artizan's Dwellings (exclusive of rates) £2500. Estate £I85. Waterworks £375. Dividends on Investments and Bank Interest on current account £98. Loan Charges £I200. Priory Street Houses £45. Board of Health Fire Fighting Agreement £30. Housing Grant, Manure Sales, Ashpits, Petrol Licences, Weighbridges amount to £37. Total Estimated Income £5052. 0. 0.

Committee having considered each item decided to -

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| Delete expenditure on Fire Brigade in view of the existance of equipment under A.R.P. within the Urban Area. Amount | | £I58. |
| Reduce School Meals by | | £ 40. |
| Reduce Notification of Diseases by | | £ 30. |
| Do. Public Lighting by | | £ 20. |
| Delete Derelict Sites Act. Amount | | £250. |
| Do. Fire Brigade Expenses | | £I56. |
| Do. Allotments Acts | | £ 30. |
| Reduce Sewers and Watermains by | | £ 50. |
| Do. Uncollectable Rate by | | £ 50. |
| | | £784. |
| Less | | |
| Compensating reduction in Income of :- | | |
| School Meals | £20 | |
| Board of Health Agreement | £30 | 50. |
| | | £734. |

Committee considered the Estimates are now at a minimum and recommend the Council to avoid all but essential expenditure so as to keep the rates within reasonable limits. To facilitate this Committee recommend the Council to refer all Reports involving expenditure not tendered for to the following Meeting unless the Reports are in sufficient time to be placed on the Agenda for the Meeting. The Reports to contain full Specifications and Estimates.

The total rate last year was £I. 0. 7 in the £. By foregoing reductions and deletions a Town Rate of 9/8 in the £ will be required as against II/4 estimated for. Committee are satisfied 9/6 should meet the net expenditure.

The Committee then adopted a rate of 9/6 in the £.and a Water Rate of I/6 in the £. with a minimum of I0/-.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 5th DAY OF MAY I942

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council convened to be held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the Clerk's Estimates of the monies required for the services provided for by the Town and Domestic Water Rates for the year ending the 3Ist day of March I943 and the Finance Committee's Recommendations thereon was abandoned for want of a quorum.

Present :- Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan and T. Cooney.

Waiting until after 8 o'clock

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

It was decided to adjourn the Meeting to Tuesday the I2th day of May I942 at 7.30 O'clock p.m.

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MONDAY IIth DAY OF MAY I942

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. Cooney, Presiding and J. Murphy, Bridge.

BILLS.

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

E.S.B. £24. 5. 2; Dr. Kissane 3/6; Dr. Quigley I0/-; L. Barron £4. 9. 6; James Lalor £I. II. 8; T.J. Dunphy £38. I6. 8; Peter Murphy £8. 7. I0; M. Charters £I0. I5. 2; P. Hickey £I. I6. 9; E.S.B. £3. 3. I; E.S.B. £4. 9. II; Waterford Port Sanitary Authority £I0. 8. 0; A. Nolan £I. I0. 0; J.S. Butler £34. 9. 0; Municipal Conference £3. 3. 0; Mrs. Peter Murphy, New Ross 3/-; Moran Bros. I3/6; Peter Gahan £I. I5. 0; P. Gahan £40. I. 8; E.A. Finn £I5. 8. 2.

WINDING TOWN CLOCK.

Bill was received from Mr. Marcus Roche for above from 3Ist December I94I to 3Ist March I942 £I. 5. 0 being three months over Contract period.

Payment recommended.

FREE MILK FEES.

Home Assistance Officer L. Barron submitted account for balance of fees to 3Ist March I942 £4. 9. 6.

Payment recommended subject to Certificate of County Medical Officer of Health.

MR. PETER GAHAN'S ACCOUNTS.

CERTIFICATES OF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Bills £2. 3. 0 Washing Fair Green, Irishtown and Rosbercon, £I. I5. 0. Cleansing of Ashpits (February), £I. I5. 0 (March) were presented certified by Mr. O'Grady.

Clerk reported having sent the account to the Town Surveyor who returned them for Mr. O'Grady's Certificate to be thereafter sent back to him for his certificate.

Payment recommended. In Committee's opinion the Inspector's certificate is adequate.

£I9. 7. 9. F. Hartrick's Accounts

Dated from I4th May I94I to 8th January I942 bills totalling above amount [illegible] returned to the Clerk on the I7th April I942 and were held up further for Mr. O'Grady's Certificates on some of the bills - were examined.

Payment recommended. Committee considered this work appeared to belong to the Town Surveyor's department and should in future not be undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND.

Letter dated 24th April I942 was read from the Secretary requesting to "arrange to forward the County Council balance of demand for I94I/42

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also amount of Roads Demand for same year.

Clerk reported that at the end of March I942 only one quarter remained due which is usual pending the closing of the rates collection. The Council should retain sufficient funds to meet the £23I8 Annuities due to the Board of Works on loans as well as sufficient to meet current liabilities. The Committee were in a position to pay the £225 on the Roads Demand.

Payment of £225 recommended.

£I26. I4. 7 Costs.

Letter dated 29th April I942 was read from the Council's Solicitors enclosing Certificate of taxation of their costs for the year ending 3Ist March I94I.

Letter dated 23rd April I942 was read from Mr. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, that he appeared on the taxation and his fee £4. 4. 0 was paid by Council's Solicitors and is included in above amount.

Certificate was produced.

Payment recommended as soon as funds permit.

SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY.

Letter P.H. 8I00/42 of 23rd April I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requiring the present position in the matter of the bill from above.

Clerk reported he had replied that the Solicitors had the matter in hands.

GRAZING OF CHAMBERSLAND DUMP.

Letter dated 28th April I942 was read from Mr. John Ryan, Ard-na-Grein offering I/- per week for above.

Recommended refusal as Committee considered this letting would lead to trespass &c.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF MR. O'GRADY.

BILL FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.

Clerk reported a visit from Inspector Leahy of the National Health Insurance Section of Department of Local Government and Public Health re above. Clerk stated to Inspector the Department was considering the whole question and he, Clerk, would be in a position to reply fully to the Department's communication P.H.3I62/42 of 9th February I942 before next Council Meeting.

Adjourned.

CLERK'S REPORT.

James O'Donnell, Bawnjames Camp, only completed his Bond and Agreement for house No. 2I Town Wall on 8th May I942. Thomas Reville signed the Bond alone and accepted full responsibility under the Bond. The keys of this house are still with the Town Surveyor and rent will not be due pending the handing of the keys to the tenant.

Seamus Furlong, Mary Street, called and stated he could not take up the tenancy of No. 52 Charleton Hill pending repairs to house.

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A good deal of the Auditor's time at the Audit was taken up with comparing the dates on the Agreements, the date the tenant took up occupation and the actual payment of rent and he recommended that to avoid future explanations - which would be unnecessary - the Council should arrange that there should be no difficulty in checking the rental and vouching the amounts due.

Recommended that the present system of advertising vacant houses on receipt of notice from the outgoing tenant be discontinued and that the vacant house be advertised after the Town Surveyor certifies it is ready for occupation provided there is reasonable time for the advertisement before the next Meeting of the Council.

ARREARS OF RENT.

Clerk reported as follows :- The arrears on 3I/3/42 were £62I. I4. 8. Rents accrued during April £247. I9. 3. Total £869. I3. II. Payments £253. I5. 8. Arrears at end of April £6I5. I8. 3. He submitted a list of tenants in arrears as follows :-

Rent 2/II per week - William Street

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|---|---|
| Mary Canterbury | £3. I6. 7 |
| Martin Malone | 2. 0. I |
| Bridget Rochford | 3. 9. I |
| Thomas Blanche | I. 2. 9 |
| Michael Martin | 2. 6. 5 |

Rent 2/II per week - Church Lane

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|---|---|
| Michael Connolly | £6. 2. 5 |
| Bryan Hennessy | 2. I2. 5 |

Rent 2/II per week - Follyhouse Lane

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|---|---|
| Martin Kehoe | £I. 8. 5 |
| Nicholas Cashin | 4. I. 5 |
| Laurence Morrissey | I. 2.II |
| William Carty | I. 4. 2 |
| Kate Furness | 3. I4. 8 |
| Mrs. A. Ryan | 3. 9. 8 |
| Arthur Carroll | I. 6. 8 |

Rent 3/I0 per week - William Street

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|---|---|
| Timothy Carty | £7. 4. 7 |
| Mary Martin | I. I2. 5 |
| Ellen Martin | I. 5. 8 |
| Ellen Rochford | 2. 9. 9 |
| Mary O'Keeffe | 5. 4. 8 |
| Mary O'Neill | 2. 2. 4 |
| Patrick Murphy | 2. 0. 2 |

Rent 3/I0 per week - Cockpit Lane

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|---|---|
| Patrick Grace | £2. I0. 7 |
| Joseph Furlong | 2. I4. 7 |
| John Fleming | 2. I3.II |

Rent 3/I0 per week - Cross Lane

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| Mary Cotton | £2. I5. 5 |
| Mary Connolly | 2. I7.I0 |

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Rent 4/5 per week - Buneen Lane

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|---|---|
| Kathleen North | £3. I0. I |

Rent 4/5 per week - Cockpit Lane

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|---|---|
| Robert Doyle | £2. I2. 4 |

Rent 4/7 per week - Buneen Lane

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|---|---|
| Ellen Cullen | £I. I9. II |
| Annie Peare | 3. I3. 9 |
| Kate Hanlon | 3. II. 8 |
| James Ryan | 2. 3. 7 |

Rent 8/6 per week - Town Wall

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|---|---|
| John Ryan | £9. 9. 6 |
| James Ryan | 3. 7. 8 |
| William Ryan | 7. 9. I0 |
| J. Cosgrave | 3. 5. 7 |
| Mary Flynn | 8. I6. 2 |
| John Shea | 6. I. 0 |

Rent I0/9 per week - Town Wall

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|---|---|
| Mary A. Roche | £I7. 2. 7 |

Rent I2/6 per week - Charleton Hill

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|---|---|
| Michael Breheny | £5. I3. 0 |
| Patrick Roche | 9. 2. 6 |
| John O'Brien | 5. I2. 6 |
| S.J. Frizelle | I9. 7. 6 |

No payment on Ranges Account for the month.

Committee should bear in mind that service of Notice to Quit terminated the Sureties Liability on the Bond after the date of the service and new Sureties would be required thereafter.

Recommended that twelve names be selected by the Clerk for Notice to Quit, the selection to be confined to those owing the higher amounts taking into consideration the weekly rent and that the notices be served after notification of same to the tenants.

Mr. C. Hall, Ard-na-Greine, wrote on the I5th April that his arrears is not £6. 8. 5 but £3. I4. 8. This is now paid. It would have been paid sooner if the book he left in the Office had been made up and returned to him.

Clerk reported the amount due was £6. 8. 5 at Meeting. He had no knowledge of the book referred to. The Rent Collector issues Receipts and Mr. Hall could have paid the arrears.

Mrs. Hennessy, Church Lane wrote offering 3/- per week on back rent. She paid 6/-.

Committee recommended acceptance.

Mrs. Kate Fleming, Charleton Hill, offered £I after a delay of four weeks which caused the arrears to increase by I6/-. Clerk refused the offer as it appeared unreasonable.

Committee agreed.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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TUESDAY I2th DAY OF MAY I942

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business, including financial, pursuant to the provisions of the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act I854, Local Government Acts and the various powers enabling. The Special business transacted was duly notified.

An Adjourned Special Meeting of the Council was also held to adopt the Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate as adopted by the Finance Committee.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, John Murphy, (Bridge), Thomas Redmond, Thomas Martin, J.E. Walsh, James Brewer and Thomas Cooney.

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

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of condolence was passed to Councillor Callaghan on the death of his sister, Mrs. Buggy, recently.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

A vote of sympathy was passed on the demise of Mr. Grace, Neville Street.

It was decided to adjourn the Meeting to the 26th instant after transacting urgent business.

Town Clerk informed the Council the following Members of the Council were disqualified under Section 57 of the Local Government Act I94I :- John Murphy, John Street, New Ross, Vincent A. Doyle, Quay Street, New Ross, James Prendergast, The Quay, New Ross, and James Rossiter, Priory Street, New Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Chairman vacancies were declared for each seat and instructions given to post the notice on the outside of the door leading from the Town Clerk's Public Office to the small private office and that the vacancies be filled at a Meeting of the Council to be held on TUESDAY the 26th day of May I942 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

ADOPTION OF TOWN RATE AND DOMESTIC WATER RATE

Chairman having read the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee - held to adopt a Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate on 4th May I942.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the loss to the rates of the Weighbridge on the Quay. The Estimated Expenditure was £30 and the Income £5. 0. 0. Surely the Council should increase the tariff as the rates charged must be very small. He moved that the scale be revised and that the Clerk advise the next following Finance Committee of the present rates.

Clerk advised the Council to increase the charges or sell the Weighbridge.

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Chairman said the Weighbridge was necessary.

Town Surveyor stated the Weighbridge was obsolete for the work required at present.

There was no seconder to Mr. Cooney's motion and the matter dropped.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

The Recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was resolved unanimously

"That this Council formally adopt a Town Rate of 9/6 in the £ on the effective valuation of the Urban District for the services of the financial year ending on 3Ist March I943 and a Domestic Water Rate of I/6 in the £ on the valuation of all premises supplied from the public water supply with a minimum rate of I0/- per annum."

FIRE FIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Clerk asked the Meeting to definitely say if the Council intended to enter into the proposed Agreement with the Board of Health. The Rates Estimates were cut by two figures - the repayment of loan if the Council adopted the Town Surveyor's Scheme to purchase £II32 of equipment,(Town Surveyor's document setting out how this figure of £II32 was arrived at was in each Councillor's hand for weeks) and the annual expected outlay having taken credit for the expected £30 retainer fee from the Board of Health. By the adoption of the recommendations of the Finance (Rates) Committee the Council has made no provision beyond the ordinary for fire fighting.

Town Surveyor stated the Council could not undertake the Agreement unless the suitable equipment advised by him was acquired.

It was decided to inform the Board of Health definitely that the Council has no equipment to undertake the Agreement with the Board of Health. In the Council's opinion purchase of further equipment was unnecessary since the Council was fully equipped for ordinary firefighting and as A.R.P. Authority for War Emergency firefighting according to the advice of their Town Surveyor as conveyed in the document referred to.

SALE OF MANURE EX DUMP.

The following tendered per advertisement for one heap of manure each @ £2. 0. 0. John Hanlon, I9, Irishtown, New Ross, Edward Browne, Creacon, Patrick Kelly, The Wood, Camblin, Philip Nowlan, Maudlins. Mr. Kennedy, Arnestown, tendered at 37/6.

By Agreement it was decided to draw lots between the offers of £2. and the offers of Messrs E. Browne, P. Nowlan and P. Kelly were accepted.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS

TENDERS FOR SPRAYING MATERIALS

Messrs Reville Bros, B. Hennessy, and Flemings tendered at 3/6

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per packet for Soltosan.

The result by lot - agreed method of decision - was that Messrs B. Hennessy got the Contract.

SCAVENGING FOR THE YEAR.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

"That the Scavenging of the town and other works associated per the Specification agreed to last year be by Contract."

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin

" That the Scavenging, &c., be carried out by direct labour."

The voting resulted

For the Amendment :- Messrs Cooney & Martin

Against :- Messrs Murphy, Redmond, Brewer, Walsh and the Chairman.

The original motion having been put the voting resulted the same and the Chairman declared the original motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to have the advertisement duly inserted in the New Ross Standard & Free Press for decision at next Meeting (adjourned) to be held on 26th May I942.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The recommendations of this Committee - IIth May I942-were adopted in so far as the payment of bills are concerned only.

The Treasurer's Advice Notes were then duly signed by the Chairman and Messrs J.E. Walsh and T. Cooney, and the amounts ordered to be paid as funds permit.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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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 complete the business, including special business, of Meeting held on the I2th May I942 and further Special business viz :-

I. Tenders for Scavenging for the ensuing year.

2. Election of four Councillors to fill the offices vacant by reason of Section 57 of the Local Government Act I94I.

Present :- Messrs P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman, J. Callaghan, T. Cooney, T. Martin, J.E. Walsh and T. Redmond.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Joseph Brewer, Irishtown on the death of his son.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Section 57 Local Government Act I94I

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

Mr. V.A. Doyle was elected to fill the vacancy created by himself under above Act.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Martin

Mr. James Prendergast was elected to fill the vacancy created by himself under above Act.

Replying to Chairman, Clerk advised that a person may not obviously be proposed and elected to an office without his prior consent. The Person must seek election.

A.R.P. Clerk applied on behalf of the Council as the A.R.P. Authority for the sole use of the Large Room, Tholsel, to store equipment, to hold meetings, etc., during the Emergency.

Mr. Cooney objected. There was no place in the town to hold Meetings and the Ratepayers of the town owned the Room.

Clerk's application was granted - Mr. Cooney objecting.

SCAVENGING CONTRACT - TENDERS: Clerk reported due advertisement in the Free Press, New Ross Standard and Enniscorthy Echo.

The following tenders were received and read :-

"I hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows :-

I. As specified in paragraphs Nos. 4, 5 and 6 at £I. I0. 0 per day.
2. Cleansing of surface traps, cutting of grass &c. at 27/- per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits at Six Shillings each.
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory at Six Shillings per week.
5. (a) Washing Irishtown after Fair days at per wash £I. I0. 0
   (b) Washing of Rosbercon after Fair days at per wash I2/-.
6. COnveying of materials at 5/- per ton.

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Such works to be executed in accordance with the conditions set out in the said Contract and Specification and I name James Rossiter, Ely's Walks, New Ross whose letter of willingness is attached to enter into a joint and several Bond with me/us for £200 for due performance.

Patrick Rossiter,
I9 Cross Street,
New Ross.
26th May I942."

"I Peter Gahan hereby tender and undertake to carry out works as described in Specification as follows :-

I. As specified in paragraphs Nos. 4, 5 and 6 at £I per day.
2. Cleansing of surface traps, cutting of grass &c. at £I per week.
3. Cleansing of Ashpits at 6/- each
4. Cleansing of Public Lavatory at 4/- per week.
5. (a) Washing Irishtown after Fair days at per wash £I.
   (b) Washing of Rosbercon after Fair days at per wash I5/-
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 Richard Cleary, John Street and John Maher, South Street whose letter of willingness is attached to enter into a joint and several Bond with me/us for £200 for due performance.

Peter Gahan,
Priory Street.
25/5/42. "

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin the lowest tender was duly accepted.

Mr. Redmond contended the scavenging work was badly done during the year. He knew their officials were there to supervise the work and hence the Council had no option but to accept the lowest tender.

Chairman read in reference the first paragraph of the letter P.H.I3203/37 of the 22nd February I937 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health "that the Scavenging of the town is done by contract and as the Town Surveyor must certify for payment to the Contractor it would appear to be the responsibility of the latter officer to see that the work is done properly."

Town Surveyor stated he accepted the responsibility. He had warned the Contractor from time to time and on the whole there was a great improvement.

The Clerk was instructed to have the necessary documents prepared by the Solicitors - the Council having accepted Messrs R. Cleary of John Street, New Ross and John Maher of South Street, New Ross, as Sureties.

CORPORATE PROPERTY - SALE OF PRIORY STREET HOUSES: Chairman stated that the Council failed to let these two residences notwithstanding the very small rent. A lot of money had been expended on re-roofing and internal repairs. In his opinion the Council should offer both houses for sale - the requisite preliminaries having been undertaken.

Clerk advised that the Solicitors might be engaged as the sale of corporate property involved the consent of the Minister and other matters.
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to instruct the Council's Solicitors to undertake disposal of this property in accordance with the regulations.

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HOUSE LEASED TO MISS HENNESSY: Rent Collector reported under date 2Ist May I942 as follows :-

"Re Premises at Priory Street - Miss M.A. Hennessy

I have been making repeated applications to the above for ground rent on premises which she holds at Priory Street without success. The amount due to 25th March last is £22. I6. 0. (annual rent £4.4.0)

The rates on these premises are also due and I have today received a letter from her Solicitor, Messrs Colfer & Son, asking me to withold proceedings as their client has given instructions to have the property put up for sale by Private Treaty, out of which they undertake to pay the amount due.

I shall be glad to have instructions as to what steps I am to take regarding the recovery of the rent."

Clerk reported that on receipt he wrote the Council's Solicitors to protect the Council's interests both before and after the sale.

Approved.

RATES - EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COLLECTION : Letter G.4502/2/42 of the 7th May I942 was read from the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister "is not prepared to approve of this extension"(to 3Ist May I942)."The Collector should now be called upon to close her warrants forthwith by the lodgment of all amounts outstanding." The Department requested to be furnished with Form 6I showing the position of the collection on the 30th ultimo.

Clerk reported he informed the Collector on receipt of the letter.

Noted.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES : Letters 24th April I942 G. 2I26/7/42 and G.II588/42 of the 5th May I942 were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting copies of Poor Rate and Town Rate Estimates for the ensuing year.

Clerk reported having sent the Poor Rate Estimates on 27th April I942 and he would send the copy Town Rates forthwith which were made only on I2th May I942.

Noted.

PLOT AT J.K.L. PLACE: Mrs. Culleton, 24 Bewley Street, New Ross applied for use of this waste plot.

Clerk stated this was a commons at present.

Decided that Chairman & Town Surveyor inspect same and report.

NATIONAL FREE MILK SCHEME: P.H. Circ. 36/42 of Ist May I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting return of forms F.M.2 and F.M.5.

Clerk reported the forms were returned Ist May I942.

Notification P.H. 4I59/9/42 of 7th May I942 was read from the same of issue of £I00 recoupment year I942/43 Ist instalment.

Clerk reported receipt and lodgment 9th May I942.

DERELICT SITES ACTS

Letter 2Ist April I942 was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors that premises in Chapel Lane in the ownership of Mrs. Hickey are in a dangerous state owing to the activities of children removing some of

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the stones. She offered the premises to the Council for £I0 and they asked the present position.

Decided that Chairman, Council's Solicitors, and Town Surveyor inspect and report.

VALUATION APPEALS : Acknowledgment of Notices of Appeal from Bridget Lalor, 7 Charles Street, New Ross was read and noted.

DEFECTIVE FENCING AT BULLAWN: Letter 24th April I942 was read from the Council's Solicitors that they would like to inspect this fence with the Chairman and Clerk before giving advice on the letter from Mr. Cullen (Owner of property) to the Council.

Decided that when inspecting the other sites and fences the Chairman and Town Surveyor accompany the Solicitors.

FLOODING OF PRIORY STREET PREMISES : Miss Finn complained under date 25/5/42 that the back premises of her house at Priory Street is badly flooded for some days past by surface water coming from the Council's house next door. She required the matter remedied.

Town Surveyor was ordered to inspect and report.

WELL AT CHILCOMB: Letter 20th April I942 was read from Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors as follows :- "We are in receipt of your letter of the I8th instant. There is no legal obligation on the owner of chilcomb Park to provide facilities for a water supply to the public. The public have a proscriptive right to enter the lands to take water, as they have been doing there for many years and Major Paget may not prevent them doing so. Unfortunately he has been out of the country for some years and we are managing his property under Power of Attorney. Under this document we have not power to make any ex gratia concessions."

A discussion ensued. Chairman held the water is in use for over I00 years and is at present only used for human consumption by two families. A paling round the well would protect cattle from disturbing the water. Town Surveyor advised that the Council was bound to protect the well as a public well. Clerk advised the Council to do as directed by the County Medical Officer of Health i.e. have a public fountain placed as near as possible. There was no obligation to protect this well - they could close it down for human consumption on the report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Decided that Chairman and Town Surveyor inspect and make recommendations.

SALE OF FOODS AND DRUGS ACTS : Report of the 8th May I942 was read from Superintendent Feeney, Garda Siochana. There was one prosecution for adulterated milk and the penalty was £2. II. 6. 8 samples of whole milk, 9 od butter, and one of cheese were taken.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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FRIDAY 5th JUNE I942

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this ~~this~~ evening at 5 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council and to consider Schedules of Uncollected Rates pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Mr. Thomas Cooney, Presiding and Mr. William B. Ronan.

BILLS: The following accounts were presented, examined and recommended for payment :- P. Gahan, £3. 6. 8; P. Gahan £34. 5. 0; E.A. Finn £II.I0.7; Hibernian Insurance £I5. 9. 6; M. Doyle 5/-; P. Gahan £I. I0. 0; Moran Bros. £I. 9. I0; Dublin Japan Works £4. I7. 6; Moran Bros. £3. I7. 6; People Newspaper £2. II. 0.

Passed subject to Mr. O'Grady's Certificate :- Bill for washing Quay lavatory I3/- from Contractor P.Gahan.

INSURING MACE & MINUTE BOOKS : Letter dated 26th May I942 was read from the Hibernian Insurance suggesting insurance against thefts, etc. Premium £3. 0. 0.

Committee would not recommend acceptance as the Mace, etc., had only a sentimental value.

NEW SCAVENGING CONTRACT : Letter dated today was read from Council's Solicitors that the Contract and Bond were now signed and that the Contract started as on the Ist June I942. In connection with old contract the Town Surveyor submitted certificates up to 26th May I942 but subsequently submitted an additional certificate covering up to Ist June I942 when informed of the advice of the Solicitors.

Clerk reported having sent copy Tender, Specification and date of commencement of Contract to the Town Surveyor.

BILL FROM PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT: Quarterly statement showing £83. II. 7 and an additional I0/- for swabs sent by Dr. Fitzgerald, Rosbercon was presented. Patient Rosaleen Neville, New Ross.

As Solicitors have this matter in hands for a comprehensive advice as to the Council's liability recommended that this statement be sent them.

LOANS ACCOUNT: Application by Council's Treasurers dated 3rd June I942 was read for the sum of £209. 3. 8. Payment recommended.

SEWERAGE LOAN ACCOUNT - INTEREST FOR HALF YEAR TO 30th JUNE I930-ADJUSTMENT

Letter dated 3rd June I942 from same was read as follows :- "I would thank you to let me have paying order for £4. 4. 2 to adjust the above error, as instructed by Mr. Flood, Local Government Auditor, at his recent inspection."

Clerk reported this was statute barred but as the Auditor recommended it and as it was due to a Banker's error in undercharging payment recommended.

WATER TOWER : Account from Contractors, Messrs R.J. Campbell & Co., was again read for £66. 3. 4. As Council's Solicitors have this in hands for a lengthy period recommended that the bill be sent to them.

HIRE OF MEN BY WATER INSPECTOR : Replying to Committee Clerk stated Mr. O'Grady had not submitted a bill since last Meeting.

Recommended that no man be employed on ordinary routine inspection, testing valves or hydrants and that in the event that it becomes necessary for employment the Town Surveyor be consulted. In case of urgency and if the Town Surveyor is not available the Water Inspector may engage a man and report to the Town Surveyor. This is not to apply to disinfecting work.

RENT ARREARS : Letter dated 29th May I942 was read from Council's Solicitors advising (I) "Where the tenant is unable or unwilling to pay his rent and the sureties are not worth suing the tenancy should be terminated by Notice to Quit at once and the tenant ejected and the arrears treated as irrecoverable." (2) "Where the sureties are solvent" "a Civil Bill to recover the amount of arrears""should be served on the tenant and his sureties, and the arrears collected under the decree."

Clerk replying to Presiding Chairman stated that as the Committee were aware he had a number of Notices to Quit on hands. By service of the

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notices where there were solvent sureties, the sureties would be released from the date of the expiry of the Notices to Quit as instructed by the Solicitors. He asked for permission to hold over Notices to Quit in all cases where No. 2 above reasonably applied.

Committee recommended the Council to agree to this and that in future the advice of the Solicitors be carried out.

UNCOLLECTABLE RATES: Collector attended and Committee went into the lists submitted. After careful examination it was recommended :-

I. That sums of Poor Rate £I04. 5. 8 and Poor Rate on Vacant Premises £I44. 6. 6 be cancelled and

2. That Town and Domestic Water Rate £206. I. I0½ and Town and Domestic Water Rate on Vacant Premises £I70. I2. 5 be cancelled and

3. That Poor Rate £266. I7. 3 and Town and Domestic Water Rate £280. I6. 4 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable.

In the carried forward to new Warrants appears sums of £I0. 7. II for Poor Rate and £3. 5. 7 Town Rate uncollected as owners refused to pay giving the reason that the lands were flooded for the period covered by the arrears and also sums of £6. 8. 9 for Poor Rate and £7. I3. II Town Rate due to inability to trace the Owners - This is a Small Dwelling and the question of liability is involved.

Committee recommended that the Solicitors be asked to advise.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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TUESDAY 9th DAY OF JUNE I942

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on today at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact business including financial pursuant to the various Acts enabling.also.

A Special Meeting of the Council was also held on this evening to

I. adopt or otherwise the recommendations of the Finance Committee on Schedules of Uncollected Rates.

2. Make the Poor Rate, Town Rate and Domestic Water Rate for the service of the ensuing financial year.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, presiding (Motion of Mr. Redmond Seconded by Mr. Cooney) T. Redmond, T. Cooney, J. Callaghan, W. Ronan, J. Prendergast.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read.

Letter dated 30th May I942 was read from Mr. V.A. Doyle regretting inability to accept office of Councillor to which he was elected at last Meeting.

Letter dated 9/6/42 was read from the Chairman, Mr. P.N. O'Gorman tendering his resignation and enclosing 2/6 fine.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh it was decided to request both gentlemen to reconsider their decision in view of long association and interest in the town.

Mr. James Prendergast, Quay, New Ross, made the Declaration accepting office of Councillor to which he was elected at last Meeting.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING :

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond Friday the 26th day of June I942 was fixed as the day and date of Annual Meeting and the hour noon o'clock (Eire official time).

FREE MILK SCHEME: Letter P.H. I2692/4I of 20th May I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health :- Subject School Meals Scheme, asking if cocoa and butter are now available or if arrangements made to provide substitutes.

Replying to Mr. Cooney Clerk explained that milk was never given at this period of the school year and it is not possible to provide hot water for cocoa due to war emergency conditions.

Decided to ask School Meals Committee to provide milk where possible.

ROAD STATISTICS I94I/42: Letter 5th June I942 was read from the County Surveyor, W.F. Barry, requesting particulars of annual repayments of loans for Roads Improvement Works.

Clerk reported having duly replied and submitted the particulars to the Council which had been forwarded.

Sanctioned.

SCAVENGING CONTRACT I942/3: Letter 8th June I942 was read from Council's Solicitors enclosing stamped Bond for execution by the Council.
Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Callaghan the Seal of the Council was embossed on the Deed and witnessed by the signature of Presiding Chairman.

TRANSFER BACK OF URBAN ROADS : Mr. Cooney proposed that the Council petition the Government through Mr. Corish T.D. to agree to handing back the streets of the town to the Urban Council. There was no seconder.

Mr. Redmond agreed with the Presiding Chairman that nothing should be done to interfere with the existing arrangements. No order.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: Town Clerk stated he had an interview with the County Surveyor and his assistant, Mr. O'Neill, on the Ist June I942 in reference to the flooding of premises complained of by Miss Finn, Priory Street, at last Meeting and also as to the outstanding bad workmanship of closing the road (William St.) by the Urban Council workmen after excavating in a number of places to locate a leak in the water mains. Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor, was present. County Surveyor stated the flooding was attributed to his workmen and stated he was informed the Town Surveyor had given the opinion it was the County Surveyor's job to reinstate the surface after the Urban Council had disturbed it. In fact on inspection the County Surveyor - with the Town Surveyor present found the flooding was due to a choked gully trap continuous to the flooded area. Whilst the cleansing of gully traps and cutting of grass was the job of the County Council-which cost the Urban Council considerably less than last year and the present year when the work was given out on contract - there were no complaints of flooding because the work was attended to and well done. Referring to the holes in William Street due to bad packing and inefficient workmanship the County Surveyor described the work as scandalous.

Town Surveyor agreed the work was bad and suggested that the recent heavy downpour of hail &c., accounted for the flooding and the silting of the gully trap. He also agreed the gullies and grass cutting should remain the work of the County Council. The work of reinstating the road in William Street properly could not be done by him as he had neither equipment or staff.

At Meeting the Town Surveyor repeated his statement.
On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Walsh it was agreed that the County Council undertake to restore the road in William Street the cost to be borne by the Urban Council.

Replying to the Chair, Miss Finn stated the flooding had not abated. Nothing appeared to have been done.

Town Surveyor reported under date 9th May I942 (handed in at Meeting) "The flooding complained of by Miss Finn, Priory Street, appears to arise from overflow of road water at lower William Street. It would be very difficult to entirely prevent this in heavy rainstorms."

Ordered that this matter be attended to immediately.

SALE OF PRIORY STREET HOUSES: Dated Ist June I942 Council's Solicitors advised sale by Private Treaty at first. They required detailed particulars from the Town Surveyor of each house.

Ordered that Mr. Shortall provide all particulars immediately.

SCAVENGING CONTRACT (OLD). ACCOUNTS NOT CERTIFIED: Clerk submitted two bills from Contractor I3/- for cleansing Public Lavatory for 4 weeks and 2 days @ 3/- per week from Ist to 3Ist May I942 and £3 for washing Irishtown and Rosbercon after the Fairs of the I3th and 22nd May. Town Surveyor reported under date 5th May I942 "I am not aware that those areas were washed on the dates in question." Clerk submitted the Surveyor should know and supervise the work if he was to certify it.

No. order
THREE YEARS AUDIT TO 3I/3/4I :- Letter A. I2666/42 of 30adh Bealtaine I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health submitting a copy of the Auditor's report of his audit of the Accounts of the Council for above years with abstracts of the Accounts.

The report having been read. Mr. Redmond drew attention to the paragraph relating to Stock Books. Town Surveyor stated he could not be responsible for stocks under the existing conditions. If anything was required ex the store he could not be expected to attend and hand it out as he was a technician. He had satisfied the Auditor on the point. Chairman ruled that as Mr. Shortall had settled the question with the Auditor no order.

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Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Callaghan the report was adopted.

RATE COLLECTOR'S POUNDAGE: Collector Miss E.A. Finn applied for and was granted poundage on Poor Rate collected and lodged from Ist January I942 to 9th June I942 £I464. 7. 5 @ 6d in the £ - £36. I2. 2 and same on Town and Water Rates £I670. 4. 7 @ 6d in the £ £4I. I5. 0. Total £78. 7. 2. subject to sanction on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Redmond.

MAKING OF RATES RESOLUTIONS

UNCOLLECTABLE RATES RESOLUTION

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Prendergast

"That sums of Poor Rate amounting to £I04. 5. 8 and Poor Rate on Vacant premises amounting to £I44. 6. 6 be cancelled. That Town and Domestic Water Rate amounting to £206. I. I0½ and Town and Domestic Water Rate on Vacant Premises amounting to £I70. I2. 5 be cancelled and that sums of Poor Rate £266. I7. 3 Town and Domestic Water Rate £280. I6. 4 be carried forward as temporarily uncollectable."

Passed unanimously.

POOR RATE RESOLUTION

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Prendergast

"That we raise the sum of three thousand nine hundred and eighty four pounds five shillings and ten pence as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a rate of nine shillings in the pound for the financial year ending 3Ist day of March I943 upon the property situate in the Urban District of New Ross pursuant to the Local Government (Ireland) Act I898, and the other Acts incorporated therewith and that same be collected in two moieties together with arrears of two hundred and sixty six pounds, seventeen shillings and three pence the first on or before 30th September and the second on or before the 3Ist March I942. That public notice be given of said rates having been made by printed placards or advertisement."

Passed unanimously.

TOWN RATE RESOLUTION

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Prendergast

"That we raise the sum of four thousand and fourteen pounds nine shilling and nine pence as and for Town Rate and for that purpose make a Town Rate of nine shillings and six pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on Ist day of April I942 and ending on 3Ist day of March I943 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 nine shillings and six pence in the pound the sum of three shillings and four pence in the pound is for Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act I854 purposes, the sum of one shilling and seven pence half penny in the pound is for construction and maintenance of Urban Roads, the sum of four shillings and one half penny in the pound for Sanitary purposes under the Public Health (Ireland) Act I854 and the sum of five pence in the pound under the Education(Provision of Meals) (Ireland) Acts I9I4 and I9I7 and one penny in the pound for the purposes of Free Milk scheme and shall be collected in two moieties together with arrears of two hundred and eighty pounds sixteen shillings and four pence, the first on or before 30th September and the second on or before 3Ist March I943."

Passed unanimously.

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DOMESTIC WATER RATE RESOLUTION

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Prendergast

"That we raise the sum of four hundred and nineteen pounds sixteen 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 for the year commencing on Ist day of April I942 and ending on 3Ist day of March I943 subject to a minimum of I0/- per annum."

Passed unanimously.

SIGNING OF BOOKS RESOLUTIONS.

POOR RATE

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Prendergast

"That the Presiding Chairman and two 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."

Passed unanimously.

TOWN RATE AND DOMESTIC WATER RATE.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Prendergast

"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 endorsed on said books, and endorsements, and the Collector's Warrants affixed to said Rate Books and to be affixed to collecting books be signed by the Presiding Chairman and five other Members present at the Meeting, and countersigned by the Clerk and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council."

Passed unanimously.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND ON EFFECTIVE VALUATIONS

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

"That we approve of the Resolution adopted at Meeting of the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities held in Dublin on the I6th, I7th and I8th September last and we hereby request the Minister to give effect to same re making of rates by County Council on the town's effective valuation taking into consideration also irrecoverable rates."

Passed unanimously.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940

Letter G. 4623/4/42 of 23rd May I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health regarding appointment of authorised officer under Section 8.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the Authority

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prepared by the Council's Solicitors and Clerk was directed to forward same to the Town Surveyor.

Letter L.4623/7/42 of 28th May I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. At request of Town Surveyor he was asked to provide a considered opinion for submission to next Council Meeting.

A.R.P. Clerk reported interview with County Surveyor, Mr. O'Neill, his Assistant, and the Town Surveyor on the Ist June I942. County Surveyor expressed anxiety to have the various services, Firefighting, Decontamination and Rescue, organised without further delay. Up to the present the Urban Council could not hope for volunteers outside the L.S.F. organisation. The L.S.F. would only undertake the work provided they got absolute control. This impasse had now been bridged in Enniscorthy. The Town Clerk was appointed on the District Staff as No. 2 Officer of L.S.F. and as Town Clerk and Officer No. 2 (administrative) the equipment and control passed through him. This was agreed to by the Commissioner of the Garda. The same should be effective for New Ross.

Town Clerk, New Ross stated the Town Surveyor was already a Staff Officer in the L.S.F. and keen to have the services established. So as not to have dual control - equal to no control - he suggested that the Town Surveyor act in the same capacity as the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy.

Town Surveyor agreed to put the whole matter before the Meeting of the L.S.F. District Staff on Friday night. He, Surveyor, wanted it definitely stated he was now in sole charge of the Trailer Pump and equipment. County Surveyor informed Mr. Shortall he might take it as so.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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See Sanitary Minute Book for Finance Committee's Recommendations

J. Walsh.
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FRIDAY 26th DAY OF JUNE 1942

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 J.E. Walsh, J. Murphy,(Bridge) T. Redmond, T. Martin, J. Prendergast and W. Ronan.

Proposed by Mr. T. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. W. Ronan

Mr. Walsh presided in the absence of the Chairman of the Council.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held twelve months ago were taken as read and signed.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

Mr. J.E. Walsh, M.C.C., was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and signed the Declaration accepting office.

A letter was read from the outgoing Chairman, Mr. O'Gorman that he was unable to reconsider his resignation.

A like letter was also read from Mr. Doyle.

Mr. Redmond on behalf of the Council thanked the Chairman for his 27 years service in the Chair and his courtesy at all times.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy(Bridge),
Seconded by Mr. Martin

Mr. T. Redmond, M.C.C., was appointed Vice Chairman and signed the Declaration accepting office.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The following Committees were elected:-

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE: J. Prendergast, J. Murphy (Bridge W. Ronan.

WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY: Mr. J. Prendergast.

HOUSING & FINANCE : Messrs T. Cooney, W. Ronan, J. Prendergast, T. Martin, J. Murphy (Bridge), T. Redmond.

STREETS, WATER AND SANITARY: Messrs J. Brewer, T. Cooney, A. Cullen W. Ronan.

FREE MILK COMMITTEE : Committee of the Council.

School Meals: Messrs T. Redmond, Right Rev. T. Mgr. Dean Cleary, P.P.V.G., Very Rev. L. Canon Coghlan, P.P. Rev. Canon T. Talbot, A.A. Butler, Brother Tynan, Mr6 O'Brien, Mrs. O'Reilly, Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., Brother Daly, Rev. J. Nolan.
ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE: Committee of the Council

THE MEETING THEN ENDED.

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MONDAY I3th DAY OF JULY I942

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council convened for this evening at 5 o'clock was adjourned by the Town Clerk to I4th day of July I942 at 7.30 o'clock p.m., as no Member of the Committee was in attendance up to 6.30 p.m.

Thos Redmond

TUESDAY I4th DAY OF JULY I942

The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business for the Finance Meeting of the Council.

Present:- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman and T. Redmond.

BILLS: The following accounts were submitted, examined and recommended for payment :- Free Press £2. 0. 0.; Messrs Cullen & Son £I. 2. 0; People Newspaper £5. I2. 6; People Newspaper II/-; Fry-Cadbury & Co. £4. 0. 0.; Minister for Local Government and Public Health £I8. I8. 0; Ellams Ltd. £I. 2. 8; Philip Byrne £5. 2. 2.; Messrs B. Hennessy £I0.I0. 0 E.S.B. £24. 5. 2; E.S.B. I5/I0; Messrs Moran Bros £3. I2. 0; Miss E.A. Finn £78. 7. 2; Messrs B. Hennessy 5/9 ; John Furlong £I.I0. 0; Messrs Ryan Bros. £I4. I9. 0; Peter Gahan £3. 0. 0; Peter Gahan £9.I9.4; Peter Gahan £32. I6. 8; Educational Company Ltd. £I. I3. I0; Messrs Moran Bros. 4/-; Messrs Reville Bros. £I00; V.A. Doyle £25. 0. 0; Hibernian Insurance £6. I0. 9; E.A. Finn £8. I6. II

£I. I0. 0 for Cleansing Irishtown after Fairs

Account £I. I0. 0 was submitted with a note on same by the Town Surveyor "Vide my note dated 4/6/42".

Payment not recommended on the Town Surveyor's previous comment having been read.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTOR: Sanction G.3433/2/42 dated Ist July I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, "to the payment of poundage at the rate of sixpence to Collector E.A. Finn in respect of her lodgments on foot of the rate and water rent warrents for I94I-42."

Committee recommended payment. Amount £78. 7. 2.

FREE MILK SCHEME FEES: Account from L. Barron H.A.O. for £3. 0. 0 was considered.

Payment recommended subject to certificate of County Medical Officer of Health.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS: Town Surveyor's Account of fees "To surveying lands at Charleton Hill (A. Nolans) Preparing Scale Drawings, Defining Allotment for Miscellaneous Plotholders, Erecting new fence and Entrance Gate £3. 3. 0 was examined.

Payment recommended subject to sanction.

Town Clerk's Account of Fees for same at the maximum rate was also recommended for payment.

TOWN CLERK'S ASSISTANT: Committee recommended continuance of above owing to the impossibility of getting the work of the office done without an Assistant.

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REPAIRS ARTIZAN'S DWELLINGS: Messrs Ryan Bros,, Builders and Contractors, New Ross, submitted accounts for above duly certified by Town Surveyor for £5. I0. 0 and £7. I5. 0 - the former for supplying and fitting a front door & lock and the other for new concrete floor and new hob grate.

Payment recommended. Committee considered tenders should have been invited as both amounts are over £5 and recommended the Council to adhere strictly to this rule.

FUEL ACCOUNT: Account for £8I for 43 tons I6 cwts from C.V. Deane Drake, Stokestown, was examined.

Payment recommended,

ALLOTMENTS ACTS: Bill from Mr. V.A. Doyle, Brandon, for one years rent of Field at Charleton Hill II.367 statute acres at £5 per acre was examined.

Clerk reported short of funds at present and in any case he asked the Town Surveyor to certify as to the correct acreage.

Recommended payment of £25 on account.

FREE MILK SCHEME: Contractor P. Butler presented statements of account due 4th to 25th April I942 £I5. I7. 7½ and 26th April to 30th May I942 £25. I0. 5⅝.

Clerk reported the dockets had not been received from Mr. Butler and the Account could not be checked. He had great difficulty in getting in these bills.

Adjourned.

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department. 29th July 1942.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Thos Redmond

TUESDAY I4th DAY OF JULY I942

The Monthly Meeting of the 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. Special business was duly notified.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T. Redmond, J. Prendergast, J. Murphy, W. Ronan, J. Callaghan, T. Martin T. Cooney.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY: Proposed by Mr. Ronan, Seconded by Mr. Martin a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mrs. M.A. Cooney, Charles Street.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman, seconded by Mr. Redmond a like vote was passed on the death of Very Rev. Thomas Canon Quigley P.P. Blackwater.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney, seconded by Mr. Martin a like vote was passed on the demise of Mrs. Cullen, New Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan, seconded by Mr. Redmond a like vote was passed on the tragic loss by drowning of Anne Nolan, Quay Street, aged 4½ years.

The Meeting adjourned as a mark of respect to all memories and the business was conducted in Committee.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS: Circular F.78/42 7th July I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The number of Members was fixed at nine.

BILL FROM PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT: Correspondence were read from Messrs Cox and Co., Solicitors to the Department and from the Council's Solicitors. Council's Solicitors letter dated 25th June I942 stated that"£I2. I8. 6 is in respect of swabs apparently sent to the Department of Pathology by Dr. Daly the County Medical Officer of Health. He is not an officer of the Council and has no jurisdiction or authority to incur expense on their behalf and in our opinion this amount is not payable by the Urban District Council. the balance of the Claim £66. I2. I is for work ordered by Doctor Kissane, who besides being a private Medical Practitioner in New Ross, is also M.O.H. of the New Ross Urban District. It is understood that Dr. Kissane is also the Medical attendant of St. Mary's Private School run by the Sisters of Mercy and is the medical attendant of the family of one of the pupils, a girl named Maher.

In June I939 the latter's parents called their Dr in their medical attendant, Dr. Kissane, to attend their daughter. Dr. Kissane had swabs taken and ultimately Typhoid was diagnosed. Dr. Kissane had similar work done at St. Mary's School on a number of the pupils.

The question therefore arises, was Dr. Kissane then acting as the medical attendant of the Maher family and St. Mary's School, or was she acting as M.O.H. of the New Ross Urban District. If she was acting in the latter capacity, and the steps she took did not exceed the scope of her authority (having regard to the fact that the Public Analyst was at her disposal), the Council would appear to be liable for the amount so incurred. Her conduct at the time however would indicate that she was acting in her private capacity for her own patients, otherwise it is difficult to understand why she directed the account to the Sisters of Marcy in the first instance and then to Mr. Maher and subsequently to the County Board of Health. It was only when everyone concerned had repudiated liability that the claim was sent to the Urban Council.

As our opinion will depend upon positive evidence as to whether Doctor Kissane was acting in the matter as a private Practitioner in the first instance, or as M.O.H. of the New Ross Urban District Council, we will be glad if we are furnished with information on this point. We will be glad to hear from you in due course."

Mr. Arthur cox replying to a like letter to them by Council's Solicitors repudiated the facts."As regards Dr. Daly there can be no question of his authority to direct that accounts should be sent to the Council." The public Analyst deals with purely chemical work and not with bacteriological diagnostic work.

Matter adjourned.

Letter P.H. 8I00/3/42 of 9th June I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to this matter.

Ordered that Clerk communicate that Messrs Cox & Co. are in communication with Council's Solicitors,

34 HOUSES TOWN WALL: Letter dated 8th June I942 was read from Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy,re the £2I. I0. 0 for duty paid by Contractor Williamson on above scheme. Certificate issued by Engineer, Mr. Shortall on 3Ist August I937. There was some question of Mr. Williamson submitting documents in support of his claim. "We are at a loss to understand why any documents should be required from him or why your Solicitors advice should be required about the claim when you have a certificate from your Engineer that the amount claimed is due."

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Letter dated 25th June I942 was read from Council's Solicitors as follows:-

"Referring to our interview in reference to Mr. Williamson's claim for £2I. I0. 0 being a refund of duty alleged to be paid by him. We find this matter was submitted to us in November I937 and on 23rd of that month we pointed out that the duty in question appeared to have been imposed on I4th May I935 more than twelve months after the Contract was signed and that we had been unable to find any statutory authority transferring this liability from the Contractor to the Council. We have not seen the Contract but we presume it contains no provision protecting the Contractor from this liability.

We also mentioned that no evidence had been submitted to us that the amount was actually paid by the Contractor and we suggested that the Council ascertain from their Engineer particulars of the evidence upon which he certified the amount was due. This evidence has not been submitted to us and we have written the Engineer for the necessary information. We will be glad if you will communicate with him also on this point.

Please state if it is the practice of the Local Government Auditor to accept the Engineer's certificate only in passin a payment of this kind."

Letter dated 2nd July I942 was also read from Council's Solicitors as follows :-

"We had an interview with Mr. Shortall in reference to the Contractor's claim for duty on cement.

Mr. Shortall informed us that he certified for payment of duty on 86 tons of cement and when so certifying he did not know whether Mr. Williamson had paid the duty or not. He did not ask for receipts but accepted Mr. Williamson's statement that theduty had been paid, because he, Mr. Shortall, could not see how the cement could be procured without payment of the duty. Mr. Shortall believes that the Clerk of Works, Martin Hanlon, is aware that the 86 tons of cement was delivered, subsequent to the imposition of the duty, from Graves, New Ross. He added that the Contractor had only storage room for from 5 to I0 tons of cement at a time.

Mr. Shortall also stated that he did not take into consideration whether Mr. Williamson could transfer the liability for duty to the Council and stated he did not know if the terms of the Contract and Specification dealt with the position in any way.

In these circumstances it appears to us that if the position is not dealt with by the Contract and Specification, Mr. Shortall will be acting within the scope of his authority as the Council's Agent to certify for payment of the duty.

Before giving a definite opinion on this point we would like to read the Contract and Specification and will be glad if you will forward us same."

Letter dated 6th July I942 was read from Council's Solicitors as follows :-

"We return original Agreement and Bond herein and relative correspondence and documents, which you lent us.

We have written to the Contractors pointing out the difficulties which lie before the Council in paying the claim in the absence of some evidence of actual payment of the amount."

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to pay the Claim - Town Surveyor, Engineer to the

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Scheme having stated the Council must pay on his certificate.

PENSION - RATE & RENT COLLECTOR: Miss E.A. Finn applied to have her position made pensionable from the date of her permanent appointment.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh, Chair
Seconded by Mr. Redmond the application was unanimously granted subject to sanction.

DUTIES OF WATER INSPECTOR: Clerk reported he now had all the necessary material ready in this connection and suggested that the duties be submitted to the Solicitors for proper form and completion after submission to the Minister. This proceedure was adopted in the case of the last Inspector. Agreed.

THE COUNCIL -V- FRANK DOYLE: Letter dated 20th June I942 was read from Solicitors that a Decree dated 22nd October I940 for £II. 4. 2 and costs £2. 9. 6 had been obtained against above for water charges. Instructions were required for lodgment with the Registrar.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided to instruct Solicitors to try to obtain payments by instalments and if unsuccessful to proceed as they advised.

PETROLEUM LICENCE : Irish Shell, Dublin, applied for and was granted renewal of licence for their premises at Priory Street, New Ross. Town Surveyor reported verbally the premises were in order.

POOR RATES.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND I942/43: Letter dated 4th July I942 was read from the County Secretary enclosing form of Demand duly sealed at Meeting of his Council at Meeting held on the 30th ultimo.

LOCAL ELECTIONS : POLLING STATIONS : Letter was read from Mr. O'Kennedy, Wexford County Council, suggesting changes re above and submitting a Schedule of same.

Decided that in view of the lateness of the suggestions not to change the stations now.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS: Clerk reported an inspection by Mr. O'Rafferty. Nos. 3, 9 and IO Windmill Lane and No. 6 Charleton Hill plots were not to his satisfaction. Taking all the plots generally the report was good. Hail had injured the stalks of potatoes and much damage was done. Much could be done in New Ross in the way of private plots. Business men, the Parish Council and the various factories should do their share during the emergency.

EMPLOYMENT VOTE I942/43: Circular L.69/42 dated I5adh Meitheam I942 was read.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to provide the £2IO required out of the rates for clearance of derelict sites.

Letter L.3460/42 of 25th June I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with Derelict Sites.

Clerk reported nothing further had been done about Derelict Sites after the decision to apply the last grant towards Rural Roads.

Decided that the Town Surveyor prepare the requisites necessary for the scheme.

PUBLIC LIGHTING: Letter dated 29th June I942 was read from the E.S.B. regarding the Council's decision on the quotation submitted on the I2th idem.

Decided to accept the quotation.

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SCHOOL MEALS: Letter C.P.64/2/42 of I6th June I942 was read from the Combined Purchasing section that Fry-Cadbury are prepared to execute an order for £60 of Cocoa powder.

Clerk reported having received the package and submitted the bill for same for £4 which was paid.

Letter P.H.II93I/42 dated 27th June I942 was read from the Department of Local Goyernment and Public Health intimating recoupment of £35 year I942/43 First Instalment.

Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment.

TENDER FOR MANURE : Michael Kennedy, Arnestown, applied for and was granted a heap ex dump for £2. 3. 6.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Martin it was decided to keep all manure in future for the Council's Allotments.

MESSRS CULLEN'S COMPLAINT: Letter dated I7th June I942 was read from above requesting information re complaint at Bullawn.

Clerk reported that Town Surveyor and Council's Solicitors inspected the place and Town Surveyor reported to last Meeting the Solicitors agreed to advise the Council but no advice had been received.

Adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Murphy the Recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

The Advice Notes were signed by the Chairman and Messrs Ronan and Redmond and the amounts ordered to be paid accordingly.

A.R.P. Correspondence was read from the County Secretary relative to various matters herein.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME FOR NEW ROSS: The Scheme dated I9th June I942 received the 6th July I942 was read. Clerk requested the Council to (take charge of the Equipment) determine the Officer of the Council to take charge of the Equipment. Up to the present he had the custody of some and the Town Surveyor the Fire Fighting Equipment. It would be much better to have one official responsible for the whole equipment. Clerk's duty according to the Scheme was recruitment of the three groups - Fire Fighting, Rescue and Decontamination.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman
It was agreed to appoint Mr. Shortall, Town Surveyor in charge of all A.R.P. Equipment.

Copy letter ARP/2345 of the 6th July I942 was read from the Department of Defence of intention to exhibit instructional films in New Ross and requiring to be informed of (I) the number of personel enrolled (2) if arrangements can be made for a suitable hall with screen I0 amp plug and (3) whether any expenditure would be necessary by the Local Authority.

Clerk reported no squads had yet been formed. The County Council Scheme had only been received. It would be advisable if possible to have all squads independent of any other emergency organization and perhaps the exhibition of the films would be a great opportunity for recruitment.

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Letter was read from County Secretary urging formation of squads.

It was decided to write the County Secretary and suggest that recruitment be permitted to stand over until the night of films exhibition.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk reported Commandant Meeneghan inspected the Fire Fighting and other equipment loaned by the Minister of Defence. Two other civilian Inspectors also took stock and found all correct.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

Thos Redmond

31st July 1942.

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Monday I0th. day of August I942.

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The Monthly 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.

Present :- Messrs. W. Ronan, Presiding and J. Murphy (Bridge).

RATE COLLECTION: Clerk submitted his report as follows:- Total Warrant £8,966.5.2, Collected £455.I2.I0, Discounts £7.I7.8, Outstanding £8,502.I4.8., as against last year's collection for same period of £290.I2.6, Discounts £2.2.0.

BILLS: The following bills were presented, examined and recommended for payment :-
E.S.B. £24.4.5; E.S.B. £I.I7.3; Carlow County Council £8.I0.0; Carlow County Council£4.5.0; Wexford County Council £I.I.8; New Ross U.D.C. £48.II.0; S.Nix I2.6; Ryan Bros. £I.I4.0; Veritas Co. £I.I8.8; V.A. Doyle £30.0.0; J.S. Butler £50.0.0; P. Gahan £3I.I5.0; P. Gahan £I.I6.0; Reville Bros. £I00.0.0; J. Fleming £20.0.0; E.A. Finn £I5.5.5; Wexford County Council £973.I3.3; A.R. French II.6; Government Publications 7d; M. Doyle 2.0.

Contractor's Account for Washing Irishtown:- Account dated Ist. June, I942 for washing Irishtwon after Fair I3th. May was again presented with letter of 4th. June I942 from Town Surveyor Payment refused as Town Surveyor's Certificate was not attached.

FREE MILK ACCOUNT :- Four bills for £25.I0.5; £I5.I7.7½; £20.6.I0½; and £I9.I3.9; were presented by Contractor,Mr. Butler.

Clerk reported he had only received some of the vouchers recently and some only came in to-day and therefore there was no time to check.

He suggested payment on account of £50.0.0.

Recommended.

RATES ON COUNCIL PROPERTY :- In the list submitted by Collector for payment, £I6I3.0; is the total Rate on the Shambles. The only rent received is from Travers Bros. £I8.4.0.

Committee considered that as an agreement was entered into with Messrs. Travers Bros. the matter be adjourned to the Meeting of the Council for consideration if necessary.

LETTING OF HOUSES:- Clerk reported Mr. Martin Maher called and stated he would not be responsible for the rent ofnthe house from the 27th. July,I942 as Messrs. Ryan Bros. had the keys repairing the house and refused to pay one penny rent until the house is repaired and the keys are handed to him.

Committee agreed the rent could not be due until the keys were handed to Mr. Maher.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Thos Ronan

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TUESDAY IIth DAY OF AUGUST I942

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 Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act I854 and the other laws enabling.

Present :- Messrs T. Redmond (Presiding) J. Murphy, Bridge, T. Martin, T. Cooney, W. Ronan.

MISS FINN A WHOLE TIME OFFICER: Letter G.3433/3/42 of 5th August I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health "raises no objection to the proposal of the Council to regard Miss Finn as a whole time officer."

Chairman remarked that this makes a most efficient officer pensionabl as Rates and Rent Collector.

Noted.

PUBLIC LIGHTING CONTRACT: Letter dated 27th July I942 was read from the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board acknowledging the acceptance of the Council to his Board's offer to light the town in accordance with the Board's offer. "It will not be possible for the Board to consider requests for alterations of the services during the year subject to the acceptance by your Council of the quotation submitted except as provided by certain paragraphs in our letter referred to."

Noted.

POST BOX AT CHARLETON HILL.

Letter 2I/7/42 was read from the Mayor of Wexford, T.D., that he had obtained the consent of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs for the provision of this box."

Noted.

FUEL IMPORTER'S (EIRE) LTD.: Letter 9th August I942 was read from above that the company is engaged in stocking turf in non-turf areas with a view to meeting fuel problem during this winter. New Ross will receive a dump but any sites available should be free of charge or a purely nominal rent.

Clerk reported the firm's Representative attended. He visited available sites and certain sites had been selected. The Company would communicate further on this matter.

Adjourned.

RED CROSS SOCIETY: Letter 23rd July I942 was read from the Honorary Secretary, Derrynane, Wexford requesting permission to erect a kiosk for the reception of waste paper in New Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney permission granted subject to site being agreed.

OBJECTION TO VALUATION: Letter dated I0th August I942 was read from Mr. McDonald, Conduit Street appealing against raising of his valuation from £I0 to £I3 by reason of additional room attached by him.

Decided to place List for Revision next opportunity.

CARETAKER'S COMPLAINT : James Murphy, Caretaker plot at Ard-na-Greine, wrote, undated, that notwithstanding he repaired the ditches, cleared debris and put up a notice warning trespassers, two families continue to annoy him and continue the trespass. He requested the Council to send warning notices to the families at I9 and 20 J.K.L. Place.

Ordered that the families be asked to stop the trespass.

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FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940: Letters L.4623/8/42 dated I7/6/42 and L. 4623/II/42 dated 25th June I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting definite information in connection with equipment &c. for ordinary peace time firefighting and in particular requesting a statement from the Council if adequate provision has been made to satisfy the Act.

Report dated I8th July I942 was read from the Town Surveyor to the Town Clerk as follows :-

I. The Council has no mechanical pump.

2. A builder's type of ladder is available but unsuitable for firefighting or rescue. A wheeled Escape is preferable.

3. No jump sheet has been provided.

4. About 700 yds. lin. of canvas hose are available.

5. No mechanical means of transport is available.

6. No protective equipment is available- oil skins, boots, belts, helmets, axes, etc.

7. No organized trainer personnel.

The Surveyor referred to his reports dated I4th January I94I and I0th March I942 having been again read.

Town Clerk requested the Council to make a definite pronouncement on the Minister's letter.

Mr. Redmond considered that taking into view the number of fires within the town for the past 50 years and that volunteers were available and successfully did their work and further considering the equipment in hands under A.R.P. and that the Military stationed at Bawnjames are now fully equipped and trained it would be rediculous to expend £II00 on machinery to let it rust.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Martin it was decided to adjourn the matter to the new Council.

EMPLOYMENT VOTE I690.
COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION £2I0. Letter dated 8th August I942 was read from the County Secretary, Mr. Frizelle enclosing copy circular RU/2Ø95 of 30th July I942 from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) re above. Mr. Frizelle wrote "You will notice the reference in letter to other schemes if water bound schemes are not available. It would be advisable to communicate with the County Surveyor in this particular matter and generally as regards the Grant."

Town Surveyor stated he had not the Derelict Sites Scheme ready as required but he had it in hands.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was decided that the five Councillors present with the Town Surveyor meet the County Surveyor as soon as he is available.

A.R.P. Letter I6th July I942 re Instructional Film exhibition in New Ross was read from the County Secretary.

Clerk reported replying that Mr. Rossiter, Owner of the Badminton Hall offered to loan his hall and provide screen &c. for £2. There is only the First Aid Post personnel at present existing.

Letter dated I7th July I942 was read from the same regarding issue of 5 service Respirators for fire fighting.

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Letter dated 27th July I942 was read from same forwarding extract from Department of Defence Circular ARP/2I58. The extract stated the County Surveyor's report on A.R.P. services in New Ross causes concern. Imperative action must be taken without delay to have the three services established on a satisfactory footing otherwise it may be found necessary to withdraw the trailer pump. The Garda authorities might be asked to assist in obtaining Members. The letter laid down conditions under which L.S.F. Members might be engaged.

Letter 8th August I942 was also read from the same requesting a report on above.

Clerk reported an interview with the Department of Defence in Dublin as he considered the letter of supreme importance. The Chief Officer definitely regarded the County Council as the Authority to provide the services and the Urban Council and officials are obliged to assist in every possible way. He suggested a public meeting with the Clergy and Superintendent of the Garda as well as the County Secretary and County Surveyor. There is little or no trouble elsewhere.

Mr. Cooney pointed out that at least three attempts were made to induce the people to form the requisite services by advertisement, public meeting &c. but without result. He also reminded the Meeting that it was useless to try to deal with the L.S.F. considering the result of interviews which the Council had with the Staff Leaders at the Meetings. The Council was not to blame.

Clerk suggested that as the Town Surveyor was an officer in the L.S.F. and in charge of the Fire-fighting here the full equipment should be handed over to him of all the three services.

Since last Meeting he (Clerk) had a long interview with the Leader of the L.S.F. in New Ross who promised to give him in time for this Meeting a list of men to man the three services. He had not received same. So far as he was aware and he had talked to some of the men within the week, the Rescue Squad who had been provided with equipment are still available but there is no instructor.

Town Surveyor reported that he had received a list of names from the L.S.F. that evening and would post same to the County Secretary. He hoped to start lectures on Monday.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney — it was decided to hand over all equipment to Mr. Shortall with a direction that he would forthwith see to the establishment and instruction of the squads. A Public Meeting would be useless.

Letter 28th July I942 was read from the County Secretary re marking of hydrants.

Decided that the Town Surveyor prepare a detailed statement of the Council's proposals with estimate of cost.

FIRST AID POST EQUIPMENT : Letter dated Ist August I942 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health that tenders for water containers of I00 gallons, I2 walking sticks, 6 pairs of crutches, some sugar, tinned milk or cafe-au-lait, a reserve of shoes and clothing should be sent to the County Secretary as soon as possible.

Clerk reported asking Messrs Hennessys to submit tenders for the bins, sticks, crutches, sugar and tinned milk. No tender had yet been received. Adjourned.

WATERWORKS: Letter was read from Miss O'Connor to have the water disconnected from her garage at Priory Lane.

Water Inspector was directed to attend to same.

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ROADS: Attention was drawn to the bad condition of footpath at Bridge Quay Corner and in Cross Lane. Also the roadway fronting the Cross Lane Council houses.

Ordered that County Surveyor's attention be drawn to same through Mr. O'Neill.

ANNUAL LEAVE: Town Clerk applied for and was granted usual annual leave to be taken as soon as convenient bearing in mind Local Elections and work consequent thereon. Miss O'Brien, Town Clerk's Assistant, was appointed to act during Town Clerk's leave.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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SATURDAY THE 29th DAY OF AUGUST I942.

ANNUAL MEETING

The first Annual Meeting of the new Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this day at the hour of I2 o'clock noon, official time, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act I927.

PRESENT: Messrs James Edward Walsh, Presiding, Thomas Redmond, John Murphy, Timothy Murray, Thomas Cooney, Thomas O'Neill, William Ronan and Mrs. Brigid Lalor.

The Returning Officer's Notice of Election having been read and the Members presentsigned the declaration accepting office.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

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

Mr. James E. Walsh was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan,
Seconded by Mr. Walsh,

That Mr. Redmond be elected the Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. O'Neill,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

That Mr. Clarken be elected to the Vice Chair.

The Voting resulted:-
For Mr. Redmond: Messrs Chairman, Murphy, Ronan, Cooney and Murray.
For Mr. Clarken: Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. Lalor.

Mr. Redmond was declared elected.

COMMITTEES. Clerk introduced the relevant sections of the County Management Act and pointed out that all executive powers are now vested in the Manager. As the County Manager had written to say he could not attend he suggested the election of all Committees be adjourned to the next Meeting when the Manager hoped to be present.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman. This was agreed to.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE. The correspondence in connection with the Grant of £I690 subject to a contribution of £2I0 having again been read.

Clerk replying to Mr. Cooney informed the Council the County Surveyor and Assistant Mr. O'Neill called on Tuesday. As however the old Council ceased to exist on that day he, Clerk, did not call the Committee together. The County Surveyor stated that all amenity Schemes should have been submitted before the end of July last and so it was his intention to submit a roads scheme - the County Council to put up the Contribution. The roads intended were from the top of Wexford Street to the Spout and from the Cross at Barrets Park to Woodville Gate. Both were practically Urban roads and all Urban labour would be employed.

Replying to Chairman, Clerk stated he had an interview with the Town

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Surveyor in connection with the Derelict Sites Scheme. He was unable to meet the County Surveyor as he was ill for a few days. He, Town Surveyor, was preparing a further scheme in accordance with the Department's requirements. The Town Surveyor expressed the opinion that only the site at Irishtown would be useful to the Council. It would be suitable for buildings later on. As regards the scheme so far as the other sites are concerned shortage of cement and materials rendered mostof his suggestions impossible. All sites require concrete walling and the old quarry on High Hill requires concrete stepping.

Mr. Cooney objected to the work on the last Grant. It started in the Winter and is not yet finished. If this Grant is intended to relieve unemployment during the Winter more men should be employed and all men, including the foreman, should be urban labour.

Chairman pointed out the work and Grant were under the supervision of the County Surveyor and the County Council and this Council had been consulted. The Council could not instruct the County Surveyor in his duty. The County Manager might be able to help.

It was decided to agree to the proposal of the County Surveyor provided the works decided on for prior schemes were undertaken - several lanes in the Town required immediate attention.

It was also decided to direct the Town Surveyor to have his Derelict Sites Scheme and other works submitted with the least possible delay.

RESOLUTION.

MEN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN BELFAST.

Proposed by Mr. O'Neill,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor,

"That this Council petition His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland through His Excellency our Minister for External Affairs (Mr.De Valera) for a reprieve of Thomas J. Williams, John Oliver, Joseph Cahill, William Perry, Henry Gardner and Patrick Simpson under sentence of death for the shooting of Constable Patrick Murphy in Belfast."

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond

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TUESDAY 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER I942

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.

Present :- ~~Messrs~~ Mr. Walsh, Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Clarken, T. O'Neill, T. Cooney, T. Murray, J. Murphy, T. Redmond.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

FILICITATIONS TO COUNTY MANAGER

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Redmond and endorsed by Mr. Cooney the Chairman on behalf of the Members welcomed Mr. Sinnott in expressions of cordial goodwill and satisfaction of his choice as Manager to the New Ross Urban Council.

Manager having tendered his acknowledgements detailed the working of the County Management Act. The important Section for the Council is 29 enabling the passing of a Resolution for Social and Economic Works for the town.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE - CO. WEXFORD

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murray Mr. Walsh was elected on this Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh Mr. John Murphy, P.C., John Street, New Ross, was also elected.

STANDING ORDERS AND RULES FOR MEETING.

Chairman welcomed the new Members of the Council. In order to avoid undue delay in the transaction of Council business notwithstanding the cost he thought it wise to have each Member supplied with a copy of above.

Agreed unanimously.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE

Invitation to the Conference to be held in the City Hall, Dublin on I5th, I6th, and I7th September I942 having been read.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murphy the Town Clerk was appointed Delegate.

Proposed by Mr. Clarken
Seconded by Mr. Walsh Mrs. Lalor was also appointed Delegate.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT I94I.

Circular Letter I00/42 of 26th August I942 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health "that further orders have been made which bring all the remaining Sections of the Act into force." The whole of this Act is now in force. "General Regulations in relation to offices and their holders will be made in due course in pursuance of Section I9 of the Act."

HOISTING OF NATIONAL FLAG

Clerk requested the Council to make an order in connection with

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this matter. The existing arrangement is that the Flag is hoisted on certain National Feast and Commemoration Days. This could stand. The old preceedure was that on all important occasions 5 Councillors signed a requisition for a Special Meeting and that Meeting directed the hoisting or draping of the Flag.

Proposed by Mr. Clarken
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was nem.con. agreed to revert to the old precedent.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MANAGER: Notification dated 24th August I942 was read grom the Department of Local Government and Public Health "that Mr. Thomas Sinnott has been selected and recommended by the Local Appointments Commissioners to be County Manager for the County of Wexford." Mr. Sinnott becomes Manager by virtue of the recommendation.

Noted.

ROADS: Letter dated I4th August I942 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council that "I am bringing your letter re condition of road surface in front of Cross Lane houses (Presbytery side) to the attention of the County Surveyor."

Noted.

MEN SENTENCED IN BELFAST: Letter 244/95 2 Mean Fomhair I942 was read from the Runai, Department External Affairs acknowledging letter of Ist September I942 "concerning a resolution adopted by the New Ross Urban District Council with regard to the young men sentenced in Belfast."

Noted.

REFUND OF INCOME TAX £244: Letter N/2607 was read from the Officer Revenue Commissioners notifying issue of Paying Order for £244 being refund of tax over a period of years. Clerk reported due receipt and lodgment and that a further claim would be duly submitted.

Noted.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Order No. 3 as follows was made by the County Manager:- "It is ordered that the several payments on the General Account making a total of £I305. I0. 6 (One Thousand three hundred and five pounds ten shillings and six pence) be made and an Authority is signed to enable the payment of these payments. Signed this 4th day of September I942." A like Order No. 4 F. was made on the Rent Deposit Account for the sum total of £4. 4. 0 (four guineas) on same date.

A.R.P. ORGANIZATION. Letter 7th September I942 that in his capacity the Town Clerk is responsible for the general administration of the A.R.P. Scheme and has no authority to have same transferred. Mr. Shortall is a technical officer acting under the County Surveyor.

Clerk informed the Meeting this was not a reserved function under the County Management Act.

Referred to County Manager.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT : Letter 4623/II/42 of 2Ist August I942 was referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

New Ross Urban District Council. Copy of Minutes sent to Department.

14th September 1942.

Thos. Redmond

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MONDAY I3th DAY OF OCTOBER I942

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 County Management Act I940 the Acts and Orders otherwise enabling including the special business of which the Members had due notice.

The following Members were present :- Messrs Thomas Redmond, Vice Chairman, presiding, W. Ronan, Mrs. Lalor, Thomas O'Neill, Timothy Murray, J. Murphy and T. Clarken.

Mr. County Manager T.D. Sinnott attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting - Municipal and Sanitary were read and signed.

BYELAWS - ROAD TRAFFIC ACT I933. Town Clerk reported a visit from Superintendent Feeney, Garda Siochana, on the subject of the existing trouble connected with the possibility of danger to life and limb by reason of the unsatisfactory position of the powers of his Garda to regulate traffic. It required a Bye-law under the above Act to give sufficient authority to the garda to insist on queuing. Recently owing to the extraordinary attraction of the Cinema persons were injured. In the general interest the garda should have power to regulate pedestrian traffic.

Superintendent Feeney, in attendance, explained the situation. His Commissioner required the consent of the Council to the making of byelaws and recommended the Dublin Code as regards queuing.

The Clerk having read the Dublin Code

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the Dublin Code of bye-laws were adopted as follows; Page 29 Statutory Rules and Orders I937 No. 24I Dublin Traffic Bye-Laws, I937 20 (I) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) and (8) Fine as specified in Road Traffic Act, I933 Section I49 (2) and (3).

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY (JOINT)

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murray, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs J. Murphy and W.Ronan were elected to this Joint Committee.

WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Clarken was elected to the New Ross and Waterford Port Sanitary Authority.

DUNGARVAN RESOLUTION : Resolution from the Dungarvan Urban Council viewing with alarm the continuous soaring of prices of essential foodstuffs &c., and demanding amendment of Emergency Powers Orders 23 & I66 having been taken as read on circulation.

Proposed by Mr. O'Neill
Seconded by Mr. Clarken "That the Resolution be adopted by this Council."

Messrs the Chairman and John Murphy having objected to interference in matters concerned with the Executive Authority of the State the voting resulted as follows :-

For the motion :- Messrs W. Ronan, J. Clarken, T. O'Neill and Mrs. Lalor.

Against:- Chairman, J. Murphy & T. Murray.

The Resolution was declared carried.

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DECEMBER FAIR : Mr. Ronan drew attention to the necessity of fixing a date for above as the ordinary dates is a Catholic Holiday. He suggested the following day.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Lalor Wednesday the 9th day of December I942 was fixed and orders given to advertise same.

LIGHTING OF IRISHTOWN ON FAIRDAYS.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the necessity for lighting the Irishtown (Fair Green) on Fair mornings as usual.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was nem.con decided to request the Electricity Supply Board to arrange for same.

CHANNELS IN IRISHTOWN: Mr. Ronan requested some information as to the present position of the order of the Council to remedy the dangerous condition of above. The Town Surveyor's new concrete pathway was too steep and some one should attend to same to prevent accidents.

Referred to County Manager.

DANGEROUS CONDITIONS OF ROADS LEADING INTO TOWN: Mr. Ronan asked the County Manager to consider this important matter. People were afraid to travel by horse and cart to market owing to the slippery state of the roads leading into and within the town.

County Manager informed the Meeting that at the Meeting of the County Council held on yesterday this matter was referred to him. He interviewed the technical advisors and arrangements were made to scarify the roads without delay.

MALICIOUS INJURY

INSURANCE CONTRACTS : Mrs. Lalor informed the Meeting that at the recent Conference of Municipal Authorities a discussion revealed that there is a clause in all policies issued by Insurance Companies exempting liability for malicious injury. In her opinion this is inequitable and the Council should pass a resolution advocating deletion of this clause.

Decided to consider same on Notice of Motion.

Mrs. Lalor then gave notice that this matter be considered at next Meeting.

LOCAL FIRE)FIGHTING : Mrs. Lalor dealt with the extraordinary position that the local rates should foot the expenses incurred by the Council in fighting fires in the urban area considering that the Insurance Companies contract with the owners of the premises to pay the for damage to property by fire.

Decided to consider the matter on Notice of Motion at next Meeting.

Mrs. Lalor stated she would give the usual notice.

LOCAL ELECTIONS : Mr. Clarken stated he desired the Council to hold an inquiry into the conduct of the recent elections. He had a copy of the result sheet and was legally advised there was a necessity for the inquiry or alternatively that the Council's Solicitors be asked for opinion on same.

Chairman ruled the matter ultra vires the powers of the Council.

THE MEETING ENDED

P Walsh
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TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 1942

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the provisions of the County Management Act 1940.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T. Redmond, T. Cooney, T. Clarken, T. Murray, J. Murphy (Bridge).

The Minutes of the previous Meeting - Municipal and Public Health - having been read

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE & ADJOURNMENT

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murray

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to Mr. O'Neill, U.D.C., on the recent death of his mother and the Meeting was Adjourned for fourteen days as a mark of sympathy.

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TUESDAY 24th DAY OF NOVEMBER I942

The 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 pursuant to provisions of the various enactments enabling.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Vice-Chairman, Presiding and Messrs T. Cooney, W. Ronan, Mrs. Lalor & T. Clarken. Later the Chairman and Mr. T. Murray attended.

At the Chairman's request Mr. Redmond continued to occupy the Chair.

Letter dated 23rd November I942 was read from Councillor Mr. T.O'Neill thanking the Chairman, Mr. Murray and the Councillors for recent vote of sympathy to him.

WEIGHBRIDGE, IRISHTOWN.

Letter was read from Mr. J.A. Nix, Secretary, Cattle Dealers Association, New Ross, suggesting that the new Council should rectify the omision of their immediate predecessor by providing a cattle weighbridge in Irishtown.

After a lengthy discussion ~~after~~ during which it was agreed there was a necessity for such a Weighbridge provided it could be protected from the wanton damage meted out to the old cattle Weighbridge at Irishtown and that an adequate Weighbridge can be obtained. Messrs W. Ronan and T. Clarken contended the Weighbridge should be provided at the expense of the rates. Mr. Chairman (presiding) and Mr. Cooney favoured the erection of the Weighbridge by the persons interested and Mrs. Lalor reserved her opinion as she was not satisfied a case had been made to place this burthen on the rates.

Referred to County Manager.

Proposed by Mr. Clarken
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor "That the County Manager be requested to ascertain if a scales can be obtained and to generally consider the matter."

Proposed By Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman "That the Town Clerk submit to next available Meeting of the Council the receipts from the Irishtown Weighbridge for ten years preceeding the date on which this scales was put out of commission."

Both resolutions were agreed to nem.con.

CHAPEL LANE HOUSES.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Replying to Mr. Clarken, Town Clerk stated Statutory notice had been served on the Landlords and the matter was one for the County Manager alone.

BARRACK LANE SEWER

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the dangerous condition of this lane by reason of excavations in connection with the cleansing of the old sewer. There were a number of large holes unprotected and a large quantity of silt from the sewer heaped at each side emitting a filthy odour.

Referred to County Manager for attention.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr. Clarken drew attention to the necessity for a lamp at the

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the Michael Street end of Barrack Lane and to the lighting of the Charleton Hill new road.

Town Clerk stated the Lighting Contract would not expire until 31st March next and it was specifically stated in the existing Contract that the Electricity Supply Board could not consider further lighting facilities during the currency of the Contract. The matter was one for the County Manager.

No order.

FUEL SCHEME 1942/43

Mrs. Lalor drew attention to the position of persons on Disablement Benefit under this Scheme. In most cases they received 7/6 per week and a food voucher each but were denied the fuel voucher.

Presiding Chairman agreed there was a hardship and informed the Meeting the County Manager had interviewed the Department and put up a strong case but was informed the Scheme could only be operated in accordance with the Department's Circular at present.

It was decided to request the County Manager to again use his influence on behalf of this most deserving class.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. Clarken moved that the Minister be requested to inquire into the figures in the Result Sheet.

Presiding Chairman ruled that as this matter had been finally disposed of at last Meeting consideration was out of order.

Mr. Clarken persisted in speaking. His allegations were not directed to the Council but against the Town Clerk.

Mr. Clarken was again requested by the Chairman to obey his ruling and he refused.

The Presiding Chairman then left the Chair and

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

J. P. Walsh
15/12/42

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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 County Management Act I940 and the Local Government Act I94I.

Present :- The whole Council - Mr. Chairman presiding.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Weighbridge for Irishtown

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes Town Clerk reported Receipts from this Weighbridge for the I0 years ended 3Ist March I938 as £78. 9. 2. The year I935/6 accounted for £I2. 4. 4 and I936/37 £I0. II. 8. Clerk then submitted the account book of weekly and daily takings over this period. The weekly receipts varied from 6d to I4/6. In some months the total did not exceed 7/6. Average receipts a year £8 or I3/4 a month or 3/I per week.

Chairman stated that since last Meeting Messrs T. Murray, U.D.C., and J.S. Hennessy called on him and submitted a proposal that if the Council would let them the plot of ground formerly known as Galavan's Yard they would provide a Weighbridge.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Clarken it was agreed to submit the application to the County Manager and to recommend the letting of site selected, for the purpose of erection of a weighbridge. Terms of letting to be fixed with the County Manager in the usual manner.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

LATE MRS. M. DELACEY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by

A vote of Condolence was nem.con. passed to Mr. Delacey, Assistant Secretary, Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Redmond in bereavement caused by the demise of Mrs. Delacey - formerly of New Ross.

RESOLUTION FROM CATLEBAR URBAN COUNCIL :-

Proposed by Mr. Clarken
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor resolution
"that it is the duty of the Government to make immediate provision for family allowances in order that the ever increasing cost of living may be met. That it is the duty of the Government to provide school books free of charge for all children attending national schools" was passed the word"necessitous" having been deleted from the penultimate line of the original.

Mr. John Murphy dissented on the grounds that the Government was quite aware of its duties and the resolution was political.

DUN LAOGHAIRE CORPORATION.

Resolution from this Body that in their opinion legislation should be enacted without delay to compel Ground Landlords to sell their interests to leaseholders at a fair purchase price was

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On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney adjourned for consideration to next Meeting.

ELBOW IN WALL OF WINDMILL FIELD

Mr. Ronan again drew attention to the necessity for removing this obstruction in Nunnery Lane.

Agreed to submit above to County Manager for attention.

DERELICT SITES

Mr. Cooney suggested it was time to consider this matter. There were many such sites in the town requiring immediate attention.

County Manager agreed to consider the position generally.

OLD TOWN WALL - WILLIAM STREET.

Mrs. Lalor pointed out this piece of the old wall appeared at its westerly end to be dangerous. It was overhanging without any support.

Agreed to have the position placed before the Board operating the Ancient Monuments Act by the County Manager.

SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Murray asked if it was possible to have Mary Street road surface as well as the other roads leading into the town scarified to permit of horse traffic.

Mr. Chairman stated he had put a proposal at the last County Council Meeting to have the roads sprayed with chippings in the centre as traffic naturally directs the chippings to each side thus making for economy.

County Manager replied that this matter was receiving his attention.

Mr. O'Neill drew attention to the dangerous condition of the Little Hill (Lower Maiden Lane) it required resurfacing.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

J. Walsh. 12/1/43

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23rd December 1942

Vote by Town Clerk 10/1/46
This Minute Book is discontinued as and from this page. The pages Nos. 32 (Thirty two) to 200 (two hundred) are Transferred to the Municipal Minute Book.

J. Barry.
10/1/46

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TUESDAY I2th DAY OF JANUARY I943

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 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act I94I, County Management Act I940 and the various Acts, Orders enabling. Special business, of which due notice was given, - Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Urban Council re purchase of Ground Rents.

Present :- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presiding.
Also Messrs T. Cooney, T. O'Neill, Mrs. Lalor, T. Murray, J. Murphy, W.B. Ronan.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had arranged to attend the Meeting. The Auditor, Mr. Flood, and the Manager had an appointment for 3 o'clock. The Manager's Office telephoned during the day his inability to attend owing to slight indisposition.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. James P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, in his bereavement occasioned by the demise of his mother.

DUN LAOGHAIRE COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Chairman the following Resolution was adopted - Mr. John Murphy dissenting :-

"That in the opinion of this Council legislation should be enacted without delay to compel Ground Landlords to sell their interests to leaseholders at a fair purchase price.

Mrs. Lalor stated she intended to move an amendment to the resolution and read same.

Chairman ruled it would be better to move the amendment as a new motion and that notice would be necessary.

Mrs. Lalor then handed in the following :-

"I intend to move or have moved for me at the next available Meeting of this Council

"That the Government pass legislation to buy out all Ground rents in cities and towns, Prices to be decided by a Board set up for the purpose. Payment to be made by Bonds bearing I½% interest, bonds to be redeemed out of the Ground rents collected by the Government.

Also that Local Authorities be empowered to buy land suitable for building and other purposes around their towns. The amount of land to be based on the estimated expansion of the town in the next 50 years. Loans to be granted to Local Authorities for this purpose, repayable out of the rent got by letting the land."

The Chairman having duly signed the Notice of Motion it was ordered that the subject matter be considered at next Meeting after due circulation.

General Elections

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GENERAL ELECTIONS

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

"That we, the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council, view with alarm the growing nearness of the coming General Election and consider it a most inopportune time to hold it. Since our country and people have escaped the effects of this terrible war up to the present an Election might be detrimental to the unity now existing amongst our people and a danger to peace and security. We have prayers in all our churches all over Eire for peace and the preservation of peace. Still we talk of holding a General Election which can in no way improve our position at present. We might have grouses about our financial conditions but we have peace and security the value of which cannot be estimated in figures. We think we are voicing the opinion of every good citizen of Eire by requesting that a General Election be postponed until the present crisis is over. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Public Bodies in Eire."

Voting:-

For:- Mr. Chairman and Messrs W.B. Ronan, T.J. Murray and J. Murphy.

Against:- Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Cooney and T. O'Neill.

The Councillors voted against the Resolution on the ground that An Dail should be best qualified to decide this matter.

The Resolution was declared carried.

NATIONAL CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Mr. O'Neill moved "that the Merchants supplying the fuel be requested to refund to the Council the difference between the cost of the fuel supplied to recipients i.e. half cwt. timber and half cwt. turf and the value of the fuel contracted for i.e. I cwt. turf."

Mr. O'Neill stated the tickets given to Recipients definitely ordered I cwt. turf. He had personal knowledge of this. The Merchants were supplying half of timber and half of turf.

Town Clerk informed the Council the Scheme was a Government one and was financed out of Government funds. Contracts were made with Suppliers to supply equal quantities of turf and timber @ 2/8 per cwt. and where and when timber was not available turf @ 3/- per cwt. He produced three books of unissued tickets to prove that a ticket could not and was not given out ordering turf only as the printing was done by Contract in accordance with sample supplied Contractors, Messrs Cullen & Son, New Ross, and approved by County Manager and sanctioned by the Department. The Scheme was formulated on the order of the County Manager and subsequently received the sanction of the Department. The Council had no function in the matter.

Mr. O'Neill continued to hold his attitude.

No order.

SCAVENGING CONTRACT

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was decided to draw the County Manager's special attention to the work under this Contract. The work was badly done and in many instances omitted altogether. The town generally was not scavenged and bins were left on the streets for the greater part of the day. The County Manager should have this matter attended

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to with the least possible delay.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had taken serious notice of omissions under the Contract and only delayed drastic action on reports from officials that some reasonable improvement had taken place immediately before Christmas.

CROSS LANE STEPS - THREE BULLET GATE END.

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the filthy condition of these steps. In his opinion the opening should be closed permanently in the interests of Public Health.

Ordered that County Manager's attention be drawn to this suggestion.

The Meeting ended

Copy sent County Manager.
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TUESDAY 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY I943

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 to transact special business duly notified.

Present:- The whole Council - Mr. J.E. Walsh, Presiding.

Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, wrote thanking the Council for their vote of sympathy on the death of his mother.

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH TOURSIT ASSOCIATION : Letter dated 2nd February I943 was read from the Secretary of this Association requesting the inclusion of a contribution for tourist purposes.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Murray a vote of £5 was passed. Mr. Cooney and Mrs. Lalor dissenting.

WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY: Letters to County Manager & Town Clerk dated 2adh de Feabra I943 were read from the Clerk of above Authority requesting election of Members from this Council on the Board.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

Mr. Cooney was elected.

GENERAL ELECTIONS: Letter dated 4/2/43 was read from the Ard-Runaidhe, Fianna Fail that the Council's communication suggesting that the General Election due to be held in June of this year be postponed be postponed until the present war emergency conditions have passed, has been brought to the attention of the head of the Government.

Letter dated 3rd idem was read from the Runai Dream an Lucht Oibre was also read that the Labour Party does not share the views expressed in the Council's Resolution for reasons given in the communication.

Town Clerk informed the Council that the Council's Resolution was forwarded to the Heads of the Parliamentary Parties only on the Order of the County Manager.

No order.

MRS. LALOR'S MOTION

GROUND RENTS IN CITIES & TOWNS

Mrs. Lalor moved and Mr. Cooney seconded

"That the Government pass legislation to buy out all ground rents in cities and towns, prices to be decided by a Board set up for the purpose. Payment to be made by Bonds bearing I½% interest, bonds to be redeemed out of the Ground rents collected by the Government."

FOR:- Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Cooney

AGAINST:- Messrs Ronan, Murphy, O'Neill, Clarken and the Chairman.

DID NOT VOTE:- Messrs Redmond & Murray.

The Resolution was declared lost.

MRS. LALORS MOTION

PURCHASE OF LAND BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AROUND TOWNS

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Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded By Mr. Cooney

"That Local Authorities be empowered to buy land suitable for building and other purposes around their towns. The amount of land to be based on the estimated expansion of the town in the next 50 years. Loans to be granted to Local Authorities for this purpose, repayable out of the rent got by letting the land."

VOTING:-

FOR:- Mrs. Lalor and Messrs Clarken, O'Neill, Cooney and the Chair. 5

AGAINST:- Messrs Ronan, Redmond, Murphy, & Murray.

The Resolution was declared carried.

DUNDALK COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION.

CLEAN PICTURES FOR IRISH CHILDREN.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded By Mr. Clarken

"That in the Cinema halls throughout the country foreign-made pictures that show scenes of : Crime, Gangsterdom, Sex-indecencies, Schtreepachas, Divorce-Court scandals etc. are doing untold harm to Irish children.

We call on the Government to provide a Censorship and proper supervision over all Pictures and Picture-Houses to which children are admitted until such time as we have a national film industry of our own.

We ask for the co-operation of the newly elected Urban Councils of Saorstat Eireann in this vital and urgent matter of - Clean Pictures for Irish Children." (The word "Schtreepachas" having been deleted as not understood)

The Resolution was passed Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Murphy dissenting on general grounds.

DUNDALK COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION

RELAXATION OF CONDITIONS GOVERNING TENANCY OF HOUSES ERECTED TO HOUSE PERSONS FROM CONDEMNED HOUSES.

Mrs. Lalor proposed

"That the Dundalk Urban District Council request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend existing legislation concerning the housing of the Working Classes, particularly the provisions governing payment of the full 662/3rd % subsidy, so that many people at present debarred from this relief, though in dire need of it, may be brought within its scope; that the restrictions on letting of houses generally be relaxed so as to enable the public authority to let houses to any genuinely deserving cases; that the law be amended so that families unavoidably occupying rooms in Council houses of which they are not tenants may be eligible for subsidised houses; that in view of the urgent need of many of these people, such amending legislation be immediate; and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Association of Municipal Authorities in Eire."

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As there was no seconder the motion was marked read.

NEW STANDING ORDERS

Chairman having intimated that each Member had received draft of the proposed Standing Orders

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The Draft Standing Orders were adopted and copies ordered to be printed and circulated to the Members. The Contract for printing to be subject to the Order of the County Manager.

FISHOUSE LAVATORY: Mr. Cooney drew attention to the filthy state of this public convenience. Mr. Murray stated he was able to state the convenience was clean.

No order.

WEIGHBRIDGE :- Mr. Murray informed the Council that with Mr. Denis Hennessy, New Ross, a weighbridge had been purchased and erected on site known as Galavan's yard, Irishtown. This site was granted by County Manager but the condition that a Weighbridge only could be erected prevented the signing of the lease. They wanted to erect cattle lairs. As this was not possible under the Lease they now offered the Scales as erected to the Council for £85.

The Town Clerk stated the Lease was not signed and consequently the site was still occupied by the Council. The Council's Solicitors were informed that provided the weighbridge and pens were fenced in the County Manager had no other objection. The map was endorsed on the lease which was ready for completion.

Mr. Chairman ruled that the subject was one for the County Manager.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS

LEASE - TOTTENHAM TRUSTS TO THE COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

Lease of land, 4 acres or thereabouts Irish Plantation Measure - Windmill Field for five years from 25th March I940 for the purpose of Allotments Acts was approved and duly executed by the Council.

The Seal was embossed and witnessed by the Chairman, Mr. J.E. Walsh.

COUNTY MANAGER

Town Clerk, at request by County Manager, then gave the following information to questions raised at recent Council Meetings:-

(I) Dangerous Wall, Nunnery Lane . The elbow in this wall can be removed if the Council acquire the land but the Town Surveyor advised the County Manager it is not dangerous and removal is not necessary.

(2) Old Town Wall, William Street. County Manager has arranged to have the necessary supports provided.

(3) MAIDEN LANE - LITTLE HILL. This place requires complete overhaul but the County Council has not money for this work at present. Cost £I77. IO. O will be included in next Relief Grant to save this years rates.

(5) Barrack Lane. The drains are defective and this Council digs up

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the surface to clean old drains and restores it badly. If the drains are properly dealt with the surface would get a coat of tarred chips.

Mr. Cooney requested that the road in front of the four houses at Cross Lane - from palingg to houses - be brought to the notice of the County Manager. It is very dangerous and requires immediate attention.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. CLARKEN

The following was handed in by Mr. Clarken :-

"That the Council recommend that a scheme be put into operation as soon as may be to enable tenants of Council houses to become owners of their houses, the purchase to be made by payment of instalments in lieu of rent."

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 9th DAY OF MARCH I943

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 pursuant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act I854, the Local Government Act I94I, the County Management Act I940 and other Acts and Orders enabling and the Special business of which due notice was given including County Manager's Estimate of Expenses required for the service of the year ending on 3Ist March I944.

Present :- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, presiding and Messrs T. Cooney T. O'Neill, Mrs. Lalor, T. Murray.

The County Manager was present.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE :

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. O'Neill

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, on the death of his wife.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

A Vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Thomas Redmond, U.D.C., in his bereavement caused by the death of Rev. Michael Murphy - brother-in-law.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney that the Council adjourn the Meeting after transacting essential business, as a mark of respect to the Departed.

Mr. O'Neill objected and suggested that the Resolution be altered by the deletion of the words "after transacting essential business" if the Council could so adjourn.

Chairman explained that the proceedure adopted by the Council up to date was in his mind when moving the resolution. The Council could only adjourn after transacting the statutory business prescribed and as the present Meeting was specially convened to consider estimates of expenditure proposed by the County Manager for the service of the ensuing year he could only make one ruling i.e. the Meeting must consider the Estimates.

ESTIMATES

County Manager, Mr. T.D. Sinnott, then made the following comments before presenting his estimates viz:-

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"New Ross with a population of 5050 has a total valuation of £9966. 3. 0. Of this valuation there is effective (a) Poor Rate £9800 upon which Id rate raises £40. I7. 0, for Town Rate £9446 upon which Id rate raises £39. 7. 2. It will therefore be evident that the big expenditure which would be required to house the inhabitants of the town in accordance with modern conditions, to provide a proper fire-fighting equipment, to maintain modern sanitary conditions and to add to the amenities of the town in accordance with modern demands, could not be met without placing a burden upon the ratepaying public impossible to bear.

In presenting the Estimates of Expenditure for the service of the year I943/44 I would call attention to fixed recurring expenditure over which the Council has no control. This consists in New Ross of :-

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LOAN REPAYMENTS :-

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| Housing | £3508 | per | annum. |
| Public Health | £I226 | " | " |
| Road Improvement | £499 | " | " |
| Corporate Property | £90 | " | " |

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making a total of £5323 per annum.

Against this there is an income of :-

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| Subsidy | £I250 |
| Housing Grant (I9I2) | £I2 |
| Bounty in lieu of Rates | £52 |

making a total of £I3I4 and leaving 4009 to be met. To this must be added

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| Cost of Rent Collection | £II8 |
| Repairs | £200 |
| Insurance | £34 |
| Irrecoverable Rents | £50 |

making a total of £44II. Against this sum may be set

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| Rents | £2250 |
| Water Rents | £500 |
| Income from Corporate Property | £24 |

making a total income of £2774 and leaving a net deficit to be met of £I637 or roughly 3/6 in the £.

Salaries too, are fixed and they amount to £II94 and require a rate of roughly 2/7 in the £.

The other fixed charges consist of

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| Road Maintenance | £275 |
| St. Stephen's Cemetery | £50 |
| Waterford & New Ross Port Sanitary Authority | £9 |

making a total of £334 or approximately 9d in the £ so that there is a Town Rate of approximately 6/I0 in the £ which is fixed and recurring.

The other items of expenditure in respect of which provision has to be made this year have been carefully examined by the Town Clerk and checked with him by me. The figures allow only for work which is absolutely necessary to the ordinary running of the town and provision is not being made for many schemes which we would like to undertake and which would be in the general interest of the people of New Ross. This attitude is adopted because of the necessity of taking into account the capacity of the ratepayers to pay.

I have discussed at length with the Town Clerk the question of repairs to Artizan's dwellings and Council property and the question of acquisition of derelict sites. We are of opinion that both of these works will have to be undertaken and schemes initiated during the coming financial year. Owing to the very high expenditure which work of this kind will involve I am of opinion that the cost will have to be met by borrowing and the Council will be informed from time to time of proposals towards this end as their authority must be obtained for borrowing.

There are many other matters to which I might advert. There is the question of provision of proper fire-fighting equipment for the town and the organization of a proper Fire Brigade. Dofficulties of a

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peculiar nature have interfered with Fire Brigade organization in New Ross. The whole question is at the moment under examination and proposals in this matter will be made at an early date.

The present Scavenging system is inefficient and unsatisfactory. It is proposed to organize and urban scavenging staff at the earliest possible moment to divide the town into zones and have the scavenging work done by a staff under the supervision of the Town Surveyor.

In conclusion I may say that the financial position of the town has been most carefully examined. All relevant figures were prepared with maticulous care by the Town Clerk and I am of opinion that a lesser rate than that now recommended will not enable the carrying out of the necessary services forthe coming financial year.

ESTIMATE AND DETERMINATION OF RATES IN THE POUND FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON 31st DAY OF MARCH 1944.

Table A.

Expenditure.

TOWN RATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Urban Roads Repairs | | £275. 0. 0 |
| do. Improvements | | 509. 0. 0 |
| Public Health Acts | | 2925. 0. 0 |
| Housing of Working Classes | | 4520. 0. 0 |
| Other Expenses | | 1669. 0. 0 |
| | Totals | £9898. 0. 0 |

POOR RATE

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|---|---|---|
| County Council Demand | | £3823. 0. 0 |
| Other Expenses | | 750.14. 7 |
| | Total | £4574. 0. 0 |

Table B.

Receipts

TOWN RATE

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|---|---|---|
| Government Grants | | £1429. 0. 0 |
| Housing of the Working Classes | | 2250. 0. 0 |
| Public Health Acts | | 885. 0. 0 |
| Other Expenses | | 315. 0. 0 |
| | Total | £4879. 0. 0 |

Table C.

Calculations

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| Amount leviable | Poor Rate | £4574. 0. 0 |
| do. | Town Rate | 5019. 0. 0 |
| Valuation | Poor Rate | £9800. 0. 0 |
| do. | Town Rate | 9446. 0. 0 |
| Rate in the £. | Poor Rate | 9/5 |
| do. | Town Rate | 10/6 |

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Details under each heading having been read

Mr. O'Neill requested permission to move the motion in the name of Mr. Clarkin

> "That the Council recommend that a scheme be put into operation as soon as may be to enable tenants of Council houses to become owners of their houses the purchase to be made by payment of instalments in lieu of rent."

A letter dated 8/3/43 was read from Mr. Clarken that he would be unable to attend the Meeting owing to illness and requesting to have his motion postponed to next Meeting.

Mr. O'Neill stated he was authorized to move the motion in the absence of Mr. Clarken.

Mr. O'Neill then moved the motion.

Mrs. Lalor stated she intended to second the motion but required information of the effect of it, if passed on the Estimates.

County Manager replied that the obvious effect would be to increase the burden on ratepayers. The tenants did not purchase the houses. Money was borrowed and principal and interest over a long period of years paid by rate. Rents up to the present did not cover the outgoings sufficiently to recoupe the rates.

There was no seconder to the motion.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the estimates as submitted by the County Manager were adopted by the Council nem. con. and the rates in the £ of IO/6 Town Rate and 9/5 in the £ Poor Rate and I/6 in the £ Domestic Water Rate with a minimum of IO/- be and are hereby determined for the financial year ending on the 3Ist Day of March I944.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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TUESDAY I4th DAY OF APRIL I943.

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 Local Government Act I94I, the County Management Act I940 and other Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- Mrs. B. Lalor, Presiding. Messrs T. Clarkin and T. O'NEill.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

On the motion of Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin,

Votes of sympathy were passed to Very Rev. T.A. Conlan, O.S.A., Prior, Augustinians, New Ross, on the death of his mother, William B. Roaan, U.D.C. on the death of his brother and Dr. Kissane, Medical Officer of Health, on the death of her father.

Letters were read from Mr. T. Redmond, U.D.C., and Mr. D. Corish, acknowledging votes of sympathy to them at last Meeting.

URGENT BUSINESS.

POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE URBAN AREA.

Clerk having read suggested changes in polling Stations the Members present agreed that it was a great improvement. Clerk stated that Rosbercon, Creywell, John Street, High Hill and Bridge Street voters were on the list to vote in John Ivory's School or Commercial Club and it was suggested somewhere that the polling places should be transferred to Rosbercon National School. As, however, the majority of voters are on the New Ross side of the river, Mr. Dwyer, Returning Officer suggested that these voters would vote in the Tholsel and that a third Polling Station be opened there. He, Clerk, agreed to this and requested the sanction of the Council.

The change in the Polling Stations was agreed to nem.con.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Signed 11/4/43

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TUESDAY IIth MAY I943

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held on the IIth day of May I943 in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the authority enabling.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presiding: Thomas Redmond, John Murphy, Timothy Murray, Thomas O'Neill, Thomas Clarkin, Brigid Lalor and william Ronan.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read including the Resolution agreeing to locus of polling Stations which required confirmation:-

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

It was decided to adopt the Scheme proposed by the County Registrar which was fully read and understood.

IN MEMORIAM :- Letters were read from Councillor Wm. B. Ronan, Dr. Kissane, and Very Rev. T.A. Prior Conlan, O.S.A., thanking the Council for votes of condolence passed at recent Meeting.

IN ABSENTIA: Letter dated 7th May I943 was read from Thomas D. O'Sionoid Esq., County Manager, as follows :- "I regret to inform you that owing to present difficulties of travel it will be impossible for me to be present at the Urban Council meeting on Tuesday, the IIth instant. Please explain to the Members.

RATES REPORT :- Town Clerk reported that the Collector completed her collection to 3Ist March I943. The Warrant amounted to £8973. 9. 3. Collected £7883. 6. 0. Discounts allowed £I27. I3. II. Amount written off as irrecoverable by County Manager £350. I0. I0. Carried Forward by County Manager £6II. I9. 2. Collected without regard to vacant premises or Uncollectable Rates 89.2% Same time last year 77.5%. At close of collection last year 87.I%. Warrant last year £9I33. approx.

Noted.

STANDING ORDERS: Letter of 5th March I943 was read from Council's Solicitors that in their opinion it would be advisable to insert immediately after the words "during the remainder of the sitting" in paragraph 22 the following ("and may order his removal and such removal may be deemed to be the act of the Council") as this would greatly strengthen the hand of the Chairman in controlling and unruly Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman this was agreed to.

Recommendation from last Meeting that paragraph No. I7 be amended to "that no adjournment of a Meeting may be moved upon the death of any person until the business of the Meeting has been disposed of" was then discussed.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan that the original paragraph stand in view of the fact that statutory business must be transacted and that the functions of the Council were now reduced to those laid down inter alia by the County Management Act.

Passed nem. con.

RESOLUTION FROM COISTE GNOTHA GAELIC LEAGUE.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. O'Neill "That although we do not desire to interfere with

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the administration of the affairs of the National University, we think that consideration might have been given to the fact that a person applied for the post of Professorial Chair of Education who had a competent knowledge of Irish."

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murphy " That the Resolution of the Coiste Gnotha be adopted."

After argument of considerable length during which it was laboured that it would be unfair to expect from the majority of the people something not expected from a high official of the State.

Mr. Redmond decided to delete from his motion "Although we do not desire to interfere with the administration of the affairs of the National University."

Mr. Redmond's motion was carried, Mr. Murphy, dissenting.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940: Mr. Ronan drew attention to the desirability of procuring a competent ladder for rescue purposes.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Council had given permission for the procurement of this ladder over two years ago.

It was decided to place the matter in the County Manager's hands to enquire why the Council's orders have not been complied with and to request him to deal with the matter.

MAKING OF RATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3Ist DAY OF MARCH I944

Pursuant to Section 6I of the Public Bodies Order I942, a Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 8 o&clock.

Present :- Vide Ordinary Minutes of this Meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

The Resolutions allowing and making the Rates for the services of the financial Year as attached to the Rate Book were passed unanimously.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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TUESDAY 8th DAY OF JUNE I943

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 Local Government Act I94I, the County Management Act, I940, and the other Acts or Orders enabling the same.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T.J. Murray, T. O'Neill, T. Clarkin, J. Murphy, and Mrs. Lalor.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

DUNGARVAN RESOLUTION:
On the motion of Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Murray

The resolution - circulated amongst the Members during the week - protesting against the allowance of half pound of butter per week as totally inadequate for nutrition was passed, Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Murphy dissenting.

FIREFIGHTING: Chairman drew attention to the Minute just read that the County Manager was asked to enquire into the absence of a fire-fighting ladder.

Clerk mentioned again that the Council over two years ago gave orders for the provision of such a ladder the cost as estimated by the Town Surveyor to be £30. Nothing had been done about it. The Manager had only the matter in his hands for only a very short while.

It was decided to leave the provision of the ladder in the Manager's hands.

SLIPPERY FAIR GREEN : Mr. Murray drew attention to an accident at the Fair this morning. A valuable horse could not be shown as he slipped on the glassy street of the Irishtown. He suggested roughing the surface of the road.

Chairman gave the opinion from experience that scarifying the road tended to undermine it and the technical advisors to the County Council would not recommend the breaking up of roads that had been so costly.

Adjourned for County Manager's attention.

Replying to Mr. Murray who objected to the absence of County Manager, Clerk stated he had already apologised for his absence and informed the Meeting he would be in New Ross tomorrow for Council work. Of course the apology was purely a courtesy one.

SWORN INQUIRY : Replying to Mr. O'Neill, Clerk stated no Sworn Inquiry was held over the dispute between the Town Surveyor and the Water Inspector. A Department Engineer attended at the Tholsel and met Mr. Shortall and Mr. O'Grady in connection with the dispute.

Further replying to Mr. O'Neill, Clerk stated that as the result of the Engineer's visit was addressed to the County Manager only the County Manager could give the Council the information contained in the letter to him.

MEADOW ON THE QUAY: Mr. O'Neill drew attention to the condition of the Quay. It was like a meadow.

Clerk informed Mr. O'Neill that part of the Quay mentioned was claimed by the Harbour Board.

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Chairman stated the funds of the Harbour Board could not at present permit of the expenditure required for continuous work of this kind.

No order.

HOUSING - ABBEY VIEW : Mr. Murray would like the County Manager to inspect the condition of the old corrugated iron partition at entrance to this laneway, for action.

Agreed.

Mrs. Lalor complained of the bad flooring in Hennessy's House, Church Lane.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

J. Walsh. 13/7/43.

ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY THE 30th DAY OF JUNE I 9 4 3.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, today at noon, official time, pursuant to the provision of the Local Elections Act, I927 and as amended by the Local Government Act I94I and Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- Messrs Thos. Redmond, Vice-Chairman, Presiding,
Thomas O'Neill, T.J. Murray, John Murphy and Mrs. Lalor.

A Letter was read from the Chairman, Mr. J.E. Walsh, regretting inability to attend due to illness and thanking the Council and the County Manager for co-operation and help during the period of his office.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been taken as read were signed.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Murray

The outgoing Chairman, Mr. James E. Walsh and the outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mr. Thomas Redmond were re-elected unanimously.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond.
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The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the prdinary business of the Council and the undermentioned Special business of the Council of which due notice was given viz:-

I. Offer of tenant, Sergt. Motherway, G.S., to purchase the fee simple of his residence at Priory Street, New Ross for £350,and

2. Resolution from Kerry County Council requiring the Government to release prisoners on hunger strike.

PRESENT:- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, presiding, T. Redmond, J. Murphy, T. Clarkin, Mrs. B. Lalor and Mr. T.D. O'Sionoid, County Manager.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

RATE COLLECTION. Clerk reported Total Warrant 966I. I5. 8. Collected £6I6. 3. II. Discounts allowed £II. II. 8 leaving outstanding £9034. 0.I. 6½% collected as against last year "nil" but the Collector had received her books a month earlier this year.

WEEKLY HALF)HOLIDAY

BANKS' REPLIES. The Managers of the Munster & Leinster, Provincial Bank of Ireland and National Bank and the Agent of the Bank of Ireland regretted their boards cannot acceede to the Council's request to change the half-holiday from Saturday to the town's half day - Wednesday.

Chairman suggested that the Customers of the Banks should take the matter further if desired.

No order.

SALE OF PRIORY STREET HOUSE. Letter dated 26th June I943 was read from Mr. James P. Coghlan, Solicitor, Charles Street, New Ross, offering the sum of £350 for the purchase of the fee simple of this property subject to the following stipulations, namely :- (a) a good title (b) property free from incumbrances or charges of any kind and (c) payment by each of the parties of their own legal costs without any contribution from either to the other in this respect.

County Manager, by leave of the Meeting. recommended the sale at the price. The Council had this property on hands and could not let it for over a year. The price offered would much more than cover the costs and outlay involved in acquiring this house.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was unanimously agreed to accept the offer subject to usual formalities and to instruct the Council's Solicitors to put the sale through in accordance with law.

CEDING OF THOROUGHFARE TO MERCY NUNS. Letter dated 8th July I943 was read from Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, L.L. B., Solicitor, New Ross, on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy, New Ross, The Nuns purchased the old Military Barracks at Michael Street as a site for a new school. Immediately in front of the barrack wall at the western end of Michael Street there is a strip of ground which is believed to belong to this site and was left as a stand for vehicles. The original conveyance made to King George the Third in I70I but this conveyance or any of the subsequent documents of title did not have a map of the site. This strip may belong to the Council and as the inclusion of it would add to the amenities of the school as well as excluding the possibility of nuisance the Nuns asked the Council to agree to conveying their interest, if any, to the nuns.

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The accompanying having been examined and after due consideration and on the advice of the County Manager.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was unanimously agreed to inform Mr. Kelly that the Council had no objection to the conveyance provided that no expense would be involved by the Council.

COLLECTION OFMANUSCRIPT MATERIALS. Letter dated 3rd July 1943 was read from the Genealogical Office, Irish Manuscript Commission requesting an opportunity of examining and making a report on the books and documents of the old Corporation of New Ross in order to include them in the general survey of manuscripts of historical interest.

It was agreed to grant the permission.

POOR RATE. Demand by County Council in the sum of £3823. 5. 3 for the financial year ending on the 31st March 1944 was read as follows :- Roads £379. Public Assistance £1766. Special General Charges £714. Health £131. General Purposes £819. Separate £15. 5. 3.

Demand by the same Council for non-maintenance roads £225 and for Special Works £50 was also read.

Agreed.

SEWER PUMPING PLANT, ROSBERCON.

Letter dated 13th July 1943 was read from Mr. R.A. O'Grady, Sanitary Inspector, asking for remuneration for his services as Caretaker of this plant for two years as he was appointed by the Council on the 18th February 1941 to undertake this special work. The County Manager had arranged to pay at the rate of £15 per year from the date he took control.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to make the payment from the date of Mr. O'Grady's appointment by the Council.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. This Resolution was read. There was no proposition.

Mr. Clarkin's Motion.

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor "That this Council protest against the arrest and internment of Irish Citizens without trial."

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy "That this Council is satisfied from recent discussions in An Dail that no person has been arrested or interned without good strong and sufficient reasons and after mature consideration by the Government."

The Chairman decided to take Mr. Clarkin's motion and Mr. Clarkin and Mrs. Lalor voted for it. Messrs Redmond and Murphy voted against. The Chair did not vote giving the reason the matter had no bearing on the affairs of the Council.

No order.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was unanimously agreed "that in future only motions having a direct bearing on the business of the Council shall be allowed or be considered at any Council Meeting or circulated to the Members prior

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to or during any Meeting of the Council."

REFERRED TO COUNTY MANAGER . Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the necessity of providing a fence and gate to Allotments at Ard-na-Greine and to the back entrance of Council's Cottages in Cross Lane.

Referred to Countyb Manager.

Mr. Redmond stated that there was considerable dumping of rubbish in Barrack Lane.

County Manager replied that one man had been caught dumping and a prosecution was withdrawn on his undertaking to remove the rubbish and apologise to the Council. He had carried out both.

Mr. Clarkin requested the County Manager to consider proceedings to compel the landlord of a dwelling he would name to provide proper sanitary accommodation provided he, Mr. Clarkin, could prove that the requisite materials are obtainable.

The County Manager agreed.

Mr. Clarkin stated that several of the Council's dwellings at Charleton Hill required renovation.

Referred to County Manager.

Chairman having thanked the Council for electing him Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year

THE MEETING ENDED

J. Walsh
10/8/43.

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TUESDAY 10th DAY OF AUGUST 1943

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.

Present:- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Redmond, T. O'Neill and T. Cooney.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

PLOT OF GROUND AT MICHAEL STREET. Letter dated 3rd August 1943 was read from Mr. T.J. Kelly, L.L.B. Solicitor, New Ross, thanking the Council on behalf of the Mercy Nuns, for the grant of this plot of ground for their new National School and agreeing to the Council's terms as regards costs and expenses of conveyance.

GENEALOGICAL OFFICE : Letters dated 30th July and 3rd August 1943 were read from the Registrar fixing the 13th of August next as the date he intends visiting the Tholsel to examine the ancient documents.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE. Circular dated 28th July 1943 was read from the Honorary Secretary intimating that this years Conference will be held in Wexford town on the 14th, 15th and 16th September 1943. All Resolutions should be forwarded the 9th instant for printing purposes.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

The Chairman of the Council and Town Clerk were appointed delegates to the Conference.

COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE :

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was resolved to request the Conference to consider the question of a County Firefighting Establishment as opposed to the Town Firefighting arrangement contemplated by the Fire Brigades Act 1940. The Act imposes on each Town the obligation of providing an adequate firefighting service out of the local rate. The cost of providing and maintaining an adequate service appears prohibitive where 1d in the £ produces not more than £35 and particularly where the existing rate in the £ exceeds £1 as in New Ross. The alternative provisions of the Act - to enter into an Agreement with neigbouring properly equipped services - might easily be ineffective because of distance and prior engagements and in any case would involve some sort of local slip-shod emergency equipment and establishment. The Council suggest that the only remedy is the establishment of a County Fire Brigade having local establishments the initial cost to be found by borrowing and the maintenance to be met out of the County Rate. With the central brigade situated in the principal town under an expert staff and the other towns provided with adequate equipment and a permanent trained staff the whole County area could be assured of reasonable security against fire at minimum cost and maximum efficiency. It only required a slight amendment of the Act to effect this advisable reform.

The County Manager consented to support the Council's motion. He had such a scheme in mind now for some time and would consider the making of a complete scheme for submission to the proper quarter.

RATING OF LANDLORDS

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was resolved

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"That this Council views with alarm the progressive increase in rates due to the amounts struck out for vacant premises by reason of the incompetance of the Council to collect the rates assessed on same due to the existing law on the point and requests the Conference of Municipal Authorities sitting in Wexford this year to consider this most important matter and to agree on a Resolution submitting the necessity for immediate legislation to remedy this defect in the rating legislation."

RATING OF LANDLORDS

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was resolved

"That it is the considered opinion of this Council the incidence of rating should extend to Owner and Occupier in the proportion of the valuation of the owners rent and that we request the Conference of Municipal Authorities to consider this matter and if needs be to agree to resolve that the Government be requested to introduce legislation to remedy what we conceive to be a gross inequity for rating purposes as between Landlord and tenant."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

County Manager informed the Council that a sum of approximately £2000 - including the Council's contribution would be available for Relief Work during the Winter Season. The Grant could be employed on (a) clearing of derelict sites, including the provision of seating accommodation, ball alleys &c. (b) the provision of a Town Park and (c) reconstruction of roads. He favoured the provision of a Park and had examined a site bounded by Barrack Lane, Michael Street, Bewley Street and Mary Street and unless the cost of acquisition would prove prohibitive and so take so long to negotiate for the purposes of the present vote this site with complete details of the Scheme would be submitted to the Council for approval. If this or a similar scheme should fail then he would consider the other works on which to expend the grant. The Park would at the least absorbe a 90% labour content which was highly desirable.

The Chairman expressed the Council's thanks to the Manager and promised full support to this projects which they considered desirable.

REFERRED TO COUNTY MANAGER. The following matters were discussed and referred to the County Manager :-

1. Payment of Council's new staff from the Ist October next weekly on each Saturday vice the existing system of fortnightly payments.

2. Retention of all the staff on cleansing work on all saturdays evenings excepting in exceptional circumstances.

3. More effective and regular cleansing of road gullies and the proper sealing of the traps thereafter.

4. Regular cleansing of all lanes in the town and prevention of offensive refuse dumping thereon.

5. Dampness in house occupied by Mrs. Boylan, Charleton Hill.
6. Necessity for cutting off water from the town at night to be examined.
7. Lighting of Charleton Hill for winter.
8. Abolition of fleas in Cimema.
9. Repairs to houses occupied by McLoughlins & Keilys, William Street.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond.
14. 9. 43.

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TUESDAY I4th SEPTEMBER I943 .

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 pursuant to the provisions of the County Management Act I940.

Present:- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding, T. Clarkin, T. O'Neill, T. Murray and Mrs. B. Lalor.

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

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE & ADJOURNMENT.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. John Murphy, U.D.C., on the death of his daughter and the Meeting was adjourned for one month as a mark of sympathy.

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FRIDAY Ist DAY OF OCTOBER I943

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Friday the Ist day of October I943 at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to sanction a loan for the purposes of the Acquisition od Derelict Sites Act, I940, and to receive a Deputation in connection with the provision of funds for the erection of a new national school for the town.

Present:- Messrs T. Redmond, Vice Chairman, Presiding, T. O'Neill, J. Murphy, W. Ronan.

Town Clerk intimated the unavoidable absence of the Chairman and the County Manager.

Circular from the Department of Local Government and Public Health was read notifying the grant towards winter employment schemes subject to the Council's contribution.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had decided to expend the Grant within the Urban Area and to devote it towards the clearing of derelict sites with a view to subsequently utilizing the sites in the public interest. Before this could be done under the provisions of the Derelict Sites Act, I940, it would be necessary to acquire some of the sites and so the Council was asked to provide the means of doing so by borrowing. The Manager was unable to name a sum certain as the compensation for the acquisition by Agreement and Compulsorily could not at present be ascertained.

Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Ronan whilst agreeing the necessity for acquiring the sites - 48 in all - preferred to have an amount fixed in the resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

It was unanimously resolved to acquire all the derelict sites in the town and to borrow a sum to be later fixed by way of loan extending over the maximum period from the Council's Treasurers.

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NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL.

The Rev. P. Murphy, C.C., B.A., and Mr. T.J. Kelly, L.L.B. Solicitor, then addressed the Council. The new National School in course of erection would cost about £40,000. Two thirds of this would be met by the Department of Education, a proportion by the Sisters of the Convent of Mercy and the balance would fall on the people of the parish. The deputation pleaded that the Council as elected representatives of the town should act as patrons of a scheme to organize a Parish Committee who would arrange to provide the people's contribution.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was unanimously agreed that the Council act as Patrons and that the Town Clerk would call a Public Meeting in St. Aidan's Hall for Tuesday the 5th day of October I943 at 8.30 o'clock p.m. to give effect to this Resolution.

J. Walsh.
12 Oct 1943.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED.

TUESDAY THE I2th DAY OF OCTOBER I943

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.

Present:- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T. Cooney, Mrs. B. Lalor, T. O'Neill, T. Murray and T. Redmond.

The Clerk apologised for the unavoidable absence of the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter was read from Councillor John Murphy thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his daughter.

IRISHTOWN MARKET CROSS. Mr. Murray drew attention to the condition of this cross. In his opinion the Council should make arrangements for the preservation of this well known landmark. It is in a bad condition.

Replying to Mrs. Lalor the Town Clerk stated the Ancient Monuments Committee might be interested. This Cross is considered a market Cross and so the tradition might be that attached to a like cross at the Glendalough Museum. In any case it might be left to the Ancient Monuments Committee.

This was unanimously decided as a first step to the preservation of the Cross.

WEIGHBRIDGE ON QUAY. Mr. Murray drew attention to the necessity of providing adequate access to this weighbridge. The carrageway might be concreted and the Council should see to it that this weighbridge should be easily accessable.

Mr. Cooney added that the responsible officers of the Council might be asked to have the way in and around this weighbridge cleansed. It is in a filthy condition. At least this place should be properly cleaned and kept so.

It was decided to draw the County Manager's attention to the matters concerned.

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INITERANTS ON QUAY: . Mr. O'Neill objected to parking of any band of persons on the part of the Quay adjacent to the Weighbridge and Fishhouse. It is important to keep this part of the Quay free from caravans.

Replying to Mr. Chairman, Town Clerk stated prohibition of such parking might be a matter for joint conference with the Harbour Board.

It was decided to put the matter before the County Manager.

WATER TROUGH ON QUAY. Mr. O'Neill informed the Meeting that his attention was drawn to the absence of water from this trough. In his opinion the Council should see to it that adequate water should be available for animal traffic on the Quay.

It was decided to ask the County Manager to have the complaint remedied.

PUBLIC LIGHTING - CHARLETON HILL. Mrs. Lalor advocated the lighting of this area. There are 76 Council houses and not one public light. The Council should provide adequate lighting facilities.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that at his last conference the County Manager interviewed Mr. Coffee of the E.S.B. and had arranged for the provision of at least one light for the new road and one for the 26 houses.

Mr. Cooney defending the Council's attitude stated the E.S.B. had in several cases provided the poles and extension free and the Council objected to expending the rates to the tune of over £48 for adequate lighting considering the Board reaped an annual revenue from the public as well as the private lighting which the extension of the system obviously involved.

The Meeting endorsed the County Manager's decision.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES : Mr. O'Neill drew attention to the condition of the houses occupied by Mr. Broaders and Mrs. Canterbury, William Street. They were in a scandelous condition.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had personally made a general inspection of the Council property and decided, as the Council was aware in his budget statement, to borrow for general repairs which would tend to decrease the rates rather than the system of repairs out of revenue to individual tenements. He was presently engaged on this project.

Mrs. Lalor objected to the rates bearing inside repairs. She was not aware of any landlord expending rent on same. Outside repairs were fair enough.

It was decided to endorse the County Manager's attitude and to inform him this matter was urgent.

VACANT HOUSE AT WILLIAM STREET. Mr. Cooney stated he was informed there was a house vacant in William Street. This house should be given to Miss Roche, Town Wall who could not afford the rent of the Council house in her occupation.

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

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the County Manager to give this house to Miss Roche.

NEW HOUSES REQUIRED.
On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was unanimously agreed to recommend the

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County Manager to proceed with the erection of some houses in Irishtown, New Ross, on the Derelict Sites there - each side.

The Meeting then adjourned to permit attendance at the Meeting called in connection with the provision of funds for the erection of New National School.

J. Walsh
9/11/43.

Friday the 29th October I943

A Special Meeting of the Council, called on the requisition of Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, W. Ronan, Thomas Redmond, T.J. Murray and John Murphy, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee created by the resignation of Mr. John Murphy, P.C., was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.30 o'clock.

Present:- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding, T.J. Murray, W. Ronan, T. O'Neill, and J. Murphy.

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

Mr. Redmond was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Vocational Education Committee.

J. Walsh
9/11/43.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY THE 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER 1943

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 pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts and Orders enabling.

PRESENT: - Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presiding and Messrs T. Redmond, T. Murray, T. O'Neill, T. Clarkin and W. Ronan.

The County Manager attended.

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

Replying to the Chair, County Manager said he had received a copy of the Minutes of the last Meeting and he was in complete sympathy with the objectives. He would have the way to Weighbridge on the Quay put into reasonable working conditions and kept in a cleanly state. So far as the parking of tinkers on the Quay was concerned it should be an easy matter for a joint conference of the Council and the Harbour Board to settle. If the obstruction took place, as stated, on the thoroughfare controlled by the Council he would have the matter investigated by the County Council. At the same time the Council should consider the making of bye-laws to govern such matters. He had given orders to provide water to the trough on the Quay. During his conference today he had arranged for the lighting of Charleton Hill, and as one of the lights helped to light the way to the local Hospitals he would arrange for a recoupment of the expenses by the County Council. As regards repairs to the Council's houses all essential repairs were undertaken but comprehensive repairs and reconditioning must wait for next annual estimates when he proposed to submit a Scheme for which the Council might borrow. As regards the specific cases of Broaders and Canterbury he required some more particulars and would examine into complaints as soon as same were provided. He was glad to inform the Council that he had no difficulty in electing Miss M.A. Roche to the tenancy of the William Street house as recommended by the Council. His reasons were that although he had a number of applications before him involving married people with children living in fairly bad conditions he had not been influenced sufficiently as to refuse Miss Roche's Application. Miss Roche's unfavourable circumstances owed £19 rent. This was now reduced to about £5 after payment of 10/10 per week ordinary rent in the meantime. There will be no difficulty in letti No. 7 Town Wall. No stronger case had been submitted to him and he thought the Council were justified in their recommendation.

Chairman expressed the opinion that the matters referred to by the Manager were of great importance and thanked the Manager for his prompt attendance to the wishes of the Council.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney a sincere vote of sympathy was unanimously voted to Mr. John Murphy, P.C., John Street, New Ross, a recent Member of the Council on the death of his brother Mr. Michael Murphy.

PERMITS TO CUT FIREWOOD.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was unanimously decided to recommend to the appropriate Department of State that it is in the general interest to all persons prepared to provide timber for firewood during the present emergency period and that the Department responsible should issue the requisite permits to make firewood available.

Referred to County Manager.

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SANITARY ACCOMMODATION : Replying to Mr. Clarkin, County Manager stated he was not at the moment conversant with the case of Mrs. Howlett, Bewley Street and would look into the position before next Meeting.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Landlord had done the repairs requested of him, so far as he was advised.

Mr. Clarkin stated the landlord had attended to inside plastering but the outside now required attention.

Referred to County Manager.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME: Mr. O'Neill drew attention to the invidious position of a single person without dependents under the Council's Scheme. The Scheme should be amended to permit a single person to benefit.

County manager pointed out that the scheme was made for him by the Department and so was, for him, unalterable. Whilst he was of opinion there would be little if any hope of changing the Department's decision the Council might petition them to alter the scheme to permit of single people getting the fuel.

Proposed by Mr. O'Neill
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was resolved to ask the Department to allow of the issue of tickets to single persons without dependents on payment of I/- for I cwt. of turf per week.

Referred to County Manager.

BUILDING OF NEW HOUSES

Chairman stressed the necessity for filling up the vacant spaces about to be created by the operation of the Derelict Sites Act, I940, in the town and particularly in the Irishtown. The Council had at all times favoured such a site as ideal and cheap. The County Manager should keep this site before him in his earliest scheme for the provision of more houses in the town.

This was agreed.to.

J Walsh
14/12/43.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY I4th DAY OF DECEMBER I943

The Monthly Ordinary Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the business of the Council.

PRESENT: Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman; Thomas Redmond, W. Ronan, T. Cooney, T. Murray and T. O'Neill and Mrs. Lalor.

The County Manager also attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

WEIGHBRIDGE -WAY- ON QUAY.

Mr. Cooney referred to discussion at last Meeting and informed the Meeting nothing had been done to the surrounds of the weighbridge although various officials inspected.

Mr. Murray said he also had occasion to use this weighbridge and nothinghad been done as desired by the Council.

Referred to County Manager.

ITINERANTS ON QUAY. Replying to Mr. Ronan, Chairman stated he would put the matter of a conference - referred to at last Meeting of the Council - before the Harbour Commissioners and report back to the Council at next Meeting.

BYELAWS.

Arising out of the Minutes Mrs. Lalor desired to know if the town had any byelaws. Mr. Ronan pointed out that some years ago certain model byelaws were considered by the Council but the Council decided that they could not be applied to New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. O'Neill it was decided to provide copies of the Government Model Byelaws for each Councillor.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT I930. Letter dated 7th December I943 was read from the County Secretary as to repairs to Market Cross at Irishtown that "the New Ross Urban District Council is a"local authority"under the Act and they are the body to deal with any local or historic monuments in their area".

Clerk read sections 8 (b) II(I) and I2 (I) of the Act and informed the Council of the constitution of the National Advisory and Local Advisory Councils.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by the Chair it was decided, on the advise of the County Manager, to send particulars concerning the Market Cross to the Commissioners of Public Works with a view to its preservation.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL I943. Letter dated IIth December I943 was read from the Hon. Sec. Chief Executive Officers' Association relative to above.

Proposed by Mr. Murray
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was decided to ask the Honorary Secretary to provide additional copies of the memorandum enclosed with his letter for distribution to each Councillor.

WET TURF. Mrs. Lalor pointed out that it is impossible for the persons in receipt of turf under the Council's CheapnFuel Scheme to light the turf provided without the aid of firewood. The turf provided was merely

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a wet sod. In her opinion something should also be done to provide dry turf.

Several Members agreed with Mrs. Lalor and requested the County Manager to help in the provision of fuel generally in the town.

County Manager replying stated he had a conference with the suppliers a few hours ago and he stated to them that they could refuse to take delivery of the fuel referred to by Mrs. Lalor. He had confirmation of this during the interview from the Turf Development Board and desired the Press to take a particular note of the position. There should be no difficulty in obtaining good dry turf. As to firewood he had also made certain arrangements for the Suppliers. Regarding firewood for the Christmas Season for the recipients under the Council's Scheme he would try to meet the Council's wishes.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan it was resolved that the Government be requested to have a census of non-commercial timber taken under the zone system and and allocation made to the population within each zone.

REPAIRS TO DWELLINGS. Replying to Mr. O'Neill County Manager stated that he had not yet had the required estimates of the cost of the repairs required to the houses occupied by Mrs. Canterbury and Edward Broaders. Immediately they were in his hands the work would be undertaken. He must have full details of the work necessary and the cost before making an Order.

WEIGHBRIDGE OFFICE LIGHTING. Mr. Cooney and Mr. Murray stressed the necessity for a light in this office. The Town Surveyor estimated it would cost 7/6 to install. Candles were not obtainable.

Clerk stated he had asked the Weighmaster to call for candles if required. He had no application for light from the Weighmaster, and the Town Surveyor had not given him an estimate because he had not been asked for one.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Murray it was decided to ask the County Manager to provide a light as requested.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos. Redmond

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TUESDAY IIth JANUARY I944

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.

Present: Messrs Thomas Redmond, Vice Chairman, Presided T. Murray, T. O'Neill, Mrs, B. Lalor, T. Clarkin, T. Cooney and W. Ronan.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BILL: Letter dated 20th December I943 was read from the Hon. Sec., Chief Executive Officer's Association intimating enclosure of nine copies of Memorandum on this Bill.

Clerk reported distribution to the Members. Mr. Clarkin raised the point of order, that as there was a resolution on the books limiting the agenda to matters solely connected with the Council's administration the Meeting cannot discuss this Bill.

Chairman ruled accordingly.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT: Letter dated 30th December I943 was read from the Office of Public Works "that arrangements are being made to have the Cross at Irishtown inspected" and a further communication will be addressed to the Council in due course.

Noted.

TOWN AND COUNTY PLANNING: Invitations to the Chairman and Members of the Council were read from Mr. C.J. Hall, Principal, Technical School, New Ross to a lecture on Town and County Planning by Mr. Manning Robertson on I9th January I944 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Noted.

BYELAWS: Letters dated 23rd December I943 P.H.20662/43 and 8th January I943 same reference were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that copies of model byelaws may now be obtained from the Government Publications Sale Office, Dublin. The Model Byelaws relating to Slaughter Houses are at present under revision. A copy of the model Byelaws with respect to means of escape from fire in the case of certain factories and workshops was enclosed.

Chairman gave the opimion that as the Council was administering the law relating to all the matters referred to in the letters and had officers to enforce the law there did not appear to be much necessity for byelaws.

Mr. Cooney reminded the Council that byelaws suitable for the town had been framed by the Council and sent to the Solicitors for attention some time ago.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it wqs decided to order a few copies of the model Byelaws from the Sale Office and to instruct the Clerk to ask the Solicitors for information re the code sent to them.

CLEANSING AFTER FAIRS: Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the necessity for having the concrete paths in Irishtown cleansed after each Fair. After last Fair the residents were obliged to do this work.

Referred to County Manager.

DISTURBANCE AFTER DANCES : Mr. Cooney desired to have the opinion of the

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Council on the possibility of preventing noise by shouting, singing and knocking at doors which invariably followed dances held in the town. Residents were continually complaining.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Cooney it was decided to acquaint the Superintendent of the Garda Siochanna of the matter for his special attention.

DUMPING AT BARRACK LANE.

Mr. Cooney requested special attention to the subject of the prevention of wholesale dumping of filth in Barrack Lane. The Council's officials should give more attention to the discovery and prosecution of offenders.

Chairman and several Members agreed and added that there were several such dumps over the town.

Clerk informed the Meeting that since the County Manager's advent he had ordered several prosecutions on very definite evidence. The last prosecution was decided in Court today and the offender received a warning from the Justice. A prosecution was ordered in the instance for dumping offensive matter in Barrack Lane but the Manager could not proceed with it as the law required that the offender must be first warned and only if the filth was not removed and the offence repeated could a prosecution succeed. The offender had removed the nuisance and apologized through his Solicitor.

County Manager gave details of his experience in his endeavours to stop this nuisance dumping. Whereever he possibly could he would prosecute. Where the offender is not known it is the duty of the Council as the Sanitary Authority to abate any nuisance.

Referred to County Manager.

Cross Lane Road : Mr. Cooney gave details of the rough condition of the surface of the road leading into the Council's houses at Cross Lane. It required to be surfaced.

Referred to County Manager.

PLOT CROSS LANE - WILLIAM STREET. Mr. Clarkin enquired if it is possible to fence in this plot or let it for allotments or one garden. It is at present a dump.

Referred to County Manager.

WATERWORKS: County Manager informed the Meeting that he had received the report of Consulting Engineers, Messrs Delap & Waller, Dublin, on the adequacy of the filter plant installed under their supervision and on their advice some years ago. He was not satisfied yet with the report. In his opinion the Council can provide an adequate water service only by laying a twelve inch main from the source to the town with increased capacity necessories. According to the report before him there is an abundance of water available in Dranagh. It would be his earnest endeavour to have this supply brought into the town with the least possible delay.

RATES REPORT: Clerk reported the Warrant as £966I. I5. 8 and arrears £387I. I4. 6 to 3Ist December I943. Collected 58.5% as against 57.I% last year.

County Manager informed the Meeting he was far from satisfied with the collection. It was the lowest in the County. The Collector was doing her best but the ratepaying community should realize that the end of the financial was drawing near and should help the Collection. He had agreed to certain action which should help the collectio before next Meeting.

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RENT ARREARS: Clerk reported the arrears at 3I/I2/43 as £304. I5. 6.

Manager stated he was disappointed that he had not succeeded further in reducing the arrears. The figure was still very high. It stood at £650 when he assumed office and gradually reduced to £304 but he saw very little prospect of a further steady reduction unless he took drastic action or received the help of the tenants. Arrears tend to increase the rates and he could only justify any such increase as a last resource.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES: Manager reported that he had just received a large list of repairs and estimates - over the £I500 - from the Town Surveyor. He hoped to introduce a figure into this years estimates for borrowing purposes to enable him to systematically undertake the reconditioning of the Council's property.

THE MEETING ENDED

J.E. Walsh.
12. March 44

TUESDAY THE 8th FEBRUARY I944

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 the business of the Council.

Present:- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T. O'Neill, T. Redmond, Mrs. Lalor.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. T.D. Sinnott, County Manager, on the death of his mother and it was agreed that the Meeting be adjourned, sine die, as a mark of respect.

J.E. Walsh.
12 March 44

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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TUESDAY THE I4th DAY OF MARCH I944.

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 the consideration of Manager's draft Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year, pursuant to the law enabling same.

PRESENT:- **Messrs** J.E. Walsh, Chairman presiding, T. Redmond, W. Ronan, T. Murray, T. Cooney, T. Clarken, T. O'Neill and Mrs. Lalor, ~~and J. Murphy~~.

County Manager was also in attendance.

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

VOTE OF SYMPATHY. Letter was read from the County Manager conveying to the Council his "appreciation of the very kind thought which inspired the sympathy and adjournment" of the Council on the death of his mother.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. ~~Murphy~~, Murray

The Council expressed the deepest sympathy with Mr. T. Redmond, U.D.C. on the demise of his nephew.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES. Town Clerk informed the Council that the Manager had intimated his desire to discuss with the Council his proposed Estimate of the Expenditure to be incurred by the Council for the service of the year ending 3Ist March I945. He had prepared his figures but before adoption he would like the views of the Members.

COUNTY MANAGER'S EXPLANATORY REPORT ON HIS ESTIMATES.

Clerk read the Manager's Report setting out in detail the net Capital and Revenue Expenditure. Particular attention was drawn in it to proposed new Capital Expenditure as follows:-

£2000 for the reconstruction of the Tholsel Building to enable him to provide offices therein for Government offices - the profit revenue should in time relieve the rates.

£2000 for the provision of a Public Abbatoir. After the first year he expected a profit revenue.

£2000 for the reconditioning of all the Council tenements.

He proposed to finance all three projects by borrowing. He was reluctant to undertake any expenditure which would tend to increase the existing rate but he was forced to the opinion that as it is a reasonable presumption many years must elapse after the present war before a more favourable opportunity may be afforded and as the work proposed may not be unduly delayed the present time is opportune.

SALE OF PROPERTY. Manager's report also dealt with the sale of one of the Priory Street Houses for £350. He proposed to pay the amount received in relief of the loan borrowed in I94I of £650 for the acquisition of the two houses in Priory Street. This loan amounted at present to £487.I0.0 and the proposed payment will reduce it to £I37.I0.0

ANNUAL ESTIMATES. Clerk then read the Estimates in detail.

£2000 FOR COUNCIL TENEMENTS. Council agreed unanimiously that this expenditure is necessary and urgent.

£2000 - THOLSEL RECONSTRUCTION. Manager stated he had only included a token figure so as to obtain the Council's approval to the proposal.

Council agreed to the Expenditure and Proposal.

£2000 - PUBLIC ABBATOIR. Mr. Ronan disagreed with the proposal. Until the Government made it compulsory the Council should not undertake the work. For years the Killings and conditions were sanitary and subject

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to inspection by the Council's Officers. Periodical and surprise inspections were made by the Council's Veterinary Inspector and so far as he was awarethe Reports were favourable. The percentage of discarded meat was infinitesimal.

Manager replied that the Veterinary Inspector and the County Medical Officer of Health had repeatedly requested the Council to provide a Public Abbatoir. In their opinion therefore there was a necessity for an Abbatoir under the control of the Sanitary Authority. At present a good number of Slaughter Houses were within the statutory distance of dwellings and the only alternative to the Abbatoir could be nothing less than rebuilding for the traders to comply with the regulations.

After a discussion it was decided on the casting vote of the Chairman to postpone the Council's decision on the Manager's proposition to the Estimates Meeting - Messrs T. Cooney, T. Clarken, T. O'Neill and Mrs. Lalor voting against and Messrs the Chair, T. Redmond, W. Ronan and T.J. Murray voting for.

ROAD MAINTENANCE. County Council requires £400 for the service of Urban Roads.

Council decided to reduce this figure to £225. The roads are in good condition and £225 should be adequate.

Manager agreed to accept the reduction.

PROVISION OF MEALS. Estimate provides for an Expention of £I60.

Manager explained fully the reason for the inclusion of this amount. A like figure was estimated last year but only £2I had been expended. During the year a ladies Committee of the town decided amongst themselves that the meal provided by the Council was inadequate for the needs of the children and formed a Committee to provide a hot meal consisting of soup, vegetables and meat to be served in a hall rented for the purpose. Consequently the meals ceased so far as administered by the Council excepting for St. Canices School children. Later the Christian Brothers intimated by letter to the Council the desire of their boys to revert to the Council's scheme i.e. the provision of Cocoa, Milk, Bread and Jam or Butter to be served by the Brothers. I05 boys in all. Later the Nuns of the Mercy Convent intimated that 46 of their pupils had ceased to participate in the Hot Meal Scheme and that should the Council continue to provide the meal under their Scheme a further 45 of their puplis would join. In these circumstances he had no obtion but to make provision in the Estimates. Owing to the dislocation of the modus operandi of the Council's Scheme due to the incursion of the Hot Meals Scheme difficulties in the way of securing Cocoa and Sugar appeared. He had now made arrangements which should suffice for the time being. If the Council decide to discontinue their Scheme they are at liberty to reduce this estimate by the amount allocated. He had made certain suggestions to the Department intended to permit of a subsidy from the rates towards Hot Meals Scheme out of the unexhausted figure provided in his last estimates. He could not assure the Council that any Government Grant would be forthcoming but he would recommend that the appropriate unexhausted balance of the rate provision be made available.

Mrs. Lalor detailed the circumstances under which the Committee of the ladies of the town met and determined on the provision of Hot Meals for the school children. £220 was expended on equipment and some £225 was collected in the town. She was satisfied this collection would be maintained. So far all receipts had been expended on the provision of meals. She was not satisfied the children of the Mercy Convent School desired to return to the meal provided under the Council Scheme. The teachers had all expressed appreciation of the meals provided and the conditions of service left nothing to be desired. In her opinion the children benefited much since the scheme operated and the meal provided was and is more palatible and nutritious than that of dry bread and Cocoa which, she understands, constituted the meals provided in the schools under the Council's Scheme. She was prepared to continue the Hot Meals under any conditions imposed by the Government which would permit of a contribution from the rates and a Government Grant.

Messrs W. Ronan and T. Clarken concurred.

After a lengthy discussion the Manager informed the Meeting that

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the Medical Advisors of the Government had given the opinion that Cocoa, Milk, Bread and Butter or Jam was more nutricious for the Children.

Council decided to leave the provision in the Estimates - Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Ronan dissenting.

The items in the Estimates having been agreed without a discussion

It was decided to fix Wednesday the 29th day of March I944 as the date of the Estimates Meeting for the purpose of formally adopting the Estimates.

Walsh.
29 March
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WEDNESDAY THE 29th DAY OF MARCH I944.

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 County Manager's Estimates of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending on the 3Ist March I945 pursuant to the provisions of Article 56 (2) of the Public Bodies Order, The County Management Act and the Acts and Orders giving authority for the raising of the Poor Rate and Town Rate within the Urban Area.

PRESENT: Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Mrs. Lalor, T.J. Murray, J. Murphy, T. O'Neill, W. Ronan, T. Clarken, T. Redmond and T. Cooney.

Chairman reminded the Council that the estimates were considered in full at last Meeting and all the items were agreed to excepting the provision of £I50 for the purpose of erection and equipment of a public abbatoir in the town and it only now remained to adopt the estimates.

ABBATOIR.

Proposed by Mr. Clarken,
Seconded by Mr. Cooney,
That the Manager's Estimates as reduced by the Council at last Meeting be adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Murray, That the words "subject to deletion of the sum of £I50 for the provision of a public abbatoir" be added.

A letter was read from Mr. T.J. Kelly, Solicitor, referring to the proposal of the Council to erect a public abbatoir in the town. His clients the New Ross Victuallers Association submit there is no good and sufficient reason for a public abbatoir in New Ross. Its erection would entail considerable capital and running expenses entailing a heavy burthen on the rates. A sum of over £30 a week in wages would be lost to the employees of the Association. In some towns provided with public abbatoirs some victuallers retain and use their own Slaughter houses. Most excellent meat has always been killed and served to the public under the present system. A licence is paid and the Council's Veterinary Inspectors are satisfied of the conditions in his clients' slaughter houses. His clients would have no objection to the stamping of meat at all reasonable times. They would be subjected to considerable expense by the change.

After a lengthy discussion the amendment was carried, the voting being:
For: Messrs T. Redmond, W. Ronan, J. Murphy, T. Murray and J.E. Walsh.
Against: Messrs T. Cooney, T. Clarken, T. O'Neill and Mrs. Lalor.

ESTIMATES ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL.
EXPENDITURE ESTIMATED.

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| Repairs to Urban Roads | £225 |
| Roads Improvement | 405 |
| Public Health Acts | 297I |
| Housing of the Working Classes | 45I8 |
| Tourist Development | 5 |
| Other Expenses | I8I8 |
| Total | £9942 |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

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|---|---|
| Government Grants | I477 |
| Housing of the Working Classes | 2250 |
| Public Health Acts | I030 |
| Other Receipts | 366 |
| Total | £5I23 |
| Net Estimated Expenditure | £48I9 |
| Effective Valuation | £9500 |
| Rate in the £ | I0/2 |

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Poor Rate

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| County Council Demand | £3997. 6. I0 |
| Other Expenses | 530. |
| Total | £4527. 6. I0 |
| Effective Valuation | £9900 |
| Rate in the £ | 9/2 |

Proposed by Mr. Murphy,
Seconded by Mr. Murray, The foregoing Estimates were adopted by the Council nem.con. and the rates in the £ determined in accordance with the said Estimate to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the year ending on 3Ist March I945 as follows:- Poor Rate 9/2 in the £, Town Rate I0/2 in the £. Domestic Water Rate I/6 in the £ in the £. minimum I0/-.

J. Walsh.
April 11th 44

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY THE IIth DAY OF APRIL I944.

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.

PRESENT: Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T. Cooney, T. O'Neill, T. Murray, W. Ronan and Mrs. Lalor.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS OF RATES AT THE 3Ist MARCH I944.

Clerk reported that Messrs Thomas Redmond and T. O'Neill had not cleared their rates at the 3Ist March I944. Mr. Redmond had since paid and explained the default was due to a forget on his part. Mr. O'Neill explained that he did not know non payment would disqualify him but that he would attend to his omission. Clerk explained that both were disqualified automatically.

Mr. Walsh, Chairman, gave notice that he would move at the next Meeting that vacancies be declared and that subsequently he would move the co-option of Mr. Thomas Redmond.

COLLECTION OF RATES.

County Manager stated the collection in the area was most satisfactory having reached the high figure of 92.8 % apart from certain irrecoverable rates he had struck off during to-day's sitting. He congratulated the town on this magnificent result.

PUBLIC ABBATOIR.

A lengthy letter was read from Veterinary Inspector Lynch referring to the reported discussion of the Council on the subject of a public abbatoir at last Meeting. He was disappointed he was not asked to attend the Meeting as the matters discussed concerned him. He agreed that meat is all sound in quality ranging from good to fair; but this does not enter into inspection work unless a system of grading is adopted. He resented the statement "that the slaughter houses &c. were kept in a sanitary condition to (his) satisfaction" as his views were not sought. The slaughter houses in general are in a satisfactory sanitary condition - a few are not consistently in order. The Inspector does not go on his rounds every morning. He goes every week. Under existing condition not more than 20% of carcases are properly examined. His salary is £I per month. Adequate inspection can only obtain where there is notification of slaughter and hours fixed for inspection. There are no Bye Laws governing this matter. The Council were asked to adopt them in Dr. Bastible's time but failed to do so because, so far as he could recollect, the Council had not provided a Public Abbatoir. He is enquiring concerning the statement made about Waterford and Dublin. In Campile and Ballywilliam the slaughter houses are superior than in New Ross in so far as they are remote from human dwellings and from pig stys and manure heaps and other contaminating sources.

Mr. Ronan considered that as the subject matter had already been disposed of Mr. Lynch's letter should not be considered.

Mr. Cooney pointed out that if Mr. Lynch had attended the Meeting the Council might be disposed towards the provision of a public abbatoir in the town.

County Manager replying stated that the attendance of an officer at Council Meetings was purely a matter for him.

No action.

WATERFORD & PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Letter dated 3rd April I944 was read from the Acting Manager of the Board requesting the name and address of the Council's representation on their authority.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, Mr. Cooney was appointed.

THE MEETING ENDED.

J. E. Walsh. May 9th 1944.

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TUESDAY 9th MAY I944

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 and the special business of which due notice was given viz :- The making of the rates for the services of the ensuing financial year pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies Order I942 6I - )I) (2) & (3) and the law enabling same.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor, J. Murphy, T. Cooney, T. Clarkin, T.J. Murray and W.B. Ronan.

The County Manager also attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were also read and signed.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBER.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Murray

Mr. Thomas Redmond was co-opted a Member of the Council. Notice of Motion was duly delivered by the Chairman.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman a resolution of sympathy was passed on the recent death of Mr. John Fanning, William Street, New Ross, for many years a Member of the Council and a striking figure in the life of the town.

The Clerk, on behalf of himself and the officials, joined in the vote.

WATERFORD & NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY&

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Mr. Cooney expressed regret that he found himself unable to represent the Council on this Board. It would not be possible for him to put in an attendance owing to the nature of his appointment.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor Councillor Ronan was appointed.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYE-LAWS. On the suggestion of Mrs. Lalor it was decided nem.con. ir order to avoid the expense of again providing Councillors with copies of the adjusted model Bye-laws and to send the copies received from Council's Solicitors to each Member in turn for consideration before discussing same.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY.

Replying to Mrs. Lalor, County Manager stated a Committee of the Cemetery was formed and the Members could decide when to hold Meetings. It is the duty of the Secretary to call the Meetings within reason. Hw was not aware that the Committee desired a Meeting and that it was not convened.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the Committee might hold their Meetings immediately before or after the Council Meeting.

Decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Committee.

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NAMING OF NEW STREET. Mr. Cooney suggested the time was opportune to name the new street leading through the 50tnew houses at Charleton Hill - William Street. He gave notice to have it named "Talbot Street" to commemorate the austire and saintly life of Mat Talbot.

STANDING ORDERS. Proposed by Mr. Clarkin, Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, it was decided to have copies of the revised Standing Orders printed and circulated to the Members.

CLEANSING OF GULLY TRAPS.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Walsh it was decided to draw the Manager's attention to the necessity of ensuring that all the gully traps in the town be kept sealed and occasionally washed down.

REPAIRS TO TENEMENTS. Replying to Mrs. Lalor the Manager stated that he hoped to be in a position to lay on the table by next Meeting full specifications and Estimates for repairs to the Council's houses inside and outside.

DANGEROUS CEILING. Mr. Clarkin drew attention to a complaint which had been made by Mr. James Grace that the ceiling in his house was in danger of collapsing. This matter was urgent.

Referred to the County Manager.

MAKING OF RATES

Clerk reported due publication by Posters of all notices of Deposit of Books and of intention to make the Rates in accordance with law.

RESOLUTIONS:-

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

"That we raise the sum of Four thousand and seventy six pounds and eleven shillings as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Poor Rate of nine shillings and two pence in the pound for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I945; upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the Local Government Act, I898, and other Acts incorporated therewith, and that same be collected in two Moieties :-

the First on or before the 30th day of September I944 together with arrears of Two hundred and one pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence, and the second on or before the 3Ist day of March I945."

Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

"That we raise the sum of Four thousand two hundred and forty three pounds thirteen shillings and six pence as and for Town Rate and for that purpose make a Town Rate of ten shillings and two pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on the Ist day of April I944 and ending on the 3Ist day of March I945 upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, and that the same be collected in two moieties :-

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the First on or before the 30th day of September I944 together with arrears of two hundred and thirty two pounds six shillings and five pence and the Second on or before 3Ist day of March I945."

Passed nem.con.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

That we raise the sum of Four hundred and twenty one pounds fifteen shillings and one penny 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(subject to a minimum of ten shillings per year) under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Act on the valuation of the premises supplied with water for the financial year commencing on the Ist day of April I944 and ending on the 3Ist day March I945 and shall be collected in two moieties the first on or before the 30th day of September I944 and the second on or before the 3Ist day of March I945.

Passed nem.con.

The Resolutions were duly signed and sealed.

The Warrants R.A.6 authorizing the Collector, Miss E.A. Finn, to collect the rates were duly sealed and signed by the County Manager and orders given for the due publication of Notice of Rates having been made - Form R.A. 5.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had an appointment with the A.R.P. and Municipal Fire Brigade at 8.I5 and left the Meeting at that time.

J. Walsh, 13/6/44

The Meeting ended

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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 the Ordinary business of the Council,

Presemt :- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presiding. Mrs. Lalor and Messrs J. Murphy, T. Clarkin, T.J. Murray and T. Cooney.

The County Manager, Mr. Sinnott, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

AUDITORS REPORTS. Auditor's Report No. 7589/44 dated I4th April I944 covering the year ended the 3Ist March I942 was read.

Auditor's Report No.9464/44 dated 8th May I944 covering the year ended the 3Ist March I943 was read.

Abstracts of Accounts for each year as certified by the Local Govermment Auditor, Mr. J.J. Flood, were then taken in detail.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the average high rate of interest paid during the year on loans i.e. £3I80. 7. 0 on loans valued at £65697. I9. 5. In his opinion the Council should be able to borrow at a lower rate of interest. He suggested that the Manager might investigate the possibilities in this connection.

The Manager replied that he was particularly interested in this matter and had given much thought to it. He would continue to explore possibilities. He would like to mention that the Council was strong financially and in particular the position was much improved as regards Rent and Rates arrears. This year in fact the Rates Collection reached 95.I% which was remarkably good. Rent arrears had been reduced from £622. 6. 2 to £335. I6. 7 in one year alone.

GALWAY RESOLUTION. It having been decided nem.con. that Standing Orders be suspended to deal with a Resolution from without the Council

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was agreed to adopt this Resolution calling on the Government to set up a commission to enquire into the general incidence of town loans with a view to easing the ratepayers of this heavy burthen and that the matter be forwarded before the next Annual Conference of Municipal Authorities.

WATER TROUGH AT BRIDGE-QUAY. Mr. Murphy drew attention to this matter. The trough was broken and has had no water for some time. It should be repaired and supplied with water.

Referred to County Manager.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE. Arising out of the Auditor's Report Mr. Cooney urged the necessity of protecting the ratepayers by a competent insurance. The County Manager explained that he had this question in hands and hoped to provide an adequate insurance locally.

Referred to County Manager.

VACANT HOUSE CHARLETON HILL. Mrs. Lalor drew attention to a house at Charleton Hill which she understood was vacant for a long period. Mr. Clarkin stated he believed a Mrs. Reddy was elected tenant but was not in occupation. Mr. Cooney said it was not right that this house should be left vacant with so many people with families on the waiting list.

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Clerk informed the Council that Mrs. Reddy who lived in a condemned house at Mountgarret Lane was duly elected to the house in Charleton Hill. She had paid the rent up to last Monday and was therefore in occupation of the Charleton Hill house. The house at Mountgarret Lane was condemned and notice had been served on the Landlord to demolish it. The Matter was one for the County Manager but the Council could suggest a remedy.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mrs. Clarkin

"That the Manager be requested to order that if Mrs. Reddy refuses to physically occupy the house at Charleton Hill within fourteen days that notice to quit be served and the house given to next available applicant."

There voted for :- Mrs. Lalor, and MessrsaT. Cooney and T. Clarkin.

Against :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, J. Murphy, and T.J. Murray.

The Chairman gave his Casting Vote against and declared the motion lost.

LOOSE FOOTPATH FLAGS AT JOHN STREET. The Manager's attention was called to the condition of the footpath in John Street due to disturbance by the Electricity Supply Board when laying a cable some months ago. They were a danger to the public and a cause of inconvenience to the residents.

Referred to County Manager.

FREE MILK SCHEME. Mrs. Lalor enquired if the Manager could see his position to obtain an increase in the Government contribution to this Scheme. The cost of milk had increased considerably since the initiation of the scheme but the subsidy had remained static.

Clerk informed the Council that if the people who were in need of the milk had applied at the beginning when the Council had repeatedly urged them to do the subsidy would now be adequate. A sum had been originally allotted to New Ross but it was not expended and a fair amount had to be refunded to the State.

Referred to County Manager.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

It was decided to fix Tuesday the 27th day of June I944 at 7.30 o'clock p.m. as and for the date and hour of the Annual Meeting.

HALF HOLIDAY. Chairman referred to the position created in the town on a week in which a Catholic Holiday occurred. Up to quite recently the Wednasday half day was dispensed with when a holiday occurred in the week. So far as he could ascertain business people were now informed this is without the law. He was asked to bring the matter before the Council with a view to having the position clarified.

Adjourned to Special Meeting to be held after the Annual Meeting on the 27th instant.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY. County Manager made a statement in which he stressed the necessity for reconstructing the general conditions obtaining in connection with the cemetery. He had already had maps made of potential spaces and pathways required to be constructed and a general overhaul was needed. He proposed to expend £350 on this work and he

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would borrow that amount provided the Council would agree to meet the repayment of one half of the principal and interest. The work was certainly required and was urgent.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the Council agreed to the proposed borrowing.

CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL

Mr. Walsh referred to the possible effect of the war situation on the fuel and food problem in the town. The County Manager viewed the existing conditions as serious and advised all who could to provide themselves with fuel and food in store against emergency.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the local Parish Council should be revived.

Mrs. Lalor thought a joint body of this Council and the Parish Council should meet to discuss the situation.

Mr. Clarkin favoured a small executive of the various interests in the town.

It was decided to ask the Press to give due publicity to the discussion.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

## TUESDAY THE 27th DAY OF JUNE I944

The ANNUAL 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 Local Elections Act, I927 and as amended by the Local Government Act I94I and Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Presiding. Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Murray, T. Cooney, and J. Murphy.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were signed.

Clerk intimated that Mr. Walsh, the outgoing Chairman, was unable to attend.

### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

Mr. J.E. Walsh, the out-going Chairman, was re-elected.

### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mr. Murray
Seconded by Mr. Murphy

Mr. T. Redmond, the out-going Vice Chairman, was re-elected.

Mr. Redmond having signed the Declaration accepting office the Meeting ended.

T. Redmond.
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### SPECIAL MEETING

The Council then considered the Shops Act in relation to the town. The County Manager detailed the provisions of the Act relating to the closing of the shops and the fixing of a half holiday. Under the I9I2 Act the Council fixed Wednesday. Under the new Act of I938 each individual trader has the right to fix the half holiday for his own establishment. If any change was required it could be done by notice to the senior Sergeant of the Garda Siochana one week before the desired change. This could be done by individual traders or by all traders appointing one person to make application on their behalf. They could select the Urban Council or the Town Clerk who would be in a position to act on their behalf but the application would require to be signed by all.

Mr. Murphy said that what they wanted to know was could they change the weekly half holiday to any other day in a week in which a church holiday occurs so that the shops need not be closed on two days in the same week.

The Manager replying said that on one weeks notice to the Sergeant this could be effected but if the traders of the town wanted a permanent change application should be made to the Minister by at least 75% of the traders of the town.

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The Meeting adjourned without action.

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TUESDAY IIth JULY 1944

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Cooney, T. Clarkin, T. Murray and T. Redmond.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr, Chairman

A Resolution of sympathy was unanimously passed to Mr. J.M. Hearne on the death of his only son Dr. Hearne in Normandy.

Arising out of the minutes of the previous Meeting County Manager detailed the result of his activities concerning the various matters raised for his attention at last Meeting. He had approached the Government for an increase in the Free Milk Subsidy; given orders for an investigation of the condition of the pathway in John Street; examined with the Town Surveyor the possibility of repairing the horse trough on the Quay and was advised that it is not possible to mend the trough as it was made of metal and would report the result of his efforts in time. He was afraid that as the Free Milk allocation had been made it might be considered difficult to have it increased at present. The work on the St. Stephen's Cemetery was engaging the attention of the County Engineer. He was happy to report that the threatened water shortage had not materialised and that he had been advised by reports that all anxiety had passed for the present. The Town Surveyor had received orders to inspect the dump at chambersland and to attend to the complaints received. He had an interview with Mrs. Reddy concerning her position as regards the house at Charleton Hill. She definitely assured him that she would go into full possession with her furniture on Monday last. The Rent collector informed him that this had not happened and he was forced to have recourse to the law in the circumstances

Mr. Clarkin suggested that the recent Emergency Powers Order might help the Manager out. Under it he understood Mrs. Reddy could be permitted to remain in the house at Mountgarret Lane and so the Charleton Hill house could be let.

Several Members stressed the necessity for letting this house without further delay

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Cooney suggested the County Manager ask Mr. Lee if the trough on the quay could be repaired. In his opinion it could.

Decided that Clerk interview Mr. Lee on the matter.

BRAY URBAN COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the resolution from the Bray Urban Council requesting the Electricity Supply Board to reduce the private lighting charges in the proportion of the reduction in current was passed unanimously.

FOOTPATHS

Mr. Cooney drww attention to the delapidated state of the flags

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in Robert Street. A concrete path should not cost much and the street led to the Parish Church.

Mr. Chairman mentioned the paths leading to Barrett's Park. Repairs were badly needed.

County Manager replying stated that unfortunately the Council had cut his estimate and the County Council were thus deprived of the necessary means to have extra work carried out.

Referred to County Manager.

REPAIRS TO TENEMENTS

BORROWING OF £2700.

Mr. Cooney handed in Notice of Motion that he would move at next available Meeting that the Council borrow £2700 from the Treasurers at the usual rate of interest and for repayment in I5 years for the purpose of reconditioning all the Council's tenements.

CASUAL VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

Mr. Clarkin handed in notice that he would move at next Council Meeting the election of Mr. Thomas Kehoe, Cockpit Lane in the room of Mr. Thomas O'Neill, disqualified by law.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Clarkin a vacancy was declared on the Council.

FIRE BRIGADE

Chairman referred the Council to the necessity for an adequate extension ladder in connection with the work of a fire Brigade. The Council had given instructions for this ladder years ago and the County Manager had in his time also ordered that the ladder be provided. He, Chairman, never missed an opportunity in bringing this requisite before the Council. Its necessity was obvious and he could not see the reason for delay in its procurement. He asked the Council to join with him in pressing the County Manager to insist on having their wishes met with the least possible delay.

Referred to County Manager.

County Manager then dealt with his intention to convert the Fishouse into a fire station pending the result of the Departmental Committees findings on the provision of a County Fire Brigade. Plans were in preparation for the expenditure of £I50 estimated by the County Engimeer as requisite for the conversion.

Replying to Mrs. Lalor, Manager informed the Meeting that the major portion of the expected grant in aid of employment would go towards the further extension of the Town Park plan and the rest towards clearing of derelict sites and the provision of seats. Any suggestions from the Council would be adeqaately considered.

The Chairman having accepted Office thanked the Council for his re-election and

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond
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TUESDAY 8th DAY OF AUGUST I944

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 County Management Act Act I940 and the Local Government Act I94I.

Present:- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding, T. Cooney, T. Clarkin, T. Murray and Mrs. B. Lalor.

The County Manager was in attendance.

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

Letter was read from Mr. M.J. Hearne thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his son.

MERCY CONVENT SCHOOL BUILDING FUND - INVITATION TO CARNIVAL

Letter was read from Mr. J. Whelan, Honorary Secretary, stating that his Lordship, the Bishop of Ferns,had kindly consented to attend the official opening of the Carbival on Sunday next. The Committee in charge were anxious that his Lordship should be suitably received and in this connection arrangements were being made to hold a parade from the Mercy Convent to the Quay. The various defence services and other organizations were being requested to take part and the Committee invited the Members of the Council to march as a Public Body.

It was decided to thank the Carnival Committee for the invitation and to inform the Secretary that as two Members of the Council aree on holidays it is regretted it would not be possible for them to march as a Body but the available Members would take part individually.

CASUAL VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

MR. CLARKIN'S MOTION

Mr. Clarkin moved and Mrs. Lalor seconded

"That Mr. Thomas Kehoe, Cockpit Lane, be co-opted as a Member of the Council."

Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. O'Neill was eligible for co-option.

In reply to Mr. Clarkin, Mr. Chairman stated Mr. O'Neill was disqualified but had since become eligible and out of courtesy it was usual to co-opt such a Member.

Mr. Redmond proposed and
Mr. Murray seconded

"That Mr. O'Neill be co-opted."

For the Amendment:- The Chairman and Mr. Murray. 2.

Against :- Mrs. B. Lalor and Messrs T. Clarkin and T. Cooney. 3.

The Amendment was declared lost and Mr. Kehoe was declared elected a member of the Council subject to his acceptance of office.

BORROWING FOR REPAIRS TO TENEMENTS

MR. COONEY'S MOTION

Mr. Cooney moved and Mrs. Lalor seconded

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"That the Council proceed to borrow the sum of £2700 from their Treasurers for repayment over a period of I5 years for the purpose of reconditioning their tenements generally."

Passed unanimously.

SWIMMING POOL

Mrs. Lalor drew attention for the necessity for a Swimming Pool in New Ross. She thought a cheap one could be built, if there were no obstacles in the way, at Charles Street pier or down near the Canal Store.

The County Manager stated that where docks were concerned they would present a difficulty. He would consider incorporating a swimming pool in the scheme under consideration for a public park.

Referred to County Manager.

SUNDRY ITEMS

Mr. Clarkin requested to be informed of the position as regards water supply requested by Mrs. O'Reilly, Michael Street to her two houses. She was prepared to pay the expenses and she was put to much inconvenience by the delay. He understood she had put in an application.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Clarkin drew attention to an application from Mr. James Clegg for a water supply to his house at Neville Street. Nothing had been heard by Mr. Clegg since the application had been sent in.

Referred to County Manager.

Mrs. Lalor drew attention to the want of facilities for the people of the town in the way of travelling. She suggested that the Railway Company be requested to put a compartment on to the goods train.

Referred to County Manager.

Mrs. Lalor drew attention to the facilities afforded by the Bus Company. She knew of a woman who went to the County Home to take home her daughter's baby after the death of the mother. The woman waited in the queue but was unable to get a seat on the bus and had to walk to New Ross with the baby in her arms. She understood that people attending the Coursing Meeting in Enniscorthy travelled with their dogs and so were accommodated on the bus. She considered something should be done about this.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY I2th SEPTEMBER I944

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.

PRESENT: Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T.J. Murray, T. Cooney, T. Clarkin, W. Ronan, T. Kehoe and Mrs. B. Lalor.

Clerk notified the Meeting that the County Manager was unable to be present as he had taken some of his annual leave.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

BORROWING OF £2700 FOR REPAIRS TO ARTIZANS DWELLINGS.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to the amount of money. His recollection was that in the Annual Estimates the County Manager required £2000 for the work. He would like to know how the amount had now risen by £700. Mr. Murphy also objected to the increase. In his opinion Notice of Motion such as this which involved the borrowing of money should be circulated to the Council with the notice convening the Meeting. If he had known the motion was on he would have objected. Clerk informed the Meeting that since the Budget Meeting the County Manager had obtained complete specification and estimates for the reconditioning of houses and that he decided that it required £2700 to do the work after the examination of the estimates. The Manager had the estimates before the Council Meeting when he, Clerk, advised the Council that it was necessary to serve Notice of Motion to enable the Council to borrow money. A sum in excess of the estimate received from the Technical Advisor to the Manager was invariably borrowed to meet a possible excess but that did not mean that the whole excess or any of it would be spent.

Councillors Ronan and Murphy intimated that they were not satisfied that more than £2000 should be borrowed.

SUNDRY ITEMS : Adverting to the last Minutes Clerk informed Mr. Clarkin of the position of Mrs. O'Reilly of Michael Street for the provision of water service to her two houses in Michael Street. The Manager had decided, on the advise of the Town Surveyor, that as the extra cost to Mrs. O'Reilly of having the service provided according th his directions would only amount to £I the work be carried out in accordance with the directions of the Town Surveyor..

The matter having been discussed it was moved by Mr. Clarkin, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, that Mrs. O'Reilly's application to have the service extended from the rere of her premises to her two houses be further considered by the Manager,having in view the facts that the Tottenham Estate were permitted and the Council had in their own houses actually connected the services in the way Mrs. O'Reilly requested and that in the opinion of the Council no hardship would be imposed on the Officer of the Council by having this done.

The resolution was passed, Mr. Ronan objecting on the ground that there was a previous Resolution of the Council objecting and that the advise of the Council's responsible Officer should be carried out.

Clerk also informed Mr. Clarkin that in the case of the application of Mr. James Clegg, Neville Street, for a supply of water to his house, Mr. Clegg did not pay the requisite deposit for expenses and so the matter was referred to the Landlord who intended to make the application.

Further reference to the Minutes in connection with the complaint by Mrs. Lalor against the Bus Company's failure to provide accommodation for a poor whoman who had to travel by road to New Ross, Mrs. Lalor stated that she had been in communication with the County Manager who had satisfied her on the matter,

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PAINTING OUTSIDE OF THOLSEL. Replying to Mr. Ronan, Clerk informed the Meeting that the Town Surveyor's Estimate was £I8. Mr. Bailey tendered to do the work for £I6 and the tender of Mr. Jas. Stacey was £I5. I5. O. The Manager had accepted Mr. Stacey's tender.

Mr. Ronan objected to painting at this time of year and recommended delay as he was informed paint at present was of an inferior quality.

Council considered that the County Manager's Order should be carried out.

REPAIRS: Mr. Clarkin again drew attention to repairs required to house occupied by James Grace. The ceiling was now in a very dangerous condition and something should be done at once to prevent what might cause a serious situation.

LIGHTING OF ST. PATRICK'S PLACE.

Mr. Clarkin suggested that the time was surely opportune to reasonably light the road and to at least have one public lamp provided.

Mr. Cooney asked Mr. Clarkin to alter his recommendation that the Manager be asked to have the road adequately lighted. In his opinion there was no necessity for waiting for estimates but to get the lights installed.

JOHN STREET FOOTPATH: Mr. Cooney drew attention to the state of the footpath in John Street and requested to be informed when the work would be carried out.

Referred to County Manager.

BARRACK LANE - MICHAEL STREET ENTRANCE.

Mr. Ronanydrew attention to the erection of a wall at this entrance by the Contractor to the new school. He met the Clerk of works who agreed with him that the wall should be erected in such a way as not to reduce the entrance to the lane. The Clerk of Works said he would bring the matter before his authorities.

Referred to County Manager.

DANGEROUS CHIMNEY: Mr. Cooney requested information as to when the chimney,dangerously leaning over Sugarhouse Lane, would be removed. It was some time since he brought it before the Council.

Clerk informed the Meeting that the Town Surveyor had served Notice under the Towns Improvement Act to have the chimney removed but that no report had since been received.

Referred to County Manager.

ARREARS OF RENT: Clerk informed Mr. Kehoe that Mrs. Ryan, Follyhouse Lane owed arrears amounting to £I6 and that her husband, who had the house before her, owed £I7. The Manager had no option but to have his Notice to Quit executed since no attempt was made,after numerous promises and interviews,to pay any rent.

Mr. Kehoe could not understand how such a large amount of arrears could be allowed to accumulate in any instance. He understood that after a months arrears the tenant should receive Notice to Quit. He had no doubt there was a method of avoiding these arrears of rent.

Clerk replying stated that even the County Manager was unable

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to find any remedy. The Council itself before the advent of the Manager had also failed. Only in extreme cases, and Mrs. Ryan's happened to be one, would the County Manager consent to drastic action and he had only consented to it because of the bad effect that this particular case was having on other tenants.

The matter of collection of rents and dealing with arrears was a function of the County Manager's and was not a reserved function of the Urban Council and he only could deal with and was responsible for the collection.

J. Walsh 15 Sept '44

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 10th DAY OF OCTOBER 1944.

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.

Present:- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman. Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Murray, T. Clarkin, W. Ronan, T. Cooney and T. Kehoe.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read.

Mr. Clarkin objected to the statement in the Minutes that Mr. Ronan was not satisfied that more than £2000 should be borrowed for the reconditioning of artizan's dwellings. Mr. Ronan was satisfied and the borrowing of £2700 was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Ronan stated he agreed with Mr. Clarkin's statement. The Minutes were then signed.

NEW CINEMA. Arising out of a question by Mr. Cooney, the County Manager suggested that the Council should consider the adoption of a Town Planning Resolution to enable the control of buildings within the Urban Area. He had the plans of the new cinema for the first time today and would consider them.

Mr. Cooney then gave notice that the next Meeting consider a Town Planning Resolution.

A.R.P. COMPETITIONS - DUBLIN.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

Votes of thanks and congratulations were passed to the fourteen men who attended in Dublin - 8 Rescue Service and 6 Firefighting Service - for the A.R.P. Competitions and succeeded in obtaining such high marks; also to the doners of sums of money - total £I4 - for their kindness in providing money for the men and to the Employers who not only granted leave but paid the men the full weeks wage.

LADDER FOR FIREFIGHTING : Mr. Chairman said he would again worry the Council to provide a ladder in case of a fire in the town and he would continue to press for a ladder whilst he was a Member of the Council. There should be no difficulty in the way.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Murray it was decided to recommend to the County Manager the purchase of a wooden ladder forthwith.

TRAVEL FACILITIES BY RAIL .

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was unanimously decided that the County Manager be asked to negotiate with the Railway Company for the provision of at least two passenger carriages to and from Waterford daily.

DREDGING OF HARBOUR. Mr. Ronan drew the Manager's attention to the preparations in Wexford for a post war dredging of the harbour there. In his opinion something should be done for New Ross within the proposed scheme.

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County Manager detailed the scheme proposed for the County Harbours. The County Council proposed to provide by rate and the Wexford Corporation also are arranging to supplement the County Rate.

Mr. Ronan stated he would given notice that the New Ross Urban Council provide a rate in the proportion of the value of the work to be done in New Ross and Wexford.

THOLSEL RENOVATION

Mr. Cooney objected to the painting in orange of the lettering cut into a stone immediately above the key stone over the entrance door of the Tholsel. Mr. Clarkin also objected but on the ground that the Tholsel should not be used to perpetuate a lie. The stone recorded that it was placed in position on the Anniversary of the Glorious Battle of the Boyne and there never was such a battle.

Mr. Chairman stated that one of the functions of the Council was to administer the Ancient Monuments Act. The inscription on the stone referred to in his opinion constituted quite definitely a historical fact i.e. that the stone was laid on the date of the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. If bringing the faded letters on the stone into into relief informed people, they now had reached a stage in their history when it was puerile to efface matter that in generations to come would continue to prove our assendancy over the then Assendancy Classes. Preservation rather than distruction constituted historical proofs.

County Manager, on request, admitted he had a fixed opinion on such matters. He was not disposed to be a party to the defacement of this historical fact.

After a lengthy discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe

That the County Manager be requested to obliterate the inscription.

There voted for:- Messrs T. J. Murray, T. Cooney, T. Kehoe and T. Clarkin.

Against:- The Chairman, Mrs. Lalor, and Mr. W. B. Ronan.

DEATH OF MRS. O'SULLIVAN

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. P.N. O'Gorman, Chairman of the Council for many years, on the demise of Mrs. O'Sullivan - his mother-in-law.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I4th NOVEMBER I944.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 08clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to consider, on notice, arrangement for the adoption of the town and Regional Planning Act I934, and Amending Act for the Urban District.

Present :- Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Murray, W.B. Ronan, T. Cooney, T. Kehow, T. Clarkin and T. Redmond.

The Chairman wrote regretting his inability to be present owing to illness.

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

Mrs. Lalor presided in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the time.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the matters in the Minutes, Town Clerk reported

(a) The County Manager was in communication with the Wexford Timber Company with a view to the purchase of a Fire-fighting Ladder.

(b) The County Manager would reply to the Council's suggestion re the Boyne Battle inscription over the Tholsel Door.

(c) Arrangements were being made to provide at least one light in St. Patrick's Place. A phone message this evening ~~a~~ intimated that the E.S.B. had not yet sanctioned expenditure.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murray a vote of sympathy was passed to the Ronan family on the death of Miss Nellie Ronan, Mountgarret Lane.

Letter dated 2nd November I944 was read from Mr. P.N. O'Gorman thanking the Council and the County Manager for vote of sympathy passed to him and Mrs. O'Gorman on the demise of Mrs. O'Sullivan, DUBLIN.

BOYNE BATTLE INSCRIPTION. Replying to Mr. Cooney and the resolution of the Council at last Meeting on this matter the County Manager replied that he found it necessary to say he could not acceed to the recommendation. It was now up to the Council to proceed, if they wished, by notice of motion and if two thirds of the Council decided thereafter contrary to his decision the matter would be dealt with as laid down in the County Management Act.

Mr. Clarkin handed in notice as follows after the Meeting of the Council contrary to Standing Orders

"Notice of Motion. I hereby give Notice that at the next U. Council Meeting I intend to move that the plaque be effaced. T. Clarkin"

ABSENCE OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Replying to Mr. Cooney and Mrs. Lalor, County Manager informed

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the Council that so far as he was aware, and he was the authority in the matter by virtue of his office, Dr. Kissane was the Medical Officer of Health for New Ross. If anyone else was acting he had no knowledge of it and had not authorized anyone for the work. Any reports he had received were signed by Dr. Kissane.

Mrs. Lalor stated she had been sending tickets to Dr. Galvin who she understands is acting for Dr. Kissane during absence.

RENTS SHEETS. At the special request of Mr. Cooney these were laid on the table for inspection.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORTS: Replying to Councillor's Cooney and Clarkin, County Manager stated he had no objection to placing the reports of his Inspector on the table during the Meeting for inspection of the Members only. This officer regularly and faithfully reported on his work and so far as he was aware carried out his duties satisfactorily.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES : Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the delay in repairing the Council's houses. If the delapidations had been regularly attended to the present almost impossible position would not obtain.

Mr. Cooney stated the Council was to blame as year after year the estimates were cut down and needed repairs had to be postponed.

Replying to Mr. Redmond, the Town Clerk stated that the estimates were not exceeded to his remembrance.

At the request of Mr. Cooney it was agreed that the figures of estimates and expenditure be available as soon as convenient.

APPLICATIONS FOR WATER SUPPLY: Mr. Redmond enquired regarding the delay in granting the application of John Kehoe, Michael Street, for a domestic water supply. He understood there were other applications that had not been attended to.

County Manager replying stated that he had not refused any application under this heading. There must be some circumstances in delayed cases holding up the work.

Referred to Town Clerk for attention.

LODGERS IN COUNCIL HOUSES

Replying to Mr. Kehoe County Manager agreed that lodgers should not be permitted in Council houses. There was a serious shortage of houses in the town - the reports of his officers place necessity at over £200 and so pending provision of adequate housing accommodation the lodger problem could not be dealt with by the County Home which he was loath to invoke at present. The Council would be considering the Housing problem soon and the lodger position could be then examined effectively.

DIPHTHERIA EPEDEMIC. Replying to Mrs. Lalor, County Manager stated he had no objection to asking the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Daly, to lecture on Diphtheria in the Town Hall. The doctor had put in a lot of work on the prevention and cure of this fever and given general directions to the public by press and leaflet. He did not know if the lecture would be a success.

WINTER RELIEF GRANT:

Corners College Road and Nunnery Lane.

Mr. Ronan inquired if the town would get a Xmas Relief Grant as

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usual and asked the Manager if it would be possible to include in the work the removal of the corner at the Mountgarret Lane end of College Road and the bend in the centre of Nunnery Lane wall.

County Manager informed the Meeting that a grant had been offered and accepted by him for New Ross. Amount £810 subject to a local contribution of £100. Unfortunately and reluctlantly he was forced to divert the grant and contribution to the County Council. He failed to get the requisite service within the Council's authority and did not wish to lose the grant. He would include the works nominated by Councillor Ronan and would be glad of any other suggestions.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS: Several Members drew attention to the importance of allotments at the present time. The main trouble appeared to be trespass and stealing. Some of the Allottees of the Windmill Lane Field objected to the proposal to vacate this field on the ground of productiveness. The crops there last yeer were never better and the manager was recommended to continue this field.

County Manager agreed to the recommendation. This field was in use for a considerable number of years and the Department Inspector decided against its continued use. He was the authority on such matters but when the position was placed before the Department and the Inspector he was sure the field could be retained.

> Recommended that the opinions of the majority of the Allotment Holders in Windmill Field be obtained for the purpose of the Manager's recommendation to the Inspector.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT: This matter was again fully discussed and Mr. Ronan stated he would hand in Notice that the Council would provide a rate in the next annual estimates.

RAIL TRAVEL FACILITIES. County Manager intimated so far as he could ascertain that the Company would soon be in a position to provide New Ross with a passenger coach as desired by the Council and he understood that the company had made arrangements for Christmas travelling. Town Clerk intimated that he had been approached by several citizens of the town to suggest to the ~~Company~~ Council that they might consider the advisability of calling a public Meeting.

After a discussion it was stressed that the matter of a public Meeting should be one for the public to convene.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Not seconded that the Council call a public Meeting.

The matter ended.

WATER SHORTAGE UP TO 8.10. each MORNING. Councillors Cooney, Redmond, Ronan and Murray complained of the cutting off of the town water supply during the night and up to 8 o'clock in the morning. After the recent investigation there should be no necessity in their opinion for the cutting off of water at all and they asked the County Manager to give this matter his special attention and without delay to examine the reason underlying this water shortage. Should a fire break out during the period whilst the town was out of water and particularly during the dark night nobody would know what would happen and this should be prevented in time. Apparently nobody knows the water is off and nobody knows the reason.

County Manager stated from his reports during the day the water supply was in very good condition and coming in most satisfactorily He could ask for a special report from the Officer's concerned.

ST. MARY'S ABBEY. Mr. Cooney having referred to the importance of preserving ancient monuments of historical importance drew the Council's

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attention to the delapidation occuring in St. Mary's Abbey. Ivy was growing all over the walls and no attempt was being made to protect the ruins of the Abbey from decay. He would like the Council to bring the matter before the proper authority for the purpose of having it attended to in the same way as Dunbroody Abbey.

Referred to County Manager.

IRISHTOWN MARKET CROSS: Mr. Kehoe drew the attention of the Manager to this matter. It was understood, the Board of Works having decided that the Cross was not an ancient monument, that the Council would help to preserve the Cross and that it would cost very little to do so.

Referred to County Manager.

WATERWORKS. Replying to Mr. Clarkin, County Manager informed the Council that it was not necessary for any person who desired to install new water services or repair old services to have same done by the Council or by the Town Surveyor but it is essential that such work should be done under the supervision of the Town Surveyor and that notice of opening of road should be given to the County Council. The County Council had already arranged a fee of £2 per opening which would be expended on the repairs to the road necessary for dome time after the services had been installed or repaired.

SANITATION: Mr. Cooney desired the County Manager to ascertain if the Sanitary Officer had made any inspection of the school lavatories in the town and if so how often is this done and if they have been found in a sanitary condition.

Referred to County Manager.

DANGEROUS CHIMNEY. Mr. Clarkin drew attention to the factory chimney overhanging Sugarhouse Lane. So far as he had been aware nothing had been done to secure it.

Referred to County Manager.

RATES

UNOCCUPIED PREMISES

The Manager advised the Council that he had taken legal action in two instances in which the occupiers refused to pay rates on premises which they held were unoccupied in accordance with law viz:- the premises of Mr. A.P. Doyle on which the new cinema is being erected and Carr's Yard, the property of the New Ross Tanning Company. Their Solicitors and Counsel had been engaged on each case and he was happy to report that the rates were paid in each case with all costs without going to Court. He was now arranging to take up another case that of the National Bank Ltd., New Ross, as occupiers of or having a beneficial interest in the premises lately occupied by Messrs P. Kelly, South Street. He expected that they would also meet the arrears of rates due by that premises. Afterwards he would take up the other cases in the town.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING Act 1934 AND AMENDING ACT.

The County Manager detailed the purposes of the Acts and advised the Council to form a Committee to consider town planning and advise the Council of their recommendations. The Council might then proceed to put the Acts into operation in accordance with the provisions laid down.

Adjourned.

DUST BINS

Several Members complained that some of these bins were not

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cleansed at II o'clock a.m.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

J. Walsh.

TUESDAY I2th DAY OF DECEMBER I944.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at the hour of 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

The County Manager attended.

Present :- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs Lalor and Messrs T. Redmond, T. Cooney, T. Kehoe, T.J. Murray, W. Ronan, and T. Clarkin.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF GRANT. Mr. Ronan suggested that part of this grant, althoygh the Grant would be operated by the County Council, might be expended on the clearance of the old dump opposite the Council's houses at Town Wall.

Mr. Kehoe mentioned that repairs were needed to the footpath from Church Lane to Buneen Lane and Mr. Cooney intimated the necessity for the reconstruction of the road immediately adjoining the six houses in Cross Lane and Creywell footpath.

Referred to County Manager.

BUS SERVICE.

SHELTERS FOR INTENDING PASSENGERS.

Mr. Cooney detailed the inconvenience caused to passengers waiting for the bus and suggested that the Council should ask the Co. Manager to take this matter up with the Bus Service with a view to the procurement of shelters at the terminus.

Referred to County Manager.

TRAIN SERVICE.

Letter dated I7th November I944 was read from the operating Assistant, G.S. Railways that his Company had agreed to attach a passenger coach to the goods train which is due to leave New Ross at I0.0 A.M. daily and also to the 5.20 p.m. goods train ex Waterford. Arrangements to operate on 4 days per week viz:- Tuesdays, Wednesdays,

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Thursdays and Firdays, as from 2Ist instant. The running of the train cannot be guaranteed and it may be conceiveably run anything up to an hour or an hour and a half late. This facility may not be advertised.

Mr. Chairman stated he was asked by a number of people to suggest to the Council that they should ask for facilities in connection with a like service between Macmine and New Ross and that to help the Council's request a public meeting might be convened.

On the motion of Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was agreed to ask the Railway Company, through the County Manager, for the facilities suggested by the Chairman and that the Local T.Ds be requested to use their influence in the matter.

FIREWOOD.

Mr. Ronan drew the attention of the Council to the dearth of firewood in the town. Something should be done to make some available as the turf at the disposal of the town was not suitable without firewood.

Referred to County Manager.

WATERWORKS.

RECENT SHORTAGE OF SUPPLY.

County Manager replying to complaints of shortage of water supply to the town and the cutting off at night stated he had given a considerable part of the day attending to reports from officials on this matter. He was satisfied the shortage was temporary and inavoidable. It is necessary to continue shutting off the supply at night in order to supply the water tower so as to give a sufficient daily supply to all parts of the distribution area. The reports submitted to him were definite that in the event of a fire in the town the water could be diverted to the fire within ten minutes - this was supported by reports on the recent fire at Cross Lane which occurred at 5 o'clock a.m. At present the Malt houses and the Good Shepherd Laundry were using a substantial percentage of the supply daily - up to 40% .

FIREFIGHTING.

LADDER REQUIRED.

Replying to the Chairman, County Manager stated he had received a tender for a 60 ft. Extension Ladder and was awaiting the Town Surveyor's report on the tender before accepting it. The Town Surveyor was still of opinion that a timber ladder was not suitable in New Ross.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The Chairman having tendered his best wishes to the Members of the Council for the Christmas Season,

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THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY ~~1st~~ DAY OF JANUARY 1945.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and to dispose of the Special business of which due notice was given pursuant to Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940, i.e. resolution directed to the County Manager requiring the effacement of the inscription on a stone over the outside Tholsel Door relating that the stone was laid on the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

PRESENT: All the Members of the Council and the County Manager.

Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

Chairman ruled that in accordance with the Notice required under Section 29 of the County Management Act, 1940, he would take the business of the Special Meeting first.

The following Resolution was then read :-

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe

" We the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council require that the inscription on a stone over the door of the Tholsel or such portion of the inscription as bears any reference to the Battle of the Boyne be effaced."

On a show of hands the Resolution was defeated by 6 to 3.

ORDINARY BUSINESS.

Christmas message from the Minister for the Co-Ordination of Defensive Measures to all Members of the A.R.P. Services was now read as follows :-

"For more than five anxious years you have steadfastly worked in the service of your fellow citizens. The Nation is deeply grateful for your selfless devotion and loyalty.

While the services so far rendered are deeply appreciated we must not forget that it is essential for the safety and well-being of the Nation that they should be continued until peace returns to this war-torn world.

Nodhlaig fe shona agus aith-bhliadhain fe mhaise dhibh go leir."

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. REDMOND.

Mr. Redmond handed in Notice that he will move at thw next available Meeting of the Council that a plaque be provided for the outside of the Tholsel commemorating the memory of the New Ross men who gave their lives for Ireland in 1916 leaving a space to commemorate the union of North and South thus effecting the high aims of the men of 1916.

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PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE.

WEXFORD TO NEW ROSS.

Replying to Mr. Ronan, County Manager said he regretted his efforts to provide this service had not been successful.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Murray it was decided that a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Town Clerk interview the Chairman of the Irish Transport Co., who would put the views of the town in favour of the restoration of this service and that the Town Clerk make the necessary arrangements.

RESONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS TO DWELLINGS.

Letter dated 2nd January I945 was read from the Department of Local Governmentand Public Health intimating that the Minister would be prepared to sanction the borrowing of £2700 hereunder repayable in five years.

County Manager informed the Council that he had decided against borrowing in the circumstances as it involved an increase in rates he could not recommend at present. He proposed instead to budget for two sums in his Estimates for I945/46 - one for ordinary repairs to artizans dwellings and £250 as a sum to be earmarked for the work intended to be undertaken by borrowing for special maintenance. He was making arrangements accordingly.

RENT ARREARS.

Mr. Kehoe drew attention to arrears of £I5. I4. 4 and £9.I5.6. He also mentioned that Civic Guards owed rent. None should be one allowed to owe more than one months rent.

Town Clerk intimated that Mr. Maher had since paid the arrears £9. I5. 6 which were illegally withheld by him pending repairs to his house. This payment was marked on the Rent Sheet by Collector.

County Manager informed Mr. Kehoe that the matter of the Rent Collection was his concern. If and when he failed to do his duty then the Council might intervene. So far as the £I5. I4. 4 arrears were concerned this was a legacy from the Council. The tenant had regularly paid the weekly rent and as a large family was involved he was satisfied to let the matter rest for the present rather than eviction and the County Home. So far as he was aware only one Civic Guard owed rent and that occurred by reason the guard received his pay the first of the month. When he assumed office the rent arrears amounted to £600 which was now reduced to £200. Several tenants who only got their salary the first of each month obviously owed a months rent at the close of the month. He had insisted with success in reducing this state of affairs to payment in advance leaving nothing due at the end of the month. Interference with matters reserved to him as Manager should be avoided by the Council.

FIREWOOD.

Replying to Mr. Ronan, County Manager informed the Meeting that there was plenty of firewood in Wexford which could be purchased by the New Ross Merchants at 30/- per ton ex yard. He had given instructions to have the Merchants in New Ross advised of this.

Mr. Ronan asked the Manager to enquire in Waterford if there were any supplies available.

Referred to County Manager.

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FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940

County Manager informed the Chairman that a Fire Escape Ladder had been ordered from the Wexford Timber Company.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS - PLOUGHING OF LANDS.

Replying to Mr. Ronan, County Manager stated that he had considered a report at today's sittings in which he was advised that the cost of ploughing rolling and harrowing the new lands of Mount Carmel Field could not be met by the Allottees as it amounted to 25/- to 30/- per statute acre. He had therefore decided against the expenditure.

VOTE OF THANKS TO COUNTY FEVER HOSPITAL STAFF.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Cooney a vote of thanks was passed to the Staff of the Fever Hospital for their special work in connection with the Diphtheria.

MARSH MEADOWS.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was decided to request the appropriate Department of State to take immediate steps to repair the banks of the river protecting these lands.

DAMAGE TO SEATS ON QUAY.

Attention was drawn to damage to one of the seats on the Quay.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

J. Walsh.
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Present :- Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, T. Redmond, W, Ronan
T. Murray, T. Cooney, T. Kehoe, T. Clarkin and Mrs. Lalor.

The County Manager was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

FIREWOOD. County Manager detailed his efforts to obtain firewood for the town from Waterford as requested by the Council at last Meeting. Unfortunately the price ex Waterford exceeded that from Wexford so that in his opinion the deal would prove uneconomic.

After a general discussion during which it transpired that owing to Government control the merchants of New Ross could not obtain supplies of firewood for distribution because of the controlled price, it was

proposed by Mrs. Lalor and
seconded by Mr. Redmond and agreed

"That the appropriate Minister of State be requested to distribute permits for the purchase of firewood so as to ensure that all persons who get permits should be compelled to furnish returns of sales to prove that all sales are made at controlled price."

TRANSPORT FACILITIES. Letter dated 29th January I945 was read from the Chairman, Coras Iompair, Eireann C.I220 "If it suits the Chairman, Vice Chairman and yourself, I will arrange for the Traffic Manager to hear you as a Deputation. If you can induce him to favour your views there will be no further difficulty about the matter."

Town Clerk intimated that as well as the resolution passed by the Council, the Council should provide the expenses. The rates of the town could not be called on in this instance as the subject matter had nothing to do with the statutory business of the Council.

The County Manager, replying to Mr. Cooney, stated he could not agree to pay the expenses of the deputation out of the rates.

Mr. Clarkin
~~Mrs. Lalor~~ suggested that the deputation might go to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health instead of the Transport Company. Delay in transport of patients from the town to Wexford and return was the principal reason why the Council interfered at all.

No action.

WINDMILL LANE DUMP.

With the permission of the County Manager letter dated I5th January I945 was read from the Agent, Tottenham Estate, New Ross, that "if the County Manager is prepared to make an offer of £75 for the purchase of the site the Trustees will consider the matter."

Town Clerk intimated the Manager's decision as "not interested."

The Chairman and Council agreed nem. con. the Manager's decision was fully justified.

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GARDA SIOCHANA

OBJECTION TO STATEMENTS AT LAST MEETING

Letter dated 3rd February I945 was read from Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, as follows :-

"I have been consulted by the members of the Garda Siochana having tenancies from your Council. They instruct me that at a Meeting of the Urban Council held on the 9th day of January I945, and fully published in the local press, a statement was made by one of the members of the Council, namely, Mr. Thomas Kehoe, imputing that the Gardai who were tenants of the Council were in arrear in their rent and he referred to these gentlemen in a derogatory manner as "birds of passage."

My clients, as I am sure you know from your records, were not in arrear to the Council in respect of their rents, but their rents were, as a fact, paid in advance.

I have been instructed therefore to request that a suitable withdrawal be had from Mr. Kehoe which will have the same publicity as that which his unjust and unfounded statement received."

Marked "read."

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

DREDGING OF BERTHS.

Letter dated 9th February I945 with accompanying Resolution was read.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor the resolution was passed nem.con. that the Government begin at once and put into operation plans which will obviate the danger to public haelth in the town of New Ross consequent on neglect to prevent an area of approximately 600 acres of land becoming a swamp in which water lies stagnant contiguous to the town resulting from siltage of the river Barrow.

Mr. Ronan then handed in notice that he will move at the next available Meeting of the Council that the sum of two pence in the pound be provided by the County Manager in his next Estimates of Expenses as and for a contribution to assist the New Ross Harbour Board to finance the dredging and improvement of the berths at the Quay, New Ross.

OLD I.R.A. COMRADES ASSOCIATION.

I.R.A. PENSIONS.

Letter dated 26th January I945 was read from Mr. Nicholas Casey, Honorary Secretary, Newbawn, Co. Wexford, forwarding a resolution from the Comrades Association Meeting held in Camross Hall, calling on the New Ross Council to ask the Government to withdraw the proposed bill to nulify the recent Supreme Court decision regarding I.R.A. Pensions.

Marked "Read"

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ARTIZAN HOUSES - REPAIRS.

TOWN CLERK reported, with the consent of the County Manager, on the Council Estimates for repairs to artizans dwellings from I938 to I942. Town Clerk intimated that he did not go exactly into the expenditure but he omitted items of an exceptional nature e.g. new ranges supplied on a 50% repayment basis, water service repairs, special work on particularly bad houses and that his figures represented actual repairs only without an examination of the various bills presented and paid.

Mrs. Lalor and Mr. Clarkin held that the estimates were not sufficient to keep the property in repair and so it was now necessary to provide money to recondition the property.

Messrs Redmond and Ronan held that the estimates were justified in view of expenditure.

Mr. Clarkin enquired as to the present position of the Council's proposal to expend £2700 on the reconstruction of this property.

Town Clerk referred the Council to the County Manager's decision as detailed to the Council and related on Council's Minute of Meeting held on 9th January I945.

No action.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

the Estimates Meeting was fixed as Tuesday the I3th day of March I945 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

MR. REDMOND'S MOTION

PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE I9I6 MEN.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe

That a plaque be placed on the Tholsel to commemorate the men of New Ross who died in I9I6 at some future date and that the name of Michael O'Hanrahan be inscribed thereon and further that the said plaque be so constructed as to leave a space to commemorate the men of the town who claim the union of North and South to complete the work of the men of I9I6.

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin

That a monument to commemorate the name of Michael O'Hanrahan who died in I9I6 be erected by the people of New Ross removed from the atmosphere surrounding the matter discussed at last Meeting and that the Council initiate this commemoration and leave it to the people of the town to decide on the form and location of the Monument.

The County Manager suggested that the subject under discussion was one on which there should be no necessity for amendment. It should not be difficult for the Council to come to an agreed resolution.

Eventually it was agreed to accept Mr. Redmond's motion.

FREE MILK SCHEME

Mrs. Lalor drew the Manager's attention to two cases of Recipients

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who informed her that they only accepted the Free Milk Supply because they received the order from the H.A.O., Mr. Barron. She would give the names later. The Register of names should be periodically examined with a view to providing necessitious cases with the milk and deleting names who did not need it.

County Manager informed the Meeting that the Register was regularly revised by the H.A.O. who was in the best position to do so. If Mrs. Lalor or any Member of the Council could give assistance to the officers responsible he had no objection provided such assistance was purely in the interests of the Scheme.

NUISANCE AT NEVILLE STREET

Mr. Cooney drew attention to the condition of the old store beside house occupied by Mr. M. Foley. Because the premises was in a semi demolished state it was being used so as to constitute a danger to public health.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

E. Walsh.
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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 and to hold a preliminary Meeting on the Estimates for the year ending 3Ist March I946.

Present:- All the Members of the Council. Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman presiding.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by the Vice-Chairman a vote of condolence was passed to the Rev. John Doran, C.C., New Ross, on the death of his father.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Chairman a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Richard Cooney, Mary Street, New Ross, on the death of her husband, Mr. Richard Cooney, a former Contractor to the Council.

The County Manager associated himself with both votes.

ANNUAL ESTIMATES: Town Clerk read in detail the County Manager's Estimates of rxpenditure and income for the coming financial year. Total Estimated expenditure £I0I92. Income and Estimated Credit Balances £4804 leaving £4640 to be found by rate - a rate of 9/I0 in the £ required.

County Manager fully informed the Council on the position and in particular gave details of exceptional expenditure. He proposed to convert one half of the shambles into a Council Store so as to enable him to complete his arrangements for the provision of a Fire Station in the Fishouse. This would involve an initial expense of £I50 which he proposed to borrow as Capital Expenditure and the repayment with interest only appeared in his estimates. The other half of the Shambles he proposed to let to the existing occupiers at a rent with the added convenience effected thereby. He had not yet fixed the rent. The conversion of the half of the shambles and transfer of fire-fighting equipment to the Fishouse would obviate the rent and rates at present and for some years, being paid for the use of Mr. Lynch's Yard in Marsh Lane which is used for fire fighting equipment. For many years most of the Shambles was non-productive and in fact necessitated repairs and cleansing at the expense of the rates.

During the year he had an offer of the purchase of the Old Show Grounds. He accepted same and the estimates shows a sum of £25 for the purchase money and costs attendant on conveyance. This with a sum of £200 for the conversion of the fishouse into a fire station he proposed to borrow as capital expenditure and the repayment with interest only was charged for the ensuing year.

The Council borrowed £650 for the purchase and costs attendant on same of two houses in Priory Street. During the year one of the houses was sold to the tenant, Sergeant Motherway, Garda Sioncana, for £350. The proceeds £350 was placed towards the reduction of the sum borrowed thus reducing the interest by more than could be obtained on any Trustee Investment.

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Another item of exceptional expenditure appeared under the heading of "connecting with piped sewer of all houses in Priory Street not connected at the time of the provision of this piped sewer". He was advised that these houses could at the time have been connected at the expense of the landlords but as this was not done the obligation must now be met by rate. This he estimated would cost £75.

The St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee required money to meet expenditure which he hoped would not re-cur. The proper mapping of graves was statutory and should have been carried out years and years ago. This was in course of operation. Certain new works required to be done and the estimate provided for an expenditure of £I40 against £50 last year. The County Council had made provision for a like sum. This was mandatory as the Committee was a statutory one and had issued its precept.

On the receipts side of the budget the only exceptional items are a sum of £I23 which was received as Estate Duty during the year and was not in last years estimates and a sum of £I00 received from interest on Capital Accounts likewise. In his considered opinion the Council would require the rate nominated by him for the service of the ensuing financial year.

The Council agreed to the estimates and fixed Tuesday the 27th March I943 as the date and hour for the Statutory Estimates Meeting.

TOWN ABATTOIR. Replying to Mr. Ronan, the County Manager informed the Meeting that in last year's estimates he had provided a token sum for the provision of an abattoir. He again stressed the importance of providing one for the health of the town and because of its usefulness to the Victuallers. He read the recommendation of the County Medical Officer of Health and the reports on the New Ross private Slaughter houses by the Veterinary Inspector.

Adjourned to Meeting of 27th March I945.

ROAD MAINTENANCE - URBAN ROADS. Demand by County Council for the sum of £550 for road maintenance and special charges was read. An increase of £250 on last years estimates.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan that consideration be deferred to 27th March I945.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor that the estimate be now determined as all the members of the Council were present.

On a vote Mrs. Lalor and Messrs Cooney, Kehoe, Clarkin, Murray for the amendment which was declared carried. Subsequently

Proposed by Mr. Walsh
Seconded by Mr. Roman

That the estimate be cut by £I00

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

That the estimate be allowed to stand.

The voting resulted as for the amendment :- Mrs. Lalor and Messrs Cooney, Clarkin, Kehoe and Murray and was passed.

NEW HARBOUR RATE.

MR. RONAN'S MOTION

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NEW HARBOUR RATE

MR. RONAN'S MOTION.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Murray

It was nem.con. decided to advise the County Manager to provide 2d in the £, the proceeds to be paid over to the Harbour Commissioners for dredging the berths at the Quay.

Town Clerk intimated he could find no legal authority for the rate.

County Manager agreed to include a sum of £80 in this year's estimates thus increasing the Town Rate to IO/- in the £.

TOWN PLANNING. County Manager stated that the town housing survey made recently disclosed a want of 237 new houses. Sites should be selected immediately for I88 houses as they already had accommodation for 49 houses on Charleton Hill site. The Council should consider Town Planning.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided to adjourn consideration pending further information as to the effect of Town Planning on Wexford town and an examination of the plan as applied to Wexford.

FREE MILK AND SCHOOL MEALS SCHEMES

County Manager advised the Council that he was unable to obtain tenders or suppliers of milk for these schemes. He was left with the alternatives (I) to use milk powder and (2) to get an outside supplier. He was enamoured of No. I but from his tentative enquiries he could almost assure the Council he could get an outside supplier.

No action.

ESTIMATES

POOR RATE. Town Clerk intimated he had only received the demand from the County Council during the day. The County Manager had however determined that the Council could consider them. He ascertained there was an increase in rate of I0d in the £ and estimated that a sum of 9/I0 in the £ would be required to meet the County Council Demand.

The Council decided to accept the estimates and to formally approve at a Meeting which they fixed to be held on Tuesday the 27th day of March I945 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Walsh. 10:4:45

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TUESDAY 27th DAY OF MARCH I945

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to consider the estimate of expenses for the local financial year beginning on the Ist April I945 as ordered and prescribed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health pursuant to Section 23 of the County Management Act, I940, and every other power in this behalf him enabling.

Present:- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, presiding and Messrs J. Murphy, W. Ronan, T.J. Murray, T. Cooney, T. Redmond and T. Kehoe.

The County Manager was in attendance.

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MEETING

Order of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health dated 26th March I945 was read.

Town Clerk reported that the Members of the Council were provided with a copy of the Estimates and a printed copy of a memorandum explanatory of the Estimates.

ESTIMATES OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

The County Manager's Estimates were then presented as follows:-

POOR RATE

Demand as received from the County Council viz:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Loan Charges | | £408 0. 0 |
| Public Assistsnce Charges | | £204I 0. 0 |
| Mental Hospital | do. | 878 0. 0 |
| Health | do. | I46 0. 0 |
| General purposes | do. | 830 0. 0 |
| Separate | do. | I5. 4. I0. |

Add

Expenses of Collection, Remission of Rates, Uncollectable Rate and the like £540. 0. 0

Total £4858. 4. I0 requiring a rate in the £ of 9/I0.

TOWN RATE

EXPENDITURE

| | |
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| Urban Roads - Repair | £423 |
| " - Improvement | 373 |
| Expenses under the Public Health Acts | 2995 |
| H ousing of the Working Classes | 4598 |
| Tourist Development | 5 |
| Other Expenses | I798 |
| Total | £I0I92 |

INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Government Grants | £I785 |
| H ousing of Working Classes | 2239 |
| Public Health Acts | 937 |
| Other Receipts | 509 |
| Total | £5470 |

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RATES IN THE £ - CALCULATIONS

TOWN RATE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Expenditure | | £I0I92 |
| Income | £5470 | |
| Credit Balance | 82 | 5552 |
| Amount leviable | | £4640 |
| Effective Poor Law Valuation | | £9420 |
| Rate in the £ | | 9/I0 |

POOR RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| Expenditure | £4858 |
| Income | nil |
| Amount leviable | £4858 |
| Poor Law Valuation | £9859 |
| Rate in the £ | 9/I0 |

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That a rate of 2d in the £ be provided towards the cleansing of the harbour berths in New Ross."

As the New Ross Harbour Commissioners had not at date submitted particulars of the intended expenditure it was agreed to postpone the resolution sine die.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan the estimates as submitted by the County Manager were adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Ronan and agreed nem.con.

"That a Town Rate of 9/I0 in the £ and a Poor Rate of 9/I0 in the £ and a Domestic Water Rate of I/6 in the £ on the valuation of the premises supplied with water from the public supply - subject to a minimum charge of I0/- be and the same is hereby adopted and approved."

The Chairman then signed the Resolution adopting the estimates and approving the rates for the ensuing financial year.

PUBLIC ABATTOIR

As the Council had no particulars of expenditure, etc., it was decided to postpone consideration of the provision of a public abattoir until the Manager had the necessary scheme prepared and circulated.

POLLING DISTRICTS & PLACES.

Letter dated 25th March I945 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council submitting a printed proposal for Polling Stations.

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Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Redmond it was unanimously decided to request the County Council not to change the existing stations and regulations.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 10th DAY OF APRIL 1945.

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.

Present: Messrs J.E. Walsh, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs T. Redmond W. Ronan, T. Murray, T. Cooney and T. Kehoe.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 13th and 27th March 1945 were read and the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th March 1945 were confirmed and signed.

OBJECTION TO MINUTE. Mr. Ronan objected to the wording of the Minute relating to the Public Abattoir. The Minute should read"that the Council's decision was to postpone consideration of this project to next year."

The Chairman and Mr. Redmond agreed with Mr. Ronan and it was decided to correct the Minute nem. con.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to the Right Reverend Thomas Monsignor Dean Cleary, P.P.,V.G., New Ross, on the recent death of his Sister - Sister Berchmans, Presentation Convent, Enniscorthy.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Cooney a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. John Cummins, Ballyhack, on his recent demise.

Letter dated 19th March 1945 was read from Rev. J.M. Doran, C.C., New Ross, conveying his sincere thanks to the Council and the Manager for their sympathy on the death of his father.

Letter dated 23rd March 1945 was read returning the sincere thanks of the family of the late Mr. Richard Cooney in their bereavement.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION. As the Council had already provided a sum towards the objects of this Association it was decided to take letter dated 1st March 1945 as read.

CARNDONAGH TOWN TENANTS. Letter dated 14th March 1945, was read from Buncrana Urban District Council transmitting Resolution congratulating the tenants on fight against the system of ground rents.

As there is a Resolution on the books of the Council prohibiting the discussion of matters not directly concerning the business of the Council, this letter was not considered.

TOWN PLANNING. Arising out of the reading of the Minutes, County Manager stressed the necessity for the application of the Town Planning Act to the town of New Ross. To make a start it would be necessary to hold a Special Meeting and he would if required attend it.

Adjourned.

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SCAVENGING WORK.

Replying to Mr. Cooney, the County Manager replied :-

(I) The men should be on duty at 8 o'clock a.m.

(2) The Official in charge should obviously be on duty at the same time.

(3) He could not know if the Sanitary & Street Inspector was not available before noon daily but his reports were duly and efficiently made to him.

(4) He would consider granting remuneration to the Street Inspector if he had been engaged on the work within the province of the Town Surveyor during his illness.

EMPLOYMENT VOTE. Replying to Mr. Ronan, the County Manager stated he would obtain particulars of all expenditure on this vote relating to New Ross for next Meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Mr. Redmond again drew attention to the nuisance on the premises situate at Neville Street - next door to the house occupied by M. Foley, and also to the dangerous condition of the ruins.

Referred to County Manager.

PUBLIC LIGHTING. Mr. Ronan referred to the position of the road at Charleton Hill and St. Patrick's Place for want of light. The E.S.B. should be asked to undertake the lighting with the least possible delay.

Referred to County Manager.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES. Chairman informed the Council that nothing had been done to alleviate the hardships of travellers in the town. In his opinion the Transport Company should experience very little difficulty in arranging for a passenger coach from Macmine to New Ross in the forenoon and return in the evening.

The County Manager stated he had been very busy on this work of arranging adequate transport facilities for New Ross. So far his efforts to make the arrangement suggested by Mr. Chairman had not been successful. He would continue to try to find a solution.

DANGEROUS WALL &C. Mr. Kehoe drew attention to a dangerous wall at Fair Gate, beside Mr. Evoy's House, and also to the road surface surrounding the Public Water Fountain in Chapel Lane.

Referred to County Manager.

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY. Mr. Murray requested the Council to take up the matters of (a) Changing the Bank Half-Holiday from Saturday to Wednesday, the town half-holiday and (b) arranging with the Authorities regarding the position obtaining when a Catholic Holiday fell within the week and did not co-incide with the weekly half-holiday.

Chairman pointed out that both subjects had long since been dealt with by the Council in consultation with their Solicitors, the County Manager and the Superintendent of the Guards. The Banks will not agree to change and any Merchant who wished to avail of the law could give notice in the circumstances detailed by Mr. Murray.

No Order.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos. Redmond.

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TUESDAY THE 9th DAY OF MAY I945

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening, at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council and Special Business of which due notice was given viz:- the making of the rates for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I946.

Present:- Mr. J.E. Walsh, Chairman, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs T. Redmond, T. Cooney, T.J. Murray and W. Ronan.

The County Manager was in attendance. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Letter dated 22nd April I945 was read from the Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas Deane Cleary P.P.,V.G., New Ross, thanking the Council and the County Manager for vote of sympathy on the death of his sister, Mother Berchmans of the Presentation Convent,Enniscorthy.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Murray a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Thomas Martin, Henry Street, New Ross on the death of his son.

Proposed by Mr. Cooney
Seconded by Mr. Redmond a vote of condolence was passed to Mr. Thomas Gantley, Irishtown, on the death of his son.

SURFACE TRAPS.

Messrs Redmond and Cooney drew the County Manager's attention to the failure of Council's Staff in connection with the cleansing of surface traps. In their opinion all traps should be regularly cleansed.

Referred to County Manager.

CONVEYANCE OF OLD SHOW GROUNDS . In accordance with Registry of Deeds regulations the Seals of the Council was duly embossed on this conveyance and witnessed by the Chairman of the Council, the Vice Chairman and Town Clerk.

BYELAWS - PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Letter dated 25th April I945 P.H. 20662/43 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health requesting to be informed if draft Byelaws (I) Cleansing of Footways &c. (2) Prevention of Nuisances (3) Common Lodging Houses (4) Water Supply and (5) Means of escape from fire, can now be submitted for provisional approval.

Adjourned.

TOWN SURVEYOR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE. The County Manager informed Councillors Redmond and Cooney that the Town Surveyor was on leave on a Medical Certificate and that his full salary was being paid to him. He could remain on sick leave for a period of six months on full pay.

TOWN SURVEYOR PRO.TEM.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had arranged for the County Council to pay the Salary to Mr. Doran, B.E., Acting Town Surveyor, etc., and that the New Ross U.D.C. Would recoupe £2. IO. 0 to the County Council.

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TOWN PLANNING ACT.

Mrs. Lalor urged the Council to proceed with the adoption of this Act in order to prevent Post War higgly giggley building etc.

Mr. Ronan objected on the grounds that future potential factories and such like could be erected at places laid down on the plan for the town which might not satisfy prospective work.

No decision.

OBJECTIONAL ELBOW AT NUNNERY LANE.

Mr. Ronan again stressed the necessity for the removal of this corner to facilitate traffic etc.

County Manager informed the Meeting that he would look into this matter but he thought the work was included in the recent relief grant employment Scheme.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT.

Replying to Mr. Cooney the County Manager read from the Act the Reserved functions of the Council and explained same. If the Council wanted his orders read at each Meeting he would not object.

Replying to Mr. Ronan, County Manager stated that he presented a budget of his requirements for the service of the Urban Area annually. The Council decided on the expenditure and thereafter the County Manager exercised his executive functions in accordance with law and consequently within the limits of the allowance made by the Council. Of course if the Council failed to provide for the necessary services he, Manager had his remedy.

RATES RESOLUTIONS.

MAKING OF TOWN, POOR AND DOMESTIC WATER RATES.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That we raise the sum of Four thousand Three hundred and fifty seven pounds, Ten shillings, as and for Poor Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Poor Rate of Nine Shillings and Ten pence in the pound for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I946, upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the Local Government Act, I898, and other Acts incorporated therewith; and that same be collected in two moieties :-

the First on or before the 30th day of September I945, together with arrears of One Hundred and Seventy Eight pounds, Fourteen shillings and Five pence, and the Second on or before 3Ist March I946."

Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That we raise the sum of Four Thousand and Eighty Eight pounds, eleven shillings and eleven pence as and for Town Rate and for that purpose make a Town Rate of Nine Shillings and Ten Pence in the pound for the financial year commencing on the Ist day of April I945 and ending on the 3Ist day of March I946, upon the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, and that same be collected in two noieties:-

the First on or before 30th day of September I945, together with arrears of One Hundred and Ninety Four Pounds, Fourteen Shillings

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and Three pence, and the Second on or before the 3Ist day of March I946."

Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

"That we raise the sum of Four Hundred and Twenty Five pounds, eight 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 (subject to a minimum of Ten Shillings per year) under the provisions of the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, on the valuation of the premises supplied with water for the financial year commencing on the Ist day of April I945 and ending on the 3Ist day of March I946, and shall be collected in two moieties :-

the First on or before the 30th day of September I945, together with arrears of One pound Fourteen shillings and one penny and the Second on or before the 3Ist day of March I946."

Passed nem.con.

The Resolutions were duly signed and Sealed.

The Warrant R.A.6 authorizing the Collector, Miss E.A. Finn, to collect the Rates were duly sealed and signed by the County Manager and orders given for the due publication of Notice of Rates having been made.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond
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TUESDAY I2th DAY OF JUNE I945

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 the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Messrs T. Redmond, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor, T. Murray and W. Ronan.

The County Manager was also present.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

OBJECTIONS TO SENTENCES IMPOSED

Mr. Redmond drew attention to the sentences imposed by District Justice Fahy at the New Ross Court held during the early part of the day. He was informed that young lads were sent on remand for a couple of weeks without being tried and he thought that the Council may be able to do something about it.

Mrs. Lalor thought they could not interfere but she would like to have these boys back again until it was proven.

It was decided it was injudicious to interfere.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was decided that a deputation of the Council call on the State Solicitor with a view to ascertaining the facts before any further action and if the rumour was true to get the children home on remand.

Compliment to Chairman and Vice Chairman

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan

The thanks of the Council was extended to Mr. J.E. Walsh and Mr. T. Redmond for their services during the year and Mr. Redmond replied.

Thanks to County Manager.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

A vote of thanks was passed to the County Manager for his courtesy during the office of the present Council. He was a friendly advisor and he did what he had a perfect right to do. If the Council had the choice of an advisor they would select Mr. T.D. Sinnott.

THE MEETING ENDED

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Annual Meeting.

Tuesday the 25th. June, I945.

The First Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council after the I945 Elections was held in the Tholsel, New Ross to-day at I2 o'clock noon, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, I927.

Present: Mrs. B. Lalor, Messrs. Thomas Redmond, James Brewer, James Doyle, Michael Dunphy, Thomas O'Leary and William Ronan.

The Town Clerk intimated that Messrs. Thomas Clerkin and Sean O'Dubgaill called on Saturday and desired him to inform the Meeting they were unable to attend owing to duties at school. They had signed the Declaration accepting Office.

All present having duly signed the Declaration accepting Office it was agreed that Mr. Thomas Redmond act as Chairman to the Meeting.

Letter dated 20th. June I945 was read from the County Manager as follows:-

> "As the first meetings of the Urban Bodies will take place at I2 o'clock, noon, on Monday next, it will not be possible for me to attend each one. I propose to attend the meeting of Wexford Corporation on that day and that hour. Please explain the position to your Body when it meets."

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mrs. B. Lalor.
Seconded by Michael Dunphy.

"That Mr. Thomas Clerkin be elected Chairman."

Proposed by Mr. Brewer.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan.

"That Mr. Thomas Redmond be elected Chairman."

The voting resulted:-
For Mr. Redmond - Messrs. Brewer, Ronan and Redmond.
For Mr. Clerkin - Messrs. O'Leary, Doyle, Dunphy and Mrs. Lalor.
The Chairman declared Mr. Clerkin elected.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle.
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor.

"That Mr. Michael Dunphy be elected Vice Chairman."

As there was no other motion the Chairman declared Mr. Dunphy duly elected.

It was nem. con. decided to leave over the election of the following Committees to the next Statutory Meeting viz:-
Waterford Port Sanitary Authority.
Vocational Education Committee.
Annual Conference Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.
St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

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ADDRESS FROM THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

Dated 22nd. Meiteamh, I945, Mr. Sean Mac Entee's address to the new Council was read. The local services notwithstanding the emergency were operated by Local Authorities with very little inconvenience to the citizens and in fact new services were successfully undertaken. For the future, Housing based on proposals already submitted by the last Council should engage special attention as soon as materials can be acquired. Close attention will be needed to health services. A Comprehensive Public Health Bill is being promoted to enable Public Health Services to be expanded and developed. Reconstruction of road system, the advancement of Vocational Education and Town Planning will require the attention of the new Council. Co-operation with the County Manager should ensure that the work of the Council can be properly done. He and his Department shall offer at all times help and guidance and trusts the Council's efforts will be fruitful.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

Thomas Blankin.

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SATURDAY THE 30th. JUNE, I945.

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 adjourned from the Annual Meeting viz:- to appoint representatives on the County Vocational Education Committee.

PRESENT: Messrs. T. Clarkin, Chairman, T. Redmond, W. Ronan, J. Brewer, J. Doyle, M. Dunphy and S. O'Dubghaill.

The Chairman, having thanked the Council for his election referred to the lengthy services given to local affairs by Mr. Walsh and Mr. Redmond and expressed the hope that the new Council would work in harmony towards the advancement of the interests of the town.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan, The Reverend James Nolan C.C., New Ross was unanimously elected.

Proposed By Mr. Redmond.
Seconded by Mr. Brewer.

"That Mr. Ronan be elected."

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy.
Seconded by Mr. Doyle.

"That Mrs. Lalor be elected."

The voting resulted as follows:-

For Mrs. Lalor:- Messrs. Doyle, Dunphy and the Chairman. 3.
For Mr. Ronan:- Messrs. Redmond, Brewer, Ronan and S. O'Dubghaill. 4.

The Chairman declared Mr. Ronan elected.

The Clerk requested the Meeting to determine if they would proceed to elect the remaining Committees.
Chairman pointed out that two members of the Council were absent who were present at the Annual Meeting when it was decided to appoint Committees at the next ordinary Meeting. He suggested adjourning the matter.

AGREED.

SPECIAL BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Mr. Ronan referred to the flooding of the marshes near the town. The Council should give special consideration to the matter for two reasons (a) the marshes should prove a source of revenue to the town and (b) the work involved in repairing the breaches must give a good deal of employment. Mr. Ronan also referred to the question of the water works. It was time the Council devoted themselves to consideration of the provision of the necessary works to ensure a constant and adequate supply for the town.

Agreed that both matters be placed on the agenda for next Ordinary Meeting as special business.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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TUESDAY 10th DAY OF JULY 1945.

The Ordinary 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 Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, the Local Government Acts and the various Acts enabling.

An Adjourned Annual Meeting was held also for the purpose of the appointment of Committees.

Special business included Motions by Councillor W.B. Ronan on (1) Waterworks (2) Reclamation of river banks and (3) Train Facilities.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor, Messrs W. Ronan, T. Redmond, J. Brewer, S o'Dubhghaill, J. Doyle and M. Dunphy.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read. The Minutes of Meeting held on the 30th June 1945, convened by the Town Clerk on representations of the County Manager and the Chief Executive Officer, County Wexford Vocational Education Committee for the purpose of facilitating the work of the Vocational Committee, were also read.

The Minute of Special Business introduced by Councillor W, Ronan relative to (1) Waterworks and (2) Reclamation of River Banks was also read.

OBJECTION TO PROCEEDURE

Councillor Mrs. Lalor objected to the holding of a special or adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council on the grounds (1) the Council at the Annual Meeting decided nem. con. to postpone the election of representatives on (a) the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee (b) the Municipal Authorities Association (c) St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee and (d) the Waterford and New Ross Ports Sanitary Authority until the next Statutory Meeting of the Council, (2) the Annual Meeting of the Council was not concluded since the law obliged the Council to appoint said representatives particularly (a) (c) (d) and (3) that therefore the summoning of a special or adjourned meeting was ultra vires the powers of the Town Clerk under the Local Elections Act, 1927.

Mrs. Lalor explaining her objection stated she desired merely to have the position clarified as regards the convening of adjourned or other Meetings once the Council had decided on a date for the holding of same. She requested the Council to seek legal advice.

Town Clerk having read the relative sections of the Local Elections Act, 1927, and the Vocational Education Act, 1930, mandatory section in connection with the appointment of representation of the Council informed the Meeting that he acted on representations from the County Manager and the Chief Executive Officer of the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee. It appeared imperative that representatives should be appointed before the next Statutory Council Meeting to enable the County Committee to function.

After a discussion

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was decided on a show of hands of 4 for and 3 against that legal advice be sought.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING
ELECTION OF COMMITTEES

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY :- Councillors M. Dunphy, J. Brewer and J. Doyle were unanimously selected.

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Councillor Sean O'Dubhghaill was unanimously elected.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Brewer

"That the Chairman of the Council and Town Clerk be appointed"

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

"That Mrs. Lalor be appointed.

The voting on the Amendment resulted as follows :-

For :- Messrs J. Doyle, M. Dunphy and Mrs. Lalor. 3.

Against:- Messrs T. Redmond, J. Brewer, W. Ronan, S. O'Dubhghaill and the Chairman. 5.

The Chairman having declared the Amendment lost it was agreed to pass the original motion.

PUBLIC HEALTH

MEMORIAL FROM RESIDENTS

Dated 5th July 1945 and signed by some 42 residents of Wexford Street, Mary Street, Michael Street, Irishtown, William Street, Cockpit Lane, Neville Street, Old Post Office Lane the following Memorial was read :-

"We the undersigned desire to state to New Ross Urban Council that the sanitation in the holdings we occupy is in a very bad state some of them extremely bad. There is not as much as a shore in some of them and this we believe is the cause of the epidemic that so often break out.

We would therefore welcome an inspection by your Sanitary Inspector so that this matter will be dealt with as soon as possible."

Chairman suggested that it might be well for the Council to take action now. He would prefer a test case and so

proposed "That we the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council require that proper sanitation be installed in the premises occupied by Mrs. Moran (Neville Street) as tenant of which premises Tottenham Estate Trustees are the Landlords."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunphy and passed nem. con.

The Chairman replying to Mr. Ronan stated that he was aware that if landlords were compelled by the Council as the Sanitary Authority to install sanitary conveniences a landlord could not increase the rent to enable him to pay for that work and he asked the Council to hold that it would be well in all cases of housing survey notice be served on the landlord forthwith where these conveniences were required.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

This was agreed to.

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PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Town Clerk drew attention to this subject and read communication dated 25th April I945 P.H.20662/43 from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to Byelaws (I) Cleansing of Footways, etc. (2) Prevention of Nuisances (3) Common Lodging Houses (4) Water Supply (5) Means of escape from fire and requesting drafts for provisional approval.

On the motion of Mr. Roman
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided that copies of model Byelaws be obtained and distributed to each Councillor.

MOTION BY MR. RONAN

DRAINING OF MARSHES.

This matter was considered on a special notice. The Mover dwelt on the necessity for protecting the health of the people. The town could not be healthy when marshes so near the town were constantly being flooded. Much needed employment would also result if the Council could induce the Government to reclaim the banks of the river.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Redmond

It was decided that a Special Meeting of the Council, with the County Manager, be called to consider the best means to adopt to expedite this work.

The County Manager stated that he had been in communication with the Land Commission, Board of Works and Minister for Finance during the day relative to the possibility of reclamation of the Banks by the Government. He could inform the Council now that if they tentatively agree to contribute £I00 from the rates and if the County Council would also guarantee £500, the Departments mentioned by him would give a substantial grant in aid of this work.

It was unanimously decided to give the requisite guarantee to the County Manager and Notice of Motion was handed in by Mrs. Lalor that she would move at the next Meeting of the Council that £I00 be provided by the Council for the work specified by the Manager.

WATERWORKS.

In Mr. Ronan's opinion nothing short of the relaying of the pipeline from the source to the town would ever remedy the continued recurring water shortage. There is plenty of water at the source and it should be brought into the town.

Adjourned to Special Meeting.

RAIL FACILITIES

Mr. Ronan drew attention again to this matter. The town was being unfairly treated by the Railway Company and something should be done about it.

Referred to Special Meeting.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL NEW ROAD.

Replying to Mr. James Doyle, County Manager stated that personal representation by himself and phone messages to the Electricity Supply Board, Waterford, had failed; so on yesterday he had sent the Acting Town Surveyor with Streets Inspector to the Waterford Branch of the Board in connection with the lighting of Charleton Hill. They were

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on business connected with the Waterworks. The position still continues to be shortage of materials. Further pressure would be brought to bear as soon as the materials situation eased.

COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE.

Correspondence was read between the Local Defence Force Company Leader and the Chairman of the Council in connection with the display of the National Flag on the occasion of the inauguration of Mr. O'Kelly as President of Ireland. After a discussion it was agreed to suggest that the Chairman might reply that so far as he was concerned he had not been legally appointed at the time and that in any case the Council as such had no function in the matter.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I4th. DAY OF AUGUST I945.

The Ordinary 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 Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, I854, the Local Government Acts and the various Acts enabling.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Clerkin, Chairman, Mrs. Lalor, Messrs. W. Ronan, S. O'Dubhghaill, J. Doyle, T. Redmond, M. Dunphy, J. Brewer.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

The Clerk reported that he had distributed copies of Model Bye-Laws to the Members.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

The matter was again introdueed by memorial from residents. S. O'Dubhghaill suggested that electrical equipment could be obtained from the Military Camp at Bawnjames on its evacuation by the Military. It was agreed to request the Electricity Supply Board to examine the possibilities of utilizing this equipment for Public lighting in Charleton Hill. This was agreed to. Subsequently a deputation of residents of the Charleton Hill area was received by the Council after suspension of Standing Orders. They were informed of the decision of the Council.

Councillor Dunphy suggested that as the lower part of the town was overprovided with lamps and standards, the Council might consider a transfer of some of the standards to Charleton Hill.

The Clerk reminded the Meeting that a contract with the Electricity Supply Board had been completed for Public Lighting.

NO ACTION.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Arising out of the resolution from Mallow Urban Council it was
Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor, and agreed that the first paragraph of the Resolution dealing with the request to grant allotments to old age pensioners and persons in receipt of National Health Insurance be passed.

The Clerk referred to the difficulty experienced year after year in the letting of allotments to eligible persons. Only eighty plots were let this year notwithstanding intensive advertising.

Mr. Dunphy stated he could give one reason. Mr. Spencer had a plot in Nolan's field. When he went for the same plot in the following season he was refused it but was given one in the Windmill Lane field. He would send full particulars to the Clerk. He (Mr. Dunphy) prepared the plot himself.

MATTERS OUTSIDE COUNCIL BUSINESS.

Clerk repored receipt of several Resolutions. As they had no bearing on the business of the Council they could not be considered owing to a Resolution on the books which he read. They could be considered only after a rescinding motion or by suspension of Standing Orders.

On the motion of Mr. O'Dubhghaill
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

"That Standing Orders be suspended"
There voted for - Messrs. J. Doyle, S.O'Dubhghaill, M. Dunphy. 3.
Against - Messrs. T. Redmond, W. Ronan, J. Brewer, B.Lalor and the Chairman. 5.

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The Chairman declared the Motion defeated.

RECLAMATION OF RIVER BANKS, ETC.

The County Manager again detailed his efforts and their resu lts to the Meeting. He would continue to press to have these important matters attended to.

SUGGESTED FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS.

Mr. Dunphy considered that it was not possible to get the business done at the Statutory Monthly Meeting. The Meetings should be held fortnightly.

Chairman disagreed. Much more business could be transacted if the Members would abide by Standing Orders.

NO ACTION.

CHARLETON HILL.
RENAMING THE LOCALITY.

A deputation of the Residents was received by the Council and placed the following views before them:-

. (I) The houses in old Charleton Hill were numbered from I on
(2) The present Charleton Hill comprised (a) part of William St. (b) and extension of old Charleton Hill and (c) a new road and houses in Fitzgerald's field between William Street and old Charleton Hill - so that there are three separate localities.
(3) The newly erected houses on Fitzgerald's field are also numbered from I on, thus causing inconvenience to the Clergy, doctors and postmen.

The deputation suggested that the Council should fix three street or place names on the locality instead of Charleton Hill. The Council agreed with the Chairman that the Deputation should suggest place names and on the recommendation of Councillor O'Dubhghaill, that the names might be in Gaelic.

L.D.F. AND NATIONAL FLAG.

Councillor O'Dubhghaill stated he was deputed by the local L.D.F. to mention that as the L.D.F. was shortly to be disbanded, they desired to offer the Council their National Flag.

It was agreed to accept the offer of the L.D.F. with thanks and that it be placed in the Council chamber.

POSTAL FACILITIES ETC.

On the recommendation of Mrs. Lalor it was unanimously decided to request the local Postmaster to increase postal facilities as follows:-

(I) Providing a Postage Stamp delivery machine outside the Post Office.
(2) Increase the space in the Public Office by the addition of the Postmaster's private room or otherwise and
(3) Provide a telephone kiosk in the town.

SCAVENGING OF THE TOWN.

At the request of the Chairman and Members, the County Manager agreed to :-

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(1) Investigate the position as regards the cleansing of the streets on the eves of Sundays and Holidays.
(2) Reconditioning of the Weighbridge Offices.
(3) Slippery streets etc.

HOUSING.

Mr. Ronan asked if it was the Council's intention to build new houses in the near future. They could build in the Irishtown and Bullawn.

Clerk informed the Meeting that plans had been prepared by Architects Messrs. Downes and Meehan for 49 houses at Charleton Hill.

County Manager informed the Meeting that they would not get permission for a big scheme of houses at present.

Mr. Redmond stated that at least twelve houses could be built in the Irishtown.

It was decided that an estimate of the cost of building twelve houses be obtained from the Architects.

THE MEETING ENDED.

J. Clarkin
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The Ordinary 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 purauant to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, I854, the Local Government Acts and the various Acts enabling.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Mrs. B. Lalor, Messrs W. Ronan, S. O'Dubhghaill, M. Dunphy.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

OBJECTION TO MINUTES

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill objected to his name being entered on Minutes of last Meeting as proposer to acquire lighting equipment at Bawnjames Camp. The Council agreed to delete his name.

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill objected that there was no mention of his proposal re swimming pool on the minutes.

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill also objected that copies of resolutions sent to the Town Clerk had not been circularised to the Members before the Meeting.

No order.

Mr. M. Dunphy objected to his Notice of Motion in connection with the extension of the Urban Boundary not being circularised to the Members.

The Acting Clerk replied that such a motion was bound by Statutory conditions and would require looking into.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

Letter dated 2Ist August I945 was read from the Electricity Supply Board regretting inability to provide equipment for the public lighting of Charleton Hill.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

It was decided to send a deputation consisting of Mrs. Lalor and Mr. W. Ronan to the Electricity Supply Board, Waterford, on the matter.

RESIGNATION OF MR. THOMAS O'LEARY

Letter dated 25th August I945 was read from Councillor Thomas O'Leary tendering his resignation of his office as Councillor.

Proposed by Mr. Clarkin
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

The resignation was accepted and a vacancy on the Council declared.

RATS & MICE(DESTRUCTION)ACT, I9I9.

Circular dated 24th August I945 was read from the County Medical Officer of Health reference to above.

It was decided to request the County Manager to have the Sanitary Inspector make a general inspection in connection with same.

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SOCIAL SECURITY PLANS

ARKLOW COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

The Resolution of the Arklow Urban District Council requesting the government to introduce legislation for the implementing of the Social Security Plans of his Lordship, the Most Revd. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor

The resolution by the Arklow Urban District Council requesting the Government to reconsider decision to disband the Marine and Coast Watching Service was adopted.

RESOLUTION FROM DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Resolution dated 27th August I945 from above Council in connection with Old Age Pensions and means test was read.

No order.

RESCINDING STANDING ORDER.

Mrs. Lalor proposed that a small Committee consisting of three Members of the Council be elected for the purpose of deciding what motions should be considered by the Council in view of the Resolution that only matters relevant to the business of the Council only be considered at a Meeting of the Council.

There was no seconder.

Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill handed in notice of Motion to rescind the Standing Order which prohibits any consideration of any matter not directly concerning the New Ross Urban District Council.

Mrs. Lalor handed in notice that the Council supply a properly covered cart for the collection of town refuse.

Mr. Dunphy handed in notice that the Town Planning Act be adopted.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill handed in notices re other matters but the Chairman ruled that there was no necessity for Notice of Motion.

ROAD SIGNS

After a general discussion it was decided to request the County Manager to arrange to have danger signals and road signs erected where required in the town.

Mr. Ronan proposed that the Government be requested to adopt speed limit in all towns and cities.

There was no seconder.

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS.

Arising out of a communication from the Department of Local Government & Public Health it was decided that Byelaws be considered at next Meeting.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO CINEMA

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ADMISSION OF CHILDREN TO CINEMA.

Mrs. Lalor proposed that the relevant Department of State be requested in releasing the films to insert a heading that they were suitable for children under sixteen years and that the deputation of the Council appointed to interview the Electricity Supply Board in Waterford also be appointed to interview Mr. Breen, the owner of the cinema, in connection with days and hours of matinees.

Agreed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following matters were referred to the County Manager :-

I. Water Supply to Kehoe's Michael Street.

2. Condition of water tables at Rosbercon and Charleton Hill.

3. Hedge at William Street.

4. Sanitary accommodation at house occupied by Mrs. Moran, Neville St.

THOMAS DAVIS CELEBRATIONS.

It was decided that the National Flag be displayed during the Davis Centenary Celebrations.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY THE 9th. DAY OF OCTOBER, I945.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the consideration of Public Health Byelaws.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Clarken, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor, and Messrs. J. Doyle, W. Ronan, M. Dunphy, S. O'Dougbhaill and T. Redmond.

The County Manager attended.

NOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond.
Seconded by Mr. O'Doubhghaill a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. P. N. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, on the death of his brother, Mr. James J. O'Gorman.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.
RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR DUNPHY.

Mr. Dunphy notified the Council that he desired to vacate his office on this Committee.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. Ronan reported his interview with Mr. Dunphy of the E.S.B., Waterford. So far as he could ascertain the position is that the Council could have the lights if they offered to pay for them and were prepared to defray the cost of erection.

Mrs. Lalor reported having interviewed the E.S.B., Waterford.

Town Clerk, replying to the Chair, stated there was not any communication from the E.S.B. on the subject. The statement of Mr. Dunphy of the E.S.B. to Mr. Ronan was discredited by the numerous letters from the E.S.B over a period of years and the Minutes of the Council - quoted.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan.
Seconded by Mr. Doyle.

It was decided to again write the E.S.B. that the Council is prepared to defray the cost of erecting the necessary poles and request the lighting of this road in accordance with the accepted plan.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor.
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy.

It was decided to ask Mr. Dunphy of the E.S.B., Waterford to confirm in writing his statement to Mr. Ronan - Mr. Ronan objecting.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill requested the County Manager to have the light on the bracket at Annefield Lane changed to a position to light that lane.

Referred to County Manager.

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THE CINEMA.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan.
Seconded by Mr. Chairman and decided that the Department of Justice be requested to insist that the film censors grade films for adults and children in their usual certificates and that children's films should consist of educational and musical.

DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING SITES.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor it was decided to request the County Manager to proceed with the development of housing sites in the Urban Area and to apply for the Grant.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING.

Letter dated Ist. October, I945 from Messrs. Downes & Meehan, Architects, Dublin, that their approximate current cost of building I2 working class houses in Irishtown worked out at £700 per house or £800 including development - the proximity of public services in Irishtown would considerably reduce the cost.

Proposed By Mr. Ronan.
Seconded by Mr. Chairman the matter was adjourned sine die.

SCHOOL MEALS.

County Manager informed the Meeting that it might be necessary to ask the Council to increase his budget estimate under this head. He anticipated he might require a further £70. and would like the Council's views.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor.
Seconded by the Chairman. It was agreed nem. con. to sanction the increased amount if required.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

County Manager stressed the necessity for more co-operation under the Acts. The Council should use their influence for increased food production and a much better response than last year.

AGREED.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

SCAVENGING CART.

Moved by Mrs. Lalor it was decided to request the County Manager to provide a properly covered dust cart for the town.

TOWN PLANNING ACT.

Mr. Dunphy agreed to an adjournment of his motion "That the Town Planning Act be adopted" to the next available Meeting.

MR. O'DUBHGHAILL'S MOTIONS.

Mr. O'Dubhghaill moved and
Mr. Ronan seconded "That the Resolution which prohibits the consideration of any matter not directly concerning the Council be rescinded"

The Motion was passed, Mr. Redmond objecting.

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Mr. O'Dubhghaill moved and
Mr. Chairman seconded "That the County Council be requested to erect appropriate road-signs at all approaches to our town schools and all also to goods entrance to railway station."

AGREED.

MR. DUNPHY'S MOTIONS.

Mr. Dunphy moved and
Mrs. Lalor seconded "That the Urban Area be extended with the object of facilitating the acquisition of land suitable for building purposes.

ADJOURNED.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Mrs. Moran, Neville Street.

Letter dated 27th. September, I945 from the Agent to the Tottenham Estate was read. After enquiries the Estate found that the cost of installation would be £23.I5.6. for a house rented at I/6d. per week and so, the Agent could not recommend the Estate to incur the necessary expense.

County Manager informed the Meeting that he had the matter in hands and had directed the necessary action.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS ACT I945.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman.
Seconded by Mr. Ronan. It was decided that the Council adopt a scheme for the acceptance, holding and administration of gifts of property for civic improvement and that a scheme to enable be prepared.

NAMING OF STREETS.

Letter dated 9th. October, I945 was read from the Chairman of the Charleton Hill Tenants Committee suggesting names for the streets in which this Committee are interested.

Proposed by Mr. O'Dubhghaill.
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided that a Committee of the Council composed of the Chairman, and Messrs. J. Doyle and S. O'Dubhghaill be appointed to meet the Committee and discuss their proposals.

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL FLAG BY LOCAL DEFENCE FORCE.

The Council adjourned to attend the function arranged by the Local Defence Force to present their National Flag to the town. The members of the Local Defence Force, Confraternity Band and the Military from Bawnjames Camp assembled immediately outside the Tholsel. The Reverend Father Doran C.C. havinf blessed the Flag, it was hoisted to full mast and after the salute was lowered and handed to the Chairman of the Council who thanked the Force on behalf of the Council and the townspeople for the gift.

On resuming,
Mr. O'Dubhghaill moved and
Mr. Dunphy seconded "That this Council take immediate steps to form a Ros Mhic Treoin Association to give publicity

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to the amenities offered by our town and district to tourist and industrial development."

AGREED.

It was decided that the Members of the Council with power to add form a New Ross Tourist Development Association.

The Meeting adjourned to 23rd. inst.

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TUESDAY THE 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1945

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact business pursuant to the various Acts enabling and to receive a Deputation from the Committee of the New Ross Mercy Convent School Building Fund.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Clarken, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Lalor, and Messrs. S.O'Dougbhaill, M. Dunphy and J. Doyle.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Letter was read from Mr. P.N. O'Gorman thanking the Council for vote of sympathy on the death of his brother James.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC LIGHTING - Charleton Hill Road

Letters dated 11th and 20th October 1945 were read from the Electricity Supply Board, Waterford that "it is difficult to understand how the delegate mentioned by you could conclude that lighting would be provided if the Council paid the cost of the extension. Having conducted the negotiations in connection with this particular proposal and being fully aware of the position with regard to materials Mr. Dunphy could not possibly have given any such undertaking as stated by your representative" and "The Board greatly regrets that it cannot offer to undertake this work in the conditions which at present apply to supply of both ~~new~~ materials and electricity" as the public light in New Ross far exceeds pre War the Board cannot consider any improvement until the reasonable demands of other places are met.

The Town Clerk stressed that this matter was one purely for the Manager who had the position fully explored and the Council had now written evidence of the efforts of the Manager to provide public lighting for this area brought up to date.

POSTAL FACILITIES

Letter dated 22/10/45 was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs "that Stamp Vending machines are not available at present owing to supply difficulties, and in the circumstances there is no possibility of granting the application, Offices having prior claim will first be considered before any review of the Councils application.

NO ORDER.

KIOSK

Replying to Mrs. Lalor, the Clerk reported that there was no communication from the Postal Authorities.

NAMING OF STREETS

Letter dated the 19th October 1945 was read from Mr. John Shannon, Charleton Hill that " you can arrange the Conference and myself and some others will attend"

It was decided to fix any Saturday at 4.o'clock p;m. in the Council Chamber.

MERCY CONVENT,
NATIONAL SCHOOL BUILDING FUND

Letter dated 7th November, 1945 was read from Hon. Sec. M. O'Brien requesting the Council to receive a Deputation from above

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Committee. The following members attended :-

Rev. P. Murphy, President, M. O'Brien, Hon. Sec. and
T. Barron, Hon. Treasurer

Chairman having introduced the Deputation
Fr. Murphy addressed the meeting

The Collection had depreciated and Collectors were the crux. If the Council could help with material suggestions his Committee would appreciate it.

It was decided :-

(1) To recommend that the mode of collection be changed to either
(a) Collection on a part time basis at the rate of 10/- per week for three Collectors, or
(b) Collection based on the Wexford town model, i.e. that all employees in the town and parish arrange with their employees to permit of a reduction of two pence in the pound on the wages roll weekly towards the Fund, or
(c) that voluntary Collectors be arranged on a rotary system, and
(d) that the Senior boys of the Christian Brothers and Michael St. National Schools constitute themselves weekly collectors for areas not covered by the foregoing.

(2) That the Members of the Council agree to interview the various Employees with intent to give effect to 1 (b) above.

(3) That the Council attend the next Meeting of the Finance Committee on the invitation of the Committee, and

(4) That the Council take an active part in providing the balance due on the school.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING ACTS, 1934 and 1939 AND REGULATIONS

Moved by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor.

It was agreed to give Notice of Intention to propose a Town Planning Resolution pursuant to the provisions of the various Acts and Regulations and in accordance with same.-

CO-OPTION OF COUNCELLOR

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman.

Mr. J. Shannon, Charleton Hill was unanimously elected in the room of Thomas O'Leary resigned.

Clerk reported all formalities had been complied with.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES

Chairman stated that he had received letters from James Frizelle, No.1. Haughton Place and T.T. Powell, 57, Charleton Hill complaining of defects to their houses.

Clerk informed the Meeting all such complaints were matters for the County Manager. The Council had no function in the matter.

REFERRED TO COUNTY MANAGER.

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BORDER RESOLUTION

Proposed by S. O'Doubhghaill,
Seconded by Mr. Chairman, and passed, Mrs. Lalor dissenting that "remembering that Dail Eireann 1919 inter-alia, was composed of members elected from the thirty two counties we ask the Government in Dublin as a part of the national effort to put an end to the Border, to invite the newly elected representatives in the six Counties to accept their seats in Leinster House (temporarily as members without voting power) instead of attending the Stormont Parliament"

PUBLIC HEALTH BYELAWS

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to postpone consideration to next available Meeting.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION

Letter dated 27/10/45 was read from the Hon. Sec. of above in connection with the County Management Act.
On the Motion of Chair.
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor it was decidrd to send a copy of same to each Councellor for discussion at next Meeting.

FREE MILK SCHEME

Proposed by the Chair, and
Seconded by Mr. J. Doyle and decided "That the present Free Milk allocation is insufficient for the needs of the town as it is based on the value of the supply pre war and not on the quantative supply and this Council requests the Government to review the circumstances and permit of a supply equal to that of prewar to meet the existing needs".

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TUESDAY THE IIth DAY OF DECEMBER I945.

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 County Management Act, I940, the Local Government Act, I94I, and the various Acts enabling.

Present :- Mr. T. Clarkin, Chairman, Presiding, Mrs. Lalor and Messrs W. Ronan, J. Shannon, S. O'Dubhghaill, J. Doyle and M. Dunphy.

Town Clerk intimated the County Manager was unable to attend and that he sent his apologies.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

FILMS FOR CHILDREN.

Letter dated I9th November I945 was read from the Department of Justice enclosing for the information of the Council a copy of a letter dated 6th April I945 to the School Attendance Department of the Dublin Corporation on this subject.

The Council held (I) that in the opinion of the majority of of the people some of the films were objectionable (2) that the type of films shown was such as not to cater for children (3) it should be an economic proposition to exhibit films specially catering for children.

BORDER QUESTION.

Letter dated 23rd November I945 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health acknowledging receipt of Resolution in connection with the Border problem.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

Letter dated IIth December I945 received by the Chairman of the Council from tenant of No. 3 Cross Lane, in connection with repairs to house was referred to County Manager.

Replying to Mr. Ronan, the Chairman stated that a sum of £400 had been allocated towards repairs to Council's houses and the County Manager had arranged to spend this sum on the houses in William Street. So far as he could understand the County Manager had stated that this work had commenced and that he did not state what work had been carried out.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by the Chairman

It was decided to ask the County Manager to submit the following particulars as regards the expenditure on these houses :-

I. Amount Allocated.

2. Amount expended.

3. How expended and the nature of repairs.

RECLAMATION OF RIVER BANKS.

It having been intimated by the Town Clerk that resulting from correspondence between the appropriate Department of State and the County Manager, a preliminary survey will be made of the works

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on the river banks South of New Ross provided a sum of £40 was allocated towards same, the Wexford County Council provided ~~a similar sum~~ £30 towards these expenses

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor and agreed that a sum of £10 be allocated from the funds of the Council towards the cost of this survey.

Proposed by Mr. Ronan
Seconded by Mr. Doyle

It was agreed that a deputation consisting of Members of the New Ross Urban District Council and Members of the Wexford County Council wait on the Department concerned with a view to precipitating a decision on the important works of the reclamation of the banks of the river south of New Ross and that the deputation consist of Messrs T. Clarkin, Chairman of the Council, Thomas Redmond, and W. Ronan representing the New Ross Urban District Council.

PAINTING OF HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ronan and agreed that pursuant to the Order of the County Manager No. I47/1945 N.R. he is hereby authorised to expend the sum of £355 on the painting of 76 houses at Charleton Hill, New Ross.

MR. SHANNON TAKES OFFICE.

Town Clerk having reported that Mr. J. Shannon, Charleton Hill, New Ross, had duly subscribed his declaration accepting office of Councillor in the room of Mr. Thomas O'Leary, resigned, the Chairman welcomed Mr. Shannon to the Council.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Chairman drew attention to the case of Mrs. Moran, Neville Street, and intimated that from his recollection the Council was responsible for any action taken up to the present. The County Manager was told by the Council that he had two methods of dealing with this case which the Council would remember lacked adequate sanitary accommodation namely

(I) that a flush closet be installed and that if the landlord did not agree that the Council would install accommodation and recover costs from the landlord, and

(2) that the Council take over the property.

The position at present is that Statutory Notice was served on 23rd November I945 giving one month in which to abate the nuisance and in the meantime Notice to Quit was served by the Landlord on the tenant who had nothing whatsoever to do with the matter. In the circumstances surrounding the case the Council should consider the tenant's right and obtain legal opinion.

Money had been voted by the Council to provide for this matter. He saw the Doctor's report. He was unable to obtain the Public Health Acts at the Town Clerk's Office. The County Manager's Order was not produced but he was informed it could be produced later and he was further informed that the Council could take no further action until the date of the statutory notice had expired. He had a talk with the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk objected to private conversation being introduced into the public meeting. He considered any conversation between the Chairman

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and himself as private and for the future would not consider it as private.

Chairman agreed that he sould not have brought up the matter without the privity of the Town Clerk but held that the Council,asthe Sanitary Authority could take over the house. As the Solicitor to the landlord was also the Solicitor to the Council he left it to the Council to decide what was best to be done.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, Clerk stated that Mr. Colfer was appointed by the Council as their Solicitor. He had a statutory appointment which was permanent and the Council must in the circumstances recommend the County Manager to obtain lenal opinion.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Chairman

It was agreed to recommend the County Manager to obtain Counsel's opinion whether the landlord can retain possession of the premises or dispossess himself of the premises in the special circumstances of the case and what is the safest proceedure to adopt to protect the tenant.

NATIONAL FLAG.

Proposed by Mr. Shannon
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

" That the Dungarvan Urban District Council's Resolution dated 20th November I945 calling on the Minister for Education to ensure that in all schoole in Eire pupils be given instruction in the history of and respect for the National Anthem and National Flag be and same is hereby adopted."

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor

" That in view of the employment policy of the present Government it would be much more appropriate for the teachers to instruct on respect for the Union Jack."

The Dungarvan Resolution was adopted, Mrs. Lalor dissenting.

Proposed by Mr. S. O'Dubhghaill
Seconded by Mr. Shannon

It was decided that each School be supplied by the Government with a copy of the National Flag to display in each school.

WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. ~~Redmond~~ Ronan Ó Dubhghaill
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor and agreed that the Resolution dated I2th September I945 by above County Council be passed expressing disappointment at the action of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in failing to re-appoint the Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, as Chairman of the National Health Insurance Society having regard to the exemplary services rendered by him to the cause of social security as outlined in his plan.

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Proposed by Mr. ~~Redmond~~ Ronan Ó Dubhghaill
Seconded by Mrs. Lalor and agreed that the Resolution of the above Council dated 29th August I945 calling on the Government to provide a substantial increase on the existing pensions and modification of the present means test be adopted.

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WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Chairman and agreed that the Resolution of the above Council that co-operation between local bodies and the Department of Local Government be restored and that an authoritative member of the Department personally discuss important matters with representatives of local Councils, be adopted.

UNITED IRISH LEASEHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Ronan and agreed that the views of this Association demanding legislation for leaseholders be adopted.

HARBOURS BILL, 1945

Clerk having read portion of explanatory memorandum from the Department of Local Government and Public Health hereunder, it was agreed to postpone consideration sine die.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ASSOCIATION.

Clerk having intimated that copies of the Association's letter dated 27th October 1945 had been circulated to Members of the Council, it was agreed to recommend for the purposes of the County Management Act as follows :-

(a) Any officer required in writing by a majority of the Council present should attend a meeting of the Council.

(b) That the selection of all Relief Works be left in the hands of the Council.

(c) That all tenders be submitted to the Council intimating the selection by the County Manager, the Council to have the right of veto.

(d) All important letters from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and with the County Manager's Action thereon be submitted to the Council.

(e) That the County Manager consult with the Chairman of the Council before issuing orders implementing any resolution of the Council.

SEWER IN BARRACK LANE.

Mr. Ronan drew attention to this matter. This sewer must be in a very bad state as it appeared to be opened periodically. Something should be done as a permanent remedy.

Town Clerk intimated that County Manager stated that in continuing the Comprehensive Sewerage Scheme for the town this matter take precedence.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES ON THE QUAY.

Mr. Dunphy complained that the public lavatories on the Quay on Sunday morning were in a filthy condition. There was no water from the prior Saturday night and on the eve of Holidays.

Referred to County Manager.

RELIEF WORKS.

Mr. Dunphy enquired if the Council had undertaken any Christmas Relief work for the people of the town.

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Mr. Ronan stated Relief Work was being carried out at the moment by the County Council employing New Ross workmen. He knew that the County Manager was unable to obtain the particulars he required for Relief Works within the town from the late Town Surveyor in time to obtain the grant.

Proposed by Mrs. Lalor
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was agreed to request the County Manager to inform them whether the County Council had been asked to take over the Relief Work under similar curcumstances.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Michael Dunphy
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