TUESDAY I5th APRIL I952.

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 :-

I. Arrange a Committee to meet the Municipal Hall Committee on the 22nd inst. at 7.30 p.m.

2. Consider Circular from the Department re cultivation of cottage plots.

3. Fill the vacancy on the Harbour Board occasioned by the disqualificatio of Mrs. Lalor.

4. Fill the vacancy on the County Vocational Education Committee caused by non attendance of Mrs. Ryan, U.D.C.

5. Consider and determine on the report of Department Engineer - New weighbridge on the Quay.

6. Resolution from An Uaimh Urban Council-inadequate pension to family of late Captain Ryan, Air Corps.

7. Business over from last Meeting.

Present :- Mrs. Ryan, Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, M. Reddy and E. Bennett.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he received a 'phone message from the County Manager that if the County Council Meeting ended in time to permit his attendance he would be present.

On the Motion of Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

Mr. Dunphy was moved to the Chair.

The Presiding Chairman then read the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting and the Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting which he signed.

MUNICIPAL HALL.

Town Clerk reported that the Conference arranged at last Meeting between the Council and the Hall Committee took place. The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Reddy and the Town Clerk attended for the Council and only Mr. Gerald Donovan for the Hall Committee. Having waited for well over half an hour the conference was abandoned. However to keep things going the Chairman of the Council and the Clerk agreed to interview the Agent to the Tottenham Estate with a view to the acquisition of the Robert Street Hall, without prejudice.

On the following Thursday the Agent, with Mr. Boyd, met the Chairman and the Clerk and were, as usual, most corteous. Mr. Davis explained that the Estate would sell the landlord's interest for £200 subject to the approval of the Trustees but he had no right to dispose of any interest anybody else had in the property.

Mr. Donovan called on the Chairman the following day and the Chairman gave him the result of the interview with the Agent of the Estate. Bewteen them, Mr. Donovan and the Chairman, the 22nd instant at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the Tholsel was fixed for the next Conference with the Hall Committee - it being understood that Notice would not be necessary for the Councillors.

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CULTIVATION OF COTTAGE PLOTS.

A Circular letter was read from the Department of Local Government in this matter.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan

It was resolved that a copy of the letter be printed and circulated to the tenants.

VACANCY ON HARBOUR BOARD.

Letter dated 3rd April I952 was read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Commissioners, intimating the disqualification of Mrs. Lalor for non-attendance.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

It was resolved that Mrs. N. Ryan, U.D.C., be appointed to the vacancy.

VACANCY ON COUNTY VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Letter dated 3rd April I952 was read from the Chief Executive Officer County Wexford Vocational Education Committee requesting the Council to fill the vacancy on this Committee caused by the disqualificati of Mrs. Nancy Ryan, U.D.C. n

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was resolved to appoint Councillor Doherty to the seat.

NEW WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter L.2I2/52 dated I9th February I952 was read from the Department of Local Government that the site selected would appear to be open to objection in that the platform would be in the carrageway of a public road in such a position that it would be passed over by general traffic leading to high maintenance costs and the impairing of the accuracy of the machine. The Department suggested the Council to consider an alternative site which would be free from such objections.

Proposed by the Presiding Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan it was agreed to inform the Department that it was intended the platform be placed in the direction of the bridge which should overcome the objections.

RESOLUTION FROM AN UAIMH URBAN COUNCIL.

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Doherty This Resolution expressing the opinion that the pension awarded to the widow and childre of the late Captain William Ryan who lost his life on flying duty in May I95I is inadequate and unjust and suggesting legislation to revise the allowances and pensions payable to dependants of the Air Force personel killed in the course of duty was passed.

BUILD MORE HOUSES ON BULLAWN.

Arising out of the report on the present state of the Nunnery Lane Houses it was suggested that two or more houses could be built on the space owned by the Council on the bullawn.

Referred to County Manager.

RAILINGS ON HIGH HILL.

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RAILINGS ON HIGH HILL.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by the Chair

It was agreed to instruct the County Manager to have the railings replaced to the new steps on the High Hill.

COVERED CART FOR REFUSE COLLECTION.

Mr. Doherty drew attention to the new Public Health arrangements. Shopkeepers and others were obliged to conform to the new laws but the Council still continued to collect town refuse in an open cart.

The Council agreed that a covered vehicle should be provided.

Referred to County Manager.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Moved by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by the Chair it was resolved to pass a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. J.B. Hearne on his demise. Mr. Hearne was for many years a Member of the Council and a good employer.

The Meeting ended. T. Redmond

THURSDAY Ist DAY OF MAY I952.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council, convened by the Chairman, was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. pursuant to a letter dated I0th April I952, from the Secretary, Trinity Hospital, New Ross, informing the Council that the Master of the Hospital, Mr. J.B. Hearne, died on the 28th February I952 and that within twenty one days of the I0th April I952, the Council are at liberty to recommend to Miss Tottenham, the person representing the Heirs of Gregory, one or more proper persons for election to the vacant office of Master.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Reddy, R. Hamilton, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy..

Chairman having read the Notice convening the Meeting and the Notice from the Secretary to the Trinity Hospital the Town Clerk gave the Meeting a resume of the establishment of the Institution from the records in the office of the Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was resolved to nominate the Chairman of the Council, Mr. T. Redmond, as Master in succession to the late Mr. J.B. Hearne.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BREWER, IRISHTOWN.

Chairman in moving the sympathy of the Council to Mrs. Brewer, Mr. James Brewer, (brother) and Mr. William Ronan, (brother-in-law) reminded the Council that the late Mr. Brewer, Mr. James Brewer and Mr. Ronan were Members of the Council for some time.

The vote was seconded by Mr. Reddy and passed, all the Members standing.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Chairman T. Redmond

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TUESDAY 20th MAY I952.

No attendance due to Retreat in the Parish Church for the Members of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family. At 8 o'clock the Meeting was adjourned, sine die, pending the Chairman's election.

At 9 o'clock the specially summoned Meeting to make the Rates for the ensuing financial year ending 3Ist March I953, was held in the Tholsel, New Ross.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Hamilton Messrs Bennett, Doherty, Dunphy, Reddy and Clarkin.

Chairman having informed the Meeting that as he agreed with the County Manager that there would be no other business transacted other than the making of the Rate the County Manager would not be present.

Chairman then read the Statutory Resolutions requisite

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was resolved to adopt the Resolutions as set out on the Rate Book.

The Resolutions having been duly subscribed the Seal of the Council was affixed and witnessed by Mr. A.A. Butler, Journalist.

The Chairman then named Tuesday next at 7.30 o'clock as the day and the time on which the adjourned Meeting would be held.

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TUESDAY THE 27th DAY OF MAY I952

The Meeting of the Council adjourned from the Statutory day was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock this evening. in the Tholsel

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, R. Hamilton and W. Bennett.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the last Statutory Meeting of the I5th April I952, the Special Meeting held on the Ist day of May I952 and the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting dated 20th May I952 as well as the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th May I952 to make the Rates for the ensuing financial year were read by the Chairman.

Councillor Hamilton abjected that although present at the Special Meeting held on the 20th instant his name did not appear on the Minutes.

Chairman signed all the Minutes having added Mr. Hamilton's name to the list of the Members at the Meeting.

Arising out of the Minutes :-

I. Clerk reported that no report had been received from the Government Inspector in connection with the new Weighbridge.

2. The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had obtained a figure of £I500 for each of the two proposed houses on the Bullawn - rere of the Council's property in Church Lane - coupled with two houses at Irishtown, New Ross - opposite the Good Shepherd Convent - this cost contingent on the Contractors getting the job of erecting the four houses. He thought the sum reasonable and had agreed with the potential Contractors that there would be no extras.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was duly resolved to postpone consideration to next available Meeting.

County Manager took the opportunity to remind the Council that this work could not in the existing circumstances - as known to the Council, individually and collectively - be undertaken by direct labour - two houses on the Bullawn abd two bungalows in Irishtown. It appeared work for a Contractor. Lots of reasons could be advanced to suggest that it should be done by Contract and acting on this, he Manager, invited Mr. Ryan to submit to him a figure he was prepared to erect these houses.

3. Attention was drawn to the matter of the railings on High Hill. The railings should normally have been replaced when the grant work was under construction. It would now cost more to do this work and the cost must now be defrayed from the rates.

Decided to recommend the County Manager to replace the railings out of the rates.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trinity Hospital - Appointment of Master.

Letter dated 26th May I952 addressed to the Chairman at his home address was read from the Acting Secretary, Estate Office, New Ross, intimating that the Council's nomination of the Chairman " has been accepted by Miss Tottenham, representing the Heirs of Thomas Gregory the original founder of the Hospital.

Noted.

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DEATH OF JOSEPH BREWER.

Letters from Mr. W. Ronan and the family of deceased were read thanking the Council for vote of sympathy.

LOANS

£5000 Rosbercon Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was agreed to sign the undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works in respect of this loan from the Local Loans Fund. The undertaking was then duly signed by the County Manager and the Seal was attacheddand witnessed by the Chairman.

The County Manager advised the Council that he had approved of the draft Mortgage.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was unanimously resolved to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £1600 for the purposes of defraying the cost of improvements to the waterworks at Poulmounty.

COMPREHENSIVE WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

County Manager informed the Council of a telephone interview with Mr. T.J. O'Connor, B.E., Consulting Engineer to the Council in this matter. Mr. O'Connor definitely stated that the Contract documents, bills of Quantities, specification and plans for the full waterworks scheme to serve the town will be ready from four to six weeks from this date. Mr. O'Connor also stated that it may be possible to get piping without delay for that part from Dranagh to Ballyleigh and so that part of the scheme might be separately advertised with a prospect of an early commencement. Manager asked Mr. O'Connor to confirm to the Town Clerk.

NUNNERYN LANEE HOUSING SCHEME LOAN.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

It was unanimously resolved to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a supplemental Loan to complete the erection of 20 Houses at Nunnery Lane in the sum of £2500.

County Manager informed the Council that the original loan was £30,000. That amount was exceeded at date by over £620. It would require at least £2000 to complete the work.

FURTHER OVERDRAFT TO MEET EXPENDITURE PENDING ISSUE OF LOANS.
£2000 Haughton Place Housing Scheme.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was resolved to apply for a further overdraft on Capital Account to meet expenditure on this scheme in the amount of £2000 pending issue of the loans from Local Loans Funds.

Rosbercon Waterworks Scheme

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was resolved to apply for further overdraft on Capital account to meet expenditure on the Rosbercon Waterworks Scheme in the amount of £2000 pending issuedoffthe loan from Local Loans Fund.

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E.S.B. CHARGES.

Letter dated 28th May 1952 from Arus na Cathrach, Limerick, was not read by the Chairman who explained that the matter had already been dealt with. The letter called on the Minister to hold a public inquiry to investigate E.S.B. charges.

No action.

TRAIN SERVICE TO WATERFORD.

Discontinuance of passenger carriage on the 10 a.m. train.

Chairman adverted to a note in the New Ross Standard that the carriage attached to the 10 o'clock train to Waterford was about to be discontinued. The Council would recollect that it was a result of representations by the Council that this facility was granted to the people of New Ross and so the Council should protest in the strongest possible manner against its withdrawal.

He moved a motion in these terms
Seconded by Mr. Bennett the motion was carried unanimously and the Clerk was instructed to convey the same to the Secretary, C.I.E.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I7th JUNE I952

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 of which due notice was given.viz:-

I. Completion of Mortgage £5000 - Rosbercon Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

2. Resolution authorising Seal - 4% Land Bonds.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs T. Clarkin, M. Dunphy, J. Bennett, M. Reddy and R. Hamilton.

The County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and duly confirmed.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr, Dunphy it was resolved to hold the Annual Meeting on the 24th June I952 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

ROSBERCON WATERWORKS SCHEME.

LOAN £5000.

On the Motion of Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was resolved

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £5000 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts I878-I948."

The Mortgage was then duly signed by the Chairman and Councillors and the Seal of the Council embossed and witnessed by C.J. Connolly, Journalist.

AUTHORIZATION OF SEAL & PURCHASE OF 4% LAND BONDS.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was resolved to affix the seal of the Council to the documents requisite.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Bennett and resolved that the New Ross Urban District Council apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a supplemental Loan in the sum of £3,500 to complete the erection of 20 houses at Nunnery Lane, New Ross.

Proposed by the Chairman
seconded by Mr. Bennett it was resolved to apply for an overdraft on Municipal Account to the Treasurers of £2000 required to complete the Nunnery Lane Housing Scheme pending the issue of a Supplemental Loan.

HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSING SCHEME.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

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HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSING SCHEME

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Proposed by Mr..Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was resolved to apply to the Council's Treasurers for a continuing overdraft of £4500 to meet expenditure on the Haughton Place Housing Scheme pending issue of funds from Loan subject to the sanction of the Minister.

CARRIAGE ON TRAIN - IO o'clock a.m.

Chairman detailed his interview with Mr. O'Doherty, District Superintendent C.I.E., and read letter dated IIth June I952, intimating that at present a train is scheduled to leave New Ross each week-day at IO.O a.m., returning from Waterford at 5.50 p.m..These services are being substituted by bus which provides a quicker service and affords greater facilities to the residents of the area.

Considered satisfactory.

RESOLUTION FROM FERMOY URBAN COUNCIL.

This Resolution deploring tha action of the Government in reducing grant of £4000 per annum to £2500 - University Adult Education Scheme - and requesting the restoration of the £4000 grant was deferred for further information.

NEW WEIGHBRIDGE

Chairman intimated that he had been requested to draw the attention of the Council to a complaint that dissatisfaction was general that there was not a weighbridge to weigh cattle on last fair day.

Town Clerk reported that no report had been received from the Inspector from the Department out of his recent visit and inspection of the locus of the proposed new weighbride on the Quay.

Decided to request the Department to submit the Inspector's Report.

ACCIDENT ON HIGH HILL.

Mr. Reddy reported three accident on the Hill. The surface apparently need attention. The protecting railings to the steps should be replaced to enable people to use the steps.

Referred to County Manager.

WATERWORKS.

LAW RE PRIVATE SERVICE PIPES.

Replying to Mr. Clarkin the County Manager quoted the Waterworks Clauses Acts and the Public Health Acts imposing on Consumers the obligation to maintain private services. If the Council desired to initiate regulation relative they were at liberty to do so.

Mr. Clarkin intimated he would give the requisite notice of motion accordingly.

SIGN POSTS OUTSIDE THOLSEL.

Replying to several Members,County Manager intimated that the Tourist board was at present engaged on this matter and in time the sign posts outside the Tholsel and in Irishtown would be attended to.

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ERECTION OF MORE HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN AND BULLAWN.

This matter was introduced and a suggestion was made that the two houses at Irishtown, two on Bullawn on the Council's property and three more on derelict sites on Bullawn be advertised for tenders.

No decision.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSES

Replying to Mr. Clarkin the County Manager read his Order under which men were laid off on this scheme in accordance with the usual practice. If James Doyle was not in this catogaryhe would inquire into the circumstances but his order was quite definite.

Adverting to the general conduct of this scheme Mr. Clarkin intimated that he intended to submit certain matters in writing for future discussion by the Council.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Ist July I952 for the purpose and to request the County Manager to summon the Engineers to it.

INSPECTION OF J.K.L. HOUSES

Arising out of complaints by Members it was decided to request the County Manager to cause a general inspection and submit a report relative.

THE MEETING ENDED

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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY 24th JUNE 1952.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs E. Bennett, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, R. Hamilton.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Moved by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Doherty the outgoing Chairman, Mr. T. Redmond, M.C.C., declared himself elected without opposition.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Moved by Councillor Bennett,
Seconded by Councillor Reddy that Councillor Mrs. Ryan be elected to the Vice-Chair.

Moved by Councillor Hamilton that Councillor Mr. M. Dunphy be elected to the Vice-Chair.

There was no seconder and Mrs. Ryan was declared elected nem.con.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton the Council extended congratulations to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman on their election.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mrs. Ryan
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided to re-elect the outgoing Members and to elect Councillor Reddy to the vacant seat on the Committee.

The New Ross Mace was as usual on the table during the Meeting.

Chairman and Vice- Chairman having duly subscribed the roll

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY Ist JULY I952.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to resolution of the Council dated I7th June I952.

Present :- Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan, M. Dunphy, R. Hamilton, M. Reddy, ~~R. Hamilton~~ T. Clarkin, E. Bennett and M. Doherty.

The County Manager with Mr. McGoran, County Architect, Mr. Murphy, B.E., and Mr. Forde, B.E., attended.

The County Manager informed the Council that the Engineers were present on his instructions acting on the request of the Council.

Chairman having read the notice convening the Meeting stressed the time at which the Meeting was called. The Meeting at the request of the Council was called for 7.30 p.m., Members of the Council should by now recognise that fact. Mr. Clarkin an important Councillor responsible for the calling of the Meeting was not present.

Subsequently Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Clarkin in the order entered.

Chairman again objected that the Meeting was held up owing to the absence of Members on time. The Meeting was called for 7.30 and he had not received a reason for attendance of Members after the time laid down by the Council.

Chairman then informed the Council that he had decided to adopt a certain proceedure for the conduct of the Special Meeting. He would read from the Manuscript supplied to the Town Clerk by Councillor Clarkin, the eight allegations on the general administration on the Nunnery Lane Housing Direct Labour Scheme and he would call on the Engineer for his attitude towards eacg allegation. The County Manager would intervene and Mr. Clarkin could reply.

The following was then read by the Chairman :-

"Following allegations were made to me at different times by one or other of the following :- Jas. Doyle, Jas. O'Leary, Thos. McCaul, Sylvester, as well as by others whose names I can supply when I refer to notes taken by me at the times the charges were made.

(I) In most or all of the houses in Windmill Lane the usual openings in the walls for plumbing, wiring, etc., were omitted and the holes had to be broken out after the final plastering of the walls. The "boxes" normally inserted in the walls during erection and which if used would have made this work unnecessary were not in fact made use of.

(2) Window spaces were in a number of scullery or other rooms left too small for the window frames and as much as four to six inches of concrete had to be cut away all round to admit the frames.

(3) Concrete floors were laid after the fitting of door frames(and doors) and as the levels were wrong the doors and frames had to be removed, cut and refitted. The doors would seem to be less than dimensions specified in plans.

(4) In one case the openings for windows (or for a window) were omitted when the shuttering was being erected and the shuttering was filled or partly filled before the omission was detected and rectified.

(5) Work on one block of houses was brought to a standstill for two hours until the arrival of the Engineer because the foreman

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did not know where the D.C. was to go or because he would not proceed to lay D.C. without specific direction from Engineer.

(6) Round about methods were employed which caused delay e.g. gravel was dumped far from concrete mixer, concrete was mixed at distance from work and had to be carried in buckets much greater distances than was necessary.

(7) The foreman spent most of his time or at least a disproportionate part of his time supervising a few of the lower-paid labourers and left the tradesmen to their own devices.

(8) The employment, dismissal of men and the allocation of work was in practice in the hands of the foreman who abused his powers by favouritism and appointing personal friends, relations and political supporters of F.F.

Personally I believe that the selection of the foreman was not made with due care and with proper consideration for the ratepayers and the successful working of the direct labour scheme; and that he was continued in employment long after it had become obvious that he was unsuited for the job.

T. Clarkin.

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Mr. Murphy, B.E., replied :-

(I) No boxes were provided for plumbing outlets in external walls of type "B" houses, i.e. first four blocks. Outlets in accordance with the drawings were not provided as it was my intention to alter the positions of some of the sanitary fittings from that shown thereon. The extra cost involved in the subsequent cutting out of these outlets was negligible.

(2) This is completely untrue.

(3) It is customary for door frames to be fitted before concrete floors are laid. This was done in Nunnery Lane, and on no occasion had any frame to be removed. No doors were permanently fixed before final finish of concrete floors. All internal doors were to the dimensions specified. The external door frames were made in Charleton Hill before the drawings for Nunnery Lane had been received.

(3) Shuttering was filled over the cill level of two scullery windows in the centre houses of block of four. On my arrival from Enniscorthy on the following morning, I detected the omission which was immediately rectified.

(5) The position of the D.P.C. in relation to the floor level of the house is shown clearly on the drawings.

(6) Gravel was dumped from the lorries as conveniently as possible to the places where it would be required. Owing to the configuration of the site, open drain-works, etc., it was occasionally not feasible to dump the gravel as near as might be desirable to the point of operations.

(7) Each day the tradesmen are given a particular piece of work and their progress can be readily seen. Labourers need more detailed instruction, and when working in groups, almost constant supervision.

(8) Allocation of work is normally the responsibility of the foreman. The other charges are to my knowledge completely without basis.

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The County Manager directed the Council's attention to his position as administrator of all schemes undertaken by the Council. Resulting, he appointed the officers in charge of each scheme and he appointed Mr. Kehoe, B.E., and afterwards Mr. Forde, B.E., and Mr. Murphy, B.E., on the housing schemes. All were fully qualified and dul reported to him. The Council at each Meeting were acquainted with a monthly report from the Engineers. The schemes were conducted on the advice tendered to him by competent technical advisors.

Mr. Clarkin replying stated he was motivated solely for the success of this work by direct labour and brought the complaints he received before the Council, hence all the allegations were made and signed by the men and he got the signatures to ensure his justification for bringing them before the Council.

The Meeting ended

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY THE I5th DAY OF JULY I952

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 following business of which due notice was given viz:-

I. Emboss Seal etc.. on mortgage - Loan of £4500 Haughton Place houses.

2. Confirm application for Supplemental Loan of £3500 Nunnery Lane houses.

3. Confirm overdraft accommodation of £6500 on housing pending receipt of Loan.

4. New Weighbridge - letter from Department relative to site selected.

5. Resolution - Bray U.D.C. - Ban the importation of all comics from America. Publishers with indecent advertisements etc,

6. Circular letter from the Irish Defence Committee for Andreo Godfray requesting the French Authorities to reprieve Andreo Godfrey from sentence of death.

7. Business as laid down by the various Acts and Orders.

PRESENT:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Dunphy, J. Reddy, E. Bennett, R. Hamilton, T. Clarkin.

Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting and the Minutes of the Special Meeting were read by the Chairman and approved.

NEW WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter L. 2I2/2/52 dated I9th June I952 was read from the Department of Local Government suggesting a more suitable site for the weighbridge would appear to be on the Quay opposite Sugarhouse Lane and that the Council should approach the Harbour Commissioners with a view to the location of the proposed Weighbridge at that point.

Agreed.

MORTGAGE £4500 Haughton Place New Houses

Moved by Mrs. Ryan
Seconded by Mr. Bennett and resolved

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £4500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts I890-I950"

The Seal was then embossed and the Deed signed by the Chairman, Messrs M. Reddy and R. Hamilton and witnessed by Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager.

BRAY URBAN COUNCIL - RESOLUTION.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy this Resolution calling on the Minister for Justice to ban the importation of all comics emanating from American

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Publishers containing indecent pictures and suggestive advertisements and deploring that many of these publications are printed in this country was passed.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES RETIRED OFFICERS AND SERVANTS ASSOCIATION - AMENDMENT OF SUPERANNUATION ACTSI948.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was resolved that the Council support the object of this association in securing amendment of the Superannuation Act I948 so as to enable Local Authorities to grant increases in superannuation allowances to Retired Officers and Servants at a rate at least equal to that allowed to existing Officers to enable such officers to meet the increased cost of living and the reduction in the purchasing power of the £.

THE CASE OF ANDREO GODFRAY.

BELFAST DEFENCE COMMITTEE RESOLITION.

Moved by Mrs. Hamilton
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan it was agreed to request the French Republic to exercise it perogative of clemency in the case of Andreo Goffray recently sentenced to death by a French Military Tribunal.

MUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

Progress Report dated IIth July I952 from Mr. Forde, Engineer, was read.

WATERWORKS

QUESTION OF LIABILITY OF CONSUMERS FOR MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE SERVICES.

Mr Clarkin reminded the Council of his attitude in this matter. As he was fully convinced that the repairs by the Consumer to house services from the mains to the house was not contemplated by the archaic laws in this year of I952 involving perhaps liability from heavy traffic over the lead services, he gave notice at last Meeting that he would raise the matter. The notice apparently was not in order and he now gave notice to move or cause to be moved for him

> "That the Council consider ways and means of altering the present arrangement whereby the occupier is responsible for the whole water service pipe from the Council's mains to the house."

COMPREHENSIVE WATERWORKS SCHEME.

Deputy Manager reported that the Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor, Dublin, replied today to the County Manager's letter to him of the 5th May I952. Consultant in his letter intimated that he had two quotations for piping from Dranagh to Ballyleigh and gave details. Delivery four to six weeks and that he is at present compiling the documents for the full wateworks scheme and will send them on as soon as possible. He, Deputy Manager, had made Orders accordungly as follows (I) that the documents be expedited and (2) quotations for a scheme of this magnitude should be obtained by public advertisrment subject to the County Engineer's recommendation.

No order.

BOOSTER TROUBLE.

Several Members drew attention to the present shortage of water. In their opinion if the Booster at Fair Gate had been repaired

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months ago when the Council gave orders to have it done the present shortage in the upper section of the town would be avoided.

Decided to recommend the Deputy County Manager to investigate and have the Booster put into commission.

TRAFFIC CONJESTION.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the serious position of the Council in allowing large motor van traffic through Sugarhouse Lane.

Chairman dwelt on the conjestion caused by motor traffic in the town generally. Whoever was responsible apparently were not interested. Something should be done by the Council. Ratepayers expected the Council to take action.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan and agreed

"That the Council inform the Superintendent of the Garda Siochanna of their opinion that due supervision of motor traffic in the town and in particular diversion of motor van traffic in the Sugarhouse Lane and such thoroughfares is at present a matter of urgency."

HOUSING REPAIRS.

A general discussion took place relative.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was decided to remind the County Manager (I) to cause an inspection and report on the Abbey View, Haughton Place and Upper William Street houses for submission to next Council Meeting (2) to submit a statement to the next Council Meeting of the cost of repairs to the Council houses over a period of I2 months.

CONFIRMATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN OF £3500 - Nunnery Lane Houses

AND OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION OF £6500 ON HOUSING ETC. PENDING

RECEIPT OF LOAN.

Moved by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan the Council decided to confirm.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I9th AUGUST I952

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 T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs Hamilton, M. Dunphy and M. Reddy.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

BROTHER OF MR. McDERMOTT, COUNTY COUNCIL SECRETARY.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

A vote of condolence was passed to Mr. T.F. McDermott in his bereavement occasioned by the death of his brother.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were then read by the Chairman and approved nem.con.

MOTION BY MR. CLARKIN.

In the absence of Mr. Clarkin on holidays it was agreed to ppostpone consideration of his motion re liability of water consumers for maintenance of service pipes etc. from the mains to the house.

The County Manager asked it to be put on record that he had the greatest sympathy with the motion but as the law stands nothing can be done about it.

WEIGHBRIDGE.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS TERMS OF SITE.

Letter dated 8th August I952 was read from the Harbour Board granting permission to a site for the proposed weighbridge 2I7 feet from the South end of the Harbour Office; I66 feet from the north end of canal store; 7I feet from the South west corner of Sugarhouse Lane and 55 feet from the south end of the slip on the Quay subject to :-

(a) Rent of £6 per annum.

(b) The Council to keep the site etc. in proper repair etc.

(c) A right to the Board to direct the Council to remove the Weighbridge to any other suitable site on the Quay upon six months notice to the Council in writing and at the Council's expense,

(d) the Council to bear all legal costs and expenses in the matter and

(e) a formal Agreement embodying the conditions of letting.

Councillors Reddy and Hamilton argued that condition (c) should not be accepted by the Council as they required the erection of a weighbridge on a permanent site.

Councillor Dunphy suggested that the condition was reasonable from the Boards angle. They owned the Quay and could impose conditions. Eventually :-

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Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was agreed to ask the Board to delete this condition since the Council are catering for the public and the scales should prove a convenience to the Board.

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF GALWAY.

RESOLUTION RE RATING SYSTEM.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr, Hamilton this Resolution calling for an inquiry into the existing rating system with a view to establishing a more just and equitable method of assesing rates was passed.

The Chairman remarking that the Galway Council could have intimated an alternative method which could be discussed by the Council.

SUPERANNUATION OF RETIRED OFFICERS.

TEMPORARY ALLOWANCES.

Circular from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union to County Manager dated 27th June I952 was not read but the County Manager gave a synopsis of its intention. The Union requests the Council to pass a resolution "That superannuated officers be given the benefit of all temporary allowances or cost-of-living bonuses granted to salaried officers irrespective of the date of retirement of such superannuated officers."

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the resolution was agreed to.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.

Garda Superintendent's reply.

Letter dated 7th August I952 was read as follows :-

"Reference to your letter of the 29th July I952, I have to say that in my daly observations over the past year as a Police Officer and a motorist and as sometimes cycling or walking that I cannot understand your Council's dissatisfaction as to the regulation of Road Traffic in the New Ross Urban Area. I have not received any complaints since I came to New Ross from any user of the roads or of any resident (business or private). The Gardai at New Ross have apparently been enforcing the Road Traffic Act, I933, which seems to suit and be sufficient for the Road Traffic Laws in New Ross Town.

We have not received any report of an accident in Sugarhouse Lane. We are not aware of any large vans passing through Sugarhouse Lane but we understand that goods are necessarily carried by vehicular transport to certain premises in that Lane and that such necessary loading or unloading at the premises concerned is done with all due care for other users of the lane.

Chairman and several Councillors having expressed their views on the letter

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was agreed to inform the Superintendent that the Council was not satisfied that adequate regulations were not observed as regards general motor traffic and especially that in Sugarhouse Lane.

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It was decided that the matter be further considered at next available Meeting with a view to draft bye-laws.

HOUSING REPAIRS

Ranges, etc.

New Ranges were requested by Members of the Council for the following tenants viz:-

Freney's, Haughton Place, Richardson, Fairgate, Connolly, Church Lane, Grace, William Street, Roche and Mackey, William Street and Malone, Charleton Hill.

Referred to County Manager.

Arising out of a complaint by Mr. Reddy that immediate necessary repairs were required to house occupied by Mr. Richardson, I Fairgate, County Manager informed the Council he had just made an Order on a very serious report of the Health Officer in this case. There were several prior complaints and he had directed the officer to report at once on the condition of this house and if it continued in the same filthy condition Notice to Quit would be served.

Mr. Reddy could not agree. He visited tjis house and no one could object to the condition considering the bad state of repair of it.

County Manager intimated he would visit this house next week.

HOUSING SITE AT PONDFIELDS.

County Manager informed the Meeting that the Department Inspector's report on the site offered by Mrs. Ronan was not favourable. He suggested the site on the other side of the road adjoining the Council's new housing scheme. Mr. Alex. Nolan offered the site and the Inspector suggested the Council might consider acquiring the complete site including the houses to William Street so as to link up with their own houses.

Decided to form a Committee to consist of the five Councillors present at the Meeting for the purpose of inspecting both sites with the Engineer and reporting back.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Engineer under date I6th August I952 reported "I am inspecting these houses at present and will submit my report when the inspections are complete.

BOOSTER

Engineer reported under date I6th August as follows :-

"With reference to your letter I8th August concerning the above I am arranging to have this opened up and overhauled in the immediate future.

However with the present limited supply reaching the town from the source the tendency will be, with the booster working properly, to reduce the quantity of water reaching the low levels of the town. Hence the net result will be an improvement in the higher levels and a diminution in the supply to the lower parts of the town."

RAILINGS ON HIGH HILL.

Engineer under date I9th August I952 reported as follows :-

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"With reference to the above the proposal to restore the existing railings will involve considerable work in refitting the sections to suit the new arrangements of steps.

I estimate the cost of this work as follows :-

Drilling steps, bending and fitting existing railings to new arrangement of steps and landings and painting on completion of structural work in two coats of yellow paint.

Total cost £60. 0. 0."

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to have this work undertaken.

NUNNERY LANE HOUSING REPORT.

Engineer under date the I9th August I952 submitted his monthly progress report. Blocks I, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 complete. Nos 3 and 6 plumbing etc. in progress. 24 men employed.

PRESIDENTS RED CROSS TROPHY.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Council to the fact that it was the first time this trophy was on view in a Council Chamber. It was so by the permission of the County Manager who is President of the County Wexford Red Cross Society. The public would have an opportunity of viewing it in the window of Messrs Hickey's Drapery for a few weeks. As the Members could see by the card the Wexford and Galway teams tied for first place and so had the honour of temporary possession.

THE MEETING ENDED

Thos Redmond

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Present:- Councillor T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Councillor M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, W. Reddy and R. Hamilton.

Mr. McDermott attended vice the County Manager.

Mr. Forde, B.E., District Engineer was also present.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

LIGHTING AT CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the absence of public lighting.

Referred to County Manager.

FOOTPATH AT UPPER WILLIAM STREET.

The necessity for this was stressed.

Referred to County Manager.

FOOTPATH - WATERFORD ROAD.

Mr. Doherty advocated that a footpath be constructed outside the shops to the wast of this street to prevent accidents to children.

Mr. Forde advised the Council that a footpath where recommended would reduce the width of the road and as the corner - Bridge to Rosbercon - was an unusually sharp one a footpath might not be desirable.

It was decided to include this footpath in the scheme of roads under the Christmas I952 Relief Scheme - cost estimated at £40.

CHRISTMAS I952 RELIEF GRANT.

Chairman having read Circular RU/2I9/40 dated 2Ist August I952 from the Department of Local Government intimating that £800 Grant had been allocated to New Ross subject to a local contribution of £II0 under the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote I952/53, the District Engineer submitted his proposals dated I6th September I952 as follows :-

I. Location: Rosbercon Hill on north side from Castle gate.

Nature of work. Excavate where necessary to formation depth and form footpaths in 4" thick 6 to I grade concrete.

Estimate: £242. 5. 0.

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2. Location: J.K.L. Place, both footpaths.

Nature of work. Excavate where necessary to formation depth and form footpaths in 4" thick 6 to I grade concrete.

Estimate; £282. 2. 0.

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3. Location - Mary Street on North side from Buneen Lane to Church Lane.

Nature of Work. Excavate where necessary to formation depth and form footpaths in 4" thick 6 to I concrete.

Estimate £89. I2. 0

4. Location ; Haughton Place in front of new Council houses.

Nature of work. Excavate where necessary to formation depth and form footpaths in 4" thick 6 to I concrete.

Estimate : £50. 8. 0

5. Location : Charleton Hill from small gate of District Hospital to main entrance.

Nature of work. Excavate where necessary to formation depth and form footpaths in 4" thick 6 to I concrete.

Estimate : £68. 4. 0.

6. Location : New Ross Courthouse.

Nature of work. Move back railings and wall to give improved road space at this point. Excavate material where necessary and form new roadway and footpath in 6 to I concrete. Re-erect railings and wall in new positions on completion of work.

Estimate: £573. 6. 0

Chairman objected to proposal No. 6. In his opinion, as the Court House is the property of the County Council any alteration should be the business of the County Council.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

That this scheme as submitted by the Engineer plus the provision of the footpath at Rosbercon and minus the proposal re Courthouse be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mrs. Ryan

That the whole scheme as submitted by the Engineer be adopted - to include No. 6 of his proposals and the path at Rosbercon.

VOTING :-

For amendment : Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Doherty and M. Dunphy.

Against : Messrs R. Hamilton, M. Reddy and the Chairman.

The Chairman gave his casting vote against and the amendment was declared lost.

The original motion although not formally moved was taken as passed.

HOUSING

Letter N. 75/2/6 dated 8th August I952 from the Department of Local Government submitting considerations against the acquisition

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of the Pondfield lands for new houses as follows :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the Ioth ultimo, with enclosures, and previous correspondence regarding the proposed acquisition for housing purposes of a site at Pondfields, and to state that in view of the considerations outlined in the enclosed memorandum the site is not considered suitable.

It is recommended that the Council should investigate the possibility of acquiring by agreement the site at Charleton Hill owned by Mr. Nolan with a view to building along the Charleton Hill and William Street frontages with the possibility of eventually improving the junction of Charleton Hill - William Street corner by clearing existing houses.

A contoured survey of the sites at William Street and Southknock owned by Messrs P. Doyle and C. Murphy respectively should be carried out with a view to their utilization to meet the future housing needs of the Urban District."

Report dated I6th September I952 was read from the District Engineer as follows :-

The Chairman reported that the Committee of the Council visited the sites and were of opinion that the cost of acquiring and clearing of existing houses on Charleton Hill would be so prohibitive as to render the cost of the houses beyond the purse of the ordinary working man.

Report dated I6th September I952 was read from the District Engineer as follows :-

"With reference to the Department's objection to the Pondfields site

(I) It may be possible to gain another entrance to the site from Wexford Street but owing to the difference in levels it would be necessary to construct a considerable ramp which would increase development costs.

(2) It would not be possible to assess the nature of rock excavation until information from trial holes is available.

(3) A considerable boundary wall would be needed along the quarry face to render it less dangerous.

(4) This would apply to any site which the Council might acquire for housing with the possible exception of Mr. Nolan's site at Charleton Hill.

With regard to Housing sites in general, I would suggest that a detailed survey of various sites which might be utilised be carried out and a preliminary development plan be prepared for the whole town in order that the housing layout may be part of a general plan of development."

It was decided :

(I) That a detailed survey of various sites which might be utilised be carried out and a preliminary development plan be prepared for the whole town in order that the housing lay-out may be part of a general plan of development.

(2) that the recetion of two houses at Irishtown and two houses at Bullawn be undertaken in accordance with the

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plans already agreed and
(3) That the Department be requested to sanction both schemes.

NUISANCE COMPLAINT.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the derelict sites at Fairgate. The immediate neighbours would undertake to utilize the sites if given permission to occupy same.

Town Clerk advised the Council that theyCouncil did not own the property.

Mr. McDermott undertook to look into the matter of acquiring the sites under the Derelict Sites Act.

ROADS.

Matters referring to roads were referred to the County Manager.

RANGES.

This question was agisn discussed.

Referred to County Manager.

RESOLUTION FROM BUNCRANA COUNCIL.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton,

This resolution protesting against the increase in in licence duties on motor vehicles was agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 2Ist OCTOBER I952.

The Monthly Meeting of the Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Reddy, E. Bennett and M. Dunphy.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

A vote of condolence was passed to Councillor Thomas Clarkin, N.T., on the death of his mother.

The Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager was absent due to illness but the Deputy Manager, who was also absent due to engagement in Enniscorthy, asked to have the County Manager and the Deputy Manager associated with the vote.

The vote was passed in silence all the Members standing.

ADJOURNMENT MOVED.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was decided nem. con. to adjourn the Meeting for one week as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Clarkin.

The Chairman intimated that he had a communication from the Parish Priest intimating that His Lordship the Bishop desired the Council to consider the treatment meeted out to the Catholic Church by the Government of Bulgaria. He moved :-

"That we the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council wish to express in the strongest possible manner their horrors and indignation at the action of the Comunistic Rulers of Bulgaria by the unjust sentence of death passed on Bishop Bassilkov and three of his priests."

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Dubphy and passed unanimously and it was ordered that a copy be sent through the proper diplomatic channels.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER I952

An Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Messrs M. Reddy, E. Bennett and R. Hamilton,

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. McDermott attended.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the I6th September I952 and the 2Ist October I952 were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

ARBOR DAY I952.

A letter was read by the Chairman - it was addressed to him - from Mrs. Anna M. Minihan, Honorary Secretary of the Maudlins Guild Irish Country Woman's Association asking the Council to offer a plot of ground for the Association to plant trees. The Association "think that the plot enclosed by the new road at Charleton Hill Housing Scheme would be very suitable for a belt of ornamental trees". The opinion of the Council was requested.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was agreed to offer this site around the road, not to take in the whole plot as there was a playground involved, to the Association provided no question of title was involved.

SOLEMN BLESSING OF HOUSES.

NUNNERY LANE AND HAUGHTON PLACE.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton

"That the Parish Priest, Right Rev. Monsignor Hickey, P.P., V.G., be asked to officiate at the solemn blessing of the newly erected houses (20) at Nunnery Lane and (3) at Haughton Place on the 8th December I952, the feast day of the Immaculate Conception."

Deputy Manager, Mr. McDermott, intimated that the same day had been fixed by the Enniscorthy Urban Council and the Manager had already signified his intention to attend. The Manager would not be available for New Ross and he would like to attend the New Ross ceremonies.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy that as the Council are anxious for the attendance of the County Manager, the Sunday prior to the feast or the Sunday following the feast be fixed subject to the approval of the Parish Priest. The Town Clerk to interview the Monsignor on the matter.

Mr. Reddy suggested that His Lordship, the Most Reverend Dr. Staunton, D.D., Bishop of Ferns, be invited.

After a discussion it was agreed that the invitation to His Lordship be left in the hands of the Parish Priest.

NAMING OF HOUSES.

Moved by Mr. Bennett

"That the twenty Nunnery Lane Houses be named "Carmel View".

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Mr. Hamilton objected that the views of the tenant should be sought before the Council agree to any name for the houses.

Chairman pointed out that the houses were owned by the Council and the Council was the proper authority to name them. He seconded the proposition.

Agreed to name the houses "Carmel View".

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies Orders the Abstract was duly presented to the Council.

MORTGAGE

The Council to the Commissioners of Public Works.

£3500 Supplemental Loan for Nunnery Lane Houses.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

and resolved :-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £3500 proposed to be advanced by them under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts".

The Seal of the Council was then embossed, the Mortgage duly signed by the Chairman and Councillors M. Reddy and E. Bennett, the Deputy County Manager and Witnessed by C.J. Connolly, Journalist.

Public Lighting.

Lighting of Charleton Hill Bungalow Road.

Mr. Hamilton drew attention to this. The Council had agreed to this lighting as most necessary.

Referred to County Manager.

Lighting of Town Clock.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by the Chairman

It was decided to ask the Engineer to obtain the cost of lighting the Town Clock from IO p.m. to 8 a.m.

RANGES TO FIVE COUNCIL HOUSES

Attention of the Manager was directed to this matter. The Council had determined that the ranges be provided. Nothing had been done.

Referred to County Manager.

REPAIRS TO HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MRS.RICHARDSON, FAIRGATE.

Mr. Reddy intimated he had made a personal inspection of this house. The repairs necessary were obvious. The roof was leaking and the window frames were missing. As Council property the Manager should have the repairs done.

Clerk reported the Health Inspector visited this house and reported

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on the filthy condition of it. The County Manager delayed any action pending his own inspection of it as Mr. Reddy contradicted the Health Inspector's report.

Referred back to County Manager with a request that he instruct the Engineer to visit and report.

Crack in Wall - 43 J.K.L. Place.

Mr. Hamilton suggested that the matter needed immediate attention.

Referred to County Manager.

Footpaths outside William Street Houses

The bad condition of this was considered.

Referred to County Manager.

Gap opposite Graveyard - Tanyard Lane.

Several Members stressed the necessity to bridge the gap between the Council's houses in this lane and Mrs. Harney's premises by a concrete wall instead of the present unsightly fence of corrugated iron.

Referred to County Manager.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

INTEREST 5¼% after 6th October I952.

Letter No. H. I3/52 dated 3 Deire Fomhair I952 was read from the Department intimating above.

No action.

Resolution dated I4th October I952 from Arklow Urban District Council was read relative to this same matter.

Marked "read".

RESOLUTION FROM KILLARNEY U.D.C.

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Bennett. it was agreed to pass this Resolution protesting against any further limitations of the natural rights of private citizens to operate transport services.

RESOLUTIONS FROM TRIM URBAN COUNCIL.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was resolved to pass this resolution asking the Government in view of proposed increases in motor taxation to make available grants for the upkeep of Urban Roads similar to grants for upkeep of County Roads.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I8th NOVEMBER I952.

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

I. Arrange Reception to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on the Solemn Blessing of houses at Nunnery Lane and Haughton Place.

2. Consider an application from the Reverend Prioress, Mount Carmel Monastery, New Ross, for a Grant under Section I9 of the Housing (Amendment)Act I948.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding,and Messrs R. Hamilton, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, M. Doherty and E. Bennett.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the sympathy of the Council was extended to the relatives of the late Andrew Cullen, Victoria Place and Dr. Michael Dunphy, Oulart,in their bereavement.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and signed.

Letter dated the 4th instant was read from Councillor T. Clarkin thanking the Council and all who associated themselves for vote of sympathy on the death of his mother.

SENTENCE OF DEATH ON BISHOP OF NICOPOLI AND HIS PRIESTS.

Letter dated 5th instant was read from the Lord Bishop as follows :-

"Dear Mr. Barry,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of copy of resolution passed by the New Ross Urban District Council which I shall be happy to forward to His Excellency the Apostolic Nuncio.

With kind regards and every good wish to the Members of your Council and to yourself

I remain,

Very sincerely yours

James Staunton."

Letter dated 6th instant was read from the Apostolic Nubcio as follows :-

"Dear Mr. Barry,

His Lordship, the Most Reverend Bishop of Ferns has forwarded to me your kind letter of October, 24th. I952, addressed to him and containing a copy of the Resolution that was passed by your Urban District Council on the occasion of the Council's Meeting on Tuesday, October 2Ist. expressing horror and indignation at the action of the Communistic ruler of Bulgaria in the unjust sentence of death

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passed by them on his Lordship, the Bishop of Nicipoli and three of his Priests.

Permit me to thank you most profoundly for the action that your Urban Council has taken in this regard, and be assured that I will send your letter to Our Holy Father. I know that the action that the Council has taken will be a source of no little consolation to him.

With sentiments of the highest esteem and begging you to please convey my sentiments of deep appreciation to the Members of your Council, I remain, dear Mr. Barry,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Gerald P. O'Hara,

Apostolic Nuncio.

Ordered that both letters be inserted on the Minutes.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SWIMMING POOLS.

Circular L. 5/52 undated addressed to the City and County Managers was read from the Department of Local Government re this matter.

Chairman ruled that the Council had enough sewer and water schemes on hand without troubling about swimming pools.

No order.

NAMING OF NUNNERY LANE HOUSES.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the last Council Meeting Chairman, replying to Mr. Dunphy, agreed to permit consideration of any other name than "Carmel Place".

Mr. Dunphy moved that the locality be named "Harvey Place" to perpetuate the name of the General who was prominently associated with the Three Bullet Gate fight in I798.

Mr. Doherty seconded.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Reddy that the locality be named "Carmel View".

The Chairman decided to take Mr. Dunphy's motion as an amendment.

VOTING

For Amendment :- Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Doherty and the Chairman. 3

Against:- Messrs Bennett and Reddy. 2.

Mr. Hamilton abstained from voting as he considered the tenants of the 20 houses should be given the option to suggest a name.

The Chairman declared that the official name of the locality is now fixed as "Harvey Place".

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME, AND NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

Mr. Dunphy again suggested the importance of immediate

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provision of public lighting to these housing schemes.

Mr. Bennett requested an inquiry into the poor lighting of the light leading into Charleton Hill.

Decided that the Town Clerk instruct the E.S.B., to proceed as quickly as possible to remedy the Councillor's complaint.

NEW HOUSES REQUIRED.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the necessity for the provision of more houses by the Council. Every vacant house advertised brought in numerous applications shewing that more houses were needed.

A discussion ensued during which it transpired the general opinion was that the cost of building more houses to let at rents within the means of applicants could only be erected at considerable cost to the rates.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by the Chairman

It was decided to ask the Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of four houses on the Bullawn and the remaining two houses at Irishtown and also that the Engineer submit a list of derelict sites in the town suitable for building.

FIDDLERS GREEN - BULLAWN.

As the two houses on this Green are now partially demolished and presented an unsightly aspect to this locality.

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to consider complete demolition, clearing and levelling.

MOUNT CARMEL MONASTERY? NEW ROSS.

Application for a Grant for the building of a Lodge House.

Application of Form H.A. 3 under the Housing (Amendment) Act, I948, was received from the Mother Prioress.

Letter dated 23rd October I952, was read from the Department of Local Government returning the application sent to them and intimating that the appplication should be considered by the Council in accordance with the proceedure set out in the I948 regulations..

Chairman explained that the application was for a Grant of £400 from the Council in instalments of £40 per annum subject to a refund of 2/3rds by the Government leaving the rates to meet roughly £I3 per annum.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was agreed to make the Letting Grant subject to the regulations.

The house plan and specification were examined and approved.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

It was decided to instruct the Engineer to inspect house occupied by Thomas Nolan, Charleton Hill, and report on repairs

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required.

BLESSING OF NUNNERY LANE AND HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSES.

Chairman reported interview with the Parish Priest, Right Rev. Monsignor Hickey, V.G., The Lord Bishop agreed to solemnly bless the houses on any of the two Wednesdays after the Feast of the Immaculate conception.

It was decided to fix the 16th December at 2 o'clock p.m.

Chairman suggested that as the Bishop had kindly consented to officiate the Council might consider asking the Minister for Local Government to officially open the two schemes.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
seconded by the Chairman

It was decided that the Council form themselves into a Reception Committee with power to add to properly receive the Lord Bishop and the Minister.

The Council decided to ask the following to co-operate in the matter :- The Heads of all Industries in the town ; A.R. French, J.S. Hennessy, P.J. Fleming, the F.C.A., the Garda Siochanna, and that this Meeting be adjourned to next Tuesday at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to meet for the purpose of ways and means discussion.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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TUESDAY I6th DECEMBER I952

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 :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Reddy, E. Bennett, R. Hamilton and M. Dunphy.

Mr. McDermott attended for the County Manager.

The Chairman read the Minutes of the last Meeting and the minutes were approved nem.con.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY. - DEATH OF JERMAIAH CORBETT

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Bennett the Council expressed sincere sorrow on the demise of Jerry Corbett - one time Member of the Council, connected with the town in every activity without regard to personal inconvenience and cost and who died as he lived an ardent supporter of the Republic.

Mr. McDermott on his own behalf and that of the County Manager and the Staff of the Tholsel joined in the vote.

CONGRATULATION TO HIS GRACE DR. DALTON, ARCHBISHOP OF ARMAGH ON HIS ELEVATION TO THE SACRED PURPLE.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the congratulations of the Council on the news that the Archbishop of Armagh was nominated by His Holiness as Cardinal was passed to His Grace unanimously.

LIGHTING OF CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. Dunphy again drew attention to the absolute necessity for a light on this new Road.

Decided to instruct the Town Clerk to get this done immediately.

CHRISTMAS RELIEF GRANT.

Replying to Members Mr. McDermott informed the Meeting that the delay in starting the work was due to want of departmental sanction. Sanction by 'phone was obtained today and work would be started on Thursday according to his Engineer - I5 men would be employed. All men would be recruited from the Labour Exchange and the management was in the hands of the Engineer as approved.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL'S HOUSES.

Again several Councillors submitted repairs required from tenants.

After a very lengthy discussion it was decided to instruct the County Manager to arrange for a unit for housing repairs and a list of the repairs necessary for all the Council property early in the New Year so as to enable the Council to make adequate provision in next annual estimates.

GUARD FEEHAN'S HOUSE - UNOCCUPIED BY NON-RESIDENCE.

Several Members referred to this matter and it was submitted :-

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(I) that Guard Feehan had not retired from the Forces in April last.

(2) that he had not honoured his undertaking to live in the house and

(3) that it was unreasonable to maintain the present position having regard to the number of people waiting for housing accommodation

It was agreed that the County Manager take immediate steps to obtain possession and let this house.

The Deputy County Manager intimated that he would investigate the case and resultant action would follow.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Chairman expressed his disapproval of the delay in starting this scheme. The work should have been well under way by now. Until this was done Ross might expect to be without water and that shortly.

Clerk reported that as a result of his 'phone call to the Department this day he had received an assurance that sanction to the issue advertisement for tenders for the work would be forthcoming within a week. The work involved the expenditure of £29000 and the Department were obviously investigating the necessity for the expenditure.

Adjourned.

FUTURE HOUSING SCHEMES.

Replying to the stress by Members for the erection of houses on the Irishtown and Bullawn sites, Deputy Manager intimated the progress to date. The sanction of the Department must be obtained in the first instance to any scheme prepared and submitted. He had given instructions for the preparation of the necessary documents. Before work could be started a loan must be obtained and the Department has to be satisfied that the new houses can be let at a reasonable rent and that the houses will be occupied at an economic rent.

AN TOSTAL.

Chairman explained from the documents before him the objects of this Festival.

Deputy County Manager replying to the Chairman advised the Council that they had no power to finance the undertaking out of the rates.

Decided to leave the organisation pertaining to this work to the business people of the town.

SOLEMN BLESSING OF THE HARVEY PLACE AND HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSES.

Chairman intimated that the Lord Bishop of the diocese would attend at Harvey Place accompanied by his attendant priests on tomorrow at 3 o'clock p.m., and the Council would meet there at 2.45. p.m., to receive His Lordship.

Mr. McDermott signified his intention to be present.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the Minute that the Council adjourned to meet for the purpose of preparing a reception for the Bishop and the Minister for Local Government. He attended at the Council Chamber but there was no Meeting and he was not notified. He considered this most discortious of the Town Clerk.

Chairman detailed the circumstances intervening. The Minister could not attend. The Bishop, through the Parish Priest, Monsignor

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Hickey, V.G., communicated that he did not want any public reception. He was coming to solemnly bless the houses and no more. In the circumstances the Meeting arranged for was, on his instructions, abandoned.

Clerk stated that before leaving the last Meeting he intimated that the Council should be notified as the full Council was not present. Anything he did or omitted was with the approval of the Chairman. If a Meeting was necessary obviously every Member of the Council and the invitees would be duly notified.

Routine matters having been disposed of

The Chairman wished the Members, the Deputy Manager and the Clerk a very happy Christmas.

Mr. McDermott thanked the Chairman and wished him on behalf of the staff and himself many happy returns.

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 to transact the ordinary business of the Council and the following business of which due notice was given :-

I. Resignation of Councillor Clarkin.

2. Application from Irish Tourist Association for contribution from Tourist promotion etc.

3. Public Weighbridge.

4. Irish Red Cross Society - Contribution to the Society's Water Safety Committee.

5. Limerick Corporation Resolution - Repeal of Valuation Acts, and substitute rating on Land Values.

6. Letterkenny U.D.C. Resolution objecting to the employment of State Pensioners.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, R. Hamilton, M. Reddy and E. Bennett.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES.

The Chairman having read the minutes of the previous Meeting signed same nem. con.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Bennett the sympathy of the Council was tendered to Dr. A.C. Kissane on the death of her mother.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Bennett a vote of condolence was passed to the Hennessy family on the death of Mr. Hennessy.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR CLARKIN.

Letter dated I5th December I952 was read from Mr. T. Clarkin to the Chairman of the Council that "I am convinced that no useful purpose would be served by my continuing as a Member of the Urban Council and I therefore ask you to please accept my resignation. If there is no provision for formal resignation I shall allow my membership to lapse by non-attendance at the Meetings."

Chairman considered that Mr. Clarkin should be asked to reconsider his decision. Mr. Clarkin's ability was always at the service of the Council and he, personally, would miss his able assistance in their work.

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was unanimously agreed to ask Mr. Clarkin to continue his membership.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter dated 8th October I952 was read from the Harbour Commissioners in reply to the Council's letter of the I7th ult., If the right to alter the proposed site was not reserved it could possibly interfere with the future development of the port. If such alteration became necessary the Board would enter into negotiations with a view to a contribution towards the cost of removal, etc.

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Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

It was agreed to request the Harbour Board to suggest a site on their property adjacent to the site the subject of dispute in the circumstances.

IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Water Safety Section.

Communication W. S. Dated 5th December I952 was read from the Headquarters of this Society. The objects of this section are to spread a knowledge of Life Saving and artificial respiration. Swimmimg Pools, organise Water Safety Corps, etc.

They required funds for this work and as under Section 40 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act I948 the Minister of State responsible would see no objection to a contribution by the Council. The Society asked for a contribution.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton it was agreed to make provision for a contribution out of the rates for a sum of £5 in next years Estimates.

AN TOSTAL.

Letter G. I/53 dated 9th January I953 was read from the Department of Local Government that in the forthcoming Local Government Bill a Section empowering Councils, by resolution, to incur expenditure not exceeding in any year 3d in the £ of the rateable valuation on the decoration of the town for occasions of public rejoicing or for other appropriate occasions was proposed and in anticipation the Minister sanctions expenditure within this limit in connection with An Tostal.

Chairman intimated that the Council had,prior to this circular agreed to leave all matters in connection with An Tostal to the business people of the town. In view however of the views expressed to him since and this letter he now considered the Council might call a public Meeting to inaugurate an organization to carry out the objects of An Tostal. It would be understood that the Council are not to be taken as undertaking any further contribution from the rates.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

It was on a vote decided to call the Meeting and the Clerk was directed ti issue a Press advertisement accordingly - the meeting to be called for next Monday night in the Large Room, Tholsel, at 8.I5 o'clock, costs to be met by rate as authorised by the Minister's letter G.I/53 dated 9th January I953.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Annual contribution.

Letter dated January I953 was read from this Association soliciting the usual contribution of £5.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chairman it was agreed to contribute £5.

RESOLUTION FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

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RESOLUTION FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

LIMERICK CORPORATION.

Change in Rating Law.

This Resolution "That as we consider the present valuation system unjust and inequitable we call on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation to repeal the Valuation Acts and to substitute therefor an Act whereby rates would be assessed on land values" was deferred to enable the Members to acquaint themselves with the matter and the Clerk was instructed to ask Councillor S. Coughlan to kindly provide a copy of his statement on the subject for circulation to the Members of the Council.

LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCIL.

This resolution deploring the growing tendency to appoint to lucrative positions from public funds those already in receipt of substantial pensions from the State and calling on the Government to not employ pensioners in receipt of over £400 in future was agreed.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY.

Auditor's Report.

This report dated I0th January I953 on the accounts of this Joint Committee for the year ended 3Ist March I952 was read,

Routine matters having been disposed of

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I7th FEBRUARY I953.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Doherty, R. Hamilton, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy and E. Bennett.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. McDermott also attended.

Mrs. Ryan, Vice-Chairman presided.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Bennett a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Denis Hennessy and family on the death of Denis Hennessy.

The Chairman, Mr. Redmond then took the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by the Chairman a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. McAuley and family on the death of Mr. McAuley.

Mr. McDermott on behalf of himself and the Staff associated with the motion.

The Chairman having read the Minutes of the previous Meeting

Mr. Hamilton objected to the signing of the Minutes on the ground that matters he had brought up were not recorded. In particular the provision of water to the Cross Lane Bungalows, from the William Street supply.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that as he was not a Journalist he could not be expected to report verbatum the proceedings of the Council. The Minutes recorded that routine matters were disposed of. The matter referred to by the Councillor was purely a Managerial recommendation and not a minute of the Council Meeting. The Council would be supplied with the Engineer's Report and recommendations during the Meeting.

The Minutes were signed nem.con.

DEPUTATION FROM NEW ROSS HARBOUR BOARD.

Guarantee by the Council for proposed new Jetty.

The Chairman, Mr. Dolan, and Messrs P.J. Fleming and A. Minihan of the Harbour Board attended. also members of the Board.

Having expressed their views the Deputation withdrew.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton

It was decided unanimously to pass a Resolution under the Section 7(I) (c) Harbour Act, I947 agreeing to the Guarantee. 8% of the cost of The Jetty and Interest - Estimated Cost £38,000.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter dated 6th February I953 was read by the Chairman from the New Ross Harbour Commissioners that their Deputation would discuss the question of the proposed site of the Weighbridge when received by the Council on the matter of the proposed Jetty.

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from the Harbour Board present.

The Deputation agreed to permit the Council to erect the Weighbridge on the site agreed on without any reservation as regards removal but with the reservation that in the event of a sale of the Weighbridge the Commissioners would have the first refusal.

Agreed.

The Deputation then withdrew.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

Moved by the Chairman
seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was agreed to fix the date and hour of the Estimates Meeting as Friday the 27th March I953 at 7.30 o'clock subject to the approval of the Minister.

SUPERANNUATION ACT I948.

ADOPTION OF PART III

This matter was considered.

The Deputy Manager detailed the proceedure and informed the Council fully on the subject. It was their function to adopt or refuse to adopt.

The Council discussed the question.

On the motion of Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was unanimously decided to adopt Part III of the Act.

AN TOSTAL

Chairman referred to the Minute of the last Meeting and as he was not satisfied it definitely conveyed that the Council was not disposed to contribute anything out of the rates for this purpose he would like to be informed.

The Town Clerk reported that the Council had authorised him to incur the expense of an advertisement calling a Public Meeting. The cost would therefore fall on the rates and could only be met out of a rate provided for An Tostal. This advertisement would be paid out of the rates.

It was agreed that no further expense be incurred as the Council definitely decided not to pass any rate towards An Tostal.

LIMERICK CORPORATION - VALUATION ON LAND VALUES.

Letter dated 4th February I953 was read from the City Manager regretting that copies of the printed statement on land values by Councillor Coghlan was exhausted and it is not proposed to have more printed.

No action.

CUMANN BRISEADH NA TEORANN.

Chairman having read communication dated 3rd February I953 inviting the Council to take part in an Anti-Partition and Robert Emmet Commemoration on Easter Monday- the second big event of An Tostal - in Dublin and to bring a Band.

Moved by the Chair that the Council attend in Dublin as a body.
~~no Seconder~~ Mr. Reddy seconded -
Moved by Mr. Dunphy that the Council make enquiries what the other

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Public Bodies in the County are doing.

No Seconder to either proposition

Agreed to wait for further information from outside Bodies.

STREETS MAINTENANCE.

Replying to suggestions by Mr. Dunphy, Deputy County Manager informed the Council that as the County Council is the Road Authority for the New Ross Urban Area the County Engineer is responsible for for maintenance. His proposals are submitted in detail to the County Council and the County Council normally agrees with same. The County Council's estimate is mandatory on the Urban Council.

It was suggested that the Assistant Engineer be present at the Estimates Meeting.

No action.

HOUSING - RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR OVER-EXPENDITURE ON REPAIRS.

Town Clerk reported that the Annual Estimates had been exceeded by £500 under this heading by reason of the Council's activities.

Deputy Manager gave details of the expenditure

Moved by Mr. Redmond
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was resolved ~~that~~ to include the over-expenditure in the 1953/54 Estimates.

RANGES AND SUBSTITUTED FIRE-GRATES.

Arising out of Mr. Bennett's submission that the ranges removed from Council houses were not paid to the tenants on the valuation of the Assistant Engineer as Agreed with the County Manager.

Deputy County Manager intimated that he had this matter before him. Each case would be considered by him on its merits. He had given instructions to the Engineer to give him his certificate of the value of the substitute grate and the value of the range taking into consideration its replacement ~~and~~ value. When he had these values before him he would be in a position to make an order for any repayment due. He had no intention to allow any tenant to make a profit on the transaction at the expense of the rates. The County Manager's Order was quite reasonable and specific and he had fully informed himself of its terms.

Chairman, agreeing, suggested that the tenant should send in the bill of expenses incurred.

Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting he only required the Engineer's certificate of the values.

Referred to County Manager.

WATER SUPPLY TO CROSS LANE BUNGALOWS.

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Deputy Manager read the Engineer's recommendations that the most effective method of dealing with this matter would be to provide a service within the general scheme for the improvement of the position in the Urban Area. There would be no objection to the undertaking the provision of a pipe line from Neville Street through Cross Lane immediately. Cost £180.0.0

No action by Council

HOUSING PURCHASE SCHEME

Mr. Reddy brought this matter to the notice of the Council. Two of the eight tenants at Town Wall were willing to buy at a figure

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of £240 to be paid in instalments. Nothing had transpired since applications had been made.

Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that he had met two other tenants of Charleton Hill houses. The position is they can buy and the Department would approve of the sale on the market value of the houses. He suggested to the intending purchasers they should submit proposals and they would be dealt with and the views of the Department obtained.

ALLOTMENTS SCHEME.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy Clerk reported the Department Inspector was satisfied that Nolan's Field was unsuited for another Season and investigated alternative land - Ronan's of Pondfields, the Showgrounds and finally the field owned by Mr. Christopher Murphy, Borris - where the turf dump was which has six acres approximately. He favoured Pondfields but was informed by Mr. Ronan it was not available. He decided that Mr. Murphy's land was suitable. The Department subsequently intimated Agreement at £10 per acre. The County Manager's Deputy made his order accordingly provided that an advertisement by poster be issued resulting in applications reasonably sufficient to employ the field. The poster was prepared and would be issued.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

IRISHTOWN AND BULLAWN.

This matter was again discussed. The Council had recommended the County Manager to have plans prepared and tenders invited for this scheme.

Chairman intimated that if the houses in Irishtown were available even at a high rent they would be occupied.

Mr. Reddy suggested that the Manager should reduce the rents of the Harvey place houses to avoid the present position that houses there were unoccupied.

Deputy County Manager could not accept.

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to invite tenders for the erection of the two houses in Irishtown.

HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSES.

Mr. Hamilton proposed that as there was an ingress to the back of these houses causing inconvenience to the tenants by reason of trespass the Council should recommend the County Manager to close in the front wall and provide gates to each house.

Referred to County Manager.

Other routine matters having been disposed of

THE MEETING ENDED

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MONDAY I6th MARCH I953.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Present:- Mrs. Ryan, Vice-Chairman, presiding, Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Reddy and R. Hamilton.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy the sincerest sympathy was passed to the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Thomas Redmond, M.C.C., and family on the death of Mrs. Redmond and as a mark of respect to her memory the Council Meeting stand adjourned to Tuesday the 24th March I953 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

All the Members present associated themselves with the vote and the Town Clerk on his own behalf and that of all the staff in the Tholsel requested to join the Council in their condolence.

The Clerk read a special and personal message of sympathy from the County Manager and of appreciation of the services of Mrs. Redmond to the cultural, historical and social activities of the town.

The vote was unanimously passed all Members standing.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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TUESDAY 24th MARCH I953.

An Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present :- Mrs. Ryan, Vice-Chairman, presiding, and Messrs E. Bennett, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, R. Hamilton and M. Dunphy.

Town Clerk intimated that the County Manager could not attend as he had a prior engagement with the Enniscorthy Urban Council.

Minutes

Presiding Chairman read the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

Mr. Reddy objected to the signing of the Minutes under Minute heading "Cumann Briseadh na Teorann". The Minute recorded "No seconder". He seconded the motion of the Chair.

The views of the Meeting - one or two of the Members - it was agreed to amend the Minute accordingly.

Mr. Dunphy objected to the signing of the Minutes under the heading of Streets Maintenance because of "No action" wording.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the attendance of the Engineer was a Managerial function and the Council had no legal authority to act without the authority of the County Manager.

The Minutes were then signed - the alteration required by the Council having been made.

Letter dated I6th March I953 was read from Evelyn Hennessy, Mount Alto, New Ross, to Mrs. Ryan thanking her for proposing vote of sympathy on the death of Mr. Denis Hennessy.

Letter dated 23rd March I953 was read from the Chairman of the Council to the Town Clerk as follows :-

> "Will you kindly convey to the Members of the Council and the Staff the heart-felt thanks of my family and myself for the kind vote of sympathy extended to us in out late bereavement.
>
> To the County Manager communicate our very sincere appreciation of his kind message of condolence on this sad occasion."

SINN FEIN

Letter dated 28th February I953 was read from the Secretary calling on the Council to protest against any suggestion of participation in the coronation ceremonies of the Queen of England by Representatives of the Free State.

No action.

CUMANN BRISEADH NA TEORANN.

This letter was again before the Council.

The Town Clerk reported that he had not any information from the other Bodies in the County.

Mr. Reddy suggested the Council should act on its own initiative.

Moved by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

That the Council attend the ceremonies in Dublin in

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a body.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton "That the Council dont go."

Voting

For Amendment :- Proposer and Seconder.

Against :- Councillors Bennett, Reddy, Doherty and the Chair.

The original motion was then carried.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

It was decided that a Committee of the Councillors present be appointed to make all necessary arrangements in connection with the attendance of the Council at the ceremonies in Dublin and that the Committee meet immediately after the conclusion of the Estimates Meeting - 27th inst. - Chair having intimated that she would contact by 'phone Mr. Browne, Enniscorthy, to obtain if any arrangements had been made for the attendance of the other Public Bodies in the County.

Town Clerk intimated that as the Resolution had no bearing on the statutory activities of the Council he was not prepared to go at his own expense on the occasion. As the Council had determined to attend it was to be definitely understood the expenses could not be borne by the rates. Mr. Dunphy submitted that the majority vote of the Council was binding in a democratic country and so the resolution that the Council attend in a Body with the Town Clerk and the Mace bound the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

CORPORATION OF LIMERICK.

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Doherty this Resolution requesting the Minister to allow the holding of Local Elections this year at the end of the statutory period of office was adopted.

Corporation of Limerick.

This Resolution requesting the Government to convene a Meeting of An Dail to determine the question of the admission of the representative of the people of the six Counties into An Dail and if necessary that the matter be submitted by referendum to the decision of the people of the Republic was marked "read".

Carlow Urban Council.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy this Resolution requesting the Minister to take steps for the institution of an Arbitration Board to which questions of conditions, salaries and wages of all officers, servants and employees of all Public Bodies - hitherto not catered for - may be referred for consideration was

adopted.

FOGRA FAILTE.

This lengthy communication was not read. It was a skeleton outline of Fogra Failte's overseas publicity campaign for An Tostal this year.

Agreed it be referred to the local An Tostal Council.

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PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter dated IOth March I953 was read signed by A. Minihan.

Town Clerk informed the Council that arising out of the conference between the Council and the Harbour Board he wrote the Secretary to the Harbour Board asking for a draft of the proposed lease for submission to the Council. The draft would give the Council the full obligations of the Council as regards the site and avoid any misunderstandings.

Decided to request the Secretary to the Harbour Board to acceed to the Council's request.

RENTS OF NEW HOUSES.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the County Manager consider reducing the present rents of recently erected dwellings so as to invite occupiers of lower rented dwellings to exchange. The lower rented houses could be increased and so enable people not so well circumstanced to occupy them. The Manager should be able to balance the rents in this way without loss to the rates.

Referred to County Manager.

AN TOSTAL.

Mr. Reddy suggested that the Tholsel should be brightened up for An Tostal Celebrations. It is the principal building in the town and should show an example.

Decided to ask the County Manager to have a proposal from the Engineer by the Estimates Meeting.

Town Clerk intimated that the Council had decided not to put any cost outside the original advertisement on the rates. The Council could arrange for additional flags but the cost, if provided by the rate must be included as an extra in the Annual Estimates.

Mr. Reddy moved that ½d in the £ be provided.

Mr. Doherty on proceedure pointed out that the original resolution should be rescinded.

Adjourned to Estimates Meeting.

NEW ROSS POUND.

It was cohsidered that the shed in the Pound was dangerous and required immediate attention.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Pound was vested in the Department of Justice. For years the County Registrar wanted the Council to provide a Pound in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Council on various occasions refused to do anything.

Referred to County Manager in case the Council might be held responsible for accidents.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Replying to questions the Town Clerk gave up-to-date information hereunder. The Scheme should start with the usual advertising for contracts within a month and progress on the work should not be delayed beyond three months.

BUILDING OF NEW HOUSES.

A general discussion took place. There should be a plan

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prepared to have a house erected at £1100. The Minister should be pressed to avoid a bathroom to lessen the cost.

Referred to County Manager.

RENTS OF HARVEY PLACE AND HAUGHTON PLACE HOUSES.

Replying to several Members the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that pending the all-in-cost the Manager had provisionally fixed rents, including rates, on these dwellings. The Valuation Office had placed a valuation of £10 on the housrs and the Manager had given Notice of Appeal as in his opinion the valuation was excessive. No change in the rent would be made until the Manager had the full final costs before him and the Department had agreed to the factual rent.

Other matters, although discussed, were adjourned to the Estimates Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond

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ESTIMATES MEETING

FRIDAY 27th MARCH I953.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock under sanction of the Minister for Local Government - statutory regulations having been complied with.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan, and Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, M. Doherty and E. Bennett.

Mr. McDermott attended for the County Manager.

Mr. Forde, B.E., attended on instructions from the County Manager.

ESTIMATES.

Deputy County Manager introduced the Estimates.

Chairman having ascertained that each Councillor had received the Statutory Form of Estimates and the County Manager's Memorandum thereon expressed his view that the Council consider the estimates bearing in mind (a) the Council was bound to provide for the services of the Council and (b) the times of rising cost continues and to meet the demand an increased rate appeared the only solution. Likewise the Members should consider the Ratepayers capacity to bear an increased burden.

A detailed investigation of the Estimates ensued and the following amendments were made under the statutory headings :-

ROADS.

Expenditure Estimate £I625 was reduced to £I525.

SANITARY.

Expenditure Estimate £4937 was reduced to £4537.

HOUSING

Ezpenditure Estimate £8434 was reduced to £7934.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Expenditure Estimate £I42I5 was reduced to £I37I5.

ROADS.

Receipts Estimate - No change.

SANITARY.

Receipts Estimate - No change

HOUSING

Receipts Estimate £58I0 increased by £50 under Subheading "Housing Subsidy"

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Receipts Estimate£2996 increased to £302I under Subheading of "Miscellaneous" £25.

RESULT.

Gross Expenditure £277II. Receipts £9542. Net to be met by rate £I8I69.

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Effective Valuation ££III57. Product of Id. in the £ £46. 9. 9.

In moving a reduction in the Engineer's Estimate for Housing Repairs

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was agreed that the Council undertake minor repairs to the Council's dwellings provided there was an increase in the rent to meet same - minor repairs to be determined by the Engineer.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was unanimously resolved to adopt the Estimate of Expenses ~~as amended~~ and determine the rates in the pound to be 32/6 to be levied for the purposes specified in the estimate for the financial year ending on the 3Ist March I954.

The Council desire it to be recorded that Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager was most helpful in their deliberations and to thank him for his sympathetic attitude towards their findings.

The Council also desire it to be recorded that Mr. Forde, B.E,, Assistant Engineer is deserving of the thanks of the Council for his technical advice on matters in his department and his attendance at the Meeting.

<u>The Meeting ended.</u>

Redmond
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TUESDAY 2Ist APRIL I952.

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 and to deal with the following matters of which due notice was given.

(I) Draft Lease of site on Quay from the Harbour Commissioners to the Council for the purposes of a public Weighbridge.

(2) Statutory Resolution of the Council-guaranteeing repayment of Loan by Harbour Commissioners and interest on 8% of the proposed borrowing of £38,000 for the purposes of a jetty i.e. Principal £3040 and interest thereon for the life of the loan.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Doherty, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy and E. Bennett.

Mr. McDermott, Deputy Manager, attended for the County Manager.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th March I953 and the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on the 27th March I953 were read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated I3th April I953 was read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Commissioners referring to the proposed improvements of New Ross Harbour, forwarding copy of a letter dated I0th April I953 from the Department of Industry & Commerce to the Harbour Board and requesting the Council to have the necessary resolution passed for forwarding to the Ministry.

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Reddy

It was resolved nem. con. that the New Ross Urban District Council shall guarantee repayment of a loan and payment of interest thereon to be raised by the New Ross Harbour Commissioners for the purpose of carrying out improvements at New Ross Harbour. The extent of the New Ross Urban District Council's guarantee to be limited to 8% of the estimated cost of £38,000.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE SITE

Letter was read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Board enclosing draft lease of the site selected by the Council for the provision of a public weighbridge.

The draft provided for a demise of the plot of ground selected for a term of I99 years at the yearly rent of £6 payable in advance in two half-yearly payments without deduction under the following covenant inter alia viz :-

I. The payment of the rent

2. Council to pay all existing and future rates, taxes and charges and outgoings as assessed.

3. To well and sufficiently maintain, preserve and keep the premises and buildings in repair and " will at the expiration or sooner determination of the I99 years yield up to the Harbour Board."

4. Insure the premises, etc., against loss by fire for full value.

5. When required to do so, by three calender months notice in writing by the Harbour Board, remove the Weighbridge and buildings to such

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other site the property of the Harbour Board as may mutually be agreed upon.

8. Not to assign, sub-let or part with the Council's possession or occupation of the right to same without the previous consent in writing of the Harbour Board.

9. To indemnify the Harbour Board against all actions, claims, suits and demands by reason of damage, loss, or injury to persons, animals and property occasioned by the use as a weighbridge.

IO. Prevent trespass or wandering of animals about to be weighed or having been weighed.

The Harbour Board agree to permit the entry, at all reasonable times, over the property of the Board by the shortest and most direct route from the public highway to and from the Weighbridge

On the motion of the Chairman it was agreed to refer the matter to the County Manager for his advice.

RENTS OF HARVEY PLACE HOUSES.

Arising out of the minutes of last Meeting, Mr. Dunphy,at the request of the Deputy County Manager, elaborated his proposal in this matter. A reduction of the rent to say £I might induce occupiers of lower rented Council houses to look for a transfer thus enabling the Manager to increase the lower rented house by 4/-. Hence no loss to the Council.

Deputy Manager promised to give early consideration to the suggestion.

ROADS.

Mr. Doherty drew attention to the bad repair of the Quay highway between the concrete carriageway and the river.

Decided to communicate the complain to the Harbour Board.

Attention was drawn to the necessity for a path between the Irishtown and St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Decided to arrange that the concrete path be continued out of the Christmas Relief Grant.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

Reports were requested from the Engineer on the condition of No. II Ard-na-Greine and houses occupied by M. Cody and J. Feehan.

Referred to County Manager.

WALL AT ABBEY VIEW

This matter was again complained of. The Council had decided that the work be done on several occasions.

Referred to County Manager.

TENANCY OF HOUSE OCCUPIED BY T. O'NEILL

Deputy Manager,replying to questions,informed the Council that proceedings for possession were instituted in this case. The appointed tenant could not take possession pending the Court's decision.

ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

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That tenders be invited without delay for the erection of the two houses in Irishtown.

County Manager advised the Council to first decide on the erection of the houses and then the preliminaries could be undertaken.

This was agreed to.

Scavenging Cart.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the necessity for a sanitary cart. The one at present in use was useless to prevent the scattering of dust during the emptying of bins into it.

Chairman asked to have the matter adjourned as he understood other and effective methods were in contemplation relative.

Agreed.

HORSE TROUGHS.

Mr. Reddy suggested that the trough in Irishtown and on the Quay be utilised or removed.

Decided on "no action".

SITE OF HANDBALL ALLEY.

Mr. Reddy, on behalf of the Committee, inquired the present position. He also requested information concerning the employment of Mr. O'Regan, B.E., on this site arising out of the evidence in the case before the Court for fees against the Committee and in particular if Council employees were paid wages whilst working for Mr. O'Regan on this work.

The Clerk advised the Chair against a discussion in this matter.

Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that the site was let to the Committee and he would enquire about the present position for next Meeting. The other matter was one for the Court.

WATER SHORTAGE.

Mr. Bennett, for Mr. Hamilton, enquired the reason for the delay in laying the main from top of Cross Lane to the Presbytery and so to the Cross Lane Bungalows.

Deputy Manager reminded the Council that two proposals were before the Council (I) to lay the main at the expense of the rates and (2) to wait on the new scheme and give this main first preference and pay for it out of the loan and grant or subsidy.

The Council decided on the latter.

Adjourned.

DIVIDED VALUATION.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that in the case mentioned by him there are two occupiers and rates are assessed on the occupier. If the land lord agreed to pay and actually pays the rates on the whole building the Council had no further concern. If there was a change the matter lay between the landlord and the tenant. The Council had no function in the matter.

The Meeting ended.

T. Raymond
19.5.53.

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TUESDAY I8th MAY I953.

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 consider (I) the advice of the County Manager on the terms of the draft Lease on plot of ground on the Quay, New Ross, the property of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners for the purpose of a public weighbridge and (2) Department's Order fixing new rates of interest from Local Loans Fund - Housing.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Doherty, M. Reddy, R. Hamilton, E. Bennett and M. Dunphy.

Mr. McDermott attended for the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Hamilton objected to the suggestion in Mr. Dunphy's proposal to increase the rent of lower rented houses in any such circumstances. Consideration should be given to the facts of the age of these houses and the rent paid over a long number of years.

Chairman ruled that the matter was put forward for the consideration of the County Manager as a method of reducing the rent of Harvey Place houses and the Council acted accordingly.

PROPOSED PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter dated 29th April I953 was read from the County Manager that he had read the draft lease of the plot of ground at the Quay, New Ross, from the New Ross Harbour Commissioners to the Council for the purpose of the provision of a public Weighbridge. The Council in his opinion could not sign the Agreement and he certainly would not advise its signing as the tenure of the Council can be determined by three calender months notice in writing and the Council would bind itself to remove all buildings, erections and fixtures to such other site as the Commissioners might determine.

Agreed to accept the County Manager's advice and to inform the Harbour Commissioners accordingly.

LOCAL LOANS FUND ACT I935.

Increase of Rate of Interest to 5¼% per annum.

Circular No. I8/I953 dated 29th April I953 from the Department of Local Government was before the Council.

Mr. McDermott explained the Circular and detailed the extent of the increase as regards the Council's Housing activities. Taking into consideration the increase in subsidisable capital cost limits regulations the Council should find the changes to its advantage.

NEW ROSS HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

GUARANTEE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HARBOUR.

Letter dated I6th May I953 was read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Commissioners enclosing

(I) copy of a letter to the Commissioners dated I2th May I953 from the Department of Industry & Commerce.

(2) Copy Resolution passed by the Kilkenny County Council.

The Department objected to the limit of £38. 000 being the

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estimated cost on which the Council resolved to guarantee the repayment of 8% of the loan and interest on the ground that should the cost exceed the estimate and should the Harbour Board find it necessary to borrow to meet their share of the additional cost the Council's Resolution would not cover the extra amount to be borrowed. The observations of the Harbour Board was requested.

Replying to the Chair Mr. McDermott advised the Council not to enter into any further commitments until they were made aware of the exact sum of the cost.

Decided to inform the Harbour Commissioners that the Council adhered to the original resolution.

The Resolution of the Kilkenny County Council agreed to guarantee 20% of the cost of the improvements which is estimated to cost £38,000.

LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCIL

Resolution - Increases of Salaries to Judiciary.

This Resolution called on the Government to refuse implementation of the recommendation of the select Committee of An Dail that sunstantial increases in salary be granted to Members of the judiciary whilst refusing to concede the modest claims of lower paid grades in the Civil Service.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

"That the Council reject the Resolution."

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton

"That the Council adopt the Resolution."

The motion to adopt was passed by 4 votes to 2.

HOUSING.

Mr. McDermott reported that four houses were unoccupied at Harvey Place. He had decided that the people of New Ross had now got plenty of time to apply for these houses. He now proposed to advertise in the local papers and let the houses to outsiders.

The Chairman and several Members advocated the advertising for tenders for the building of 2 houses at Irishtown. It would at least give the Council an idea of the cost now.

Mr. McDermott estimated the cost would not be less than £1500 and the rent would be prohibitive.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the cost of a house similar to the one recently built by the Mount Carmel convent should be ascertained and that Mr. McDermott consider the possibility of a like house for Irishtown. He understood the cost to be £1200.

Mr. McDermott agreed to look into the matter. He was anxious to complete the Irishtown Scheme but not to overload the provision of houses.

Decided to defer consideration

RE-HOUSING FROM CONDEMNED HOUSES WHERE ORIGINAL TENANTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY COUNCIL HOUSES.

Mr. Hamilton drew attention to this matter. People were given

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preference for Council houses who had reoccupied houses from which persons were displaced and secured Council houses. Once the house was condemned for human habitation it should be closed. It appeared to be established that the only way to get a Council house was to inhabit a condemned house.

Deputy Manager, agreeing, again informed the Council of the proceedure adopted. The recommendation of the County Medical Officer was the chief incentive to the County Manager in letting houses. The house was let to the most deserving case.

LETTING OF HOUSE NO. I2 WILLIAM STREET.

Replying to questions the Clerk informed the Council that this house was let to Mr. Sinnott by the County Manager on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. The house was duly advertised and Court proceedings for possession against Mr. T. O'Neill were in progress.

The question of advertising a house before possession was given up was raised.

Deputy Manager informed the Council that in order to avoid delay in letting even though there was unavoidable delay in getting the key the usual proceedure was followed. In this case a summons for possession was issued for arrears of rent and non-occupancy of the house. Whilst the matter was the subject of Court proceedings he could not further discuss the matter.

Mr. Hamilton objected to the appointment of Mr. Sinnott. He was given the tenancy of a Council house and refused to accept it. He was now given the tenancy of this house.

Chairman asked to have the discussion postponed until the Court had given a decision.

Mr. Dunphy opposed this on the ground that if possession was granted before the next Council Meeting and Mr, Sinnott went into occupation discussion would be fútile.

Mr. Doherty, whilst agreeing, could see no reason for any discussion as this was a Managerial function.

Adjourned.

TENANCY OF HOUSE OCCUPIED BY MR. PICKRELL AT IRISHTOWN.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to a complaint he had received that this house was vacated by the tenant and arrangements were in progress for the transfer of the tenancy to a sister-in-law who was about to be married. Furniture was at present being installed.

Chairman intimated that this was most irregular.

Deputy Manager informed the Council that where relations were living for a considerable time in the house it was practice to allow a transfer. Sub-letting was prohibited.

Referred to County Manager.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

The Council recommended urgent repairs to houses occupied by James Fortune, Patrick Fortune and John Cody and a new range to house occupied by Mary O'Keeffe, William Street.

Mr. Dunphy recalled that the Council at the Estimates Meeting decided that all repairs to Council's houses be carried out in a methodical manner. He could see no reason for departing from their decision.

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Mr. Reddy held that the repairs were urgent and unless attended to now would become major repairs and the present cost would be small.

Deputy Manager informed the Council that a plan had been formulated under which all repairs would be carried out in time. At present, pending the incoming rates, time would be required.

WATERWORKS.

Replying to complaints by several Councillors the Deputy Manager informed the Council that he had caused an exhaustive survey of the town water supply. Leakage and misuse of the supply were bound to occur and when detected would be remedied. The position of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme was now so far advanced that the site of the new reservoir was practically obtained by agreement with the owner and as the scheme was already sanctioned by the Department subject to sanction for the price agreed on for the site of the reservoir and the bill of quantities he hoped to have tenders invited for the work before next Meeting. Contracts for the supply of the piping had been completed subject to date of delivery. Whilst it was purely a matter for the Contractor he would forward the desire of the Council to provide local labour.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I9th MAY I953.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 8o'clock p.m., for the purpose of making the rate for the ensuing financial year.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Doherty, M. Reddy, R. Hamilton, E. Bennetttand M. Dunphy.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty and Resolved -

That we raise the sum of Fifteen thousand, seven hundred and seventy one pounds, eleven shillings and six pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of One pound, twelve shillings and six pence in the pound for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fifty four, on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, I946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith and the same to be collected in two moieties:-

The First on or before the 30th day of September, I953 together with arrears of three hundred and ninety pounds, fourteen shillings and eight pence and the Second on or before the 3Ist March I954.

The Rate Book was then signed by the Chairman, Councillors M. Reddy, M. Doherty, R. Hamilton, E. Bennett and M. Dunphy and duly Sealed.

The Seal of the Counail was also embossed on the Resolution allowing the Municipal Rate and duly signed at the Meeting by the Chairman, Councillors M. Doherty, M. Reddy and countersigned by the Clerk.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I6th JUNE I953.

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 following special business of which due notice was given viz :-

I. Authorise overdraft on Current Account to meet repayment of Loans and Interest as well as current Revenue Expenditure of £6500 pending receipt of monies expended on Capital Accounts.

2. Authorise application for a loan of £35,000 for Waterworks Improvement Scheme I953.

3. Authorise applications for Supplemental Loans for

(a) Harvey Place Housing Scheme.
(b) Irishtown Housing Scheme.

4. Fix date and time for the holding of Annual Meeting.

Present :- Mr. Thomas Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Reddy, E. Bennett, M. Dunphy, R. Hamilton and M. Doherty.

Mr. McDermott attended for the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and signed.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes Town Clerk advised Councillor Reddy that a refusal of the Council to accept the terms of the Harbour Commissioners re site of proposed public weighbridge could not nullify the Council's decision to provide a public weighbridge. The Council could name another site.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that it was a matter of tabling a motion naming a site.

Mr. Reddy agreed to table such a motion.

Arising out of the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting Mr. Reddy objected that the house at Irishtown continued to be occupied by Mr. Thomas Walsh - brother-in-law to Mrs. Pickerell. Mr. &.Mrs.Pickerell had long since vacated the tenancy. He wanted a definite assurance that Mr. Walsh had not a legal tenancy.

Deputy Manager assured the Council that the house was not given to anyone and could not be let until the tenancy was terminated by Mr. Pickerell or the Council under the tenancy Agreement. The vacancy would be advertised in the ordinary way.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was decided to recommend the County Manager to accept Mr. Reddy's contention of a vacancy and to take over possession at once.

Arising out of the reading of the minutes:-

Mr. Reddy intimated the Council should not abandon the project of providing a Public Weighbridge because the Harbour Board refused facilities for the erection of the weighbridge on their property.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was decided to table a motion accordingly for next Meeting.

OVERDRAFT ON CURRENT ACCOUNT

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OVERDRAFT ON CURRENT ACCOUNT - CAPITAL AND INCOME.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was resolved:-

"That the Council seek an overdraft of £6500 on General Current Account from the Council's Treasurers to operate until the Supplemental Loans were received occasioned by payment on Housing and Waterworks out of the Revenue Account Supplemental Loans".

HARVEY PLACE HOUSING SCHEME £2,500.

IRISHTOWN HOUSING SCHEME £500.

Clerk having given details of the Receipts and Expenditure on each of these schemes

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was resolved :-

"That the Council apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for Supplemental Loans to meet the excess cost of these schemes."

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME I953.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN OF £35,000.

Mr. McDermott, for County Manager, detailed progress on this Scheme. The Department sanctioned the scheme and approved the final documents during the week. He would finally examine the position and the advertisement for tenders should appear in the local daily papers before next Meeting. It would take a few months for receipt of tenders, examination of them by Consulting Engineer, approval by the Department, preparation of Contracts and start of work. To enable the start of the work the Council were asked now to pass a Resolution for a loan of £35,000. Consultant's Estimate of some time ago was £32,800.

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was resolved :-

"That the Council apply for a Loan of £35,000 to the Commissioners of Public Works repayable in thirty years to provide for the expenses necessary of a Waterworks Improvement Scheme for the town."

ANNUAL MEETING.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was decided to fix Friday the 26th day of June I953 at 8 o'clock p.m., as the day and time for the Annual Meeting.

RAILINGS AT CROSS LANE BUNGALOWS.

Mr. Hamilton drew attention to this matter. As the railings now stands owing to destruction they were a definite danger to the children of the neighbourhood.

Referred to County Manager.

LABOUR ON NEW WATERWORKS SCHEME.

Several Members stressed the necessity for employing local labour on this scheme. There were 300 idle men in the town and

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the advertisement should definitely state that local labour be employed.

Deputy Manager assured the Meeting that the Council's recommendation would be submitted to the Contractor. There is a clause in the documents regarding wages which would bind the Contractor. The Council could not tie the Contractor's hands.

THE MEETING ENDED

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ANNUAL MEETING I953

FRIDAY 26th JUNE I953

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 8 o'clock pursuant to Resolution of the Council authorising same.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Councillors Reddy, Dunphy, Doherty, Hamilton and Bennett.

The Chairman having read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting and signed same :-

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

Mr. Redmond was duly elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton

"That Councillor M. Dunphy be elected to the Vice-Chair."

Proposed by Mr. Bennett.

"That Councillor Mrs. Nancy Ryan be re-elected Vice-Chairman."

Mr. Hamilton withdrew his support as a seconder for Mr. Dunphy - leaving no proposal for the Vice-Chair.

Mr. Bennett replying to the Chair said he had not approached Councillor Mrs. Ryan and was unable to give the assurance that she would accept the office.

After a debate :-

Chairman ruled that as the consent of the proposed appointee had not been obtained he would not accept the nomination.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton

Mr. Dunphy was elected to the Vice-Chair nem.con.

St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

On the nomination of the Members themselves Councillors Reddy, Hamilton, and Bennett were appointed to represent the Council on this Committee.

Mr. Hamilton objected to the time fixed by this Committee for meetings. 7 o'clock was most inconvenient.

Chairman ruled that the place and time of meetings were matters for the Committee and the Council had no function so.

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NEW ROSS HARBOUR BOARD.

Mr. Bennett requested information if the Council could now nominate Members to this Board.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that under the I953 Local Elections Act the existing representation of the Council on the Board continued to the next Council elections.

Mr. Dunphy requested information as to the attendance of the Council's Representation on this Board. So far as he could ascertain the attendance was few and far between and so there may be vacancies on this Board by non-attendance.

Decided that the Town Clerk obtain the attendance of the Council's Representatives.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman duly signed the Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Town Clerk.

The Mace was, as usual, on the table during the proceedings.

VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL.

Chairman referred to the fact that the Council had now two members short by the resignation of Mr. Clarkin and absence over the statutory period of Mr. O'Murchada. The usual proceedure adopted except oneone occasion was to accept the nomination of Members of the party representing the disqualified members.

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to declare two vacancies and that arrangements be made to fill the vacancies at the earliest possible date.

The Meeting ended.

T. Redmond.

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TUESDAY 2Ist JULY I953

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday the 2Ist day of July I953 at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Mr. T. Redmond Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Reddy, E. Bennett, M. Doherty, R. Hamilton and M. Dunphy.

Chairman informed the Meeting that the Deputy County Manager, Mr. McDermott, apologised that he was prevented from attending the Meeting.

Mr. Forde, B.E., attended on the written request of Councillor Bennett.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes :-

Mr. Reddy again directed the attention of the Council to the matter of the tenancy of house at Irishtown. The Council's Rent Collector did not call to this house on Monday for the rent.

Mr. Dunphy objected to further discussion of this matter. If Mr. Reddy wished to pursue it he suggested he should take up his attitude with the County Manager - whose sole function the letting of houses was. The Council had nothing to do with it. He moved that the Council proceed to the next business.

Mr. Hamilton again referred to the condition of the railings at Cross Lane.

The Engineer reported that he had submitted his recommendationss to the Deputy County Manager.

COUNTY MANAGER'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Sinnott, County Manager would be on holidays for the month of July and had appointed Mr. McDermott as Deputy and Mr. Gallagher as Secretary Wexford County Council, in the interm.

DR. ESMONDE, T.D. - NEW ROSS WATER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Letter dated 20th July I953 - Councillor E. Bennett to Mr. Forde, Engineer - was read by the Chairman relative to the reports in the New Ross Standard concerning a debate in An Dail in which Dr. Esmonde stated that the fever Hospital, New Ross, was without water for four days. He, Mr. Bennet, required a report from Mr. Forde on the water position from the Ist to 26th June I953 inclusive. The statement by Dr. Esmonde was based on a report to him by the Matron of the Fever Hospital.

Mr. Forde reported that the water supply position continued to be unsatisfactory. The Hospital was not without water for four days. The Hospital was supplied each morning and evening.

STATE ASSISTANCE TOWARDS NEW WATER SCHEME.

Letter L.75/7/53 was read from the Department of Local Government that the State Assistance in this case will be 43⅝% of the loan charges on the approved cost of the work.

Chairman contended that the assistance was not up to expectations. The least the Council expected was 50%

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Town Clerk informed the Council that formerly the Grant was 60% of the cost and it was paid in instalments as the scheme proceeded thus the Council borrowed 30% of the cost.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

it was decided to refer the decision back and to suggest a 50% Grant at least.

NEW WEIGHBRIDGE.SITE.

Motion by Mr. Reddy.

Chairman proceeded to read a letter from the Harbour Commissioners relative to the site on the Quay.

Mr. Dunphy objected on the ground that so far as the Commissioners were concerned the matter was closed. He also considered that Mr. Reddy's motion was not in order for discussion as it was not in writing in accordance with Standing Orders.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that as all available Members were present and as Mr. Reddy intimated he tabled the motion then he, Clerk, put the matten on the agenda. However to put the matter in order suspension of Standing Orders was necessary.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Doherty, Standing Orders were suspended by unanimous vote of the Members present to enable Mr. Reddy to move his motion.

Mr. Reddy moved that the site owned by the Council at Marshmeadows be provided for the new weighbridge.

Mr. Bennett Seconded.

Chairman suggested that the Engineer be asked to report on the site as regards suitability before the Council took action.

Motion adjourned and Chairman's suggestion agreed.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Hamilton, that the Harbour Commissioners be requested to inform the Council of their legal title to the quay site and submit documentary proof thereof.

Agreed.

CUMANN CRIOSE DEIRGE NA HEIREANN - WATER SUPPLY SECTION.

Communication dated 3rd June I953 was read relative.New Ross week was fixed from 20th to 26th July.

Noted.

NEW ROSS HARBOUR.

Second confirmatory Resolution of Guarantee of 8% of £38,000 towards new Jetty.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by the Chair the Resolution dated 2Ist April I953 herein was unanimously confirmed.

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OVERDRAFT OF £6500 to 31st July 1953.

Town Clerk explained again the reason for the overdraft.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

That pending the receipt of the money expended out of Revenue Account for Housing Works the Department of Local Government be requested to approve of an overdraft of £6500.

ELECTION TO VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL.

Town Clerk advised the Council that as the statutory month's notice had not expired the election could not take place until the next Council Meeting.

SERVICE IN DEFENCE FORCES.

Circ. E.L.3/53.

Chairman read this circular from the Department.

Agreed.

ROADS.

Mr. Doherty drew attention to the roadway leading to the new Church at Rosbercon.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Hamilton intimated that the footpath at Upper William Street needed repairs. Mr. Hamilton also drew attention to the bad repair of the footpath between Mrs. Hennessy's and Mrs. Ward's, South Street. It was now in a dangerous condition.

Referred to County Manager.

QUARRY AT HIGH HILL.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that something should be done to remove this objectionable site. Rubbish was being deposited and the Council might include it in the next Grant.

It was decided to consider this work and other works when the next Relief Grant was available.

SANITARY ACTS.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the necessity of enforcement of the Acts as regards houses in Upper Maiden Lane, New Ross, and 5 houses at Michael Street. Notices should be served on the Landlords to provide proper sanitary accommodation.

Referred to County Manager.

PUMP AT BOSHEEN.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the dangerous slab at the corner of this thoroughfare.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond
18. 8. 53

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TUESDAY THE I8th AUGUST I953

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 :- Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs R. Hamilton M. Reddy, M. Dunphy and M. Doherty.

Mr. McDermott attended for the County Manager.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes, the Deputy County Manager informed Mr. Hamilton that he had decided to attach link wire to the railings at Cross Lane.

Weighbridge

Site at Marsh Meadows.

Mr. Reddy asked if any report had been received from the Engineer regarding suitability of the site at Marshmeadows.

Mr. McDermott informed the Meeting that he would investigate the possibility of having the scales erected in the Showgrounds but in his opinion it would not be a success financially.

Site on Quay.

Letter dated 7th August I953 was read from the Secretary, New Ross Harbour Commissioners stating that the title of the property under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners is quite in order and enclosing a copy of the Bye-law confirmed by the Minister for Industry & Commerce on the I9th of February I95I.

Proposed by Mr, Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was decided to ask the Council's Solicitors if the title of the Harbour Commissioners covered the Quay thoroughfare.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940.

Mr. Doherty drew attention to the recent fire in the Carnival Grounds, Rosbercon. He stated water was not available and the fire alarm was out of commission. In his opinion a more effective method of calling the Brigade together should be devised.

The Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that a re-organization was taking place in the County as regards fire fighting and matters brought up would be taken into consideration.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

In reply to Mr. Hamilton Mr. McDermott informed the Meeting that the 25th August was the date fixed for receipt of tenders. On receipt the tenders would be opened and sent to the Consulting Engineer for his report and recommendation and then to the Department for sanction. As soon as sanction was received the contract documents would be prepared and work would commence at the earliest possible date.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE I953/54

Grant £750. Local Contribution £I05.

Circular RU/220/4 dated 23rd July I953 from the Departmnet

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Government, copy ~~as~~ sent to each Member of the Council, was not read.

The Assistant Engineer under date I8th August I953, submitted the following proposals :-

FOOTPATHS.

Scheme No. I - Quay Street.

Remove flags from existing footpaths in Quay Street and relay in concrete.

Estimate - £95

Scheme No. 2 - Quay from Quay Street to Charles Street.

Remove flags from footpaths in Market Quay and relay in concrete.

Estimate £73.

Scheme No. 3 - South Street from Mary St to Robert Street.

Remove flags from existing foothpaths on East side and replace in concrete.

Estimate - £238.

Scheme No. 4.

Remove flags from existing footpaths from Bridge to Railway Crossing on the North side and from the Bridge to Waterford Road on the South side ans relay in concrete,

Estimate - £253.

GENERAL

Scheme No. 5 - Clearing of dump at High Hill.

Level existing rubbish tip, terrace with rubble walls, provide new entrance at top and bottom ends, provide seats and plant shrubs.

Estimate - £350.

Mr. Dunphy agreed that the reconstruction of the High Hill would contain a high labour content and should be left in.

Agreed.

Mr. Doherty supported by Mr. Reddy recommended that portion of the money be spent on footpaths at Rosbercon and beside St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Eventually

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to expend the money on High Hill Quarry and the widening of Cross Lane corner, removing portion of the ground attached to the Courthouse and if there was any surplus that it be applied to the footpaths at Rosbercon mentioned by Mr. Doherty.

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CASUAL VACANCIES ON HARBOUR BOARD.

Letter dated 6th August I953 was read from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners that Mr. Ronan representing the Council was disqualified under Section I9 (2) of the Harbours Act I946.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

Mr. ~~Hamilton~~ Doherty was appointed to the vacancy.

TWO CASUAL VACANCIES ON COUNCIL

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Danphy

Mr. Edward Kavanagh was co-opted.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

Mr. P.J. Dolan was co-opted.

COUNCIL'S SCAVENGING STAFF.

Application for increase in wages.

Mr. Hamilton drew attention to the application of the Scavenging staff for an increase of wages and recommended the County Manager to put the men on the same wages as paid in Enniscorthy. The wages in New Ross was £4. I4. 0 per week and in Enniscorthy £5. I6. 0.

Mr. McDermott agreed to consider a revision.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Provision of public convenience.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the absence of a public convenience for ladies. He considered one should be provided irrespective of cost.

In reply to Mr. Dunphy, Mr. McDermott stated there was no possibility of getting a Grant from the Government or Tourist Board.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the matter be deferred and considered with the public weighbridge so that the man appointed could take charge of both.

The Chairman agreed.

No action.

QUARRY AT JONES'S HILL

Mr, Hamilton referred to the dangerous condition of the Quarry and stated that it should be protected against accidents.

Referred to County Manager.

RESOLUTIONS.

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A Resolution from the above Council advocating an increase in

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old age pensions owing to the high cost of living was adopted.

FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS.

A circular was received re boycott of objectionable foreign publications.

No action.

ADMISSION OF DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the case of John Payne who met with an accident on the I4th August and was refused admission to the District Hospital and there was no ambulance available. He suggested the Deputy County Manager investigate the matter.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Reddy
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TUESDAY I5th OCTOBER I953.

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~~will be~~ The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock pursuant to the various Acts and Orders enabling.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs P. Dolan, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, E. Kavanagh, E. Bennett and R. Hamilton.

Mr. McDermott attended for the County Manager.

The Minutes of the peevious Meeting were read by the Chairman and approved.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FATHER CULLEN.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Bennett and resolved a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of Father Cullen, C.C., Screen, a native of New Ross, who died this day.

Mr. McDermott associated himself with the vote.

NEW MEMBERS.

Clerk having intimated that Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Dolan had duly subscribed to the statutory declaration accepting office Chairman welcomed the new Members to the Council. He was sure that they would do their best in the interests of the town.

Mr. Dolan and Mr. Kavanagh assured the Chair that they would do so and thanked the Council for their election.

AUDITORS REPORT.

Council's Accounts 3 years ended 3Ist March I952.

Letter dated 3rd July I953 G.3I2 was read by the Chairman from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of Auditor's report on the audit of the accounts of the Council for the three years ended 3Ist March I952 together with attested Abstracts of the accounts for each of the three years.

The report dated 22nd January I953 and the certified abstracts for the three years were before the Meeting. ~~Clerk~~ Chairman stressed the report that "Cash Assets exceeded Liabilities by £3403 at 3Ist March I952" and " The financial position of the Council is satisfactory".

Mr. Dunphy thought it would be of some interest to the Members if the accounts were typed and circulated to the Members. In view of the work and time likely to be involved he and Mr. Hamilton agreed with the Chairman that for the future the Council be furnished with a copy.

Mr. Dolan suggested that the Department be asked to supply the Members with copies. It should not be so difficult for them.

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

The report and Accounts were adopted and it was decided to request the Department to provide for a twe-yearly audit in future.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES.

REVIEW OF EXISTING RENT.

Department Circular No. H.6/53 dated IIth July I953, was taken as

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read as all Councillors had been supplied with a printed copy, taken from the New Ross Standard.

Mr. Dunphy considered the terms outside the possibility of entertainment by the Council's tenants.

Replying to Mr. Reddy, Chairman read the terms of Purchase Scheme prepared by the County Manager on the IIth December I95I on the application of 8 tenants, Town Wall, much more favourable than the new scheme, only two tenants agreed to enter into negotiations for a sale. The terms of the Agreement with the Enniscorthy tenants were also read.

Deputy Manager advised the Council on the terms of the Purchase Scheme under the Department Circular.

After a lengthy discussion no action was taken.

PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Letter dated 7th September I953 was read from the Secretary of the Harbour Board permitting the Council to erect a weighbridge on the site already selected subject to"the understanding that your Council comply with the regulations of the Harbours Acts."

Town Clerk intimated there was no difference between this offer and the original offer.

Letter dated I2th September I953 was read from the Council's Solicitors. So far as they were aware the Harbour Board had no rights over the eastern side of the concrete. Proof of the Harbour Board's title to the part of Quay claimed by them would involve (I) tracing the original ownership prior to I847 (2) searches in the public records office and various official Registries and (3) obtaining certified copies of many ancient deeds and documents. This work would mean substantial legal costs and expenses. In their opinion it would be difficult to justify such expenditure in relation to the matter of the weighbridge.

After hearing the advice of the Solicitors the Council decided to leave the question of title alone.

Replying to Mr. Reddy, Deputy Manager advised the Meeting that after inspection of the site proposed by Mr. Reddy he was forced to the conclusion it would not be an economic proposition.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

"That the weighbridge be erected on the eastern side of the Quay between the Bonded Store and the Labour Exchange Office."

Mr. Dolan objected that such a site might obstruct road traffic.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Ryan

"That the weighbridge be erected on the original site on the Quay as agreed and approved by the Department."

Town Clerk drew the attention of the Chair to the circumstances under which the Council unanimously decided against Mr. Hamilton's proposition. The Council submitted the draft Lease to the County Manager for his advice and having got it decided against the lease of this plot. Chairman then read the opinion of the County Manager dated 29th April I953 that in view of the tenure of the proposed Agreement

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rendering obligatory on the Council (I) termination of the Agreement by three calender months notice (2) binding the Council to remove all buildings, erections and fixtures to such other site as the Harbour Commissioners might determine he (Manager) would certainly not advise its signing.

Mr. Hamilton contended that the Agreement was altered since in so far as the Harbour Board now agreed to meet half the cost of removal and replacement.

Chairman ruled that Mr. Hamilton's motion was in order and he would accept it.

Voting on amendment

All the Councillors present with the exception of Messrs Dunphy and Reddy voted for Mr. Hamilton's motion.

Declared passed and the subject matter was referred to the County Manager.

LADIES LAVATORY.

It was unanimously agreed to have this erected subject to (I) the erection of the Weighbridge and (2) that provision be made in next annual estimates for the cost.

Waterworks Improvement Scheme.

Replying to various Members the Deputy County Manager informed the Council that the Consulting Engineer had considered I5 tenders for this work. The price varied from £52,323. 2. I0 to £325I2. 3. 6. The Consulting Engineer was sending the tender from the Cementation Co. (Ireland) Ltd., Dublin, £32,5I2. 3. 6 to the Council for acceptance. The Department would be asked for sanction and contract documents subsequently prepared and completed.

Considered satisfactory.

LOCAL LABOUR ON SCHEME.

Several Members stressed the necessity for the employment of local labour.

Deputy Manager informed the Council that arrangements would be made with the Contractor to employ local labour as far as possible.

INCREASE OF SCAVENGING WAGES.

Deputy Manager informed the Council that he had decided to increase the wages of the Scavenging staff by 9/- per week making the wage £5. 5. 0 per week subject to a Council resolution approving the increase.

Moved by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was resolved that the Council approve of the Deputy Manager's Order and that the Council provide the money.

BUS STATIONS WAITING ROOMS.

Mr. Murphy drew attention to the inconvenience of travellers by bus by reason of the absence of proper waiting rooms.

It was decided to communicate with the C.I.E. relative.

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PROPOSED NEW HOUSING SCHEME

The Deputy Manager recalled that the County Manager promised to submit a house plan at a reasonable cost to provide for elderly people and he now laid the plan on the table. It made provision for two bedrooms, one living room, one scullery, bathroom, W.C. Total area 455 sq. ft. No. 2.73 sq. ft. Cost under £1000.

Council having examined the plan with the Deputy Manager decided in favour of erecting 6 to 10 similar houses on the Council's vacant sites on Bullawn and Irishtown and William Street.

Referred to County Manager.

COMPLAINTS OF REPAIRS.

Mr. Dunphy complained of the delay in repairing house occupied by Mr. Cody.

Mr. Hamilton reported the necessity for a new range to house occupied by Me. Mears.

Referred to County Manager.

SURFACE OF BARRACK LANE.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that Barrack Lane be resurfaced. It was in a bad state.

Chairman agreed that repairs be done for the present and the resurfacing delayed to new estimates.

Referred to County Manager.

ILLUMINATE TOWN CLOCK.

On the motion of Mr. Reddy it was agreed to recommend the County Manager to arrange for the lighting of the Town Clock at once.

SHORTAGE OF WATER.

Mr. Hamilton reported that the bungalows in Cross Lane were without a supply of water for three days - Saturday to Monday last.

Ordered that the complaint be investigated.

Conplaints were also made of waste of water from the stop cocks operated by the Water Inspector during his work.

Referred to County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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FRIDAY I6th OCTOBER I953.

A Special Meeting of the Council - convened by the Chairman - was held this evening at 8.30 o'clock in the Tholsel, New Ross, to protest against treatment accorded the Cardinal Primate and other Members of the Polish Hierarchy and Clergy at the hands of the Polish Government.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs R. Hamilton, M Dunphy, M. Reddy, P. Dolan and E. Kavanagh.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and resolved:-

"That we the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council on behalf of the people of New Ross hereby wish to express our horror and indignation at this further violent attack on the Dignatories of the Catholic Church by the arrest and imprisionment of Cardinal Wyszympki, Primate of Poland, and other Members of the Polish Hierarchy.

We further wish to extend our most sincere sympathy to our Holy Father the Pope on this most recent outrage committed against him and his Church."

Passed.

It was ordered that copies be sent to the Holy Father and to Mr. Bierut, President of Poland.

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

FINANCE RESOLUTION.

Arising out of a query regarding the present position of the water supply improvement Scheme.

Letter L.75/7/2 dated I3th October I953 was read from the Department of Local Government. Town Clerk intimated that should the Meeting desire to consider this matter they might pass the resolution required.

Proposed by Mr. Hamilton
Seconded by Mr. Dolan it was resolved

"That the New Ross Urban District Council make application to the Minister for Local Government fpr the issue of his certificate under Section 63 (b) of the Local Government Act, I94I, to enable the Council to finance the scheme for the improvement of the water supply to the town as the work is primarily work for the relief of unemployment in the town. "

THE MEETING ADJOURNED TO TUESDAY NEXT AT 7.30 o'clock.pm.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY 20th October 1953.

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:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Reddy, R. Hamilton, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, and E. Kavanagh.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT.

Late Mr. John Bennett.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

"That the sympathy of the Council be and is hereby tendered to Councillor Bennett and the family of Mr. John Bennett on his recent demise and that as the late Mr. Bennett was a Member of the Council for some years and his son is now a Councillor the Meeting stand adjourned for one week as a mark of respect."

Mrs. Hamilton.

Moved by Mrs. Ryan
Seconded by Mr. Reddy a vote of condolence was passed to Councillor Hamilton on the death of his sister-in-law.

Miss Annie O'Brien.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy a vote of sympathy was passed on the occasion of the death of Annie O'Brien who for years was portress to the Tholsel.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED TO NEXT TUESDAY.

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TUESDAY 27th OCTOBER I953

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 the business adjourned from last Meeting.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Doherty, E. Kavanagh, P.J. Dolan, M. Reddy, and M. Dunphy.

The Deputy County Manager, Mr. McDermott, attended.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on I5th September I953, the I6th and I9th October I953 were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

Waterworks Improvement Scheme

Arising out of the Minute under this heading dated I6th instant Town Clerk submitted the revised estimate from the Consultant of the expenditure as follows :-

Accepted tender of the Cementation Co. (Ireland) Ltd.,	£32,5I2. 3. 6
Acquisition of Land	I50. 0. 0
Compensation for wayleaves	292. 0. 0
Allow for surface damage claims	I00. 0. 0
Provisional for scraping of mains Ballyleigh to Irishtown - 8000 yds. at 5/- per yd.	2000. 0. 0
Overhead Charges including Engineer's and Solicitor's fees, advertising, printing, travelling and other expenses	2700. 0. 0
	£37,754. 3. 6

To this must be added the expenditure incurred on the Poulmounty works £I39I and £200 as an extra for boundary wall to the new reservoir making an all-in cost of £39,345. 2. 6.

Deputy Manager requested the Meeting to apply for a loan of £40,000 in lieu of the £35,000 already voted in the circumstances.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

This was agreed to unanimously.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy Deputy Manager informed the Council that instructions had been given to have the Contract Documents sent to Councils' Solicitors for the preparation of the Contract and when signed, work could commence as the Department had sanctioned the scheme.

Objection to laying pipes on bridge

Mr. Dunphy protested against the method adopted by the Contractor and Engineer in haying the water main to Rosbercon over the footpath across the bridge. It was dangerous to pedestrians and unsightly. If connected with the present contract

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something should be done about it.

Deputy County Manager advised that this had no connection with the present Contract and was incorporated in the Rosbercon Scheme under separate contract and Loan.

NO ORDER.

Overdraft - Water Supply Scheme

Clerk intimated it would be necessary to have the Councils authorization for an overdraft to meet the current expenses of the new works pending receipt of loan from the Government which would take some time.

Moved by the Chairman,
Secomded by Mr. Doherty it was resolved

"That the New Ross U.D.C. authorize the provision of an overdraft on the Municipal Fund of the Council to finance the contract under the new water supply scheme pending receipt of the loan applied for"

Resignation of County Manager

Deputy Manager formally reported that Mr. T.D. O'Sionoid County Manager had tendered his resignation to the Wexford County Council on health reasons and so from the 31st October 1953 his connection with the New Ross Urban Council would likewise be affected. He administered in New Ross for eleven years. He Mr. McDermott had paid his tribute to Mr. Sinnott at the Meeting of the County Council and the Members of this Council would, no doubt, have something to add to the many tributes paid all over the County to an able administrator.

The Chairman and all the members of the Council present, the Press and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff of the Council having paid tribute to Mr. Sinnott in his personal as well as his Managerial capacity.

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy, it was decided to convey the sentiments of the Meeting to the County Manager and to make arrangements to present him with the highest honour in the power of the Council - the Freedom of New Ross in recognition of his faithful administration of the Municipal affairs of New Ross during his eleven years of Management.

Mr. Dunphy whilst agreeing wholeheartedly with the decision of the Council introduced that retired Councillor Clerkin's opinion opposed thenproposal. In Mr. Clarkin's opinion the Council had no legal right to exercise this function.

Town Clerk replied that the County Manager, whose authority had not been questioned and who was quite competent in such matters and with the sanction of the Council had already told Mr. Clarkin his opinion was contrary to law and proceedure and his lay unsupported opinion could not guide the Council. The Freedom of the town had been conferred on the illustrious the lord Archbiship of Sydney, His Grace the Lord Arch-Bishop of Melburne, Mr. John E. Redmond and lately Mr. J. E. Walsh. Mr. Sinnott held the Mace and Charters conferred the right and the Council decided accordingly.

Relief Grant

Mr. Kavanagh drew attention to the delay in implementing the Council's decision in this matter.

Deputy Manager informed the Meeting of progress. Until

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the Government approved of the proposals submitted and as the Department Grant was subject to such approval the Council could not incur any expense meantime.

Mr. Dunphy intimated that the Grant to New Ross was not fair when considered with Grants made elsewhere.

Chairman agreed and moved that the Council should request a further Grant.

Mr. Dunphy seconded.

Passed Unanimously.

Flooding of Lower Rosbercon

Mr. Doherty drew attention to this matter. This flooding took place periodically due to the high tides from the river through gratings. It should be an easy matter to remedy this flooding.

Deputy Manager intimated that the Local Authorities (Works) Act might be applied to this matter. He would consider the matter.

ADJOURNED.

Sanitary Matters

Mr. Reddy reminded the Council that their attention had been frequently drawn to the want of proper sanitary accommodation to the houses at Upper Maiden Lane. The houses are in good habitable condition apart from the necessity for this provision.

Decided that the Owners - The Tottenham Estate - be so informed.

Provision of New Houses

Chair, adverting to the numerous applications for houses at rents commensurate with the capacity of the tenants to pay ~~represented~~ requested information as to the Progress on the decision of the Council to provide houses on the plans submitted by the Deputy Manager at last Meeting.

Deputy Manager reported that only recently a County Architect had been appointed and he would take this matter up with him at the earliest possible opportunity.

Objections to Letting of Houses

Replying to Mr. Dunphy,
Deputy Manager informed the Meeting

(1) The house in Irishtown was let to Michael O'Brien postman,
(2) House No. 12 William St. was let to Thomas O'Neill, Wexford St.
(3) House no. 29 Town Wall was let to Annie O'Leary and
(4) House vacated ~~hh~~ by Annie O'Leary was let to Anastasia Ryan.

Mr. Dunphy objected to the letting of No. 12 William St. John Flanagan, Abbey View with a family of 9 who had made three applications, in his opinion should have got priority. The selected tenant was allowed to reside in premises in Wexford St. already condemned by the Council as unfit for human habitation and he was the third so displaced by the Council from this house.

The Chairman agreed.

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Deputy Manager again informed the Meeting that this house was let in accordance with the rules laid down. The elected tenants family ranged from 6 years to 2 days. He read the report and informed the Council that he had ordered a demolition Order be served on the landlord of No. 5 Wexford St.

Council agreed the case was a bad one and the Deputy Manager's decision was justified.

The question of the transfer of Mrs. O'Leary from Follyhouse Lane to 29 Town Wall was then considered.

Deputy Manager informed the Council that it was the usual practice to transfer a tenant of the Council from a low rent house to a higher rented house and this practice was followed in this instance. He appointed Mrs. Anastasia Ryan, subsequently to the house at Follyhouse Lane.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 1953

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: - Mr. Redmond, Chairman presiding and
Messrs. Doherty, Dunphy, Reddy and Dolan.

The County Manager, Mr. McDermott attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and duly confirmed.

Letting of house at Follyhouse Lane

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, Town Clerk reported that this house was let to Mrs. Anastasia Ryan by the County Manager on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer. It was not advertised.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter E.L. 26/1 dated 30th October 1953 was read from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of the Ministers Order under Seal appointing Mr. Thomas F. McDermott, County Secretary, Wexford County Council to be County Manager for the County of Wexford as from 1st November 1953 until a person has been appointed to be County Manager under the provisions of Section 4 County Management Act, 1940.

The Chairman and members congratulated Mr. McDermott on his appointment and expressed their appreciation of his services during his deputyship and a hope that Mr. McDermott's permanent appointment would ensue in due course.

Mr. McDermott thanked the members.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION
Houses at Maiden Lane

Letter dated 9th November 1953 was read from the Agent Tottenham Estate, New Ross that he intended to install a number of water closets in the very near future starting with Neville Street and Michael St. He cannot consider Upper Maiden Lane at present.

Considered Satisfactory.

Christmas Relief Grant 1953/4
Amenity Scheme - Clearance of Dump at High Hill

Letter, Works No. A.S.L. 75/6/2/1 dated 12th November 1953 was read from Department Local Government conveying sanction to this scheme estimated to cost £355. 0. 0. Maximum grant payable £311.0.0. - subject to the usual conditions. Employment of labour to be strictly in accordance with the conditions of memorandum S.G.A. 213/E.U. of the 15th November 1946.

The following details of the work were submitted by the Asst. Co. Engineer:

(a) Excavate filling and spread to level of new terraces. 700 c. yds. @ 6/-	£210. 0. 0.
(b) Face terraces with rubble walls sloping on free face. 85 l. yds @ £1.	£85. 0. 0.
(c) Provision and planting of shrubs, including mowing down the terraces.	45. 0. 0.
Contingencies:	15. 0. 0
Total:	355. 0. 0.

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Mr. Reddy suggested that single men with relations be given adequate representation on this work.

Mr. Dunphy objected to the employment of County Council workers on Relief Schemes. The grant was allocated towards relief of enemployment in New Ross and not to relieve the County Council pay roll. County Manager pointed out the importance of not interfering with the Engineers in the choice of key men. If such men could be obtained from the Exchange this would be done.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by the Chair, it was recommended that the Engineer only employ key men if he failed to find them at the Exchange.

Change of December Fair

Chairman drew attention to the necessity for substituting another date for this fair as it falls on a Catholic Holiday this year. From enquiries in the trade Wednesday the 9th appeared a favourable date.

Agreed to and ordered that the change be advertised in the Daily and Local Press.

New Waterworks Scheme

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, County Manager reported that work should start on this scheme within the month. Contract was not yet signed but the terms were agreed with the Contractors and the purchase of the land for the reservoir was with the Solicitors for engrosement. The Resident Engineer would take up duty on the 18th inst. All arrangements are complete otherwise. Work would start on the reservoir. The piping had been ordered forward by the Contractors.

Considered Satisfactory.

20 New Houses

County Manager, replying to several queries, intimated that no progress need be expected on the provision of the houses on Bullawn etc. until the County Architect had taken over on the 1st January 1954. In the meantime the Council might consider a further scheme of houses in view of the reduction in the cost of materials. They should be able to provide a good house at or under an all-in rent of £1 per week.

It was agreed to postpone consideration to next Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by the Chair, it was unanimously decided to build 20 houses.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dupphy it was decided to provide fairy lights on the Bridge and in the Tholsel Quary at the expense of the rates provided the County Manager decided there was legal authority for the expenditure. The County Manager advised the Council not to take any action pending his report to the Clerk that the Council had legal authority. The expenditure was on public lighting and subject to his decision the work could be undertaken.

Clerk advised the Council there was no money available. In his opinion there was no legal authority for the expenditure.

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On the motion of Mr. Doherty it was decided to fill in with tar macadam the pot-holes beside the concrete carr iageway on the quay - cost to be recouped by the Harbour Board.

Mr. Reddy drew attentioh to the bad condition of the timber on the bridge.

Mr. Doherty pointed out the necessity for repair to paths and roadway at St. Canice's Terrace and road at Aslefords Cross as well as the path outside station masters house, Waterford road, also to the necessity for a public lamp leading into new church at Rosbercon.

Referred to County Manager.

M Dempsey
Vice Chairman Presiding

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TUESDAY I5th DECEMBER I953.

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 (I) Seal contract Martin Whelan to the Council and to (2) Seal Contract the Council with the Cementation Co. (3) suggest schemes to absorb the second Relief Grant of £750 and (4) resolve to provide £I05 out of the rates towards Relief Grant.

Due notice was given of Special Business.

Present :- Mr. P.J. Dolan, presiding - subsequently Mr. M. Dunphy Vice-Chairman, Messrs M. Reddy, E. Bennett, E. Kavanagh and M. Doherty.

The County Manager, Mr. McDermott, attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by Mr. Dolan and confirmed.

QUARRY AT HIGH HILL.

Presiding Chairman asked the Manager to give consideration to the lowering of the wall on the hill side of the Quarry to give the public a better view of the job. Mr. Reddy suggested that as there were only two men left on the Exchange the Manager might find them employment on the scheme.

County Manager agreed to examine both suggestions. As there were I2 men already employed he would consult the Engineer in charge.

CORRESPONDENCE - DECORATING THE THOLSEL.

Letter dated I5/I2/53 was read from Mr. J. O'Connor, South St., Secretary to the Committee in charge of decoration of the town for Christmas requesting permission (I) to light the Tholsel with fairy lights and (2) to place strings of lights across the streets at various intervals.

Granted.

Moved by Mr. Kavanagh,
Seconded by the Chairman a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for their generous offer.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Letter dated 8th December I953 was read from the O.C. New Ross Battalion F.C.A. asking permission to erect a Christmas Tree at the junction of Robert Street and Little Michael Street.

Granted subject to approval of the Gards Siochanna.

LOCAL LOANS FUND ACT I935.

4¾% per annum from Ist January I954.

Circular No. H./IO/53 dated IIth December I953 was read from the Department of Local Government informing the Council that the Minister for Finance had fixed 4¾% as the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from Local Loans Fund made on or after Ist January I954.

County Manager informed the Meeting of the purport of this communication.

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Irish Tourist Association.

Application for a Local Contribution.

Letter dated November I953 was read hereunder.

Town Clerk reported that the Council always contributed £5 per annum.

Mr. Dolan moved that £I0 br the subscription for the coming year in view of the permission to put 3d in the £ on the rates.

After a discussion, in which the Manager gave his views on request, the matter was adjourned to Estimates Meeting.

SERVICE IN THE DEFENCE FORCES.

Circular E.L. 8/53 dated 9th December I953, was read extending the scheme of concessions to men who enlisted between the 30th September I953 and 3Ist March I954 regarding deductions from age declared for Clerical Officer and Library Assistant.

Marked "Read".

RELIEF GRANT I953/54

Supplemental Allocation.

By Circular RU/220/20I"2 dated I0 Nollaig I953 the Minister made additional monies available for the purpose of financing suitable employment Schemes in Urban Areas in the current financial year and allocated a grant of £750 subject to a local contribution of £I05 to New Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Dolan
Seconded by the Chairman it was resolved " that the New Ross Urban District Council agree to provide the local contribution of £I05 in next estimates.

County Manager intimated that he had only just received the communication and requested the Members to nominate schemes which could afterwards be considered for submission to the Department.

The following were then proposed :-

I. Continue the concrete footpath from Mr. Brennan's house, Irishtown to the gateway of St. Stephen's Cemetery and reconstruct the rest of the footpath from the Bosheen to St. Stephen's Cemetery.

2. Reconstruct the footpath ~~the footpath~~ in concrete between the Bridge and the Railway Station, Rosbercon.

3. Clearance of Derelict Sites in the town.

4. Resurface the Goat Hill.

5. Resurface Barrack Lane.

Schemes to be prepared and submitted to the County Manager.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE PUBLIC BODIES.

Gorey Town Commissioners.

Sale of Urban Houses.

This resolution considered the terms outlined in Circular No. 8. 6/53 for the sale of Urban Houses beyond the means of the people concerned and requested the Minister to revise the terms -

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continuing the subsidy to the extent of I/3rd during the repayment period.

The Chairman,after a lengthy discussion, asked the Council to adjourn the final consideration to next Meeting for the production of the Circular. So far as he could recollect the terms were very favourable for old tenants.

Agreed.

Arklow Urban Council.

Stamp Duty - Sale of Houses.

This resolution urging amending legislation exempting contracts for the sale of Council houses to tenants was considered and adopted on the motion of Mr. Doherty seconded by Mr. Kavanagh.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Mr. Reddy again drew attention to the necessity for a lamp in Nunnery Lane to light the Harvey Place Houses.

Several members were interested in the lighting distribution system in the town. It was stressed that at least two streets - Church Lane and Marsh Lane - the lamps were too close and too numerous. There should be an inspection by Mr. Coffey and the Engineer and their recommendations submitted.

Referred to County Manager.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Complaints were voiced re shortage of the Town Water supply to the Parochial House and Upper Rosbercon.

Mr. Doherty complained about the shore at Rosbercon corner. It appeared to have been set without any outlet.

Mr. Butler, Irishtown (new bungalow) fire place falling out.

Repairs still required to J. Cody's house, Charleton Hill.

Referred to County Manager.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Mr. Dunphy.

New Weighbridge.

Mr. Dunphy gave notice of intention to move at next available Meeting "That the motion to erect a Public Weighbridge be rescinded."

Erection of Public Convenience.

Mr. Dunphy gave notive that he will move at the next available Meeting "That the Council proceed to make arrangements for the provision of a Public Convenience within the Urban Area."

SEALING OF CONTRACTS.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Dolan

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the following Contracts and duly witnessed by the Vice-Chairman viz:-

I. Deed of Conveyance from Martin Whelan to the Council of one

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acre and ten perches - part of the lands of Castlemoyle for the purposes of a reservoir under the new waterworks improvement scheme I953.

2. Contract - The Council with the Cementation Co. (Ireland) Ltd., for the execution and completion of a scheme for the improvement and extension of the existing water supply services in the sum of £32,5I2. 8. 6.

3. Undertaking in respect of a loan of £2500 for completion of 20 houses at Nunnery Lane.

4. Contract with Mr. Martin Whelan for the purchase of one acre ten perches of Land at Castlemoyle, for the purposes of the New Waterworks Improvement SchemenI953.

The Meeting ended with the usual Christmas Greetings from the Chair and wishes for many happy returns by the County Manager and the Council and the Clerk to him.

T. 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 Ordinary Business of the Council and determine on the following matters of which due notice was given viz :-

(I) Notice to rescind Resolution to erect a Public Weighbridge by Mr. Dunphy.

(2) Motion to erect public convenience by the same and

(3) Resolutions from outside Public Bodies.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs M. Reddy, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, E. Bennett, E. Kavanagh and P.J. Dolan.

Clerk notified the Meeting that the County Manager asked him to apologise for non-attendance as he was engaged in Dublin and could not be back in time for the Meeting.

CHANGING OF PUBLIC LAMPS.

Pursuant to the wishes of the Council at last Meeting, Mr. John Coffey, E.S.B., attended and discussed this matter. He produced his map of the present lighting system.

Agreed : (I) to take one lamp from Church Lane and install it in Nunnery Lane,

(2) remove lamp from Lower Marsh Lane and place it higher up.

Chairman asked the Council to consider further changes and lighting at Estimates Meeting. In his opinion August and September was the right time for changes in the Public Lighting System.

Agreed.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were then read and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes :-

RELIEF GRANT I953/54.

Allocation of Supplemental Grant of £750 subject to local contribution of £I05 from Rates.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, Clerk reported that all the recommendations of the Council for the expenditure of this money were placed before the County Manager. He, apparently, consulted the Acting Engineer and on the Manager's instructions their decision was sent to the Department. On account of the late receipt of the documents by him he had no time to take copies before sending them to the Department. A request for copies for submission was sent to the Engineer but no reply had been received. From a casual glance at the documents the scheme included the pathway to St. Stephen's Cemetery, the pathway from Bridge to Railway and so far as he could recollect a sum of £I85 for the underestimation of expenditure on the High Hill Quarry.

Mr. Dunphy considered it most unusual to submit alternative schemes to the Department without the authority of the Council. He wanted his protest recorded. If the Engineer's authority over-ruled that of the Council there could he no use for the Council. In the first instance the Council had no idea that their decision to terrace the High Hill Dump on a level with the High Hill - with the two lower walls levelled - could possibly be construed into the present monstrocity. It was pure waste of labour and money. He asked the

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Council to insist on the cost of this work in wages and material.

Clerk reminded the Council that proposals were submitted by the County Manager for all works undertaken under the original Relief Grant.

Chairman and other Members expressed dissatisfaction with the work on original grant as waste of money. Consultation between the Council and the County Manager's Engineers should be insisted on in future. The Council provide the money and the Council should insist on its expenditure.

Decided to request full particulars of time and material expended on the High Hill Quarry from County Manager as well as a reason for the underestimate.

DEPUTATION FROM HARVEY PLACE TENANTS.

Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. W. Stafford, a tenant of these houses called, and having been informed of the hour of the Meeting stated his intention to interview the Council without stating a reason or object. He, Clerk, told Mr. Stafford the proceedure adopted by the Council. The Deputation now requested the interview.

Mr. Dunphy objected to the reception of any deputation without the prior knowledge of the Council which normally would be conveyed through the Town Clerk. Reception of any deputation without prior knowledge of the object was not to be encouraged.

Decided to hear the Deputation.

Messrs William Stafford and Dermot O'Donohoe attended.

Objects :- To take out ranges supplied to these houses and install boiler grates. Cost to be met by an increase in the weekly rent.

The Deputation withdrew.

Decided to refer the matter to the County Manager as his function.

COUNCILLOR HAMILTON'S RESIGNATION.

Chairman read the following letter dated I8th January I954 from Mr. R. Hamilton :-

"It is with regret I formally tender my resignation from membership of the New Ross Urban District Council. Circumstances beyond my control compel me to take this step. I would like to record my gratitude to you Mr. Chairman, my fellow Members and the Town Clerk, Mr. Barry, for your kindness to me during my time as Member and assuring you of my best wishes for the future."

Chairman, in which he was joined by the other Members, expressed his astonishment and shock at the communication. Mr. Hamilton was a constant Councillor and a great asset to their deliberations. They could not afford to lose him.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to ask Mr. Hamilton to reconsider his decision.

SALE OF URBAN HOUSES.

Arising out of last minutes Clerk submitted Circular No. H 6/53

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dated IIth July I952 relative from the Department of Local Government. He also submitted a schedule showing the minimum sale price of the various dwellings and the annuities requisite on a 99 year lease.

Referred to County Manager for his advice to the Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY MR. DUNPHY.

NOTICE TO RESCIND COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION TO ERECT A PUBLIC WEIGHBRIDGE.

Clerk gave a history of the progress since the first Resolution dated 20th February I95I. The entire Council were present and passed it. This Resolution was contingent on two conditions (I) cost not prohibitive and (2) suitable site within the Urban District. Right through every meeting of the Council since the matter was discussed and on the I8th September I95I application for permission to apply for a loan of £I500 repayable in I0 years was made. Not until the I5th October I953 was it decided "to erect the weighbridge on the site originally agreed and approved by the Department."

Chairman decided the original Resolution became operative on the I6th October I953, and so Mr. Dunphy could move his motion.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

"That the Council rescind this Resolution."

In moving Mr. Dunphy referred to the recent Development Grant which should place the Harbour Board in a position to have the Weighbridge erected by them as a necessary adjunct to the proposed pier.

Chairman ruled Mr. Dunphy "out of order" as it was not the function of the Council to consider matters in connection with the Harbour Board.

Mr. Dunphy then argued that the Council had not sufficient data when the resolution was passed. Plans, specification and estimates up-to-date were not available.

Chairman requested Mr. Dunphy to amend his motion accordingly.

By consent of the Meeting Mr. Dunphy withdrew his motion.

PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

"That the Council proceed immediately to provide proper sanitary conveniences - male and female - on the site presently occupied by the out-of-date convenience on the Quay.

Agreed - subject to plans, specification and estimates being available for the next Meeting of the Council, and inclusion in projects to be submitted for a Grant under the National Development Fund.

NEW WATERWORKS SUPPLY SCHEME.

REPORT FROM RESIDENT ENGINEER.

This report was submitted. Cost of scheme to date £868. 7. 6.

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4 labourers employed, I machine operator, 2 foremen and two drivers. Work proceeding satisfactory.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE.

AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31/3/53.

Chairman intimated that as the County Council and the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee had considered the favourable report and passed it he did not propose to read it in full to the Council.

Agreed.

The report was then placed on the table.

MORTGAGE - THE COUNCIL TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS. SUM OF £2,500 - COMPLETION OF NUNNERY LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Edward Bennett it was resolved:

"That Our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Working classes Acts 1890 to 1952."

COMPLAINT OF DELAY IN HOUSING REPAIRS.

By Mr. Reddy : Door of house occupied by Mrs. Leary, Follyhouse Lane badly damaged.

By Chairman: Broken stairway, 1 Fairgate.

By Mr. Bennett: That the policy adopted by the Council to arrange for repairs to their property in sections is not being carried out.

By Mr. Dunphy : That tenants who write to Members of the Council get preference over long standing complaints.

Referred to County Manager.

NEW ROSS "POUND"

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the delapidated state of the "Pound". Sheds were taken down which were a danger to animals. Something should be done to keep it properly cleansed.

No order.

WATERWORKS.

Inspection of private supplies.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to dripping taps in houses. Apparently there was no house to house inspection. He gave his own tap as an instance.

Decided to request the County Manager to cause a monthly inspection of reports to be submitted to the Council.

RESOLUTIONS.

FROM CORPORATION OF LIMERICK AND BALLINA U.D.C.

Both resolutions re importation of Russian Timber was marked "Read."

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ARKLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

This resolution requesting legislation that Stamp State Duty on Deeds of Sale of houses to Council tenants be abolished.

Adjourned.

ARKLOW UURBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Resolution protesting against the imprisonment of Mr. Liam Kelly M.P. and demanding his release in the interests of justice was

on the motion of Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by the Chair

Adopted.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by the Chairman

A vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Bartholomew Deegan, Mary Street, New Ross.

THE MEETING ENDED.

M Dunphy

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TUESDAY I6th DAY OF FEBRUARY I954.

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 consider :-

I. Fix date of Estimates Meeting.

2. Making of Housing Byelaws.

3. Authorise appointment of Mr. G. Forde, B.E. as Fire Officer.

4. Receive Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 3I/3/53 and the report of the Local Government Auditor thereon.

5. Vacancy on Council.

Present :- Mr. Michael Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Reddy, E. Kavanagh, M. Doherty,

The County Manager, Mr. McDermott, attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and approved.

ARISING OUT OF LAST MINUTES :-

I. Councillor Reddy requested attention to the provision of the light displaced from Church Lane to Nunnery Lane.

2. Replying to Councillor Reddy the County Manager informed the Meeting (a) the "Pound" is required by law to be provided and so maintained by the New Ross Urban Council (b) responsibility for accidents arising out of any default in maintenance by the Council could only be ascertained when the circumstances were within the legal ambit of responsibility.(c) He could not anticipate an accident and so responsibility for it.

3. Replying to the Minute in connection with the Relief Grant, County Manager directed the attention to the instructions submitted to him. The Council formulated tentative proposals for his examination to bring the work within the Grant and the Council's contribution. Normally he would select the work and submit his recommendations to the Council but time was against this. He selected fromthe schemes submitted and the work was done. In effect the recommendations of the Council received due effectiveness. The cost of materials and wages would be submitted to the Council of all works undertaken at the same time as submitted to the Department who supplied the grant.

Replying to Mr. Reddy, Town Clerk reported that no proposal had been received for the purchase of artizan's dwellings. Two letters asking for definite particulars had been received. As the Council were aware the sale was contingent on the County Manager's advice.

Replying to the Chair, County Manager reported that as the County Architect had taken up duty he hoped to be able to have plans etc., for proposed new public convenience in time for next Council Meeting. Any grant from the National Development Fund would go towards the cost of provision but the Council could go ahead with the project notwithstanding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Housing Byelaws.

Circular H. No. II/53 dated I6th December I953 was presented from the Department of Local Government referring to the obligation

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imposed by Section 27 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I952 on Urban Housing Authorities to make and enforce Byelaws under Section 20 of the Housing (Ireland) Act, I9I9 and Section I5 of the Housing (Amendment) Act I948 as amended by Section 26 of the Act of I952 and enclosing draft model Byelaws. Unless Byelaws were passed and enforced subsidy at the higher rate will not be payable.

Agreed that copies of the Department Model Byelaws be furnished to each Councillor at the next available Meeting.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Letter G. 202 dated 2Ist January I954, was read from the Department of Local Government enclosing (I) copy of the Auditor's report on his audit of the Accounts of the Council for the year ended the 3Ist March I953 together with attested abstracts of Accounts and same were laid on the Table as the Chairman directed. They could be inspected by the Members and discussion adjourned to next Meeting.

NEW ROSS BROCHURE.

Letter dated 25th January I954 was read from Gerald Newton No. 5 Ridgeway, Nailsea, Nr. Bristol, asking for a brochure of New Ross "as our Scout Troup are hoping to visit you this year."

County Manager recommends that the letter be handed to the Irish Tourist Association. The Council contributed towards it and it appeared to be their function to supply the information. Chairman held that New Ross Was big and important enough commercially and historically to have a booklet on its own. The Town Clerk should be in a position to satisfy any such reasonable request.

Decided to obtain from the Irish Tourist Board all pamphlets appertaining to the town and consider the matter of a special brochure then.

FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940

Appointment of "Authorised Officer".

Town Clerk intimated that under the Act the Council had authority to nominate and appoint their own officer for all the purposes of the Act..

County Manager advised the Council that the appointment was the function of the County Manager but he had no objection to the Council being informed of the appointment of Mr. Gerald Forde, B.E. He would not be an officer of the Council.

No action.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

On request of Town Clerk, Tuesday the 30th day of March I954 at 7.30 o'clock in the Tholsel, New Ross, was fixed as the date of the Estimates Meeting subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

County Manager had no objection to the date fixed.

FIRE BRIGADE FEES, &c.

Chairman requested information if the personell on the Brigade in the employment of the Urban Council were paid for attendance at fires and their wages as Council workers. He had in mind the recent outbreak of fire at Campile Co-Operative Stores where their men were engaged for some days. He had no objection to their staff being paid but in his opinion the Co-Operative should at least recoup

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the expenditure. He understood the proprietors of the Co- Op. failed to even acknowledge the praiseworthy exertions of the Ross Brigade.

Mr. Reddy desired to know if the Members of the Brigade employed by Private Employers were paid whilst on duty with the Brigade.

County Manager gave a resume of the purposes of the Fire Brigades Act and the arrangements between the Urban and County Council. Certain alterations as to the contribution by the County Council consequent on the necessity for improvement in the activities of the fire fighting machine - thereby incurring more expenditure- were under consideration. He would inform the Council of the terms of the new Agreement in due course. The Council employees engaged were and would continue to be paid their regular wages. Fire fighting was a very dangerous work and was purely voluntary.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME.

Adverting to Mr. Reddy's proposal that the "Pound" be put in reasonable condition, Chairman requested the Council to delay operations as he would submit a proposal that the Harvey Place Housing Scheme be continued down Nunnery Lane to include if possible the site of the"Pound."

Agreed.

Replying to Members, County Manager advised the Meeting that as the County Architect had now taken up duty he should be in a position to have plans for new houses ready for next Council Meeting. At that Meeting the Members could discuss sites, etc. and formulate a scheme for further houses. He would also be in a position to submit a plan and estimate for the proposed new lavatories then.

REPORTS ON REPAIRS TO HOUSES &c.

Complaints were made of delay in repairs to houses and ranges as follows :-

No. 32 Charleton Hill
I4 Town Wall.
II Town Wall
2I Town Wall.

Referred to County Manager.

Arising out of the Engineer's report on repairs carried out during the month Chairman requested the Manager to consider obtaining other than the Engineer's estimate of repairs required.

ROADS

Chairman drew attention to the smooth condition of Michael Street, Cross Lane and Mary Street, - all leading into the town.

Mr. Kavanagh disagreed. Very little horse traffic from the farming community took place now. He suggested it would be cheaper for the Council to supply a motor van than to continue to maintain these streets in special repair.

Attention was also drawn to the dangerous pathway outside Mr. Sidney's house, Cross Lane. An accident had taken place recently.

The pathway from Rosbercon to the boundary at Chilcomb required improvements and flooding at Rosbercon.

Referred to County Manager.

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RESOLUTION FROM ARKLOW U.D.C.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh

It was agreed to adopt this resolution to give power to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to compel owners of machinery and plant to eliminate interference with radio reception.

FROM THE SAME COUNCIL .

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

This resolution that the Government arrange to give a subsidy from Central Fund to permit loans at a rate of interest of 2½% for the erection of houses, water supply and sewerage schemes was adopted.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I6th DAY OF MARCH I954.

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 :- The County Manager, Mr. McDermott, The Chairman, Mr. Redmond, presiding, Mrs. Ryan, and Messrs M. Reddy, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, E. Kavanagh and P. Dolan.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and adopted.

SYMPATHY MOTION.

DEATH OF MR. T.J. KELLY, L.L.B., STATE SOLICITOR.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy a vote of condolence was passed to Mrs. Kelly and the family and relatives of the late Mr. T.J. Kelly in their bereavement. The County Manager associated himself with the vote.

FIRE BRIGADE FEES.

Adverting to the Minute hereunder just read, Mr. Dunphy having been informed by the Clerk that Council workers on the brigade were paid regularly and fees for attendances at fires, objected that it was not fair that as Council workers were paid workers for private concerns were not paid their wages. He had adequate proof that employees of private concerns were not paid their regular wage when engaged on fire fighting during their ordinary working hours.

County Manager informed Mr. Dunphy that if a claim by outside workers was submitted to him he would give it every consideration.

Agreed.

ROSBERCON ROAD CORNER FLOODING

Replying to Mr. Doherty, the County Manager reported that with the Engineer he inspected the locus and obtained the Engineer's views on the steps which Mr. Doherty had outlined for the relief of this periodic flooding. He asked the Council to avoid measures which might render the Council liable for malfeasance in this respect. He would consult the County Engineer in the matter.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The usual weekly reports were read by the Chairman showing progress.

CASTLE AT THREE- BULLET GATE.

Mr. drew attention to the nuisances created in the ruins. Protective pailing should be provided and a plaque attached to the walls advertising its historic interest. The County Manager might bring the wishes of the Council before the proper authorities with a view to having something in the nature of the work done on the old town wall in William St.

Referred to Col Manager.

School Meals Scheme

Mr. Doherty referred to the recent altered circumstances as regards Michael St. (boys) National School. The milk allowed had been reduced by half. He asked the Manager to restore the

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Supply as the pupils attending this school were deserving of special consideration.

County Manager submitted details of the operation of this scheme over all the schools within the Urban Area. He was satisfied that even if the cost exceeded the schools in the county the Council must have recognised the value of the special services rendered as they provided the funds subject to recoupment of one-half by the Government. As regards Michael he was satisfied after adequate investigation that I½ gallons of milk per day during the winter months, with cocoa which contained sugar and milk, was a liberal allowance. Three gallons in the circumstances was not justified.

After debate the Manager informed the Council that he would give further consideration to Mr. Doherty's proposal.

RELIEF GRANT.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the removal of the corner at Courthouse. Instead of this work facilitating pedestrians and motorists it was now a parking place for cars contrary to the intention of the Council when agreeing to this work. He proposed that Parking Byelaws was the only remedy.

County Manager advised that the Council could frame such byelaws only in conjunction with the Garda Authorities.

Chairman reminded the Council that the question of Parking Byelaws was before the Council for years. The Superintendent of the Guards attended the Council Meetings but nothing has resulted.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to draw the attention of the Garda to the congestion created by the parking of motor vehicles on the space created by the removal of the Courthouse corner and to request that this space be left free of all such vehicles.

LEASE TO MARY JOSEPHINE CODY, UPPER MARY STREET.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh the Seal of the Council was embossed on the lease from the Council to Miss Cody of her house at Upper Mary Street, New Ross for the term of 99 years at a ground rent of £I per annum.

The Seal was then embossed on the Lease and the Counetrfoil and witnessed by the Chairman.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

ORDER FIXING THE DATE.

Letter dated 6th March I954 G.25/4 was read from the Department of Local Government enclosing copy of the Minister's Order under Sec. 23 of the County Management Act, I940, prescribing that the date for the Council's Estimates Meeting shall be the 30th March I954.

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION ASSOCIATION.

Letter dated 2nd March I954 was read from the Organising Secretary thanking the Council for the free use of the Large Room and the Rate Collector's Office during the recent visit of the association to New Ross.

WATER SUPPLY ANALYSIS.

Letter dated Ist March I954 was read from the County Medical

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Officer, Dr. Aughney, forwarding copy of bacteriological reports on the water samples taken on 24th February I954 from the Fever Hospital and Good Counsel College. The results are satisfactory.

HOUSING.

The County Manager requested the Council to consider sites available for the construction of more houses. He had examined several sites in the town, with the Engineer, especially derelict sites. He could not advise the Council to build on the derelict sites owing to the higher cost of same as against acquiring sites to hold 20 or 30 houses. There are several such sites. The Council were anxious to build on two sites at Charleton Hill and William Street. There was already a high density of houses in this area which was removed from the shopping centre of the town and in his advised opinion these sites would prove very costly. He had his attention directed to two sites which he would investigate. One was situate at the top of college road - the field owned by Mr. Stafford beside the new waterworks reservoir and the other in Rosbercon opposite the New Church. They could build 20 in New Ross and I0 in Rosbercon. If the Council decided on the type of house with three bedrooms he was advised it would cost £I500 which would permit of a letting rent of under £I per week including rates.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Manager be requested to submit plans to the next Meeting and investigate the possibility of acquiring the nominates sites by Agreement with the Owners. In the meantime the Manager was requested to go ahead with advertising the erection of two bungalows in Irishtown as soon as he is satisfied that the sites are available.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The County Manager at the Council's request decided to have plans and estimate for the provision of a Public Convenience on the site of the present Fishouse construction for next Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond.

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ESTIMATES MEETING

TUESDAY 30th DAY OF MARCH I954.

The Estimates 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 County Management Act, I940.

Present: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. McDermott, The Chairman, Mr. T. Redmond, presiding, and Messrs M. Dunphy, E, Bennett, M. Reddy, and Mr. Doherty.

The County Manager submitted his explanatory detailed statement on the Estimates supplied to each Councillor and the Council then went seriatem through the list as compiled.

	Estimated Gross Expenditure £.	Estimated Receipts. £.	Nett Estimated Expenditure £.
Urban Roads	II84	96	I088
Sanitary	5703	II69	4534
Housing	I0403	9II3	I290
General Urban Purposes	6I59	3229	
County Council Services:-			
Main Roads	I636		
Public Assistance	33I7		
Mental Hospital	II52		II289
Health (County)	462		
General Purposes (County)	I747		
Separate Charges	45		

Replying to Mr. Reddy the Manager advised that the Precept from the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee was mandatory on the Council. Questions of administration of the Cemetery were matters solely for that Body.

EXPENDITURE ON SCAVENGING

Mr. Dunphy considered £I750 as too high for this work representing £200 per mile and more.

The Chairman agreed that the Council were not getting value for the expenditure. The only way to reduce the cost is by letting off some of the staff.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to agree to the provision of the £I750 on the understanding that the Manager would fully investigate the possibility of an alternative scheme or a reconstruction of the existing method of scavenging in the near future.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Mr. Dunphy advocated that Housing repairs could be done cheaper by tender, There is no competition for this work and there should be competition. He suggested advertising for tenders. Chairman moved that the estimate of £I000 be reduced by £200.

County Manager advised the Council that if they were to preserve their property they must continue to make adequate provision.

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Mr. Dunphy seconded the Chairman's proposal. The work if given by contract must be properly supervised.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager.

EXPENDITURE TO BE FOUND BY RATE.

The County Manager then informed the Meeting that he would require a rate of 32/I0 in the £. to meet the expenditure approved by the Council of £I840I.

The Chairman suggested a reduction of I0d.

County Manager submitted that a very reasonable Estimate was before the Council and after a business examination by them they did not see any way to reduce the expenditure. However, he would agree to a rate of 32/6d (same as last year) and hoped the Council would give every assistance in keeping expenditure within that limit.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Estimate of Expenses and determine the rate in the £ to be 32/6d to be levied for the purposes specified in the estimate for the financial year ending on 3Ist March I954.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20th APRIL I954

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this day at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- The County Manager, Mr. T.F. McDermott, The Chairman, Mr. T. Redmond, presiding, Mrs. Ryan and Messrs E. Kavanagh, M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, M. Reddy, E. Bennett and P.J. Dolan.

The Minutes of the previous ordinary Meeting and the Minutes of and the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

PARKING OF CARS BYELAWS.

Mr. Reddy, having been informed by the Clerk that no reply had been received to the Council's communication to the Superintendent of the Garda Siochanna relative to the obstruction created by the indiscriminate parking of motor vehicles on the plot created by the removal of the wall and railings at Cross Lane corner, insisted that it was apparent pedestrians received no consideration. Hitherto the residents of Priory Street had the use of a footpath up to Cross Lane. It ceased and pedestrians could only risk walking on the roadway because of car parking on the space created by the removal of the wall. In view of this and the fact that the pathways right through the town were obstructed by the parking of vans on the paths he considered the Council should consider the provision of Parking Byelaws. There was ample parking space on the Quay and many motorists were using it. He proposed that parking Byelaws be formulated permitting parking on one side of each street only. The Garda Authorities should be asked to attend their next Meeting.

Messrs Dunphy and Doherty opposed any change.

County Manager advised that the Road Traffic Act provided adequate safeguards to pedestrians and motorists. Before the Council requested the attendance of the Garda Commissioners Representative at their Meeting the Council should decide what they want done - taking into consideration the opinions of the people of the town.

Chairman having intimated that no one in the town had objected to the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was agreed to draw the attention of the Garda to the conjestion at Cross Lane Corner.

PUBLIC CON VENIENCE

County Manager laid a sketch plan of the proposed lavatory, etc. on the table and examined same with the Councillors. The estimated cost is £I250 and the site the existing structure on the Quay. The structure would be adequately serviced and divided for men and women.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. Reddy the plan was agreed and it was decided to request the approval of the Department of Local Government to same with specification.

On the proposal of Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was agreed nem.con. to have the work done by Contract and that the necessary arrangements be made to have the work completed with the least possible delay.

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HOUSING

Replying to Members County Manager detailed the progress to date on the Council's Resolution to build more houses. The two in Irishtown would be advertised for tenders as soon as Departmental sanction was obtained. He did not anticipate any objection as the plan has already received approval.

As regards the two new proposed sites it was not possible to progress beyond a superficial inspection by the County Architect. No approach had been made or would be made to the Owners of the land pending sanction by the Department to the lay-out and other plans. This would take some time.

Mr. Dunphy requested the County Manager to examine into the difference of cost if the 20 new houses were built in a row. It should be considerable.

Agreed.

HOUSE NO. I9 HARVEY PLACE.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the defective structure of this house. The house was now occupied by Mr. O'Connor and was recently repaired. He would ask at next Meeting for a report from the Engineer setting out (I) the extent of the repairs carried out on this newly constructed house (2) the cost of same and (3) the cause of the through crack or break in the wall which appeared to him to be a danger to the occupier.

Referred to County Manager.

DEFECTIVE SEWER IN CHAPEL LANE.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to this matter. The inhabitants complain of the stench emenating from this old sewer. It should receive immediate repair.

Referred to County Manager.

PUMP ?OUTSIDE GANTLEY'S IRISHTOWN.

Mr. Reddy again drew the Manager's attention to this matter.

County Manager reported that he had examined into this complaint. The well was covered in and he could not see cause for danger.

Referred to County Manager to examine if well could be permanently closed down.

RELIEF GRANT.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy County Manager informed the Meeting that as all the Grant and contribution were expended he could do nothing at present about replacing the existing wall by one as suggested by Mr. Dunphy. In any case the wall could not be removed pending settlement of the work done.

Chairman expressed the satisfaction of the Council on the result of the work done and agreed it was a beautiful job.

RESOLUTIONS.

FROM TRALEE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

"That the appropriate Minister be requested to seek power by way of legislation to terminate the use of travelling shops or failing this that a higher tax be imposed on such shops."

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Mr. Doherty proposed that the Resolution be adopted.

Mr. Dunphy intervened to ask the Chairman to reject the resolution for want of a definition of "travelling shops. In his opinion it could have several meanings. The Tralee Urban District Council should be asked the class of shop condemned by their Resolution.

Mr. Bennett seconded Mr. Doherty's proposal.

After a lengthy discussion during which Mr. Dunphy agreed that there should be no interference with competition and several members ~~agreed~~ that as these shops did not pay rates or rent to the town there could not be fair competition.

Mr. Dunphy moved the rejection of the resolution.

There was no seconded.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

FROM SAME COUNCIL.

"That we view with alarm the extraordinary expenditure of almost £500,000 allocated to An Board Failte for the promotion of tourism in the country, which in our opinion, is not being expended in a rightful manner of equality for all parts of the country; and we ask the Government to hold a parliamentary investigation or otherwise into the working of such body".

Mr. Dolan proposed that it be marked "read".

There was no seconded and a discussion followed.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the Council should take advantage of the resolution for a debate as to the possibility of securing some of the £500,000 towards the provision of a Riverside Walk by the banks of the barrow bounding the new public park. They might also consider a Band Stand and seating accommodation within the park.

The Chairman agreed entirely that although it would take a long time before the park was completed there was enough ground available for a Band Stand.

Mr. Reddy advocated a swimming pool in addition.

A proposal that the wall at the Henry Street end of the park be included was negatived by the County Manager as not within the ambit of the Grant.

Eventually it was decided on the advice of the Manager that plans etc. be prepared for a Band Stand with chairs and a swimming pool for submission to An Bord Failte.

WATERWORKS.

County Manager detailed the progress to date of the new Waterworks scheme and replying to several representations agreed to suggest to the Consulting Engineer to consider the work proposed in the general scheme of connecting the William Street service with the Cross Lane bungalows.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY I8th MAY I954.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

A Special Meeting of the Council was also held to make the rate for the services of the ensuing year.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs E. Kavanagh, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy and E. Bennett.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were not read.

Chairman suggested to the Council that as they were seriously engaged in the General Elections that day they might consider adjourning the Ordinary Meeting and proceed with the special meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh

It was decided to postpone the Ordinary Meeting to Tuesday the Ist day of June I954 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Clerk advised that as it was very important that the draft mortgage securing repayment of £40,000 for the expenses of the Waterworks Scheme the Council could do so before adjourning.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the draft was approved and the undertaking for the repayment of the instalments agreed.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Mr. A. Holden and Mrs. J. Murphy.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Special Meeting to make the Municipal Rate for the ensuing year was then held.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy the requisite Resolution as follows was adopted:-

"That we raise the sum of sixteen thousand seven hundred and thirty nine pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a municipal rate of one pound twelve shillings and six pence in the pound for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I955, on the property situate in the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, I946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith, and that the same be collected in two moieties :-

The First on or before the 30th September, I954, together with arrears of five hundred and eighty pounds, five shillings and two pence, and the second on or before 3Ist day of March I955."

The Seal of the Council was then embossed on the Rate Book, signed by all the Members present and witnessed by Mr. A.A. Butler, Journalist.

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TUESDAY Ist DAY OF JUNE 1954

The Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was convened for this evening at the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock. On the prior requisition of the Chairman the Meeting was adjourned sine die owing to the Retreat in the Parish Church.

J. Kinsella

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TUESDAY I5th JUNE I954.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held on this evening in the Tholsel, New Ross, at 7.30 o'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council and the business of the prior meeting adjourned on account of the Retreat in the Parish Church.

Present: Mr. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Reddy and T. Kavanagh.

The County Manager Mr. Broe also attended.

The Minutes of all previous Meetings including the special Meeting for the making of the Municipal Rate for the year ending on the 3Ist March I955 were read.

OBJECTION TO MINUTE.

Mr. Dunphy requested that the minute arising out of the Tralee Council's Resolution be amended to a request to the Government to provide funds for the band stand etc., in the new park out of the £5,000,000 for National Development vice the £500,000 from Bord Failthe funds which was his intention.

Mr. Reddy confirmed Mr. Dunphy's statement.

Town Clerk reported that the request had been conveyed to Bord Failthe but no reply had been received.

Mr. Kavanagh suggested that both bodies be asked to contribute.

Agreed.

Subject to this the Minutes were adopted.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes :-

NEW HOUSING SCHEMES.

Site at Castlemoyle.

Report dated I5th June I954 was read from the Assistant County Engineer on the problem of provision of sewer connection. The existing sewer is 300 L. yds. from this site. Connection would appear to be feasible. The site in general would cause considerable under-building costs. The major portion of the sewer cutting would be through rock and the cost would be £I200 for the main outfall sewer. In the Engineer's opinion the general development cost of this site would be excessive.

It was decided to abandon this site. Replying to the Council the County Manager informed the Members that he was not conversant with the site under discussion but after consultation with the Engineer he agreed with the Council's decision. An alternative site had, however, been submitted to him which he proposed to investigate and submit a report. Looking into the files on this subject he noted the Department was not in favour of certain sites proposed by the Council and that Mr. McDermott held that any further building contiguous to the Charleton Hill Area might cause conjestion in that area. Mr. McDermott's idea was to leave this area and go north of the town to balance the building project. Another site had been intimated i.e. the ground opposite Harvey Place. He would have this examined and hoped to visit this site and the other sites already proposed by the Council and would submit his reports on same to the Council. Whilst the Department considered the Pondfields site unsuitable they did not turn down the site owned by Mr. Nolan at Charleton Hill and Doyle's site. He would investigate and report on these sites.

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Two Bungalows at Irishtown.

County Manager informed the Council that the plan agreed with the Department was now available. Subject to the Specification there would be no delay in causing the issue of the advertisement for tenders.

Letter N.75/2/3 dated 9 Meitheam, I954, was read from the Departmen of Local Government pointing out that the frontage of this site measures only 82 ft. whilst the over-all length of a semi-detached block measures 68 ft. leaving only I4 ft. for two entrances of 7 ft. for each house. The Council should consider whether any improvement in this position could be effected.

After a discussion the Council considered the position satisfactory

On the advice of the County Manager it was decided to obtain a report from the Engineer.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Report dated I4th June I954 was read from the Resident Engineer. Completed work of the value of £6000. £9000 being the value of pipes were on the hands. Number of men employed : 9 at Deanagh and I7 at Reservoir of which 2I are local men. 90% of the foundations and 60% of the walls are complete at reservoir. The work at Dranagh was delayed by inclement weather and some difficulty with pipe joints. The Res ervoir and supply pipe-line from Dranagh to Ballyleigh should be complete by the end of October. The piping in the town will probably complete early in the new year.

Mr. Reddy voiced the opinion of the Council that the report was far from satisfactory. Reports received by the Council named June and later August for the completion of the work, It now appears there will be no improvement in the supply to the town until I955.

Water Supply to Bungalows at Cross Lane.

Mr. Reddy adverted to this position. The residents had no water for months. The Council's proposal that the Consulting Engineer be requested to lay pipes within the scheme from the upper section had not been complied with.

Town Clerk reported that the Consulting Engineer had been asked to report on this matter but no reply had been received.

Mr. Kavanagh proposed that the pipes be laid from the upper level to the bungalows be proceeded with.

County Manager undertook to have the question examined and to communicate with the Consulting Engineer.

£40,000 LOAN - WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and resolved

> "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Forty thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts I878 to I948 and the Local Loans Fund Acts I935 to I95I."

The Seal was then embossed and signed by the Chairman and Councillors M. Dunphy and Ed. Kavanagh and the sealing witnessed by A.A. Butler, Journalist and the Town Clerk.

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DERELICT SITE- BACK OF ROYAL HOTEL.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to this site. Old semi-demolished houses left standing were an eye sore. The site should be acquired and the old buildings demolished.

Referred to County Manager.

APPLICATION FOR HOUSE.

Letter dated I0th June I954 was read from Mr. P.A. Brennan, Irishtown, New Ross. He applied for vacant house at No. 6 Ard Mhicil. Although he would not appear on a priority list as he had to vacate his present house by order of the Court by Ist July I954 he requested special consideration for his wife and family.

Chairman and other members advocated the case and pressed the County Manager to give Mr. Brennan this house in the special circumstances.

County Manager detailed the legal position but promised that the case would receive his sympathetic consideration.

NO. I9 HARVEY PLACE.

Under date I4th June I954, Assistant County Surveyor, Mr. Murphy, reported that the cause of the crack in this house would appear to be foundation settlement. It occurred shortly after erection. The crack had not appreciably worcened since its initial appearance. Cost of repairs £4. I8. 0 of which £3. I8. 9 was labour.

Mr. Dunphy expressed dissatisfaction with the report. This house cost £I700/£I800 to build and the foundation settlement should have been provided for under reasonable supervision. Further more detailed report should be forthcoming.

County Manager decided to request the report and submit the result of further inspection if this house is safe for the occupiers within one month.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy Tuesday the 22nd June I954 at 7.30 o'clock, p.m., was fixed as the day and time for the annual meeting of the Council.

WALL SURROUNDING THE QUARRY AT HIGH HILL

Mr. Dunphy again suggested that this wall should be lowered. It would add to the work done and would obviate damage.

Referred to County Manager.

CHAPEL LANE SEWER.

Mr. Reddy again referred to this matter. The stench from this sewer was reported to him as unbearable and the Council should have it remedied.

Referred to County Manager.

BROCHURE OF THE TOWN.

Arising out of a letter from Mrs. Copaland, Arklow asking for particulars of the town and accommodation :-

Mr. Dunphy enquired if An Bord Failte had done anything by way

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of a brochure. Town Clerk having replied in the negative informed the Meeting that for some years an English Firm had offered to supply free I000 copies of a brochure of the town but the offer was turned down by the Council on the advice of the County Manager as in his opinion an Irish Firm should be able to produce one.

Decided that the Town Clerk ask the English Firm for full particulars.

TEMPORARY RATE & RENT COLIECTOR.

Replying to the Chair County Manager informed the Meeting that Miss Finn would be absent for some time owing to illness and he had decided to advertise for a temporary Officer in her place. The age limit was fixed as for a permanent employment in accordance with practice. The age limit was 2I and under 45 on the 30th June I954.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy a vote of condolence was passed to Councillor Edward Bennett and the wife and family of the late Mr. Samuel Bennett on his recent death.

All the Members and the County Manager associated themselves with the vote.

WELCOME TO COUNTY MANAGER.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy and adopted

"That this Meeting extend a cordial welcome to the County Manager - Mr. T.P. Broe - and wishing him many years in his appointment to the County and Town."

The County Manager having thanked the Members assured the Council that he would give his best to the interests of the Council and the historic town which they represented.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond.

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TUESDAY 22nd JUNE I954.

The Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council convened for this evening at the Tholsel, New Ross, for 7.30 o'clock as and for the Annual Meeting was held.

Present:- The Chair and Messrs M. Dunphy, E. Kavanagh and M. Reddy.

The Chairman referred to the subsequent summons by the Town Clerk, received by each Councillor, that this Meeting was held to name a day and time for the Annual Meeting. According to law the Annual Meeting must be held between the 23rd June and the Ist July to render the decisions of the Council legal. In a subsequent summons by the Town Clerk the Councillors were informed that Mr. Nolan of the Electricity Supply Board would attend to confer with the Council on the redistribution of the lights provided by the present system in accordance with the wishes of the Council.

Proposed by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Friday next at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. Lalor of the Electricity Supply Board then addressed the Council and detailed his proposals for public lighting. The Board had a new idea of public lighting which would throw the light on to the streets and not into the sky.

The Councillors then went into the proposal and it was decided that IO new lights were needed and a transfer of three lights could be made. The change for the new system to cost not more than £39 approximately.

OVERDRAFT OF £5000 ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Town Clerk intimated that the mortgage for the £40,000 loan on the Waterworks scheme had only been approved at last Meeting and as a sum of £I5,000 had been paid on this work and the money expended out of an overdraft on the Council's Treasurers - the National Bank - itvwould require the Council's Resolution to obtain sanction to a further overdraft of £5000 pending the completion of the mortgage. £I2,500 of an overdraft had been sanctioned.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to apply for a further overdraft on the Council's Treasurers of £5000 pending receipt of the issue ex Local Loans Fund.

The Council having thanked Mr. Lalor for his attendance

THE MEETING ENDED.

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ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY THE 25th JUNE 1954.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock purauant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

Present :- Chairman and Councillors E, Bennett, M. Reddy, P.J. Dolan, E. Kavanagh, M. Dunphy and M. Doherty.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

That the outgoing Chairman be elected

Proposed by Mr. Kavanagh

That Mr. Michael Dunphy be elected.

There was no seconder.

The Chairman then declared himself elected and thanked the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Dolan
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh Mr. Michael Dunphy was elected to the Vice-Chair.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

The outgoing Committee was elected - Mr. Kavanagh to substitute Mr. Hamilton who had left town.

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 to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

The following business was specially notified :-

I. Housing Byelaws.

2. Report on proposed new Public Lighting.

3. Purchase (Houses) Scheme.

4. Vacancy on the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Reddy, E. Bennett, P.J. Dolan, E. Kavanagh and M. Dunphy.

The County Manager attended.

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

LETTING OF HOUSE AT IRISHTOWN

Mr. Dunphy considered the treatment of the Council by the Chief Medical Officer in not conferring with the Council before letting this house was most unsatisfactory. The Council asked the County Manager to give exceptional consideration to a family who were threatened with eviction the following morning.

County Manager again detailed the statutory obligations in letting houses. Dr. Aughney dealt with the case as she found it. The Doctor's recommendation was adopted by him. No undertaking as to future lettings can be given in advance.

Replying to Mr. Reddy, Town Clerk stated there were eighteen applicants for the Irishtown house and fifteen for the Follyhouse Lane house.

NEW HOUSING PROPOSALS.

The County Manager agreed many more houses were needed in the Urban Area and so with the Engineer he had inspected potential sites. He submitted an ordnance map of the sites and discussed the possibilities with the Members. The Department had turned down Ronan's Field at Pondfields but appeared anxious for the field owned by Mr. A. Nolan opposite it.

Mr. Reddy pressed to have at least ten of the houses erected in Rosbercon.

Chairman advised the Council to acquire one site by Agreement to enable the Council to find out the cost. Houses were wanted urgently and this could only be done when the tenders are opened. Rent to be charged was an important factor.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was agreed to negotiate for Nolan's field and the Field at Rosbercon.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

Letter dated I4/7/54 was read from Mr. Thomas McLoughlin, 7 William Street, that he was anxious to purchase this house which

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which he occupied for 50 years and requesting particulars as to price etc. Mr. Dunphy advocated the case. He suggested that instead of making a purchase scheme for each street the application of Mr. McLoughlin should be a scheme on its own.

Chairman intimated that a Purchase Scheme for the Town Wall houses was made by Mr. T.D. Sinnott. No offer was received. Subsequently the Department sent down the heads of a scheme the Minister would be prepared to consider.

County Manager asked the Council to adjourn consideration to enable him to investigate the position.

This was agreed to.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Replying to Mr. Reddy, Town Clerk siad ordinary repairs were held up as the allocation for last year was exhausted and the rates collection was delayed owing to the illness of Miss Finn. Rate Collection is now proceeding. Urgent repairs to roofs etc. were not held up.

Chairman requested the Manager to immediately start the repairs. Men were idle and the work was urgent.

Referred to County Manager.

A complaint was made that Mrs. O'Connor had no hot water since she went into the house.

Decided to draw the attention of the Engineer to the Complaint.

CHANGE IN PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Report dated 29th June I954 was read from the Electricity supply Board - resulting out of the Council's consultation with Mr. Nolan at last Meeting - detailing quotations for the renovation of the Public Lighting System. All existing lanterns and brackets will be removed and new and more efficient lanterns all fitted with refracting glassware erected. Ten additional units will also be erected. The extra cost would be £39.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh it was agreed to adopt the Estimate.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh the Council authorised the additional expenditure of £39.

NEW WATERWORKS CONTRACT.

REPORT OF RESIDENT ENGINEER

Dated 20th July I954 this report was read. The work is progressing steadily both at Dranagh and the Reservoir site. Approximately I000 yds. of pipeline is laid and jointed - 850 yds have been tested successfully. Laying in the marshy fields at Dranagh is completed. Work has started on the road necessitating the excavation of a large quantity of rock. 30 men are employed - I2 at Dranagh and I8 at the Reservoir. 25 are locals.

It is unlikely that the job will be completed earlier than the estimated dates given in last report.

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WATER SHORTAGE.

Notice of days and hours when water is to be cut off.

Mr. Reddy complained on behalf of the tenants of the bungalows at Cross Lane that it was unreasonable to expect these tenants to go without water. In his opinion it could not be expensive to provide a pipe line from William Street.

Referred to County Manager.

Mr. Dolan suggested to the County Manager that water consumers be informed of the days and times it was necessary to cut off the supply to enable different parts of the town to get some. It would avoid complaint if this were done.

Referred to County Manager.

HOUSING BYELAWS

Clerk drew attention to the necessity for the passing of Housing Byelaws. The Members had copies of the Model Byelaws recommended by the Department. Unless Byelaws were adopted the Minister had power to withdraw the housing subsidy.

Moved by Mr. Dolan
Seconded by Mr. Bennett and resolved

"That the Housing Byelaws in the model form be made and adopted pursuant to Section 20 (Housing (Ireland) Act, I9I9 and Section I5 Housing (Amendment) Act, I948, as amended by Section 26 of the Act of I952."

VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL

Mr. Dunphy intimated that he would give notice that owing to the resignation of Mr. Hamilton the Council declare the seat vacant.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Mr. Bennett moved that the sincere sympathy of the Council be tendered to the parents of the late James Brennan on his tragic death by drowning in the river Barrow.

Mr. Reddy seconded.

All Members and the County Manager having spoken to the Resolution it was passed, all Members standing.

SWIMMING POOL.

Mr. Dolan considered the Council the proper Body to initiate the provision of a swimming pool. Accidents are happening causing distress to the families of youths who are forced to swim in the river because there was not a Swimming Pool in the town.

He moved and

Mr. Reddy seconded and it was agreed

"That the Council form a Committee for the purpose of calling a Public Meeting in the Large Room, Tholsel, on the I0th August I954, to enable the people of the town to form a body to promote a Swimming Pool."

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

County Manager submitted a lay-out plan of the proposed

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erection on the site of the existing one. He discussed a plan with the County Medical Officer and the County Architect. It was agreed that three lavatories would be sufficient for women and that the fourth compartment would be useful as storage space. Cost £I250 approximately.

It was decided to submit the proposal to the Department for approval.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER BODIES.

Chairman read the following Resolutions :-

I. From Clones U.D.C. Subject - Provision of pensions for Auxiliary Postmen.

2. Ceanannus Mor U.D.C. Subject - "That the Irish Government adhere to a policy of strict non co-operation in political matters with the military and police forces of the Occupying Power in the Six Counties."

3. From the same U.D.C. Subject - to compel ground rent landlords to sell their interests at a valuation not exceeding I5 years purchase.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Council should not consider any matters not ultimately associated with their administration. Snowball resolutions only took up the time of the Council.

Mr. Reddy moved the adoption of No. 2
Mr. Bennett seconded

Mr. Dunphy objected. He did not understand the resolution which appeared to him to include Communism which was a political matter.

Mr. Dolan and Mr. Kavanagh also refused to vote.

No action.

The Chairman ruled the other resolutions as outside the ambit of the Council's functions and gave notice that he would move a rescinding motion at the earliest possible date so that they could revert to the status quo.

CONFERENCE BETWEEN CHAIRMEN OF COUNCILS AND THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Chairman read a communication dated 8th July I954 which he had received from the Minister fixing a day and hour to meet him in Wexford to discuss the County Management Acts.

Chairman invited the views of the Council.

Mr. Bennett objected to the letting of houses by the Manager.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that there appeared to be no reason why the Council should not be consulted in the making of appointments by the County Manager.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 17th DAY OF AUGUST, 1954

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: - Mr. T. Redmond, Chiarman , Presiding.
Mrs. Ryan, and
Messrs. M. Dunphy, E. Kavanagh, M. Reddy, P.J. Dolan.

The County Manager was in attendance and also Mr. Murphy, Asst. Co. Engineer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes:-

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME

Mr. Dunphy enquired if any progress had been made as regards purchase scheme for Mr. T. McLoughlin's house William St,

Co. Manager informed the Meeting that a tenant purchase scheme for William St. Upper was being prepared by the Clerk for submission to the Department.

HOUSING REPAIRS

Report dated 11/8/54 was read from the Asst. Engineer outlining Housing Repair Programme for 1954/55. He recommended that, in continuation of the system of repairs adopted last year the upper William St. houses be dealt with this year, and the total estimate for external and internal repairs amounted to £980.

The amount allowed by the Council for Housing Repairs in this year's estimate is only £950. It would be necessary to reserve £150 of this amount for urgent roof repairs and therefore it would not be possible to complete all repairs necessary to Upper William St. in the present financial year.

Mr. Dolan asked if the carrying out of these repairs would have an effect on the purchase price of the house.

Co. Manager informed the Meeting that the repairs would be to the benefit of the purchaser.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Redmond,

It was agreed to expend £800 on repairs to the twenty houses in Upper William St. as recommended by the Engineer and to include the cost in the Housing Purchase Scheme.

WATER SUPPLY
Notice to Consumers

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Asst. Engineer had prepared a form of Notice to Water Consumers, giving days and time of cutting of and leaving on of supply.

It was decided to have hand-bills printed and delivered to each household.

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WATER SUPPLY TO CROSS LANE BUNGALOWS

Report dated 11th August, 1954 was read from the Assistant Engineer stating that it would be possible to connect this scheme with ½" service from No. 3 William St. at cost estimated at £20. As the supply would be of a purely temporary nature the pipe could be removed when the new main, embodied with general improvement scheme would be laid, leaving the nett cost less than £10.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

It was agreed to have the ½" temporary service as recommended by the Engineer installed at the earliest possible date.

SWIMMING POOL

Letter dated 17/8/54 was read from the Secretary to this Committee requesting the Council to place at their disposal the site known as the Showgrounds which was considered might be a suitable site for the erection of a swimming pool and also if the Council would take into consideration the erecting of the Swimming pool when allocating work on the Winter Relief Schemes.

After a discussion it was decided that the Engineer inspect the Show Grounds and report as to suitability of the site ~~for and~~ for Public Park.

HOUSING SITES

County Manager informed the meeting that he had a layout plan prepared of the field at Charleton Hill, owned by Mr. Alex Nolan. Sixteen houses could be erected on this site. The houses would contain three bedrooms, sitting-room, living-room and bath-room. A lay-out had also been prepared for the erection of four houses at Town Wall on plot of ground the property of the Council adjoining the present twenty-three house at Town Wall.

Proposed by Mr. Redmond,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was agreed to have lay-out plans for both schemes submitted to the Department for approval as early as possible.

HOUSING SCHEME
Two Houses at Irishtown

County Manager informed the Meeting that four tenders had been received for the erection of two bungalows at Irishtown.

The tenders were then opened in the presence of the Council,

From	(1)	Ryan Bros.	£2,990.	0.	0.
	(2)	James Rossiter,	£2,498.	0.	0.
	(3)	Michael Byrne,	£2,145.	0.	0.
	(4)	Wexford Builders, (T.F.Larkin)	£2,500.	0	0.

County Manager informed the meeting that the tenders would be submitted to the Architect for his report and recommendation.

MONUMENT OUTSIDE THOLSEL

Mr. Dolan drew attention to the condition of the monument. The plaque had beenme loose and the gargoyle was hanging down.

Refer to County Manager.

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SIGN POSTS

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the necessity for a sign-post at Irishtown and Bosheen.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hadds of the Asst. Co. Engineer.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION
Five Houses at Michael St.
and Four houses, Upper Maiden Lane.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to this matter, and requested that the Tottenham Estate be communicated with as regards installation of sanitary accommodation in these houses.

VACANCY ON COUNCIL

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy,

It was agreed that the vacancy be filled at next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

From Tralee U.D.C. and Irish Anti-Partition League.

SUBJECT: Nations divided against their will continue to seek unity through free elections.

Adopted.

From Roscommon County Council calling on the Minister for Justice to amend forthwith the Censorship Laws so that he shall have adequate powers to ban the importation of foreigh comics, foreign newspapers, ex-tolling crime, divorce etc. and everything that is alien to the Irish Catholic way of life.

Adopted.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY, 24th AUGUST, 1954

A special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross this evening to consider proposals for the carrying out of works under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, 1954/55.

PRESENT:

T. Redmond, Chairman, M. Redy and M. Dunphy.

Mr. Murphy, Asst. Engineer was in attendance.

Circular R. 204/8/2 dated 16th August, 1954 was read from the Department stating that allocations under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote 1954/55 had been provisionally fixed.

The amount allocated to New Ross was Grant £1700 subject to local contribution of £235. Apart from Road works the Minister would be prepared to consider proposals for the carrying out of works of a high labour content such as schemes for the provision of public parks and playgrounds, clearing of derelict sites and other works of local amenity.

Detailed particulars of the works proposed to be submitted on prescribed forms not later than one month from 17th August,1954.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that portion of the money be spent on the lowering of the wall and erection of railing on same to complete the High Hill Scheme.

The Asst. Co. Engineer submitted the following proposals -

Reconstruction of footpaths - From Quay St. To Charles St. up to Conduit Lane.

From the Bridge to the Railway, Lr. Maiden Lane, Haughton Place,
" new houses to Freaney's corner, ~~F~~ Footpath at entrance to District Hospital, Michael Street, and restore footpath College Road.

Resurface Barrack Lane from Mary St. entrance to entrance to St. Mary's terrace, Part of Irishtown from Bosheen to Brennan's house and cul-de-sac on High Hill outside J. Doran's.

Resurface from Corner of William St. to steps in Cross Lane.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy,

It was agreed to expend the money on lowering of High Hill wall and erection of railing, footpaths as proposed by Engineer, and resurface Barrack Lane, William St., to Cross Lane, cul-de-sac at High Hill and if there were any surplus that it be applied to resurfacing of Irishtown ~~to~~ from Bosheen to Brennan's. House.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond
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TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER I954.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council adjourned from last Tuesday owing to the Conference of the Municipal Authorities Annual Meeting in Wexford town on same day - was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Reddy, E. Kavanagh, M. Dunphy, P.J. Dolan and E. Bennett.

The County Manager with Mr. A.P. Murphy, B.E., were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and the Minutes of the Special Meeting convened to formulate a scheme of works for the Christmas I954 Relief Grant were read and confirmed.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME

20 HOUSES UPPER WILLIAM STREET.

Mr. Dunphy pressed for the production of a scheme under which Mr. McLoughlin could purchase his house. Mr. McLoughlin lived in William Street since the houses were built and considered he was entitled to purchase his house, apart from anybody else, at the minimum terms laid down by the Minister for Local Government.

County Manager intimated that he had considered the making of a Purchase Scheme for the 20 houses at William Street Upper. The minimum price and conditions were laid down in a Government Circular of the IIth July I953 - which he read to the Council. As these houses were provided prior to I922 and as there were no outstanding balance of a loan ten years purchase of the Annual Rent at 2/6 per week would be £65 and that was the minimum sale price subject to the other terms of the circular - which the Manager read. He, Manager, was not disposed to advise the Council to sell the houses on the minimum terms. He, therefore, suggested that the Council should give him their views before preparing a scheme. The Council should take into their deliberations (I) that the Urban Authority would cease to be in a position to house a tenant for which they built the houses (2) that the collection of rates would be involved and (3) that the sale price or fine and rent is not the best that can reasonably be obtained having regard to the conditions imposed.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh

"That the 20 houses in William Street Upper be sold to the existing tenants at the minimum purchase price and conditions."

Mr. Dolan objected. The tottenham Estate offered the sale of their houses at 30 years purchase. He would not agree to a ten years purchase.

The question of a sale at the minimum terms was then raised to tenants who had only a few years tenancy or less than one year.

County Manager, quoting from an offer made to the tenants by his predecessor, informed the Meeting arrangements could be made to meet this.

Mr. Bennett suggested a compromise and that the resolution moved by Mr. Dunphy be altered to I5 years purchase.

This was agreed to and the County Manager was recommended to formulate a scheme accordingly for submission to the Department for sanction to include a clause to provide for the payment of the sale price over a period of ten years.

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SANITARY MATTERS

Mr. Reddy, adverting to the decision of the Council that the Tottenham Estate provide adequate sanitary accommodation to their houses at Michael Street and Maiden Lane, requested the present position.

Town Clerk read the letter from the Estate that they were providing sanitary accommodation to their houses and would continue to do so as far as possible.

Ordered that the Tottenham Estate be reminded of their legal obligations in this matter unless these houses have been condemned as unfit by the Council.

ROADS

Mr. Bennett drew attention to the condition of the surface of the lane known as Foxes or Lalor's Lane off South Street. If it is a thoroughfare it should be repaired.

Referred to County Manager.

REPAIRS TO HOUSES.

Mr. Dunphy reported that the roof of No. I7 Charleton Hill required immediate attention.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to repairs required to house occupied by Mr. Butler at Irishtown.

Referred to County Manager.

WILLIAM STREET HOUSES.

County Manager adverted to the Council's decision to sell the 20 houses in William Street and the Council's previous instruction for a scheme to expend £800 on these houses and asked for a direction.

The Council agreed to suspend the outlay of £800 pending the result of the purchase scheme.

EXPENDITURE ON REPAIRS TO COUNCIL PROPERTY.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the Council should be informed as to expenditure on repairs to the Council's dwellings in wages and materials.

Referred to County Manager.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ON QUAY.

Replying to several questions the County Manager informed the Meeting that the proposal for this erection was formally approved by the Department and that plans and specification were in course of preparation.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The Resident Engineer, Mr. Sullivan, B.E., submitted his monthly report. Approximately 2000 yds. of delivery pipe was laid approaching Poulmounty Valley. All the walls and 75% of the roof of the reservoir have been erected. Total labour employed is 38 of which 3I is local labour. Work to the value of £22,000 has been completed. By the end of October work on the town mains will start. The whole contract should be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Reddy considered the report unsatisfactory. The work should have long since been completed.

WATER SHORTAGE COMPLAINT.

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WATER SHORTAGE COMPLAINT.

Mr. Dolan handed in to the Chairman a memorial from seven residents of Cross Lane complaining that they were not included in the Council's arrangements to provide a better supply to the Council's bungalows at Cross Lane.

Chairman agreed they should have been included.

Mr. Reddy disagreed. If the service provided to the bungalows was extended to the houses in Cross Lane the bungalows would be without the service and the memorialists could not benefit.

Mr. Murphy, B.E., replying informed the Meeting that nothing could be done pending the completion of the general scheme unless the Council desired to restrict the service from other parts of the town.

Referred to County Manager.

CASUAL VACANCY FILLED.

Moved by Mr. Kavanagh
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

Mr. Gerald Donovanm N.T. was elected unopposed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Richard Hamilton.

NEW HOUSING PROGRAMME.

Report dated 20th August I954 was read from the Assistant Engineer that Mr. O'Shea,owner of the land in Rosbercon was not prepared to dispose of it to the Council for building purposes.

Noted.

County Manager informed the Council that he was still negotiating with Mr. Alexander Nolan for his field. He hoped to complete same by the end of the week subject to the sanction of the Department. No progress could be expected by the Council on this work until the sale was completed and the plan prepared and sanctioned by the Department. Tentative drawings and maps had been submitted and he considered they had been approved.

The Irishtown Housing Scheme tenders had been submitted to the Department and after the examination of Tenders Forms were with the Department, he, Manager, anticipated no serious delay.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT I949.

Circular RU/202/I/6 dated 6th September I954 was read from the Department of Local Government.

After a discussion decided

No order.

HOUSING (REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS) REGULATIONS I954.

Circular H. 8/54 dated 24th Mean Fomhair I954, was read from the Department of Local Government.

No order.

OBSTRUCTION IN WEXFORD STREET.

Mr. Bennett drew attention to this matter. A tenant of one of

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the houses had been evicted some months ago and her effects were dumped in the street by the Sheriff's Officer. These were now cecaying owing to weather and other conditions. The Council should have them removed.

County Manager replying stated this matter was brought before him. The County Medical Officer decided a nuisance did not exist. The Garda Siochanna repudiated responsibility and so far as he was aware the Council had no function in the matter. He was disposed however to have the goods removed to the Council's store to get over the question of obstruction. He would look into the matter meantime.

Referred to County Manager.

NEW ROSS TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Reddy, although aware that the Council had no control, asked the Council as ratepayers, to consider a matter brought to his notice. Three apprentice pupils applied for admission to the classes of the school. They were refused. Two were carpenters and one a steel worker. In view of the obvious intention of the school he considered these young men who wanted training in their vocations should not be refused but should get priority.

Referred to the Chairman who agreed to bring the matter to the notice of the Vocational Education Committee.

REDEMPTION OF 4% LAND BONDS.

Amount £40. B.389I/4

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and resolved

That the Seal of the Council be embossed on the Form of Requisition No. 215 for the transmission by Post of Warrant for redemption money to the National Bank Ltd., New Ross.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I9th OCTOBER I954.

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 :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Mrs. N. Ryan, and Messrs M. Reddy, G. Donovan and E. Bennett - Mr. Donovan having previously signed the Declaration accepting office.

Town Clerk apologised for the absence of the County Manager. He had to attend a Meeting in Dublin.

Mr. M.J. Murphy, B.E., was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

The Meeting extended a welcome to Mr. Gerald Donovan on his election to the New Ross Urban Council.

Mr. Donovan duly accepted the welcome and undertook to do his duty as a Councillor at all times.

RATE COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Clerk submitted the half yearly Rates Report as follows :-

Total Warrant	£I6739. I7. 6.	
First Moiety and arrears	8660. I. 4	
Collected	7I67. 8. I0	
Discounts allowed	I94. 3. I0	
Second Moiety Collected	I475. 0. 8	
Uncollected at date	7903. 4. 2	
Total First & Second Moiety Collected		£8836. I3. 4.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES(WORKS) ACT.

Scheme for execution in I953/54.

Report was submitted that part of the road at Bosheen and the strip of land from the Bosheen to Haughton Place the property of the Council were flooded and could be relieved by the provision of a 9" concrete drain connected to sewer. 200 I yds. water course and I00 I yds. 9" concrete pipe would be required. Cost estimated at £I25. 0. 0. The work would take three to four weeks.

Referred to County Manager with recommendation that the scheme be proceeded with.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Mr. Michael Murphy, B.E., Assistant Engineer, examined with the Council the complete set of drawings of the proposed new work and explained the details of the plans.

Mr. Reddy suggested that a Caretaker should be employed. Town

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Clerk replying advised that a Caretaker would not accept less than £5. 5. 0 per week.

Referred to County Manager for his advice on the appointment of a Caretaker and generally.

DUMP AT WEXFORD STREET.

The unsightliness of this heap dumped in Wexford Street by the Sheriff's Officer was again referred to by Mr. Bennett.

Clerk suggested a remedy could be to treat the dump as refuse and so have it collected by the Council's men.

Chairman decided against this. The intrinsic value may be nil but be enhanced if disturbed by the Council.

Adjourned.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Memorial from the Residents of Church Lane dated IIth October I954 was read. It was subscribed to by 2I householders.

The Memorialists protested against the removal of the public lamp from the square in Church Lane and requested its restoration.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was agreed to re-light this square as the lamp was removed inadvertantly. It was also decided to change the lamp in Marsh Lane.

HOUSING SCHEMES AT IRISHTOWN, ARD-NA-GREINE AND ON NOLAN'S FIELD AT OLD CHARLETON HILL.

Clerk reported, replying to Mr. Reddy, that

(I) All tenders received for the erection of two bungalows at Irishtown were sent to the Department.

(2) Site Plan of Nolan's field was sent to the Department on I4/I0/54.

(3) As soon as site plan was received from Architect of the Ard-na-Greine site it would be duly sent Department.

During the Meeting the site plan for the four houses at Ard-na-Greine was received and placed before the Chair and would be sent the Department on the morrow.

WATERWORKS

Continuation of original scheme etc.

The monthly progress report of the Resident Engineer, Mr. O'Sulliva Resident Engineer, was read.

RESERVOIR AT CASTLEMOYLE. This was completed so far as concreting. There remains all construction joints and piping connections. A water level control chamber must be built and washing and clorinating done. It will take up to three weeks before completion. Pipe line 2000 yards of main tested and 500 more yards to be tested. Work is now slowed down owing to weather conditions. No. of men employed 22 at reservoir and I6 on the delivery main. 32 are local men.

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Value of work done together with value of materials on site £24,000.

Approved.

REPORT OF CONSULTING ENGINEER AND HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMPLETION OF THIS SCHEME.

This lengthy document was read by the Chairman. After giving the result of his personal investigation regarding the progress of the works the Consultant recommended :-

I. New Filters. (2) New 7" diam main from Ballyleigh to New Ross service reservoir at Castlemoyle as pressure tests recently made by Mr. Sullivan, B.E., Resident Engineer, shew clearly that this main is now capable of carrying only 32% of its original capacity or less than one-third. Scraping has been contemplated. This main would not take scraping. It was laid in I906. The only solution is a new main. The distance is approximately 7330 lin.yards. Cost £I4,350. 0 .0. The new filters at Castlemoyle will cost £5500. 0. 0.

The Council discussed the position in which Mr. Murphy, B.E., gave his services. In the opinion of the Council there was only one solution - as the Consultant had now advised. The Members, however, objected to this late recommendation, on their all the time contention that there should be a new pipeline laid to the town - the Chairman remarking on the futility of imposing an 8" main service on a main of I/3rd capacity of a 7" main.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Chairman it was decided to accept the recommendations of the Consulting Engineer and to refer the report and the Council's determination to the County Manager to implement same without delay.

CONTINUATION OF SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The report and recommendation of the Consulting Engineer dated I8th October I954 was read herein.

Adjourned.

COUNCILLOR DOHERTY'S ILLNESS.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that Mr. M. O'Doherty was ill for some time and it was fitting the Council should express their regret and sincere wishes for his soon recovery D.V.

Agreed.

LETTING OF SHOW GROUNDS, &c.

Mr. Reddy at the request of someone he did not name submitted :-

I. The rent charged by the Council for the use of the Show Grounds for the purposes of an entertainment provided on behalf of the Barret's Park Committee was excessive.

2. The Council might consider a refund in view of the object for which the Carnival was organised.

3. The G.A.A. Committee only benefited 60 for the proprietor 40 divisable by 3. The 40% to bear all expenses.

Clerk,at the request of Mr. Reddy, informed the Meeting that
I. The Council or the County Manager had and indeed even now have not from the O'Kennedy Park Committee knowledge of that organisation's interest in the letting of the Show Grounds.

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(2) The Show Grounds were bought by the Council, with the adjoining four acres for the purposes of a peoples park and cannot be used otherwise without Resolution of the Council and the consent of the Minister for Local Government.

(3) It was reported to the Town Clerk that a travelling amusement Company had entered on these lands with the object of using them to make money. The County Manager's instruction to serve Notice to Quit was duly obeyed - no application for the use of the ground from anybody having been made to the Cpuncil or to him. He considered that the normal proceedure would be (a) application and (b) agreement as to terms.

(4) At no time did the O'Kennedy Park Committee enter into the letting - under exceptional circumstances which the Manager did not intend to repeat the Amusements Proprietor was permitted to the grounds.

(5) The fine of £I0 was duly received and lodged to the Council's account in the National Bank and an Agreement was entered into indemnifying the Council from all actions whatever arising out of the Travelling Company's occupation.

Chairman expressed the Council's attitude. As no application had been received from amy organisation this entry into the Council's property was very serious. He was informed that Mr. Hernon, who was a tenant of the Council gave his consent to this letting. There may have been a misunderstanding but the fact remains that no approach was made to the Council.

Mr. Reddy suggested that a deputation of the O'Kennedy Park Committee wait on the County Manager with a view to a reduction of the fine.

Clerk intimated the transaction was closed and the Park Committee were not in the picture. If Mr. Reddy and any other Councillor desired to interview the County Manager he was always available.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT ACT - Conferences.

Letter dated 9th October I954 was read from the Minister for Local Government conveying his thanks to the representatives of the Council who attended his conference re above.

Noted.

NEW ROSS TANNING COMPANY - WATER SUPPLY AND CHARGES.

Mr. Reddy asked for the consumption figures of this Company to date. He understood the Council were demanding charges not comparable with the meter readings.

Clerk objevted (I) the Company are in communication with the County Manager and so the matter is sub judice (2) it would not be possible without notice to provide the meter readings. (3) this is a private matter between the Council and the Consumers.

No Order.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES.

Bray Urban Council.

This Resolution calling on the Minister for Industry & Commerce to examine the possibility of providing nationally owned ships for transportation of visitirs to the Republic was

On the motion of the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

Passed unanimously.

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TRALEE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

This Resolution requesting the Government of the Republic of Ireland to move immediately in the proper quarters to seek direct consultations with Sir Winston Churchill and President Elsenhower to implement their statement on the unity of our divided nation was

marked read.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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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 pursuant to the various enactments and orders enabling.

Present :- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, E. Kavanagh and M. Reddy.

The Chairman apologized for the absence of Councillors M. Doherty and E. Bennett through illness.

The County Manager with Assistant County Engineer, Mr.M.J. Murphy, B.E., attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and were signed by him nem.con.

Arising out of the Minutes :-

Mr. Dunphy considered the matter of clearing Wexford Street of the dump created by the eviction in that street had reached D. day. It should be at once removed in the interests of the neighbours.

Agreed that the work of removal be treated as work under the cleansing of the streets and that the County Manager arrange accordingly.

Mr. Dunphy requested to be informed of the present position regarding the William Street House Purchase Scheme.

County Manager detailed the operations to date. The scheme had been prepared and duly submitted to the Local Government Department. It obviously would take time before the Minister would give his decision. Immediately on receipt of the Department's decision the Council would be presented with the scheme.

Mr. Reddy adverted to the matter of the charge made for the use of the Council's Park by the Travelling Co. In view of the fact that this entertainment was sponsered by two local organizations for the benefit of the town he asked the County Manager to sympathetically consider a reduction in the charge.

Chairman again went into the circumstances as detailed as detailed in the minutes of last Meeting.

Mr. O'Donovan in reply to Mr. Dunphy informed the Council that the charge for Hunt's yard for similar accommodation - in this case for Parochial purposes - was £I per night.

No order.

Replying to the Chair County Manager informed the Meeting that the Department had communicated by 'phone - to be later confirmed by letter - that all documents in relation to the proposed new sanitary convenience on the Quay were received but the decision on the proposal can only be made when the Department's Inspector had reported back. In the meantime it could be anticipated the scheme would be sanctioned - with some minor change. The Department were prepared to give a grant not exceeding 25% of the cost.

Considered satisfactory.

NEW WATERWORKS SCHEME

Monthly Progress Report by Resident Engineer.

Mr. O'Sullivan, B.E., reported the work was proceeding steadily

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but not so rapid as was expected due to the shortage of labour. The Reservoir was completed and approximately 60% of the pipe work also. Connection with the existing system was hoped for this coming week. Piping will begin in town. Within two days only the poulmounty valley remained to be completed. About one and one quarter miles of the line in commission should be scoured and chlorinated this week and then it can be turned into the existing supply. An improvement in the delivery should result. Approximately £I7000 of the work has been completed. Seventeen men of which fourteen are local are employed at the Reservoir and I5 men - I2 local labour - are employed on the delivery line.

Mr. Kavanagh expressed dissatisfaction with the progress. The Council were promised completion by August and then not later than October.

County Manager advised that the matter was subject to Contract.

No action.

Charge for New Ross Tannery Water Supply

Mr. Reddy informed the Council that he was asked to apply for copies of the meter readings herein.

Town Clerk again advised the Council that the matter of charges was a Managerial function and the position was still in abeyance. Mr. Reddy, as an employee of the Tannery should take note of his office as a Councillor. This was a matter in which the funds of the Council were involved and hence disqualification of the Councillor since he was directly interested.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the Secretary to the Tannery could obtain all the information he wanted by meeting the County Manager. This was not a matter for the Council.

No action.

Completion of Water Improvement Scheme

Replying to Mr. Reddy, County Manager advised that as the Council considered this matter urgent he communicated by 'phone with the Department who intimated progress may only be expected after due inquiry into financial and other circumstances. He, Manager anticipated that, as the new Local Government Bill - at present before An Dail - contained legislation abolishing the old limit of borrowing for sanitary services the Council need not worry about the finances.

Mr. Dunphy suggested a direct approach to the Department in view of the nearcompletion of the first part of this scheme.

Chairman agreed but considered it necessary that the Department should be given reasonable time for the various inspections and consideration of plans

Adjourned.

LETTING OF HOUSES BY MANAGER.

Mr. Dunphy enquired if income was taken into consideration in the letting of houses. In his opinion this was paramont.

Manager again gave the Council details as regards lettings. Subject to the terms to which he was statutorily bound income was taken into consideration.

ERECTION OF HOUSES (2) ON BULLAWN.

Mr. Dunphy objected to the building of the two houses if the

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rents were prohibitive. The area was such as to warrant cheap rents.

Mr. Reddy advocated the building of these houses. The site was the property of the Council and contiguous to water and sewer mains. The site was at present an eyesore.

Referred to County Manager.

WATER SUPPLY TO ROSBERCON.

Mr. O'Donovan intimated the supply was inadequate. Canon Coghlan informed him he had no supply for a lengthy period.

Engineer Mr. Murphy gave details of the position. Pending the completion of the new waterworks Improvement scheme nothing could be done. He could improve the supply to Rosbercon by cutting off the supply to the other areas but he would investigate the possibility.

Referred to County Manager.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Letter dated 9th November I954 was read from the Tottenham Estate stating that in this year a number of water closets had been installed to their houses in Michael Street and it was the intention of the Estate to eventually install same in all suitable houses owned by them. As regards Upper Maiden Lane the work has not been completed as there is no water supply in Maiden Lane. Until this is remedied they will not continue this work.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy

That in view of the reports of the Council the water supply was nearing completion the Tottenham Estate be informed they are bound to continue the installation of water closets to their houses.

PRESS REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the reports of Council Meetings. The New Ross Standard was supposed to cater for New Ross. The recent reports of the Meetings of the Council as printed in this paper could not claim to represent the views of the Councillors at their Meetings. He had not the reporters in view in making this complaint as it could easily be the reports sent into the press were curtailed.

The Chairman agreed. Much more space was given to reports of other bodies and the New Ross Council suffered. New Ross was entitled to be adequately represented.

No order.

Christmas Relief Grant.

Replying to Mr. Kavanagh and Mr. Reddy the County Manager gave the assurance that this grant would operate in time. All plans and specifications had been long since supplied to the Department and he was waiting for sanction to have the necessary arrangements perfected. The restoration of the pathway in Michael Street was included in the work under the grant.

Directory & Gazeteer of County Wexford.

Mr. W. J. Brennan Whitmore, Dublin, wrote under date 27/IO/54 for information relating to the Council to include in his Gazeteer.

Town Clerk informed the Council that the information requested could not be given without the permission of the Council.

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It was decided to give the requested information.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN DUBLIN RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION.

This lengthy letter dated 20/IO/54 was read calling a national Meeting of the Ratepayers in the Republic at an early date to prescribe a speedy recovery of Local Authority finances and requesting the names of interested desirable persons for inclusion in this proposed National Organization.

The letter was marked "read".

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond.

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TUESDAY 2Ist DECEMBER I954

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:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Reddy, G. Donovan and W. Bennett.

The County Manager attended assisted by Mr. M.J. Murphy, B.E., Assistant Co. Engineer.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and duly confirmed.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes Mr. Donovan congratulated the officials in charge of the public water supply on the improved situation in the Rosbercon area. Canon Coghlan told him he has not had such a copious supply for years. Due to the foresight of the Council this serious trouble was now obviated.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME I954.

Chairman read the monthly report from the Resident Engineer, Mr. O'Sullivan dated 2Ist December I954. The reservoir at Castlemoyle to contain half a million gallons is now complete and notwithstanding the water situation now contains sufficient water to start washing and cleaning. Metering chambers in it and connections is being carried out. Approximately 320 yds of 6" mains are laid in college road. This work is tough as it requires trench excavations through rock. The delivery main is laid from Dranagh to Ballyleigh excepting that portion crossing Poulmounty Valley. The work on this section was postponed owing to exceptional weather conditions. The testing of approximately 600 yards of the piping back from Ballyleigh remains to be tested.

Interuptions of the service over the last few months were due to connections between the old and new mains. Notice was duly given. However, where bursts occurred, notice could not have been given as it involved location of the bursts and the men were engaged on same.

Three cross connections were made which, after clorination, supplied the town with approximately 50% more water thus reducing the shut-down periods.

I5 men of whom I3 are local are engaged within the town and I4 men of whom I2 are locals are engaged on the delivery mains.

Work has been completed to the value of £I7,000. Materials to the value of £7,000 approx. are on sites.

EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR ON WATER SCHEME.

Mr. Reddy adverted to a recent Report from the Resident Engineer specifying the dearth of local labour. As he doubted this he would like to be assured that rural labour would only be employed if there was a shortage of local labour.

Chairman pointed out that the work was under contract and interference by the Council could be only by a request to the Contractors in the matter.

This was agreed to.

SUPERANNUATION ACT I948.

Replying to Mr. O'Donovan the County Manager detailed the circumstances under which the Council's employees - Scavenging Staff in particular - could qualify under the Act. The Council must adopt Part III of the Act in the first instance. It would be sufficient

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if the Council so determined ~~if the Council so determined~~ at tonight's Meeting to tentatively agree to its adoption and the relevant resolution would be ready for their next Meeting.

This was agreed.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES WORKS ACT I949.

I954/55 WORKS.

Letter 75/I/6 dated I5th Nodlaig I954 was read from the Roads Department of Local Government approving of the Council's Scheme for relieving the flooding from Lough Wee through the Council's land at present tenanted by Mr. Martin Hanlon. The grant not to exceed £I25..

Approved.

NEW ROSS OFFICIAL GUIDE.

Letter dated 26th November I954 was read from Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., Cheltenham, offering to supply I000 copies of the guide free of costs. The firm supplied samples of their work ordered from Cobh, Fermoy, Drogheda, Mullingar, Kilkenny, Londonderry and Coleraine.

Whilst agreeing there should be an official guide for New Ross the expressed opinion of the Council appeared to favour having the guide printed in the Republic.

Adjourned.

CHAIRMAN'S INTERVIEW WITH OWNERS OF THE ALBATROS FACTORY - ROSBERCON RE HOUSING

The Chairman gave a detailed report of his interview last week. The Company are anxious that the Council should, if possible, facilitate the interests of their Company by considering the possibility of erecting houses for renting to their staff. Three houses would be adequate at present. There was a triangle plot adjacent to the factory which might be made available by Messrs Staffords, Wexford, the owners.

Councillors Bennett and Reddy were opposed to the interference of the Council. As these houses should have four bedrooms the rent would be prohibitive in the event of failure of the factory.

Clerk intervened that since the proposal was mooted he had in fact suggested to the Manager, Mr. Walls, that the Company could build as many houses as required under the Housing (Amentment) Act, I948. The Council would make a Grant of £400 towards each house and exemption from rates on 2/3rds of the Valuation for a period of 7 years. Under the old arrangement the £400 was spread over a period of I0 years and there was no remission of rates. Under a new Order the £400 was payable on the completion of the house and the remission of rates followed. The Council would be refunded 2/3rds of the £400.

Consideration was adjourned pending notification of the Company's attitude as regards the sale of the land and their decision on the suggestions of the Clerk.

IRISHTOWN BUNGALOWS.

Replying to Mr. Bennett the County Manager informed the Meeting that when the tenderers submitted revised tenders - if

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same were considered by them necessary in view of certain adjustments required by the Department in the Specification and the provision of a lay-out plan - the work would not, in his opinion be impeeded further.

Adjourned.

INSPECTION OF HOUSES BEFORE RE-LETTING.

Mr. Reddy submitted that No. 60 Charleton Hill was let to William Kelly without inspection. Disrepair carried over from prior occupation were not attended to and the cooker was unusable. He moved that in future all houses be inspected, reported on, and necessary repairs be done before reoccupation.

Chairman reminded the Council that a Resolution in like terms was passed long since and the terms of that resolution should be implemented.

Clerk informed the Council that it was the practice to have all houses inspected when a vacancy occurred. Reports from the Engineer were submitted to the County Manager whose function it is to make his Order as he deems adequate.

Mr. Bennett disagreed. The reports should be submitted to the Council and the Council's resolution should be adopted.

Decided that as the matter was a Managerial function his attention ~~was~~ drawn to the complaint.

Referred to County Manager.

COMPASSIONATE RELIEF.

Replying to Mr. Reddy the County Manager informed the Council that he was disposed to refund Mr. P. Doyle, a member of the Scavenging Staff, the amount deducted from his wages by the Engineer during the time he was bereaved by the death of his son for the day.

No order.

GENERAL HOUSING REPAIRS.

County Manager having informed the Council that they had ordered repairs to the extent of £850 for the Council's Houses at William Street Upper and such authorization was subsequently retarded owing to a request from one of the tenants, signifying, through Councillor M. Dunphy, that there was an agreement between the tenants to purchase their houses; the repairs - unless urgent - were postponed pending the result of the purchase. He, County Manager, now submitted the terms under which each tenant of the 20 houses in William Street could buy-out their houses.

The Chairman having read the conditions of the conveyance, seriatum.

Town Clerk reported to the Meeting that Mr. McLoughlin's son informed him that his father was not interested. He, Clerk, suggested that the Council advertise in the press of the Council's terms of the purchase, and to instruct the County Manager to allocate the unexpended sum of £850 towards the repair of other houses.

It was eventually agreed to inform each tenant of the terms of purchase.

F.C.A. CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION OF TOYS.

The Chairman read a letter from the local F.C.A. requesting the co-operation of the Council in the matter.

It was decided that as the Council had no statutory authority to subscribe they wished the venture every success.

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LIGHTING OF TOWN CLOCK.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the resolution to have the Town Clock lighted.

Town Clerk reported that the Council's request had been submitted to the E.S.B.. He had an interview in the office with the Engineer to the E.S.B. who promised to have his submissions for same in time for the Council Meeting. In the meantime he would flood light the clock during the Christmas Season. In his opinion it would be necessary to have the clock painted black with white letters. No communication had been received from the E.S.B.

OILSKINS FOR SCAVENGING STAFF.

Mr. O'Donovan referred to this matter. It was important that their staff should be adequately protected against the weather.

Referred to County Manager.

The Chairman having wished the Council, the County Manager and the Staff a Happy Christmas

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. 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 ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding. Mrs. Ryan and Councillors E. Kavanagh, M. Reddy, E. Bennett, W. Donovan, P.J. Dolan, M. Dunphy, and M. Doherty.

The County Manager with Mr. M. J. Murphy, Engineer, attended.

DEATH OF COUNTY MANAGER'S FATHER - MR. BROE, NAAS.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy a vote of sympathy was passed to the County Manager in his bereavement - all Members standing.

County Manager thanked the Council for the kind thought.

VOTE OF FELICITATIONS TO FORMER COUNTY MANAGER - MR. T.D. SINNOTT.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the Council tendered congratulations to Mr. T.D. Sinnott on the Ordination to the Priesthood of his son.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR DOHERTY.

The Chairman extended to Mr. Doherty the good wishes of the Council on his recovery from a recent illness and wished him many years of good health.

Agreed.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were then read by the Chairman and approved.

Arising out of the Minutes:-

Mr. Reddy again drew attention to the necessity of prosecuting any outgoing tenant who left his house in a damaged condition. It was unfair to the incoming tenant and a loss to the rates not to sue for the cost of the damage.

Agreed.

County Manager agreed to take note of the Council's recommendation for the future.

Mr. Donovan stressed the necessity for the provision of a Guide to New Ross.As it appeared there was not an Irish Firm to provide the Guide he moved that the offer of Messrs Burrows, Cheltenham be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. ~~Reddy~~ Dolan.

Mr. ~~Dolan~~ Reddy dissented.

On a show of hands it was decided to adopt Mr. Donovan's motion, Mr. Dolan being the only dissentent.

Councillors Dunphy and Reddy drew attention to urgent repairs to the Council's houses.

County Manager read a report from the Engineer that plasterers were not to be had. The only alternative was to employ a man, unqualified,

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from the Rural Area engaged on repairs to County Council Cottages.

Mrs. Ryan suggested to the Meeting that the trouble might be solved by employing one of the plasterers from the firm of James Ryan & Co., who would be disengaged this week.

Agreed to employ him.

Mr. Reddy persisted that there should be sufficient work between the Urban Council and the County Council to keep a Carpenter and a plasterer going yearly. He recommended the County Manager to investigate.

Referred to County Manager.

PURCHASE SCHEME

20 Artizan's Dwellings, Upper William Street.

Town Clerk reported having sent out a copy of the Purchase Scheme to each tenant by means of a cutting from the New Ross Standard which was a print in full of the terms. No offer to purchase had been received.

Adjourned.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME

4 houses in Ard-na-Greine.

Letter N.75/2/8 dated 6th January I955 was read from the Department of Local Government noting the intention of the Council to erect four houses on this site - the property of the Council. As the rough lay-out plan envisioning the erection of further houses at the rere and the provision of a roadway from Nunnery Lane it will be necessary to demolish the five old houses in Nunnery Lane. A report is required as to the position in regard to the demolition of these five houses specifying if there would be any undue difficulty regarding the demolition. Before going ahead with the four houses at the Ard-na-Greine site it would be advisable to close the open space and to ensure there will be no difficulty regarding the proposed exit road on Nunnery Lane.

County Manager read the report of the Engineer in the matter dated I4th January I955. These five houses were unfit for human habitation and could not be rendered so fit at reasonable expense. Mr. Donovan who is the owner and also owns the land at the rere is prepared to sell the land to the Council and has no objection to the demolition of the houses. The Manager strongly advised the Council to acquire this site at once so that a new scheme of houses could be prepared and so avoid delay later on. The site was the most suitable in the town.

Chairman advised the Council to proceed with the erection of the houses on Nolan's field before embarking on a new scheme.

The Chairman's recommendation was adopted. In the meantime a copy of the report should be forwarded to the Department.

NEW HOUSES ON NOLAN'S FIELD, CHARLETON HILL.

Letter N.75/2/7 dated 2Ist December I954 was read from the Department of Local Government that no objection is seen to the acquisition of this site. The contour lines on the lay-out drawings shows the road adjoining the north eastern corner is atleast a few feet below the level of the field. This should be corrected and the

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and the plan resubmitted. The Department also requires a report regarding the condition and tenancy of the twelve two storey houses along the Charleton Hill frontage.

County Manager read a report dated I4th January I955 from the Engineer giving particulars of the tenancies. He Manager, was attending to the other matters referred to.

Adjourned.

RESIGNATION OF RATE & RENT COLLECTOR.

Letter dated I5th November I954 was read from Miss Elizabeth A. Finn tendering her resignation as Rate and Rent Collector to the Council for health reasons as from 30th November I954. She desired to thank the County Manager, the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration at all times.

The Chairman, County Manager and the Members of the Council expressed regret at Miss Finn's resignation, recommended superannuation and the hope that she would long enjoy a well earned rest.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

Miss Finn's resignation was accepted.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS.

Clerk reported that only thirteen application had been received. The field at present held from Mr. Murphy contained six acres. Rent £50 per annum. The County Manager desired the opinion of the Council as to what action he should take.

After a discussion it was decided to extend the date for applications to the 3Ist January I955 and to leave further action in the hands of the County Manager provided twenty applications were received.

SANITARY CONVENIENCE ON QUAY.

County Manager informed the Meeting that only one tender had been received in reply to advertisements in the New Ross Standard and Free Press - two insertions each. He examined the figure and as it was considerably in excess of the estimated figure of £I250 he decided to ascertain from the Architect if he could have the work done within his estimate by direct labour.

Adjourned.

LIGHTING OF TOWN CLOCK.

Letter dated 6th January I955 was read from the Electricity Supply Board suggesting that before further experimental work is undertaken arrangements should be made to have the clock face repainted in black and the numerals and hands regilt.

Referred to County Manager.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUPERANNUATION) ACT I948.

Apropos the recommendation submitted to the Council by Mr. Donovan that the Act apply to the servants of the Council County Manager submitted a draft resolution adopting Part III of the Act as follows :-

Resolved That the New Ross Urban District Council hereby adopts Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation)

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Act, I948 as and from Ist May, I955 and we declare that the maximum number of persons to be at any one time in the Local Authorities employment as permanent servants will be ten.

Moved by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was decided tongive notice of intention to propose the resolution adopting Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation) Act, I948 in accordance with Sec. 5 (4) of the Act.

NEW ROSS FIRE BRIGADE.

Mr. Donovan drew attention to a notice received by two members of the Brigade terminating their services from Ist January I955. As the Council employed the men and paid them it surprised him to be told that their services were dispensed with by an official of the County Council.

Chairman, who intended to raise the matter, asked the County Manager of the circumstances. In his opinion the Council should have been at least informed before action was taken.

County Manager informed the Council that all matters relating to staffs were his sole function under the Act. He would make the necessary enquiries and deal with the matter referred to.

Referred to County Manager.

SURFACES OF MARY STREET AND MICHAEL STREET.

Replying to Mr. Reddy, Mr. Murphy, Engineer informed the Council that no remedy has so far been found for these two streets. Scarafying, as suggested by Mr. Reddy was out of the question.

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY.

Report dated I8th January I955 for the month was read, The Contract has now reached a position when a large number of connections will have to be made between the old and new mains which will entail the cutting off of supply in different areas of the town. He suggested Press Notices as per draft submitted.

Agreed.

A lengthy report dated 3I/I3/54 was read from the Consulting Engineer to be submitted to the Department of Local Government as a result of his interview with them on the 30th November I954 in connection with the proposed extension of the new pipe line from Ballyleigh to the town. Estimated cost of a new 7" main £I4350. 0. 0

Originally the Consultant advocated the location of the requisite filters at Castlemoyle because of having them close to the town where daily maintenance and supervision and electric current would be available. As however it has been suggested by the Department this would operate against the supply to number of houses from Ballyleigh already connected with the distribution system the filters could be more suitable placed at Ballyleigh - the open rapid gravity type of filter could be used instead of the pressure type. Cost £8000 approximately.

The general feeling of the Members favoured the placing of the filters at Castlemoyle. The County Manager was recommended to ascertain reason for the difference of the cost of the filters estimated by the Consultant in October I954 and his present estimate.

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IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Letter dated 8th January I955 was read.

Agreed to contribute £5. 0. 0 towards this fund as formerly.

TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO STAFF. FROM Ist NOVEMBER I952 to Ist APRIL I953.

Letter of approval E.L.75/8 dated I4th January I955 was read from the Department of Local Government herein. The approval was subject to the overriding condition of the agreement of the Council to provide the necessary funds to defray the expenditure involved.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was decided nem.con. to provide the funds necessary.

GUARANTEE OF COUNCIL FOR NEW JETTY.

Letter dated IIth January I955 No.F.922I0/I/54 was read from the Office of Public Works intimating that the office was seeking the sanction of the Minister for Finance to the issue of a loan of £I9,000 to the New Ross Harbour Commissioners from Local Loans Fundsfor the construction of a Jetty at New Ross Harbour - the loan to be guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the New Ross Urban District Council and the County Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford. The Board pointed out "that in view of the present state of the finances of the Harbour Authority the Guarantors will almost certainly be called upon to fulfil their guarantees from the outset." The Guarantee of the New Ross Urban District Council is limited to 8% of the estimated cost of £38,000 of the improvements.

Replying to the Chair, Mr. Dolan, Chairman of the Harbour Board gave his opinion that the Harbour authority should meet the interest whatever about the principal.

County Manager,on request, gave the opinion that as all the formalities as regards the passing of the Resolution, publication of same and final agreement the Council were legally bound to foot the bill if legally called upon.

On the motion of the Chair it was agreed to adhere to the Council's original decision and that provision be made in the coming estimates accordingly.

RESOLUTION FROM KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Dolan
Seconded by Mr. Doherty the resolution of this Council requesting the Government not to place any restriction on the import of galvanized iron until Irish Steelholders are able to supply the material on the same basis as same can be obtained at present i.e. in 6 ton lots. The proposal to supply in only 32 ton lots was contrary to normal trade conditions detrimental to the public interest and favoured only by the privileged few was

adopted.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY, 1955

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.

Town Clerk tendered apologies for inability to attend from the County Manager and Mr. M.J Murphy, Engineer.

PRESENT: Mr.T. Redmond, Chairman presiding and Councillors Kavanagh, Bennett, Murphy, Dolan, Donovan, Doherty and Reddy.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and duly confirmed after the substitution of Councillor Dolan for Councillor Reddy in the Minute relating to the provision of a brochure for the town.

Arising out of the Minutes

Mr. Dunphy considered the public lavatory on the Quay specification could be less elaborate. The Prime Cost, so far as he was advised would be over £1000. In his opinion £1230 - the Architects estimate- was not justified considering the Prime Cost.

Chairman held that as the Council employed the Architect they could only reply on a just estimate.

Replying to the Council, Town Clerk reported there was no reply from the Architect on the submissions to him by the County Manager that he should undertake the work by direct labour within his own estimate.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that a less elaborate plan might meet the situation and so that the Architect be asked to provide one. In his opinion the cost was too high.

Referred to Co. Manager.

Mr. Dunphy considered that as the field owned by Mr. Alex Nolan Charleton Hill was sanctioned by the Government as to site and price and as the site was virtually taken over by the Council the rates liability was on the Council.

Town Clerk advised the Council that the law imposed on the Occupier liability for rates. Statutory ownership only - in this case - takes place on the legal transfer of the property and the land was let by Mr. Nolan during the 1954/5 Rating period. From the reading of the minutes the Members should have understood the present position.

Mr. Reddy was unable to understand the attitude of the Government in introducing matter foreign to the decision of the Council. There was no question of demolition or acquisition of houses fronting Charleton Hill. The Council's resolution was to acquire the land from Mr. Alex Nolan to build houses.

It was decided to inform the Department of the Councils' attitude in the matter and to request sanction without any provisos.

NEW WATER RENT CHARGES

In force 1/10/56

Town Clerk on instructions from County Manager substituted proposals of the Manager, hereunder, to enable him to incorporate same in his Annual Estimates as follows: -

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Factories

All factories to be metered and to be charged 2/- per 1000 up to 50,000 gallons and 1/6 per 1000 above 50,000 with an annual minimum of £10. 0. 0.

Public Houses

1/- in the £ on valuation subject to a minimum of £1 per annum.

Wholesale Bottlers

£3.3.0. per annum (if already subject to the Public house to be reduced to £2. 2. 0. per annum).

Clubs

£2. 10. 0. per annum.

Malsters

Increase proportionately the existing charge when ascertained.

Hotels

2/- per 1000 up to 50,000 gals. £3.0.0. per annum. Minimum.

Cinema

£7. 10. 0 per annum.

Badmonton Hall

£3. 3. 0 per annum.

Builders Yards

£5.0.0. per annum.

Fields

£2. 10. 0. per annum.

Bakeries

£1. 0. 0. per annum.

Slaughter Houses

£1. 10. 0. per annum.

Courthouse

£2.10. 0. per annum.

Murray's Garden (Priory St.)

10/- per annum.

Garages

£5.0.0. per annum.

Banks

£3. 0. 0. per annum.

Bairdressing

1/- in the £ on Valuation Subject to £1.0.0. minimum. per annum.

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Private Houses in Rural Area

£5.0.0. per annum.

Business Houses in Rural Area - £7. 10. 0 per annum.

Hospitals no change.

Fields outside Urban Area - £5. 0. 0. p. a..

Gardens - £2. 10. 0 per annum.

The Manager had before him charges from:-
Wexford Corporation: Enniscorthy U.D.C., Waterford Corp. Mallow U.D.C.; Wicklow U.D.C : Fermoy U.D.C; Kilkenny Corporation; to enable him to compute above figures.

Clerk.

Motion of the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Dolan, The revised charges were agreed.

SCHOOL MEALS COST

Submitting a report the Town Clerk in the absence of the County Manager, considering that the cost to the Council was comparable to the cost of the meals supplied by the Wexford Corporation and the Enniscorthy Urban Council. The 1953 figures taken from the County Medical Officers printed Report were -

Wexford: Population 12296, 7 schools, cocoa, bread syrup and jam - Cost £435.6.8.

Enniscorthy : Population 6020. 3 schools, milk, bread and jam Cost - £339. 1. 4.

New Ross: Population 4894 - 4 schools, Buns, milk and cocoa - Cost £742. 10. 10.

The Manager's suggestion is to confine the meals to the children of the Urban area most deserving so as to bring the cost within reasonable distance of Wexford and Enniscorthy.

Mr. Dunphy's idea, that the schools meals time should be extended by half and hour to enable the children to go home to a meal, which was endorsed by Mr. Dolan who claimed that the extra time would enable the parents to adequately provide a hot sustaining meal was countered by Mr. O'Donovan that the Education Department were opposed to an extended Schools period for the pupils. What was required was more food provided by the Rates.

Eventually it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager suggesting that he might consider that a conference with the School Manager would assist him.

ALLOTMENTS ACTS

Town Clerk reported as follows: -

The County Manager got into communication with the Department of Local Government by 'phone intimating that he was disposed to continue the Council's Scheme for the 1955 season. Only twenty applications had been received notwithstanding that the schem was advertised by two posters and on the screen of the local cinema. The result was very disappointing.

The Department agreed that the Council's Scheme should be continued for the 1955 season and is prepared to pay the rent of the 6 acre field - £50.

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Tenant Purchase Scheme - 20 houses in William St.

The only tenant interested is old Mrs. Kiely through her Solicitor Mr. E.T. Lalor.

Mr. Lalor informs me Mrs. Kiely will buy subject to satisfactory replies to his queries as to tenure etc.

RENT COLLECTIONS - AT 31st JANUARY, 1955

Total for collection in the month	-	£742 . 11. 2
Arrears brought in.	-	£114. 9. 3.
Collected during the month	-	£640. 7. 3.
Arrears at end of January,	-	£102. 3. 11.

Council considered the outstanding arrears high in proportion to the collection.

RATES COLLECTION - at 31st JANUARY, 1955

Total Warrant.	-	£16739. 17. 6.
Collected.	-	£11340. 4. 2.
Outstanding.	-	£5399. 13. 4.

67.7% collected as against 66.2% last year.

WATERWORKS MONTHLY REPORT

Dated 15th February , Resident Engineer, J.O'Sullivan reported as follows: -

"Work is now rapidly approaching completion on this contract.

Delivery Main: All the delivery main, with the exception of that crossing the lower portion of Poulmounty Valley (approx. 400 ys) and 80 yds. at McMurrough, has been laid, tested and back filled.

Reservoir: The reservoir is practically completely filled and should be in operation in a few weeks. We are awaiting sluice valves and hydrant valves, delivery of which is slow.

Town Mains: Work is continuing on this area and the mains for Nunnery Land and Cock-pit Lane were successfully tested today. Approx. 12,00 yds. of distribution mains have been laid leaving about 800 yds. to be completed.

Expenditure: Approx. £25,000 worth of work has been completed and the Contractor has on the site materials to the value of £2,500.

Labour: The labour content at present is 33 men of whom eighteen are employed in the town and fifteen on the delivery main.

Completion Date: Work on this scheme should be totally complete in two to three months time.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION -m No order.

Michael St. and Maiden Lane Houses owned by Tottenham Estate

The Council decided
On the Motion of Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy to again inform the Estate that the Council must insist on the provision of adequate sanitary accommodation to above houses.

Floods in Rosbercon

Mr. Doherty intimated he was satisfied there was a reasonable

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solution to this very serious problem and in his opinion the cure would prove very inexpensive and effective.

Mr. Donovan Agreed.

On the Motion of the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was decided to request the County Manager to arrange a meeting between Councillors Doherty and Donovan and the County Engineer with a view to arriving at a plan to prevent the flooding in Rosbercon in future.

Questions and Suggestions as to the provision of Cookers and oilskins were referred to the County Manager.

ESTIMATES MEETING

Motion of Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy, Tuesday the 29th March at 7.30 o'clock p.m. was fixed for the hour and date of the Annual Estimates Meeting - provided the County Manager agrees.

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, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Reddy, G. Donovan, R. Dunphy, P.J. Dolan and later Mr. E. Kavanagh.

The County Manager was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and adopted.

RATES

County Council Demand for year ending 3Ist March I956.

Urban Roads.

Chairman read the table transmitted by the County Council showing £890. 0. 0. as required for this service for the financial year ending on the 3Ist March I956.

Mr. Dunphy objected to the method of presentation of the accounts. The Council should be satisfied that the amount granted last year was absorbed. In his opinion nothing like £900 had been expended by the County Council on the repair and maintenance of the streets of the town. In submitting the Estimates the Manager should present details of the expenditure at least (I) Cost of Materials and (2) Wages paid.

Town Clerk reminded the Council that under the Local Government Act I925 as the Council had transferred its juristiction over the maintenance of the streets to the County Council the Council had no function in the matter. The County Council is the maintenance authority.

County Manager agreed to obtain the required information from the County Engineer and submit same.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND ON THE NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT.

Chairman read this as follows :-

Road Charges £I362. 2. II. Public Health £II24. 6. 2. Mental Hospital £I7I3. I4. 7. Health £3524. 8. 4. General Purposes £I287. 6. 4 and Separate Charges I/8. Total £90I2. 0. 0. Against £8358. 0. 0 last year andincrease of £654.

County Manager replying to the debate informed the Council on the various matters and advised the Council that as the Demand was statutory it was binding on the Council.

Public Convenience on Quay.

Letter dated 25th February I955 was read from the Acting County Engineer relative. In the opinion of the County Architect the tender received of £2232. I6. I0 seemed excessive in view of the cost of a like convenience erected at Bunclody for £I250. In the opinion of the Architect there is no organization to erect this structure by direct labour and he recommends (I) that an estimate be obtained from the District Engineer for the demolition of the existing structure and (2) that the erection of the new convenience be re-advertised in the local and daily papers. If a suitable tender is not received the drawings and specification could be revised under which certain economies in size and finish could be obtained.

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County Manager informed the Council that the District Engineer submitted his estimate for the demolition of the old structure at £50. 0. 0.

It was decided to readvertise the erection of the new convenience.

COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Suggestions by Municipal Authorities Association.

Clerk informed the Meeting that the "suggestions" had been posted to each Member.

No action.

OLD I.R.A. ASSOCIATION.

Letter dated Ist March I955 was read from Mr. Patrick Cleary, Secretary of the Association, requesting the Council to accept the custody of a roll of deceased Members of the Old I.R.A. for safe keeping. The Association to take the roll out each year before Easter to have any additional deceased members added.

Agreed.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

It was suggested that a copy of the roll be framed and placed in the Council Chamber with a copy of the I9I6 Proclamation.

No order.

POLLING DISTRICTS - LOCAL ELECTIONS.

Letter dated I2th March I953 was read from the County Secretary requesting the Council to examine the provisional amended scheme herein.

Decided "No change".

MAINTENANCE OF MARSHMEADOWS BANKS.

Letter dated IIth February I955 No. P.3555/7/55 was read from the Land Commission requesting lodgment of £400 as agreed contribution from the Council on the 9th December I947. County Manager suggested that the sum be obtained by overdraft and paid by £98 per annum so as not to overburthen the rates in any one year.

Agreed.

ADOPTION OF PART III SUPERANNUATION ACT.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

This part of the Superannuation Act was adopted.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

The monthly report of progress was read from the Resident Engineer.

Considered satisfactory.

Letter dated 25th February I955 was read from the Consulting Engineer amending his figure of £5,500 for new filters at Castlemoyle to £8,500. The difference was due to an error in the draft report.

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The approximate annual cost to the Council of the filters would be Caretaker £250 and Chemicals and Fuel £580. Caretakers figure is approximate. The figure of £580 can be taken as applying to Ballyleigh.

County Manager advised that as there was a filter at Dranagh which could be rendered suitable to meet the new capacity the Council might consider asking the Consultant's views with the idea of obviating the annual cost of £830.

After a discussion it was decided to agree to the County Manager's advice and at the same time to record that the Council favoured the erection of the filter at Castlemoyle against Ballyleigh.

SANITARY

Tottenham Estate.

Letter dated 3rd March I955 was read from the Agent to this Estate informing the Council that it is the intention of the Trustees to eventually complete the installation of sanitary accommodation in the whole of Michael Street. Until a suitable water supply is provided by the Council the matter can not be considered in the Maiden Lane houses.

Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had made an order on the letter that Statutory Notice be served if the Estate will not indicate an early date by which the work will be completed.

Agreed.

RESOLUTIONS FROM OUTSIDE PUBLIC BODIES.

Naas U.D.C. Amendment of Section IO of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I952.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Dolan

The resolution was adopted.

BARDAS NA GAILLIMNE.

To persuade organizations to hold their conventiona and Annual Meetings at Provincial Venues.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Dolan it was decided to pass this resolution.

LETTERS FROM MR. T.D. SINNOTT AND MISS E.A. FINN.

The following letters were read from Mr. T.D. Sinnott and Miss E.A. Finn and an order made that they be inserted on the Minutes.

"Dear Mr. Barry,

Thanks for your letter with enclosure. Thanks for the many nice things you said about me, I'm afraid I did not deserve them.

The Council too and County Manager were very kind in their remarks and I deeply appreciate it.

I find it hard to realize that I have had to sever my connection with the office but I suppose we are not

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masters of such happenings.

With renewed thanks to you and wishing you the best in everything - always.

Yours simcerely,

Elizabeth A. Finn.

"Dear Mr. Barry,

I am glad to be able to convey the thanks of Mrs. Sinnott and myself, with my own pen, to the Chairman, Council Members, the County Manager, your good self and the staff of the New Ross Urban District Council for characteristically kindly felicitations, sincere sentiments gratefully accepted and very thankfully accepted by us both.

Please convey my very good wishes to the Chairman and Members of the Council with which I had so many happy associations and my earnest hope for the prosperous fruitfulness of the era which appears to be opening before"our superior town of Rosse-Ponte".

Yours sincerely

T.D. Sinnott.

CARETAKER DRANAGH WATERWORKS.

Chairman having detailed his visit some time ago to Dranagh stated that in his opinion most of the water served to the town was unfiltered for many years. On the occasion of his visit he found that moss appeared on the surface of the filter over three inches thick indicating that the Caretaker was slack of his work.

Mr. Reddy interposed to state that the Council was paying Engineers to supervise this work and no such report had been received by them to the Council. In his opinion the Engineer was lacking in his duty.

It was decided to request the Local Engineer to report and to ask the County Manager to investigate the matter.

HOUSING CONDITIONS IN THE TOWN.

Mr. Dunphy proposed that the County Manager instruct the Health Inspector, the Medical Officer of Health and the Local Engineer to prepare and submit to the Council a survey of the town to establish the number of houses without proper sanitary accommodation so that the Council could take the necessary steps to compel the landlord to remedy the omission.

Agreed.

NEW ROSS TANNERY.

Threat of closure.

Mr. Bennett desired permission to impress the Council on the serious matter of employment at the Tannery. He believed that owing to the uncontrolled import of rubber soles the factory could not continue to compete. Sole leather was the predominant production of the factory. Rubber soles were competing and the public appeared to favour the importation.

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He asked the Council to use its influence with the Government to aid the factory by restricting the importation of rubber soles by licence and so prevent the closing of the factory which would mean loss of employment in the town of 40/50 hands.

Mr. Donovan whilst agreeing with the motion suggested that as more would be unemployed by the restriction of synthetic soles the Tannery might advert to the production of uppers leather.

After a discussion it was decided to petition the Minister for industry and Commerce to place an embargo on the import of Rubber for soles and that the opinion of the Council be also communicated to the local Dail Deputies for their support in the matter.

Repairs to houses etc.

Mr. Reddy drew the attention of the Manager to necessary repairs to the roof of house occupied by Mr. Richardson and also to the house occupied by Mr. Martin. He had received a complaint from Mr. Richardson that a rent book was refused him. In the case of Mr. Martin an order of the Council was made that the house be inspected. Nothing happened.

Referred to County Manager.

RELIEF WORK GRANT.

Mr. Dunphy raised the question of the laying-off of men due to the snow. In his opinion these men could, as was customary, be employed on the clearing of the snow from the streets during such unemployment. The Engineer appeared to be at fault.

Clerk reminded the Council that as the Employment Schemes vote was operated by the County Council the Urban Council was not responsible.

Referred to County Manager.

INCREASE OF WAGES TO CLEANSING STAFF.

Mr. Kavanagh requested information on the application for a I5/- per week increase to the staff. It was made on behalf of the men by the Union.

Clerk reminded the Council that as no provision was made for the increase demanded the Council would have an opportunity of providing the necessary funds at the Estimates Meeting.

The Meeting Ended

T. Redmond.

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TUESDAY 29th MARCH I955.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening - by the gracious Agreement of the Council to avoid a clash with the Parish Annual Retreat - at 5 o'clock, due notice having been given.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Reddy, E. Bennett, M. Doherty, G. Donovan, M. Dunphy, E. Kavanagh and P.J. Dolan.

The County Manager and Local Adsistant Engineer Mr. M.J. Murphy, B.E., attended.

Chairman read the order of the Minister for Local Government un der Section 23 of the County Management Act, I940, fixing the date of the Estimates Meeting at which the Estimate of expenses for the local financial year beginning on the Ist April I955 is to be considered shall be the 29th March I955 signed on the 2Ist March I955.

County Manager submitted his Estimates as follows :-

Gross Valuation of the Town. £I2276. I7. 0. Effective Valuation £II354. Id in the £. produces £47. 6. I. Effective valuation for County Council purposes £II725.

Securities held by the Council.

£7I7 Land Bonds £540. Transport Stock £I762. II. 0. Consols.£I53. I6. I0. Exchequer Bonds £I9. I0. I0. Bank of Ireland Stock £I9. I0. I0.

CAPITAL INDEBTEDNESS.

At the 3Ist March I954 the audited figures is £II6288. 0. 7. At 3Ist March I955 the certified amount by the Commissioners of Public Works £I43868. 9. 7.

URBAN ROADS.(£II25).

This is a Demand by the County Council for the maintenance of the streets of the town under Transfer Regulations, made up of £890 and the Council's contribution of £235 Relief Grant. Receipts £96. Net expenditure £I029.

Mr, Dunphy objected to the assessment by the County Council. He asked for particulars of expenditure (I) Materials (2) Labour Employed. In his opinion the sum estimated for the current year was not at all expended.

Mr. M.J. Murphy gave the particulars requested as follows :-

Approximate value of materials	£I50.
Approximate wages	£200.

County Manager advised the Council that although they had power to question the figure the demand was statutory. In view, however, of the question by Mr. Dunphy and the reply of the Engineer he was disposed to take the difference into credit on his present estimates. This would reduce the Roads Expenditure to £890. Receipts. £96.

HOUSING.

Expenditure £II806. Receipts £9II3. In view of underexpenditure during the year it was agreed to reduce this figure to £II644.

SANITARY

Expenditure £5780. Receipts £I420.

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GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Expenditure £5492. Receipts £2805. This shewed a reduction under the Sub-head of School Meals.

On the motion of Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

It was agreed to restore the former figure of £750.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES.

Expenditure £90I2. Receipts Nil.

All other figures were agreed after due examination and inquiry and on the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy.

a rate of 33/6 in the £. in accordance with the Estimates adopted by the Council was determined for the financial year ending on the 3Ist March I956.

The Council having expressed their appreciation of the County Manager's administration since his appointment

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. 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 ordinary business of the Council.

Present: Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, G. Donovan and E. Bennett.

Clerk conveyed a telephone message from the County Manager regretting inability to be present.

Mr. M.J. Murphy, B.E., with Mr. Sullivan, B.E., Resident Engineer on the Waterworks Improvement Scheme attended.

At the request of the Chairman Clerk read the Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting and the Minutes of the Special Estimates Meeting. Both were approved and duly signed.

SEALING OF CONTRACT AND BOND - The Council with Mr. M. Byrne.

ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES AT IRISHTOWN.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Doherty the Seal of the Council was embpssed on this instrument - erection of two bungalows at Irishtown for the sum of £2418. 0. 0.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes :-

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the possibility of under-expenditure by the County Council on Urban Roads over all the years since the streets were transferred to the County Council from the New Ross Urban District Council.

Assistant County Engineer, Mr. M. Murphy, asvised that the possibility was remote. His records show an overexpenditure over some years. Last years allocation would have been absorbed in the ordinary course but for the remoteness of plant etc., during the entire year. The County Council would, he was sure, transfer equipment to the town at any reasonable time, but it would cost much more than if they were working adjacent to the town.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was decided to request the County Engineer to send full particulars of labour and materials used on the streets of the town under the Roads transferred services Act for the past five years.

REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

Mr. Reddy again referred to this matter and in particular to the house occupied by Mr. Richardson, Fairgate. He insisted that the Council be fully informed in the matters referred to by him at last Meeting. So far as he was advised by the tenant the Rent Collector was most impudent to him. The Collector was a servant of the Council.

Town Clerk informed the Council that the County Manager, under the County Management Acts deals with such matters. The Council had no function whatever. The Manager investigated the complaints and found that the tenant had a rent book but it consisted only of the covers. All the pages had been torn out. The Rent Collector could not issue a new book pending the return of a rent book which was exhausted. As regards the charge that the Rent Collector refused to take rent after the service of Notice to Quit the Council was

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aware of the law on the matter.

No order.

EXTENSION OF NEW WATERMAINS.TO LOOP CHARLETON HILL & WILLIAM STREET.

Cost £230.

Letter dated I4th April I955 was read from Consulting Engineer that it appeared desirable to connect the new main with the existing 3inch diam. mains in and around the William Street housing scheme by extending the new 4 inch diam. pipe. This extension was not included in the present contract. Estimated cost £230.

Plan of the extension was enclosed and examined by the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

The Consultant's suggestion was unanimously adopted.

NEW HOUSING AT BULLAWN AND CHARLETON HILL.

BULLAWN.

Letter N.75/2/9 dated 2nd April I955 was read from the Department of Local Government that having regard to the lay-out generally of existing houses in this area after consultation with the Department's Chief Architectural advisor and the Council's Architect a survey would be carried out with a view to the formulation of comprehensive redevelopment proposals which could be proceeded with in part as need arose. The results of this survey and the Councils further proposals should be submitted.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had ordered that copy of the Department's letter be sent to the Architect for his submission of the results of survey proposals.

Adjourned.

CHARLETON HILL.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Department had agreed to the purchase price but required more detailed information on the site plan submitted before sanction to the scheme. The County Manager had ordered that the Department's requirements be forthwith submitted.

Adjourned.

RENT & RATE COLLECTION.

Reports were submitted as follows :-

Rate Collection.

Warrant £I6739. I7. 6. Collected £I5933. 6. II. Discounts allowed £I94. 3. I0. Total £I6I27. I0. 9. Outstanding at 3Ist March I955 £6I2. 7. 5 a percentage on collection of 96.34 against 95.96 last year on a warrant of £I6I62. 6. 2.

The County Manager having considered the circumstances of uncollected rates in view of the outstandings brought forward into the year's rate which in his opinion are not now justified has written off a sum of £I99. 4. 4 and brought forward into this year's rates as recoverable £4I3. 3. 3.

Considered satisfactory.

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Rents.

Arrears due on 3Ist March I954 £90. 5. 7

do. 3Ist March I955 £49. I0.9

Considered satisfactory.

LOCAL ELECTIONS I955

Circular G.F.I/55 dated 5th April I955 was read from the Department of Local Government relative.

Letter dated I8th April I955 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council fixing the date of the Local Elections as Thursday the 23rd June I955 was read.

No order.

NEW ROSS TANNERY

Letter dated 5th April I955 was read from Dr. Ryan, T.D. that he was only too willing to help to save the Tannery in any way possible. He hoped some solution would be found.

Letter dated 30th March I955 was read from Dr. Esmonde T.D. likewise.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Dr. Esmonde called to him and had interviewed the Tannery on the matter.

Letter T.I.D. I294/I0I68 was read from the Secretary, Department of Industry & Commerce dated 7th April I955 that the Minister had recently decided to restrict the duty-free imports of synthethic soling materials by the footware manufacturing industry for the seven months period up to I9th October I955 to approximately half the amount used by the industry in the half year ended I9th October I954. The Minister could not see his way to increase the duty on synthetic soling materials or to impose a duty on crepe rubber.

A discussion followed.

No order.

NEW ROSS WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Filters at Dranagh or New Ross.

Lengthy davice dated 28th March I955 was read from the Consultant in this matter giving reasons for his ojjection to placing the filters at Dranagh.

It was decided to adhere to the Council's former decision that the filters be erected at Castlemoyle.

NATIONAL FLAG DURING EASTER.

Letter dated Ist April I955 was read from the Secretary to the Old I.R.A. Association requesting the Council to fly the National Flag at Easter, and when occasion demands, between sunrise and sunset. The communication drew attention to the condition of the National Flag which was "hung out" at Easter.

Mr. Dunphy considered that during Easter Week the Flag should fly over the Tholsel without break to commemorate the I9I6 Rebellion. The flag was hoisted then and lowered only when it was shot down at the end of the week. As regards the condition of the Council flag it was due to the weather.

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Clerk reminded the Council that they had no power to buy a new Flag. The Council Members could purchase a flag but it would not belong to the Council.

Mr. Reddy advocated that the directions of the Old I.R.A. Committee be complied with.

No action.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ON QUAY.

TENDERS FOR ERECTION.

Only one tender was received viz: from Mr. M.J. Kennedy, Builder & Contractor, 6I Manor St., Waterford. He proposed to erect the Convenience within I6 weeks for the sum of £2085. 0. 0.

Chairman reminded the Council that the Architect's estimate, including the demolition of the existing structure is £I250.

Chairman proposed that the tender be submitted to the Architect for his recommendation.

Mr. Murphy, Engineer, advised the Council it would be waste of time to submit the tender to the Architect as he instructed him to request the Council to prepare plans for a less elaborate structure.

This was agreed to.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Death of Mr. Cosgrove, Editor of the People Newspapers.

Moved by the Chair
Seconded by Mr. Doherty a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives and to the Manager of the People Newspapers on the recent demise of Mr. Cosgrove.

LOAN FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO BUNGALOWS AT IRISHTOWN.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was resolved:-

To apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £2600 to provide for the erection of two bungalows at Irishtown under the Housing Acts - repayment in 50 years at the current interest as set out in the Local Loans Act.

THE MEETING ENDED.

T. Redmond

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TUESDAY I7th MAY I955

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.

A Special Meeting of the Council was held on the same evening at 8 o'clock to make the rate for the ensuing financial year.

Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding, Councillors M. Dunphy M. Reddy, E. Kavanagh, G. Donovan and E. Bennett.

The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe with the Assistant Engineer, Mr. M.J. Murphy, B.E., also attended.

The Chairman having read the Minutes of the previous Meeting

moved:- That the sympathy of the Meeting be tendered to the Hickey family on the recent demise of Mrs, Garrett Hickey, Fethard-on-Sea, relict of the late Dr. G.A. Hickey who was for years Medical Officer of Health for New Ross.

Seconded by Mr. Bennett and passed unanimously - all Members and Press standing.

REHABILITATION OF STREETS.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the surface of the streets in which the Contractors to the Waterworks Improvement Scheme Recognising that it takes some time for subsidance he considered it necessary to have it confirmed that an arrangement had been made with the Wexford County Council and the Company under which the Council had agreed to put the streets back into repair.

Assistant Engineer could not confirm but he would look into the matter raised.

STEPS AT CROSS LANE TO WILLIAM STREET.

Mr. Dunphy complained that the steps had been disturbed by the Cementation Company during the laying of new watermains. They were dangerous and needed instant attention.

Referred to County Manager.

SANITARY MATTERS.

By the Chairman, Mr. Dunphy and Mr. Bennett the attention of the Council was drawn to objectionable dumps at Follyhouse Lane, Barrack Lane and J.K.L. Place. Those dumps are of long standing. When Members of the Council raised objections in such health matters remedies should be applied at the earliest date.

Referred to County Manager.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE ON QUAY.

The amended drawings for this were submitted to the County Manager who also informed the Meeting that instead of re-advertising he proposed to submit the new plan and specification for sanction and then to ask the original tenderers and the Contractor to the two bungalows for a new price. The new estimate was in the room of £I200. If the tenders received were in excess of this figure he proposed to have the Convenience erected by direct labour.

Agreed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3Ist MARCH I954.

Chairman having asked if all the Members had received a copy

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of the Report and receiving an affirmative reply referred to two items (I) Re the outstanding refund of Income Tax and (2) the absence of a Fidelity Bond by the Town Clerk.

County Manager replied that the income tax refund queries from the authorities had now reached a stage when the outstanding monies should be available and

Town Clerk intimated that his Bond was exhibited to the Chairman.

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the Auditor's report was adopted.

The Abstract of Accounts were then placed on the table during the Meeting.

CHANGE OF FEE FOR USE OF LARGE ROOM, THOLSEL.

County Manager adverted to the recommendations of the Local Government Auditor that the present fee of I/- charged for the use of the Large Room appeared inadequate to cover lighting, etc. He, Manager was inclined to increase the fee to 2/6.

Chairman objected to any increase. The I/- charged was nominal to avoid a claim of ownership. This room was always intended as a Meeting place for the people of the town.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and agreed that the Manager be recommended not to change the I/-

TRANSFER OF STORES TO COUNTY COUNCIL YARD TO BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Manager adverted to the Auditor's report on this matter and informed the Meeting that he had made an order dated 3rd instant that this Council shall carry no stocks in future excepting a stock of waterpipes and that a record of such waterpipes be kept in the Tholsel. The County Council would pay the Urban Council the value of the stores taken over plus an agreed figure for the use of the stores so taken over used by the County Council meantime.

CLEANSING STAFF - INCREASE OF WAGES

Mr. Kavanagh requested information of the present position regarding the application for an increase of I5/- per week made by the Union. He submitted inter alia that Enniscorthy was paying £5. I2. 0 a week against New Ross £5. 5. 0.

County Manager agreed to reconsider the application as soon as he had concrete evidence that there was a demand for a general advance of wages in the town.

ROADS.

Several Members advocated the resurfacing of Foxe's Lane, Barrack Lane, Irishtown and the permanent closing of the pump and well at Irishtown.

Assistant Engineer reported that Barrack Lane resurfacing in concrete had already been approved by the Department under the I954/55 Relief Scheme. As funds available were exhausted he advised the Council to await the I955/56 Relief Scheme for Foxes Lane, Barrack Lane & Irishtown. The pump and well would be attended to.

Referred to County Manager.

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CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

Moved by Mr. Kavanagh
Seconded by Mr. Bennett,

It was decided to request the appropriate Minister to continue this scheme over the summer months owing the bad weather and the high price of fuel.

NEW ROSS OFFICIAL GUIDE.

Letter dated I9th April I955 was read from Ed. J. Burrow & Co., Ltd., Cheltenham, in connection with this matter. Arrangements will be made to execute the Council's order.

LOCAL ELECTIONS I955

Letter dated IIth May I955 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council that the resolution appointing the 23rd June I955, for the holding of the Elections was rescinded by his Council and the date Tuesday the 28th June I955 substituted.

Noted.

Letter was read from the "People" Newspapers conveying thanks for the Council's vote of condolence on the death of Mr. John J. Cosgrave.

Letter was read from Mr. Brendan Corish, T.D., Minister for Social Welfare that he was in close touch with the Minister for Industry & Commerce on the matter of New Ross Tannery. He regretted that indisposition in health prevented his early reply.

Letter dated 29th April I955 was read from An Comhlachas naisuinta Um Thairmreith Fola expressing sincere thanks for placing the Tholsel at their Disposal. The visit was a great sucess and New Ross should be proud of its citizens who so grandly responded to the call.

MAKING OF THE MUNICIPAL RATE

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

"That we raise the sum of Sixteen thousand, nine hundred and thirty seven pounds, fifteen shillings and eleven pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of One Pound, Thirteen shillings and six pence in the pound for the financial year ending on the 3Ist day of March I956, on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, I946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith, and the same to be collected in two moieties:-

The first on or before the 30th September I955 together with arrears of Four Hundred and Thirteen pounds, three shillings and three pence

And the second on or before 3Ist March I956."

Passed unanimously.

The Seal of the Council was then embossed on the Rate Book and the Warrants and duly witnessed by Mr. A.A. Butler, Journalist.

THE MEETING ENDED

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T. Redmond

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Present:- Mr. T. Redmond, Chairman, presiding with Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, E. Bennett, E. Kavanagh and W. Donovan and the County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe with Mr. M. Murphy, B.E.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and duly passed.

Arising thereout:-

Mr. Murphy, B.E. stated that the complaints of the Council were being attended to. As regards the sanitary matters raised the County Manager would attend to them.

Replying to Mr. Dunphy, the Assistant Engineer said he should have had the work attended to but promised to have the Council's resolution fully implemented at an early date.

Replying to Mr. Reddy the County Manager gave the position to date regarding the public convenience on the Quay. As soon as the Department's approval was received the work would be put in hands.

Replying to Councillor Kavanagh the County Manager informed the Council that he had not received Mr. Kavanagh's letter in reply to his Order on the application of the Transport Union's application for an increase of wages for the Council's cleansing staff.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the letter was received too late for the County Manager's last sitting.

County Manager informed the Meeting that as soon as he had an opportunity of considering the Union's proposals he would reply.

Mr. Donovan - adverting to the Minute "New Ross Official Guide" produced several copies of a guide supplied by Messrs McDonald & [illegible], Cockburn, Youghal. This was an Irish Firm and New Ross should support it.

Town Clerk submitted that the Council had already entered into a Contract for this work and placed on the table samples of the work done by the English Firm.

County Manager advised the Council that even if the Council contracted for the work he could see no reason why the Contract could not be revoked and the job given to the Irish Firm.

Decision: Adjourned pending the receipt of the offer of the Irish Firm setting out particulars of the job.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 7th June 1955 was read from the Office of the Minister for Social Welfare regarding the continuation of the Cheap Fuel Scheme over the Summer months acknowledging the receipt of the Council's Resolution dated 17th May 1955. The Minister will communicate further in due course.

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WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to what appeared to him the present unsatisfactory state of the public water supply. For some time the town was without water from II p.m. to 7 a.m. for a very good reason. Recently the town is without any supply from IO p.m. to 7 a.m. although the new scheme is finished towards which the Council borrowed £40,000 and the water was coloured.

Mr. Murphy, B.E., submitted that it was necessary to close down all supplies during the periods stated by Mr. Reddy in order to locate a very serious leakage in the town, for the most part due to defective services some of which were laid down many years ago. They were not able to take the increased pressure from the augmented supply. In the opinion of the Council's advisers it was considered that the best time to locate the leaks was between IO p.m. and 7 a.m. As regards discolouration it cou d be due to the heavy rains and the want of an adequate filter plant.

County Manager informed the Meeting that he was investigating the position and was in communication with the Council's Consulting Engineer. He hoped for a round-the-clock supply shortly.

CONVEYANCE

ALEXANDER NOLAN -TO- THE COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett and resolved :

"That the Seal of the Council be embossed on the Conveyance of 2 acres 2 rds. I9 pers of land in Southknock from Alexander Nolan, Charleton Hill, New Ross, to the New Ross Urban District Council for the consideration of a sum of £335 free of all legal and other expenses to him."

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

The County Manager gave a summary of the position to date. Sanction to the Scheme was delayed over technical matters which had now been adjusted.

GRASS IN IRISHTOWN, ETC.

Mr. Bennett and other Councillors drew the County Manager's notice to the abundance of grass in Irishtown and weeds on the side of the streets in the upper part of the town. The Engineer could possibly do something about it.

Referred to County Manager.

COMPLAINT RE REPAIRS.

Attention was drawn to complaint from tenant Mrs. Kehoe, Lower William Street.

The Engineer noted same for immediate attention.

Whilst on this question of repairs to individual houses the County Manager advised the Council to revert to their original intention of dividing up the amount fixed in the annual estimates for repairs into (a) a specified sum out of which to undertake repairs to houses in areas and (b) a sum to expend on urgent repairs, e.g. leaking roofs. A sum of£980 was set aside for Upper William Street but as the tenants, by tenant Mr. McLoughlin, intimated they wanted to purchase these houses, the Council requested him to formulate a Purchase Scheme. This was done and was circulated to each tenant. No offer to purchase was received and so the sum still remains to be expended.

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For the information of the Council a like request was received on behalf of the tenants of the 26 houses at Charleton Hill by Mr. Powell. Mr. Powell and Mr. Freeman attended before him. He went into all the figures with the deputation and nothing happened since. There was no point in getting out a purchase scheme for the 26 houses. If the Council instructed him he would give instructions to start the repairs to the houses in Upper William Street.

The Meeting agreed to instruct the County Manager to expend the sum allocated - less the sum of £58 recently expended on the house occupied by the late Mrs. Kiely.

RENT OF THE TWO HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION AT IRISHTOWN.

County Manager asked the Council to discuss this matter to enable him to fix the rents before occupation. A rent of I5/- per week plus rates would be required if the houses are to be let under the I/3rd repayment charges over a period of 50 years. If to be let to persons displaced from houses unfit for human habitation the subsidy would be 2/3rds. In either case a considerable sum would fall on the rates.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager with a recommendation that if at all possible the rents be fixed at I0/4 as obtains in the other houses erected by the Council in Irishtown.

THE MEETING ENDED

Chairman Mac Lan
19th July 1955.

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING I955

IOth DAY AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

The first Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, at I2 o'clock, noon, on Friday the 8th day of July I955 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act I927, 9 (I).

Present: Mr. Thomas Redmond (outgoing Chairman) presiding and Messrs Edward Bennett, Michael Doherty, Gerald Donovan, Andrew Minihan, Martin J. Reddy, Michael D. Sheehan, James Shortall and Joseph Ward.

Town Clerk tendered apology from Mr. Michael Dunphy who had sent a messenger to say he could not leave the bakehouse before I.30.

All Members present having subscribed the Statutory Declaration accepting Office after the Returning Officer's Certificate of Return of the Members had been placed on the table.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Reddy

"That Councillor Andrew Minihan be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year".

As there was no other proposal Mr. Minihan was duly declared elected.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor Doherty
Seconded by Councillor Sheehan

"That Councillor Martin J. Reddy be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year".

No other proposal forthcoming Mr. Reddy was declared elected.

Mr. Redmond then vacated the Chair, and withdrew from the Meeting.

The Chairman and Members of the Council having paid tribute to Mr. Redmond

Clerk informed the Members that the election of two Members to the Harbour Authority; three Members to the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee and two Members on the Local Vocational Committee, could if they desired, be adjourned to the Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Bennett moved that in the absence of Mr. Dunphy the said elections be so postponed.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY I5th DAY OF JULY I955

The Adjourned Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding with Messrs M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, J. Ward, J.J. Shortall, and D. Sheehan.

ELECTION TO COUNTY WEXFORD COUNTY VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan

Mr. A. Minihan was elected nem.con.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan

"That Mr. Thomas Redmond, Mary Street, New Ross, the retiring Chairman of the Council and a retired County Councillor be elected."

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Shortall

"That Mr. Gerald Donovan, a Member of the Council and a National School Teacher of distinction be elected."

In moving the election of Mr. Donovan, Mr. Dunphy stressed the necessity for the Council to elect Members of the Council so that the Council could if necessary give recommendations on matters concerning the town.

Town Clerk read the requisite qualifications for Membership of the Vocational Committee when the Council decided to appoint a Member who was not a Member of the Council.

Chairman decided he would take a show of hands resulting

For Mr. Donovan: Councillors Dunphy, Shortall, and Donovan 3.

For Mr. Redmond: Councillors Reddy, Doherty and Sheehan.

The Chairman said he would give his casting vote to Mr. Redmond and then declared him elected.

Mr. Ward did not take part in the show of hands.

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE NEW ROSS HARBOUR BOARD.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan

The Chairman of the Council and Councillor M. Doherty were elected nem.con.

ST. STEPHEN'S JOINT CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by the Chairman

Councillors Reddy, Sheehan & Bennett were elected to this Committee.

THE MEETING ENDED

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The Statutory Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 6'clock to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding with Councillors Sheehan, Dunphy, Reddy, Ward, Doherty and Shortall.

Town Clerk tendered apologies from Mr. McDermott, Acting County Manager, for non attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairman read a letter dated 20th June, 1955 from the Town Clerk requesting the Council's Consultant to give his reasons why the water supply was cut off from 9.30 p.m. to 7 a.m. whereas before the introduction of Council's £40,000 Improvement Scheme the cut off was between 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m..

Mr. Shortall, intervening, read a statement which he had prepared, in anticipation of the Council's already recorded attitude towards this matter. In it, Mr. Shortall advocated a continious and honest supervision of the services by the local Engineer and his Assistant as otherwise the new system would prove a failure.

Long letter dated 7th July, 1955 from Consultant Mr. O'Connor was then read by the Chairman explanatory of the necessity for the additional cut off in the town. For the technical reasons enumerated by him the old town mains and house connections showed a leakage of approximately 80,000 G.P.D. or approximately 33 % of the supply. The town should account for 90% of the water it supplies with a perfect system. The present problem is purely and simply one of leaks which are due to increased pressure. So as to locate the leaks within a reasonable time he recommended the services of a Water Waste Inspector who has wide experience of the work.

Mr. Shortall disagreed with the recommendation. In any case the local Engineer would need to be present with the Water Inspector to enable the Recomendee to trace the services.

Chairman, after a lengthy discussion put it to the Meeting that their Consultant had made a recomendation and by a majority of four votes to two this was agreed to subject to the Co. Manager's approval on the motion of M. Doherty, seconded by M. Sheehan. Assistant Engineer M. J. Murphy, B.E., reported 46 leakages - 8 underground, 20 overground, 18 fillings at 1st June last.

Mr. ~~Murphy~~ Dunphy expressed disappointment at the progress. No one appears to have visited the public lavatory on the Quay in which water is running constantly. Waste should be checked by whoever is responsible without waiting for detection of 46 leakages to occur.

REPRESENTATION AT MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE.

Letter dated 24th June, 1955 was read from the Hon. Secretary Cumann Bailte-Chomhairle in Eirinn requesting the Council to appoint two delegates to the Annual Conference to be held this year at Athlone. The appointments would continue for five years unless the Council desired otherwise.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and agreed :

"That the Chairman and Clerk of the Council be appointed."

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COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1955

Moved by the Chair,
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was decided :

That copies of the Acts be provided and circulated to each Councillor.

FILTERS AT CASTLEMOYLE.

Letter L.75/7/2 dated 14th July, 1955 was read from the Department of Local Government herein. The Minister enquired if the Council acted on the Consultant's advice to locate the filters at Castlemoyle and whether consideration was given to the fact that the consumers at present served outside the town would be limited to a supply of ~~rain~~ raw unfiltered water.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that on consideration of the Consultant's advice dated 28th March, 1955 the Council decided that the suggested filters at Castlemoyle are the most suitable.

Mr. Shortall disagreed. The advice to place the filters at Castlemoyle did not envisage sediment in the pipe line from Drana to New Ross.

Mr. Murphy, B.E., informed the Meeting this would be negligible in that the pipes were asbestos.

It was decided to confirm the decision of the Council.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Arising out of the Minutes of the last Meeting and letter L.75/14/1 dated 8th July, 1955 in which the Department agreed that the revised plan and specification were in order suggesting that in order to equalise the accommodation consideration should be given to the desirability of replacing the locked wash-hand basin in the ladies section of a W.C. Suite.

Mr. Shortall objected to the unnecessary expense on the Rates. The present Public Convenience was adequate and no complaints were heard of its accommodation. He could oppose its demolition.

If the Council decided to expend the money it would be better to get away from the existing site.

Mr. Dunphy agreed and moved accordingly.
Mr. Shortall seconded.

There voted against : Councillors Reddy, Sheehan, Doherty and Ward.
For : The Proposer and Seconder.

No further action taken.

FURTHER COMPLAINTS AGAINST SCAVENGING ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Doherty drew attention to the weeds and grass on the public thoroughfare all over the Urban Area. If the Council's Cleansing Staff was inadequate the Council should be informed. This matter was before the Council, by Councillors, several times but without result.

Referred again to Co, Manager.

RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS DISTURBED BY ACTION OF CEMENTATION COMPANY OF IRELAND.

This matter was again before the Council.

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Mr. Murphy, B.E., verbally reported that he had a price of £600 which was duly submitted to the Company as adequate to restore the surface.

Referred to Co. Manager.

SANITARY MATTERS.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the various houses in town and particularly in Michael Street in want of Sanitary accommodation. He would be obliged if the Council could be provided with a list of houses without proper accommodation that should have same.

Adjourned to next Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS OF :-

Road culverts, Dangerous structures, Superannuation, Increase in Cleansing Staff Wages were

Referred to County Manager.

RESOLUTION FROM LETTERKENNY U.D.C.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty.
Seconded by Mr. Reddy.

"This resolution viewing with horror and detestation the systematic persecution of the Catholic Church in the Argentine" was

Passed Nem. Con.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Murphy
16. Aug 1955

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TUESDAY I6th AUGUST I955

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Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J. Ward, J.J. Shortall, M. Reddy and D. Sheehan.

The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, with Mr. Finnegan, B.E., also attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman, agreed and signed.

Several metters arising out of the reading of the Minutes having been disposed of:-

Chairman moved the sympathy of the Council to:-

A.R. French, M.P.S.I. on the death of his sister, Mrs. Louis O'Dea, Galway; Fr. Coffey, O.S.A., Prior St. Augustines, New Ross on the death of his brother and Father Conlan, O.S.A., Prior St. Augustines, Drogheda - formerly of New Ross Priory - on the death of his brother.

The Motions were seconded by Mr. Shortall and approved - all Members standing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter H.75/2/3 dated IIth July I955 was read from the Department of Local Government fixing the state subsidy on the 20 new houses erected at Harvey Place on a 33I/3rd basis.

County Manager replying to debate gave the reasons for the decision. The houses were not let at an economic rent - if they were there would be no subsidy. To qualify for the major subsidy of 662/3rd % houses must be erected by the local authority to rehouse persons displaced by the operations of the Local Authority from houses unfit for human habitation - recently to include overcrowded houses.

Chairman read excerpts from the Official Report of the 4Ist Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland held in Wexford in September I954 relative.

No decision.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACTS I949 - I955/56.

This Circular letter was again read.

County Manager advised the Council that the preparation of a programme was placed in the hands of the County Engineer on the 26th May I955. As no reply had been received from him at date, he Manager, presumed it now lay with the Council to let him have their views on the matter.

Mr. Donovan mentioned the flooding of the public highway at Rosbercon due to river flooding. As the Town Clerk had given his opinion this matter did not come under the provisions of the Act, so far as this Council is concerned, he asked the County Engineer to Meet Councillor Doherty & himself to discuss ways and means to avoid this inconvenience to the public. Arrangements were

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completed for this conference but the County Engineer failed to attend - in fact he has not been heard of since.

County Manager advised the Meeting the Town Clerk's opinion was wrong and read from Form RW/7 (B) that the local authority are of opinion that land in their functional area etc., not maintained by the Council comes within the jurisdiction of the Act since it provided relief in the public interest.

Mr. Donovan suggested that the roadway in the functional area of the County Council might not be considered land of the Urban Council. However, if any Body could help he was prepared to co-operate to the full.

County Manager agreed that Mr. Finnegan B.E. meet Councillors Donovan and Doherty to prepare a scheme for submission to the Urban Council under the provisions of the Act.

Deferred.

BROCHURE OF NEW ROSS.

Offer dated 26th July I955 was read from Mr. D. McDonald of Messrs McDonald & Cockburn, Ardshallagh, Youghal, to produce a brochure on the style of the youghal one for a fee of £50. The Council would pay all printer's costs, roughly about £I00 ; brochure advertisements of £I0 per page of 32 pages, etc. etc.

County Manager advised the Council that they could not enter into any bargin.

Town Clerk reminded the Council they already had a contract with a Firm in England which agreed to print and give the Council I000 copies free. In his, Clerk's opinion, that contract was a binding one. However, as the County Manager had instructed at his last Meeting the Council could now pass a rescinding motion if they wished.

It was agreed to adhere to the former Council's determination.

MEAT INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS.

Letter dated 9th July I955 was read from the Department of Agriculture that only 65% of the carcases were examined by the Veterinary Inspector.

County Manager intimated that copies were sent to the County Medical Officer, the Council's Veterinary Inspector, the County Health Inspector and himself on receipt.

Chairman then read Mr. Lynch's reply dated 29th July I955 as follows:-

"It is not possible to have I00% inspection of carcases, as those engaged in the business cannot always slaughter on the appointed dates, as this depends on weather conditions and demand, etc.

The inspection, where it is not carried out in the slaughter houses, is done in the butchers' stalls. Mr. O'Grady, Health Inspector, accompanies me at least once a week."

Mr. Shortall expressed doubt that Mr. Lynch was capable for years of inspection and so his letter was of little purport.

Chairman then read a typed report dated IIth August I955 from the Health Inspector as follows :-

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"I inspect slaughter-houses in the Urban area weekly and also accompany Mr. J. Lynch regularly in inspections of same.

I also inspect butchers stalls and meat exposed for sale in the Urban Area about twice weekly.

Due to seasonal fluctuations in trade the killings may not always be carried out on the dates appointed but even so it is my opinion that over 90% of the meat sold in the Urban Area is inspected."

County Manager having informed the Meeting that Mr. Lynch's explanation had been forwarded to the Department further consideration was deferred.

NEW HOUSING SCHEMES.

BULLAWN & CHARLETON HILL.

County Manager gave progress report to date. As soon as the Department was satisfied work could commence there would be no delay.

CLOSING OF NEW ROSS TANNERY.

Chairman introduced this matter as one deeply affecting New Ross and the workers of New Ross and so a matter of concern to the Urban Council. On 30th September next this Tannery would close down - the shareholders would be paid in full but the men employed would have to seek a livelihood elsewhere. Therefore he proposed that the Council wait on the local Directors with a view to persuading them to continue the tanning during the lean years hoping for the fat years.

Moved by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was agreed that the Chairman and Councillors Donovan & Shortall form the Council's representatives to wait on the New Ross Tannery Directors accordingly.

ALL IRELAND SENIOR HURLING FINAL

Moved by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

The following resolution was adopted :-

"I propose that the congratulations of this Council be tendered to the County Wexford Hurling Team in their recent victory over their gallant Limerick opponents in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. They have proved themselves one and all very worthy successors to their distinguished predecessors who brought fame and renown to the Model County (to the personal recollection of some of us) in the early part of the century - a team which included such distinguished Rossmen as Sean O'Kennedy, Paddy Mackey and others. The famous brothers Rackard from historic Killane have also connections and associations with our town. We have every reason to feel justly proud of their outstanding achievements on the athletic field and some of us at least hope to be present in Croke Park to witness, we hope, an epic struggle for final victory over their brave challangers the Gallant Galwegions on Sunday September the fourth."

Moved by Mr. Reddy: "That whether or not the Wexford Team win the All-Ireland they be given a Civic Reception on IIth September I955."

The Chairman gave the opinion that the team would be engaged at Tipperary on the IIth.

No action.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Minihan
20 Sep 1955.

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TUESDAY THE 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER I955

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:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, with Councillors E. Bennett, J. Ward, D. Sheehan, J.J. Shortall and Donovan and M. Reddy.

The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, with Mr. Finnegan, B.E., also attended.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and confirmed.

MERGER OF THE LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE IN A COUNTY FIRE BRIGADE.

Chairman having read the conditions of the transfer of the New Ross Fire Brigade to the Wexford County Council

Proposed by Mr. Ward
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

The merger was agreed.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE I955/56.

Circular R.20I/8/3 dated 26th August, I955, was read from the Department of Local Government allocating the sum of £I,I00 Grant under above vote subject to a local contribution of £I50.

Mr. Bennett proposed that the surface of Foxes Lane be included in this scheme.

Mr. Shortall submitted recommendations for the reconstruction of footpaths in Irishtown in concrete from Irishtown Cross via Mountgarret Lane, footpath in College Road, reconstruct surface of Goat Hill in concrete, resurface in concrete - Coopers Lane, Cook's Lane, Stable Lane, Lady Lane, Brennan's Lane and relay existing gravelled footpath fronting Council's houses at Ard-na-Greine and Follyhouse Lane. Excavate materialsfrom William Street Quarry to fill up and level property at Showgrounds.

Mr. Ward proposed that the surface of Barrack Lane should be included.

Mr. Donovan suggested that the footpath should be continued from the Stationmaster's housetto Chilcomb.

The Chairman proposed that the whole of the grant be expended on the excavation of the Swimming Pool site which would absorbe I00% labour content.

Eventually it was agreed to submit the Chairman's proposal that the whole of the Grant and local contribution be devoted towards the Swimming Pool and in the event of this Swimming Pool not being sanctioned that the whole of the Grant be devoted to the Public Park and that both schemes be submitted to the Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Ward

That the Council apply for a Supplementary Grant in view

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of the unemployment in the town.

Agreed.

PUBLIC ROADS IN THE URBAN AREA.

It was decided to recommend any balance outstanding for road repairs be expended on the resurfacing of Wexford Street and Barrack Lane and the road outside the bungalows in Cross Lane and Goat Hill.

CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING.

Mr. Ward suggested that the Council should hold fortnightly meetings.

Mr. Shortall seconded.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be left over until after Christmas as they should easily be able to get over the work at the Monthly Meeting.

This was agreed to.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The County Manager intimated that he had received a tender of £1600 for the erection of the Public Convenience on the Quay, from Mr. Michael Byrne, Building Contractor, 24 Upper John Street, Wexford. He submitted it to the County Engineer and he recommended that the tender be accepted. He, County Manager, accepted the tender.

Agreed.

SUGARHOUSE LANE HOUSES.

Possibility of Reconstruction.

Chairman before last Meeting submitted a letter asking for the conditionsof these houses with a view to up-to-date reconstruction.

Reports were submitted on each house dated August 1944 from the acting County Medical Officer of Health, the Council's Consulting Architect on each of the houses. Each report advised the Council at the time that each house was unfit for human habitation and could not be made fit at reasonable expense. The reports listed the defects.

The Chairman stated that the houses could be rendered fit at reasonable expense and he suggested that a Committee of the Council inspect these houses.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr. Shortall and Mr. Reddy act on a Committee.

PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM.

New lamps required.

Mr. Reddy suggested that the Public Lighting service be increased by one Pilot Lamp at Irishtown, I Pilot Lamp at St. Patrick's Place and one between Cross Lane and the Hospitals and also an extra light in Chapel Lane.

Mr. Donovan suggested that the Council include one Pilot Light between the end of Schoolhouse Road and Chilcomb.

Referred to County Manager.

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ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNS.

Several Members suggested traffic signs be placed at various parts of the town for the guidance of motorists notably at junction of Wexford Street and Three Bullet Gate.

Referred to County Manager.

STREET NAMES ETC.

The following matters were referred to the County Manager for his consideration:-

I. Prominant display of the names of each street.

2. Prepare and have exhibited at the Tholsel a map showing the various public institutions, etc. in the town for the benefit of strangers. The map to be prepared by Mr. Finnegan and illuminated by Mr. Gerald Donovan.

FLOODING OF ROSBERCON.

Mr. Donovan reported having met the District Engineer on the site. It was agreed that the Engineer prepare a sketch plan of the Rosbercon Area which was flooded at various intervals.

Mr. Finnegan, Assistant Co. Engineer, stated that he met the Local Government Inspector and the matter could now be put forward under Local Authorities (Works) Act Scheme. The cost would be in the neighbourhood of £8,000 to £I0,000.

Adjourned.

ARD-NA-GREINE HOUSING SCHEME.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Tuesday the 4th October I955 at 8 o'clock p.m., to deal with this matter.

WATERWORKS.

Discovery of leaks in the system.

Mr. Finnegan, Assistant Engineer, reported that the waste water meter at Castlemoyle was out of order. Although a considerable number of leaks were remedied there is still a sericus leakage in the town.

Mr. Shortall recommended that the services of the Health Inspector, Mr. R. O'Grady, be employed with the local Engineer on detection work.

County Manager stated that as Mr. O'Grady's post was under the direct supervision of the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Aughney, her consent would be required.

It was decided to ask Dr. Aughney's consent.

RESOLUTION FROM DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Ward

That the resolution of this Council protesting against the present system of valuation as inequitable, unfair and not suited to modern standards and recommending

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to the Oireachtas the immediate introduction of amending legislation in the setting up of a specialised Committee to examine the problem was adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WEXFORD HURLERS.AND HANDBALL CLUB.

On the motion of Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

It was decided to record the congratulations of the Council to the Wexford Hurlers on their All-Ireland Success and to John Ryan and James Lyng on their All-Ireland success in the Handball Final.

THE MEETING ENDED.

(Signed) Jas. J. Shortall
Exec. Chm

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TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER I955

An informal Meeting of the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 8 o'clock to debate Members' proposals for a new housing scheme at Ard-na-Greine, New Ross.

Present :- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman of the Council presiding and Messrs M. Doherty, D. Sheehan, M. Dunphy, J. Ward, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

Chairman read letter from the Department L.G. N.75/2/8 dated 6th January I955 in regard to the vacant site at Ard-na-Greine noting the Council's proposal to build four houses on the vacant plot. It would be advisable before going ahead with the provision of four houses to close the open space in the Ard-na-Greine scheme to ensure that there will be no difficulty with regard to the proposed exit road on to Nunnery Lane should the Council consider the provision of further houses on land adjoining the Ard-na-Greine scheme. The Department Inspector should be informed of any undue difficulty with regard to the acquisition of the land and the demolition of the five old houses in Nunnery Lane.

Report dated I4th January I955 was read from the Assistant County Engineer that Mr. Donovan, the owner, is agreeable to dispose of the lands and has no objection to the demolition of the five old houses.

The Chairman having reviewed the position and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed to consider at next Council Meeting :-

I. The Extension of J.K.L. Road to Bosheen - Wexford Street.corner.

2. To go ahead with existing scheme of four houses at Ard-na-Greine
or

3. Erect I6 houses on the same site vice the four houses and

4. Acquire the land on both sides of road No. I for future development.

THE MEETING ENDED?

(Jas. J. Shortall.
(Thos. Donovan)

18th Oct. '55

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TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER 1955

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

PRESENT: Messrs J.J. Shortall, M. Dunphy, J. Ward, M.P. Sheehan.

The County Manager with Mr. Finnegan, B.E., were in attendance.

Town Clerk having notified the absence of the Chairman of the Council and the Vice-Chairman without any notice to him

Proposed by Mr. Ward
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

Mr. Shortall was moved to the Chair.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Moved by the Presiding Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy the sympathy of the Council was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Jack Mooney, South Street, New Ross.

Moved by the Presiding Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan a like vote was passed to Mr. Ward, a Member of the Council, and to the sisters of the late Gerald Browne, Melbourne on his recent demise.

The presiding Chairman then read the minutes of the Meeting held on 30th September and the 4th October 1955, which having been agreed he signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:-

Mr. Shortall reported back to the Council that the Committee appointed to investigate the possibility of up-to-date reconstruction of the houses situate at Sugarhouse Lane did not meet due to the non-attendance of the Chairman of the Council.

ARD-NA-GREINE HOUSING PROPOSALS.

Presiding Chairman adverted to the conclusions of the Council Meeting held on 4th October 1955. The Council could now consider the recommendations.

The County Manager advised the Council that a scheme of four houses was agreed by the former Council for the plot at Ard-na-Greine and was sanctioned by the Department. If the Council agreed to 16 houses he would have the necessary plans,etc., prepared and submitted. The Department was ad present disposed to a building providing three bedrooms and any old plan should be arranged accordingly. He would suggest that the four houses at the rere be eliminated with a view to development of the hinterland owned by Mr. Donovan.

Moved by Mr. Ward
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was decided to go ahead with the erection of houses on Alex Nolan's Field and recommend the County Manager to acquire the sites adjoining the Ard-na-Greine housing site with a view to future development.

NOLAN'S SITE HOUSING SCHEME.

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NOLAN'S SITE HOUSING SCHEME.

The County Manager submitted detailed drawings of proposed houses. The plan was drawn up subject to the acquisition of the old forge in Charleton Hill. He understood there would be no difficulty about this as the owner would be accommodated elsewhere in accordance with his wishes.

Several suggestions for the improvement of the house plan were made by Councillors and noted by Mr. Finnegan for the attention of the County Architect.

Mr. Ward intimated that whilst he agreed the houses should be as artistic as possible he would not agreedto an increase in cost as the important view of the Council should be to provide decent houses at a rent commensurate with ability to meet it without unduly adding to the rates burthen.

RATE AND RENT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF APPOINTMENT.

County Manager informed the Meeting that he had decided to advertise this post having obtained the sanction of the Minister,- which he read. The appointment was his function. The reason for approaching the Council was to obtain their approval to the new financial terms. Hitherto remuneration was based on poundage. Now it is partly salary and partly poundage. The Rent collection was fixed at a basic salary of £I75 per annum plus a bonus of I% provided the collection is 99% in any year. The salary for Rate collection to be £300 per annum plus a bonus of ¼d for compliance with each of the conditions at Paragraph 63 of Circular Letter E.L. 7/32 dated 23rd June I952 from the Department of Local Government. In addition a temporary bonus of I0% on the basic salary will be paid.
The post to be wholetime, permanent and pensionable.

County Manager,on request, then read the qualifications required and particulars of the office from Circular dated I9th February I952.

Moved by the Presiding Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Donovan the Council approved of the new arrangements.

RESOLUTION - FERMOY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Observance of Church Holidays in place of Bank Holidays.

As the Council considered the resolutions already operated in the Diocese of Ferns for years

marked "read".

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Report dated 23rd August I955 was read from the Health Inspector as requested by Councillor Dunphy.

Total houses in New Ross without adequate sanitary accommodation 235.

Of this I00 could be made reasonably fit by the installation of W.C.s and a water supply in addition to some repairs. I3 houses in Irishtown, 6 in Michael Street, 4 on the Bullawn, 8 in Sugarhouse Lane, 5 in Upper Maiden Lane, 2 in Mary Street and 7 in Cross Lane are sufficiently sound to justify the provision of a water supply and W.C.

Mr. Donovan intimated that he noticed the absence of 4 more in Michael Street - opposite the school - from Gorman's to Roches.

Mr. Dunphy recollected these houses were recently served by the

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Tottenham Estate.

Presiding Chairman desired it to be recorded that the 8 houses in Sugarhouse Lane are sufficiently sound in the Health Inspector's opinion.

Town Clerk reported that the County Manager had made Orders in connection with the report.

It was decided to ask the Health Inspector to report on the omission to his list of the four houses in Michael Street.

ROADS.

Presiding Chairman drew attention to the necessity for providing concrete footpaths from the Barrow Boat Club to the Albatross Factory, Waterford Road and from the town to Macmullen Cross. The Kilkenny and Wexford County Councils could be interested.

RATE COLLECTION REPORT

Half year to 30th September I955.

Warrant	£I7350. I9. 2
Collected	9448. I3. 2
Outstanding	£7902. 6. 0

54.45% collected against 56.06% last year.

THE MEETING ENDED.

B. Minihan

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Chairman.....

TUESDAY I5th NOVEMBER I955

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.

Present:- A Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Reddy, M. Doherty, M. Sheehan, M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.
The County Manager, Mr. Broe, attended with Mr. Finnegan, B.E.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and agreed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Mr. Shortall moved "That the sympathy of the Council be voted to the relatives of Bertholf Schelby, John Sutton and Martin Hanlon recently deceased ".

Passed - all standing.

CORRESPONDENCE &c.

Letter L.75/I4/I dated I7th October I955 was read by the Chairman from Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil that sanction was given to the acceptamce of the tender of £I600 for the erection of a public convenience in New Ross, provided the County Engineer is satisfied as to the competence of the Contractor to implement the Contract and the Manager considers the Sureties offered are adequate to its due performance. The Council's proposals for meeting the cost of the work should be furnished. The State assistance takes the form of contributions not exceeding 25% of the loan charges on approved cost.

Town Clerk reported that the County Engineer recommended acceptance and the Manager is satisfied as to the Sureties. He referred the matter of conpetence to the County Engineer. The Council should now pass a Resolution for a loan of £I750 to meet all expenses so that the loan be submitted for sanction.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was decided to ask for a loan of £I750 from the Commissioners of Public Works repayable in 25 years on the Annuity System subject to the sanction of the Minister.

Letter A/Mc dated I8th October I955 was read from the Commissioners of Public Works transmitting draft deed of Mortgage for approval and Undertaking that the instalments in repayment of the loan of £2600 (borrowed to build two houses at Irishtown) will punctually be paid.

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Ward the Undertaking was embossed with the Seal of the Council and witnessed by the Chairman of the Council.

County Manager intimated that he had already approved of the Draft Mortgage and ordered the legal expenses to be paid.

Letter 60/AS dated Ist November I955 was read from the Electricity Supply Board submitting their estimate for the supply and wiring of two Flambean Outdoor Lighting fittings at entrance to the Catholic Church, Rosbercon. Cost £36. I7. 6.

Town Clerk reported that the Manager considered (I) the Council had no legal right to provide a lighting system on private standards e.g. the gate pillars of this church (2) that it would not be public lighting as defined and (3) the price was prohibitive; hence the second letter dated IIth November I955 offering to provide

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a 300 watt dusk to midnight public lamp opposite the entrance to the Church. Cost of fitting - nil. Annual cost of lighting £7. 7. 0.

The meeting agreed that After a discussion as to the merits of a 200 vice a 300 Watt provision ~~to~~ be made to meet the extra cost in the next estimates of a 300 Watt Lamp.

Letter dated I6th May I955 was again read from the Solicitors to the Council advising that as the existing rates of charges for other than a domestic water supply were fixed by Resolution of the Council passed in March I940 it would appear necessary for the Council to pass a rescinding resolution and then to pass a new resolution recommending the increased charges to the County Manager.

The Chairman read the proposed new charges seriatum.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders for the purpose of the rescinding motion and

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Ward

"That the Council's Resolution of March I940 fixing rates of charges for other than a domestic water supply be and is hereby rescinded".

Passed hem.con.

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Ward

"That the new scale of charges for a water supply (other than domestic water) as recommended by the County Manager be and the same is hereby adopted provided that future alterations in the rates chargeable be made on giving three months notice to all concerned."

Passed unanimously.

Letter dated I0th November I955 was read from Mr. G. Donovan, Rosbercon re signposting places of historical interest in the town.

Mr. Donovan submitted a scheme to the Meeting. Bord Failte is agreeable and will supply all sign posts, wall plaques and battlefield plaques free of charge. He, Mr. Donovan, asked the Council to undertake the erection and fitting.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Ward

I. "That a Committee of the Council - the Chairman, Mr. Donovan and Mr. Shortall with the Engineer - be appointed to prepare a scheme on the lines suggested by Mr. Donovan.

2. That the Meeting take place on Thursday at the Offices of Messrs Steele & Co. at 4 o'clock p.m. and (3) that the Council agrees to undertake the erection of the signs and the fixing of the plaques".

Agreed.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Shortall

The Council passed votes of thanks to Mr. Donovan and

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Bord Failte for their initiation of this scheme and the special interest they have displayed in promulgating it.

4% LAND BONDS - CERT.28274 OF 22/2/52.

Letter of Indemnity

Town Clerk reported that far back the Land Commission issued Bonds to the value of £775 being the purchase money of the lands of Newtown Commons in the occupation of John Butler. The rent was £38.Not included in the Redemption Price was a sum of £I00 which the Land Commission held by law to meet contingencies that might arise over ownership. The Solicitors to the Council advised,him, Town Clerk, that sufficient time had expired to release this £I00 held by the Land Commission without interest. This £I00 was then released but the Land Commission retained £3 as legal expenses leaving £97. 0. 0. From the correspondence between the Council's Solicitors and the various departments of State the release was obtained but the Bond for £97 got lost. A further development took place. Bonds are drawn for liquidation in accordance with proceedure and part of the Bonds of the £97 were drawn to the extent of £40. This took place last July. As the £97 Bond was not procurable this letter of Indemnity was presented to the Council. As soon as this was done the Council would receive a cheque for £40 and a new Bond for the remainder of the £97. The Indemnity by the Council guaranteed that the missing Bond would not be issued in the future.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett the Indemnity was signed by the Chairman of the Council.

NEW ROSS TANNERY.

Chairman reported that with Mr. Donovan and the Town Clerk he attended, on the Council's resolution, the Meeting at the Tannery premises. The Deputation met Mr. A.R. French and Mr. A. Doyle the local Tannery Directors. Nothing of any material consequence to the desire of the Council transpired. The Tannery was closed until stocks of leather were disposed of which might be in the region of 2 to 3 months hence. The tentative proposal of the Council's deputation that the Tannery could be reopened should the necessary purchase value of the New Ross Tannery alone be considered by the Directors was substantially inferred as not agreeable to the owners of the Portlaw Factory Directors and so the matter ended.

The Chairman expressed the opinion that but for the connection with the Portlaw Factory the New Ross Tannery could be a paying proposition.

ROADS.

Mr. Ward drew attention to the surface of the Mary Street Road. For horse traffic it was impossible.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E. agreed. He would be prepared to have one side of the street laid with a macadam surface which could admit of horse traffic.

Mr. Dunphy recalled that this matter was the subject of endless discussion between the Council and the Engineers. It was held that the proposal of Mr. Finnegan would damage the street and eventually would be rendered ineffective.

Referred to County Manager.

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EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE I955/56.

It was decided, on the representation of Mr. Reddy, to ask the Department to give early sanction to the scheme forwarded by the Council.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING OF THE TOWN.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to request the Traders of the town to continue the Christmas lighting as formerly and to increase it where possible.

SANITATION.

The Chairman drew attention to this matter. The Health Inspector's report dated 23rd August I955 stated that at least I00 houses could be made reasonably fit if water closets were installed. I3 in Irishtown, 2 Michael Street, 4 Bullawn, 4 Michael Street,8 Sugarhouse Lane, 5 Maiden Lane, 2 Mary Street, 7 Cross Lane could be considered now.

After a discussion it was decided to write the landlord of the houses in Chapel Lane on the matter and if necessary to serve Statutory notice to have the work carried out.

Replying to the Council the County Manager intimated that if, following the issue of Statutory Notices and the decision of the Court,the Council undertook the work the cost might be such as the Council might consider beyond its financial capacity without undue burthen on the rates.

PURCHASE SCHEME

20 houses at Nunnery Lane.

Chairman intimated that he was approached by a tenant of the Harvey Place housing Scheme. He informed him that he would be prepared to consider the purchase of his house as he was of opinion he could easily buy it out at 24/- per week. Would the County Manager prepare a scheme and submit it to the Council.

County Manager agreed.

RESOLUTIONS. - Dungarvan U.D.C.

It was decided that this resolution calling on the Government to transfer the Counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh to the Republic of Eire be marked "All or nothing".

Carlow County Council.

This resolution requesting the Government to introduce legislation that the maintenance and repair of the pipe to the main of all public water supplies including the stopcock be the responsibility of the sanitary authority was marked

"read".

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Murphy

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MONDAY I4th DECEMBER I955

An informal Meeting of the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock - on the requesition of the County Manager after agreement with the Chairman of the Council - to consider a substitute scheme under the Employment Schemes Vote I955/56 vice the Swimmimg Pool.

All the Members of the Council were present.

Chairman read the relative Minute dated 20th September I955.

Mr. Finnegan, B?E., reported an interview with the Government Inspector and detailed the Inspector's reasons against the preparation in the Showgrounds for a Swimmimg Pool and he then outlined his proposals for a substitute scheme - the erection of a battlement low wall from Windmill Lane to the new O'Hanrahan Monument at Three Bullet Gate to enclose the Monument and lay out gardens along the stretch of grass there.

The proposal was unanimously agreed to.

CHRISTMAS ALL-NIGHT LIGHTING.

The Town Clerk reported an interview with Mr. Coffey of the E.S.B. re the Christmas Lighting.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was agreed to provide all-night public lighting for three days before and three days after Christmas I955.

The Meeting ended

P. Hanrahan
20-12-1955

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TUESDAY 20th DAY OF DECEMBER I955.

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.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Messrs D. Sheehan, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, G. Donovan, and E. Bennett.

The County Manager attended with Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Chairman and approved.

WINTER RELIEF GRANT

Proposed by Councillor Doherty,
Seconded by Councillor Reddy it was nem.con agreed to confirm the ad hoc decisions of the Meeting dated I4th December I955 re the winter Relief Scheme and Christmas lighting be adopted.

Agreed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Moved by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett votes of sympathy were passed to Mr. Thomas Redmond, Mary Street, New Ross, on the recent death of his brother and to the relatives of the late Andrew Cullen on his recent death.

The County Manager associated himself and the Council staff with the votes.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Printed card undated was read from the family of the late Martin Hanlon, Irishtown, thanking the Council for vote of sympathy.

Offer of £9I0 for the purchase of the lands held by John Foley was read.

Not considered.

Report dated 30th November, I955, requested by Mr. Donovan, was read by the Chairman from the Health Inspector, that w.cs. and water supplies were installed in the houses in Michael Street, occupied by Mrs. O'Gorman, Mrs. Kiely, John Kearns and James Roche in July I955.

No order.

SEALING OF MORTGAGE - BORROWING OF £2500.

Erection of two houses at Irishtown.

Moved by Mr. Reddy,
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan it was resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of £2500 proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Housing of the Workin Classes Act I890 to I954."

OFFER OF SITE FOR HOUSING

A letter dated I2th December I955 was read from Mr. J. Foley, 2 Neville Street, New Ross, offering to sell his field at J.K.L. Place

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for £9IO. O. O.

Clerk reported that as the Council was interested in this site he was asking Mr. Foley to send in particulars of the holding and his interest therein.

Referred to County Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING CONSULTANT.

Letter IO7/50 dated I4th December I955 was read from the County Engineer informing the Council "It is impossible to give any date when the plan, specification and estimate (of the proposed Charleton Hill Housing Scheme) will be available". There is only one Architect in Wexford to do all the County work as well as New Ross and Enniscorthy and so as the construction of the Charleton Hill houses is urgent, he, the County Engineer suggests the appointment of a Consultant Architect. Relative to the acquisition of the forge on the lands Mr. Finnegan, B.E. was given authority to deal with it.

A discussion ensued.

The Chairman decided it was the general opinion of the Meeting there should be the least possible delay in starting this Housing Scheme owing to the dearth of employment in the town and the want of housing accommodation and in the Meeting's opinion a Consultant Architect is necessary.

County Manager agreeing, suggested that as Messrs Downes & Meehan, Dublin, had already been employed by the Council, they might be asked to act. It would, however be an incentive to inform them that other schemes were contemplated as the present scheme only involved the erection of I6 dwellings. If he, Manager, could not obtain the services of Messrs Downes & Meehan it would be necessary to advertise for Consultants.

Left in the hands of the County Manager.

County Manager then submitted the new revised lay-out at Nolan's field with a drawing of the front elevation, ground floor and first floor of the proposed dwelling.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy the plans were accepted.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

CLAIM BY CONTRACTORS FOR EXTRAS £5745. I4. O

County Manager reported that for some time the Cementation Co. (Ireland) Ltd., Lucan, Co. Dublin, were in communication with him concerning various claims arising out of their contract with the Council. The contract, however, was completed by the Company without prejudice to their right to pursue their claims. He submitted the Council's Consulting Engineer's reply to the claims to the Council's Solicitors for their advice and after protracted correspondence he had decided to submit claims Nos. I and 2 to arbitration on the question as to whether they are matters for arbitration or not and to submit the other claim to arbitration. Claim No. I refers to aggregates. Claim No. 2 refers to Rapid Hardening Cement and the other claim refers to Toschi pipe joints which were ordered by the Council in order to avoid delay in their procurement. The claims are £665. IO. O. for No. I. £27IO. 4. O for No. 2 and £2370. O. O for No. 3.

Decided to leave the whole matter in the hands of the County Manager.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E. reported that the amount provided in

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the Estimates was exhausted. Certain urgent repairs have now been requested by the tenants and he estimated a sum of £215 would be necessary.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan it was resolved to grant the £215 to be provided for in next year's estimates.

ROADS.

Reconstruction of Pathway from the town to the borough boundary at Chilcomb.

Letter G. 164 dated 1/12/55 was read from the Kilkenny County Council that this work would not appear to be a matter for the Council.

Noted.

MARY STREET ROAD.

Letter dated 5th December 1955 was read from the County Manager submitting a report from the County Engineer that this road was surface dressed with large chippings some years ago to alleviate the dangers as mentioned by Councillor Ward. It was not successful. Hacking up 4 ft of the roadway each side of the carriage and replacing surface in 1½" grouted stone might be an improvement. This work would cost £320. Nothing can be done this year. Possibly next year he will consider allotting some money to surface dress with large chips. This should improve the slipperiness. The chief cause of the danger is its sharp incline which cannot be remedied.

Noted.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

A letter was read from the Very Rev. L. Canon Coghlan, P.P., Rosbercon, thanking the Council for providing the public lamp intended to light the entrance to the new Church. "It does not do so," and so he asks the Council to reconsider providing the lighting he suggested on the two lower piers of the Church Gates. This would guide cars, give light to the people who attend the Church services and add to the amenities of the place. The present lamp is inadequate mainly because of its position.

County Manager at the request of the Chairman confirmed his opinion that the Council would find it difficult to satisfy the law relating to the Public Lighting should they decide on the erection of the lamps on the Church Gate piers.

Replying to Mr. Doherty, the Manager suggested that as the present lamp was inadequate it would be possible to have a new pole placed in a right position and he would investigate whether the erection of the lamps on the pier gate or the erection of a new pole would be the cheaper.

Referred to County Manager.

Extra light required at Three Bullet Gate and at end of School House Road.

This matter was referred to the Engineer for inspection and report in time for provision in next estimates and contract.

ROAD SIGNS.

The Assistant Co. Engineer - Mr. Finnegan reported under date 2nd November 1955 that road signs at Nos. 1 and 2 Irishtown indicating the roads to Kilkenny & Wexford have been ordered by the Wexford County Council.

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TRAFFIC WARDEN'S REGULATIONS I955.

Circ. No. 449 RV/205/8/4 dated I2th December I955 was read.

Instead of appointing wardens the Meeting recommended :-

I. That Traffic School signs be erected at each end of Michael Street and

2. That the Superintendent of the Guards be requested to provide a guard or two to act outside the schools of the town during lunch-time - I2.30 to I.30 and again at three o'clock each school day.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MANAGER.

Letter dated 7th December I955 was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council that in accordance with the Acts enabling the Minister for Local Government by Order of 2Ist October I955 has authorised the appointment from time to time of Mr. Thomas F. McDermott to be Deputy Manager for the County of Wexford.

Noted.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Letter dated I3th October I955 I09/29 was read from the County Engineer that if Mr. Michael Murphy, B.E., who had charge of the work on the erection of the two houses at Irishtown, is satisfied as to the competency of the proposed contractor to the Public Convenience he should give the certificate of competency required by the Department.

Noted.

NEW HOUSE FOR ENGINEER.

The Chairman drew attention of the Council to the fact that Mr. Finnegan, B.E. could not obtain a residence in the town and as he had to maintain a house in Dublin for his wife and family it would be difficult to retain his valuable services in New Ross and so he recommended the Council to erect and maintain a house for Mr. Finnegan.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy it was unanimously decided to instruct Mr. Finnegan to plan a suitable house and present it to the next Council Meeting.

The Chairman and County Manager having exchanged the compliments of the Season

THE MEETING ENDED.

R. Minihan

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TUESDAY I7th JANUARY I956.

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 consider (I) Applications from the Red Cross and Irish Tourist Associations for Grants (2) Offer of Mr, John Foley, New Ross, to sell his field at Bosheen approximately 4 acres for £9I0 in fee simple free of rent for ever.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Messrs M. Doherty, G. Donovan, E. Bennett, J. Ward, and Mr. Dunphy.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman and duly confirmed.

Clerk informed the Council the County Manager could not be present and asked the Council to excuse him. The Gorey Estimates Meeting fixed for last Tuesday was postponed owing to impassible roads to tonight and the Manager is obliged by law to attend.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE AND RENT COLLECTOR.

Clerk reported that the Interview Board appointed by the County Manager functioned in the Tholsel from I0.30 a.m. to 5.0 p.m. during the day. The appointment will be made by the County Manager of the candidate recommended by the Board.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY - MR. PATRICK GRACE, WATER INSPECTOR.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Donovan the Council passed a vote of condolence to the wife, sons and daughter of the late Mr. P. Grace who died since last Meeting. He was over 25 years in the employment of the Council.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., under whose immediate control Mr. Grace performed his duties paid tribute to his unstinting devotion to duty during his term of office.

Arising out of the Minutes:-

Mr. Dunphy would like to be informed if Mr. Finnegan, B.E., was employed by the Council and if not in what circumstances the Council are prepared to buy a site and erect a residence for him out of the local rates. Hw was unavoidably absent from the Christmas Council Meeting.

Chairman, replying drew attention to the relative minute which gave his reason for the proposal. Mr. Finnegan was a County Council Official. He was appointed to work for the Urban Council and his major duties lay within the Urban Area. This house would be subject to an economic rent plus rates and would be the property of the Council to house future Engineers detailed to the Urban Council.

Mr. Dunphy advocated that the County Council should contribute half the cost.

Town Clerk advised the Council that the implementation of the proposal was ultra vires the powers of the Council.

Mr. Finnegan then produced a drawing of the proposed dwelling and the Council agreed to it. He estimated the cost of the proposed house at £2548. 0. 0.

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

Mr. Finnegan was directed to complete the plans and submit them in the usual manner.

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CHANGE IN PUBLIC LIGHTING SYSTEM.

Mr. Finnegan verbally reported having surveyed the lighting position as requested. He suggested to change the light at William Street Junction to William Street corner and to have a public lamp erected at the lower part of the Schoolhouse Road.

Agreed.

Several Members advocated changes in the existing lighting arrangements in the town.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was decided to appoint a Committee - Mr. Bennett, Mr. Donovan, and Mr. Ward with the Engineer - to make a General Survey and report in time for inclusion in this years estimates.

LIGHTING AT ENTRANCE TO ROSBERCON CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Letter P.L. 602I/JG dated I4th January I956 was read from the Electricity Supply Baord hereunder. The erection of another 300 watt 1 lamp - dusk to midnight - above the Church gate and at approximately the same distance from it would cost £2I. 0. 0 bearing an annual charge of £7. 9. 0.

Mr. Doherty asked the Council to agree to the original suggestion to have two I50 watt lamps erected on the piers of the Church Gates. The annual charge would be £7. 9. 0 whereas if another pole is erected the annual charge will be £I4. I8. 0 apart from the cost of erection £2I. 0. 0. £36. I7. 6 was the cost of the originally suggested fittings.

Chairman read the minute dated dated I5th November I955 giving the County Manager's opinion. It was influenced by the legal definition of public lighting and the prohibitive cost of the new fittings. In the Chairman's opinion it would be cheaper in the long run for the Council to undertake the lighting from the Church piers.

Clerk, on request, submitted that there would not appear to be any reason to support a surcharge. The lighting was necessary in the public interest and appeared most effective on the Church Piers. It might be necessary to ascertain if the E.S.B. will maintain the fittings as at present obtains on public standards.

Adjourned.

CONTRIBUTION TO RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Letter dated 22nd December I955 was read from the Society applying for a Grant in respect of Water Safety activities under Sec. 40 Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, I948.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was nem. con. decided to repeat the Grant made last year.

CONTRIBUTION TO IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Application was read from the Association for a contribution under the tourist Traffic (Development) Act, I93I.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was nem.con, decided to contribute the same amount as last year.

MR. FOLEY'S FIELD. - OFFER TO SELL FOR £9I0.

Clerk reported an interview with Mr. Foley. He inspected the title Deed under which Mr. Foley holds the property in fee simple free of rent. The map endorsed on the Deed measured half of two roads. The area of the field is under four acres - apart from the roads.

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Mr. Finnegan exhibited the Ordnance Survey large map and pointed out the location. He was not familiar with the field but would, if desired, have a survey made and report to the next Council Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Donovan this was agreed to.

HOUSING SCHEMES - CONSULTING ARCHITECTS.

Letter dated 6th January I956 was read from Messrs Downes & Meehan, Architects, 37 Leeson Park, Dublin, acknowledging their appointment as Consultants to the Council. They are contacting the Department as regards the scheme on Nolan's Field and will report to the Council after inspection of the site.

No order.

COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO COUNTY COUNCIL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES.

Letter dated 9th January I956, with enclosure - copy County Council minute relative - was read suggesting that the New Ross Urban District Council's contribution which was fixed in I947/48 should now be revised.

Chairman, who was present at the Meeting, of the County Council, went fully into the reasons behind the suggestion. The County Architect required an assistant and the Urban Council would be asked to contribute. As, however, this Council had already engaged the services of Messrs Downes & Meehan there would appear to be a reason for a reduction rather than an increase.

Moved by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was agreed to so inform the County Secretary.

DONOVAN'S SITES.

Clerk reported an interview with Mr. William Donovan, owner of the fields situate at Bosheen, which it is the Council's intention to acquire for future housing development (including the field of six acres immediately adjoining the wall confining the Mount Carmel Monastry). The Nuns were continuing their objection to building on this six acres even granted the Council raise the dividing wall in accordance with monastic regulations. The nuns did ask for and Mr. Donovan acceeded to their request for a first refusal of this field. Since then the Nuns intimated their inability to acquire ~~of~~ the field. Hence Mr. Donovan now offered the three fields to the Council. Almost at once the Nuns intimated to the County Manager and the Town Clerk that their religious objection - they are an enclosed Order - still persisted. Mr. Donovan is not prepared to dispose of less than the three fields. The Council has not yet asked Mr. Donovan for his price for any of the lands.

Adjourned.

WATER PIPE UNDER PALACE BRIDGE.

SEALING AGREEMENT WITH CORAS IOMPAIR EIREANN.

Letter dated 2nd January I956 was read from the Solicitor, Coras Iompair Eireann, Dublin enclosing engrossment in duplicate of Agreement with the Council to lay a new water pipe under the Railway line between Drummond and New Ross in the townland of Curraun, for completion.

Moved by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Bennett it was resolved to emboss the Seal of the Council

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Council on the Agreement and duplicate.

The Seal was then embossed and witnessed by the Chairman of the Council.

WATER SUPPLY - COMPLAINTS OF CONTINUED SHORTAGE.

Mr. Finnegan verbally reported that his inspection of the position in the Urban Area discovered a number of leaking services. 40 were repaired. The recent drought in the town was due to a defect in the mains from Ballyleigh to New Ross which could not give the pressure adequate to drive the water from the lower reservoir at Castlemoyle to the tower that supplies the higher area. In his opinion this would continue - even when the new pipe line to Ross was in commission unless the Council provided an electric pump estimated to cost £I86. 0. 0 with annual charges for electricity. He, Engineer, also desired to report to the Council that all the meters supplied at Castlemoyle were out of order and that he had ordered the Cementation Co. to replace them within seven days.

Town Clerk advised the Council that the Contract with the Cementation Co. had not been completed and any interference with the Contract might viciate it. He advised the Council to recommend the County Manager to order the attendance of the Council's Consultant to the next Council Meeting when the Council could consult him on all matters arising.

This suggestion of the Clerk was agreed to. Also decided that Mr. Finnegan report particulars of damage to meters and the date the damage was done and in what circumstances.

Mr. Finnegan could not understand the delay in implementation of the Council's decision to relay the mains from Ballyleigh to New Ross. He understood one reason appeared to be that there were nine people outside the Urban Area receiving water from a filtered supply and that The Department are waiting on the Council's decision as to action taken. If the filters were changed from Dranagh to Castlemoyle all consumers without would receive unfiltered water.

It was agreed to instruct the County Manager to inform the Department that the Council is not interested in outside consumers but requires the filters in Castlemoyle and the extension of the new mains from Ballyleigh to the town.

NEW INDUSTRIES IN NEW ROSS.

The Chairman drew attention to the dearth of unemployment in the town. Residents were leaving to seek employment elsewhere. The local Tannery had closed down with a prospect of reopening at a some time or other. In his, Chairman's, opinion the Minister for Industry & Commerce should be asked for a list of prospective industries and the people of the town should get together and take advantage of any industries on offer.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED?

A. Minihan
21. Feb 1956

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TUESDAY 2Ist FEBRUARY I956

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: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Messrs M. Doherty, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall, M.D. Sheehan, M. Dunphy and J. Ward.

Mr. O'Connor, B.E., Dublin, Consulting Engineer to the Council on the Waterworks Improvement scheme was present at the request of the Council.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Chairman who asked if there was any objection to same.

There was no objection.

Chairman re-read the Minute re proposal to erect a house for the Engineer "Town Clerk advised the Council that the implementation of the proposal was ~~ultra vires~~ the powers of the Council" and objected that the Minute was incorrect in so far as the Town Clerk did not state his objection in the words of the Minute.

Town Clerk stated that having been asked by the Chairman if he objected to the proposal replied "yes" which in effect covered the Minute as his reply was given as Town Clerk.

Chairman then wanted to erase the Minute.

Mr. Shortall objected. A Minute cannot be erased but the Chairman's objection would be recorded in the next Council's Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were then signed as agreed.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Chairman, at the request of Mr. O'Connor, Consultant, then suggested that the Council hear Mr. O'Connor as he was anxious to get back to Wexford.

The Council agreed.

Mr. O'Connor went into details of the scheme for the benefit of Councillors who were not conversant with progress to date. The result of his conclusions resulted in the necessity for the suspension of an all round the clock supply until all leaks in the private services were located. There was a sufficient supply even if the mains from Ballyleigh to New Ross should be replaced. All old services in the town should be replaced by completely new services.

County Manager unable to attend.

Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager asked him to apologise for non-attendance due to weather conditions.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

Clerk intimated that the County Manager would be obliged if the Council would fix Tuesday the 20th March for this Meeting. It would co-inside with the Council's Ordinary Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was decided to hold the Estimates Meeting of the Council in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday the 20th day of March, I956, at 8 o'clock p.m., subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Audit for year ended 3Ist March I955.

Chairman proceeded to read this report to the end of the figures in the Revenue Account (Expenditure). He suggested that until the Councillors had a copy there was no use in continuing the reading.

Adjourned pending circulation of the Report to the Councillors.

The Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 3I/3/55 were placed on the table in accordance with law.

INCREASE IN TRADESMEN'S WAGES.

Report dated I9th January I956 was read from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. enclosing an application from P. Hanlon, Carpenter, J. Furlong, Plasterer, W. Kinsella, Labourer, and S. Bailey, Painter, for an increase of 3d per hour in wages from I7th October I955.

Mr. Finnegan's report stated that the increase had been granted by the Wexford County Council.

Clerk intimated the County Manager agreed to the increase subject to the consent of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Ward it was resolved that the increase be granted and that it be provided for in the Estimates.

COUNCIL'S OFFICIALS TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE

County Manager's Order dated 8/2/56 was submitted that subject to the Council's consent and the sanction of the Minister for Local Government an increased temporary allowance be granted from the Ist November I955 at the rates of I0% on the first £300 of Gross Annual Salary and 6½% on Gross Salary in excess of £300.

Moved by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

It was unanimously agreed to grant the allowance subject to the Minister's sanction. The increase from Ist November I955 to 3Ist March I956 to be provided for in next estimates.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board dated Ist Feb. I956 that, inter alia, "Any maintenance, repairs or replacements carried out by the Board would be chargeable to your Council" as regards the flambeaux fittings erected on the outside piers of the Rosbercon Church.
Moved by Mr. Sheehan
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

It was decided to have the lights erected on the Church piers at a cost of £36. I7. 6 and to discontinue the existing light of 300 watt opposite the Church.

APPOINTMENT OF RENT & RATE COLLECTOR.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager has appointed Thomas Kirwan, 3I Main Street, Wexford, in this post in accordance with the decision of his Selection Board set up under Section 26 Local Government Officers Regulations I943.

Mr. Kirwan will take up duty on Ist April I956.

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A discussion led by Mr. Shortall followed in which all the Members were unanimous in voicing the wish of the Council that a resident of the town should have been appointed and disapproving of the decision of the Selection Board and the Manager's appointment. Eventually

Moved by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy it was resolved

"We refuse to approve of the Manager's appointment of Mr. Kirwan and urge upon the Manager the desirability of appointing a resident of New Ross and we want to know why a resident of New Ross was not on the Selection Board and under what special qualifications Mr. Kirwan was recommended which the New Ross applicants failed in."

OLD I.R.A. MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

REQUEST TO CLEAN GROUND AROUND THE THREE BULLET GATE MONUMENT

Letter dated 20th January I955, was read from the Secretary to this Committee, Mr. P. Cleary, that his Committee "ask your Council to have the place around the Three Bullet Gate '98 Memorial cleaned up and have some broken seats repaired."

Mr. Finnegan, B.E. reported that it was his intention to recommend the Manager to have the seats removed altogether. The question of removing the two poles adjacent could also be examined in view of the recommendation of the Council's Public Lighting Committee.

It was decided that no action be taken pending a consultation between the I.R.A. Committee and the Engineer to ascertain what exactly is required by the Committee.

ALLOTMENTS FOR I956 SEASON.

The Town Clerk having asked for a direction in this matter

It was unanimously agreed to continue the Allotments Scheme for the I956 Season.

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIGHTING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., verbally reported as follows :-

He met Councillors Donovan, Bennett and Ward as arranged. The Committee adopted the following recommendations :-

I. Extra lamp at Three Bullet Gate.

2. Removal of one in Island to Ard-na-Greine.

3. Extra light in Chapel Lane.

4. Removal of light in Marsh Lane up to next pole

5. Extra Light at end of School House Road.

6. Two I50 Standards at entrance to Chapel at Rosbercon.

Mr. Shortall suggested further increased lighting in the lanes of the town for the Engineer's attention.

Decided to accept the Committee's recommendations for the consideration of the County Manager at next Estimates.

RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM J.K.L. PLACE.

The Chairman produced a typed copy of a letter dated

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IIth August I954, directed to Mr. J. Foley, Neville Street, New Ross. as follows:-

"I am directed by the County Manager to inform you that the Council cannot see any great necessity for the construction of a public roght-od-way as suggested by you to the County Manager. There would be no justification for the expense and no application has been received from the tenants in the matter."

Referred to Town Clerk for production of the minute relative or copy of Manager's instructions.

NEW HOUSING SCHEME ON NOLAN'S LANDS.

Replying to Mr. Sheehan, Clerk informed the Council that Mr. Meehan, Architect, with his Assistant, Mr. Daly, visited the site last week and carried out their work. The only matter in the way from the Department's point of view was the removal of the old forge. The Scheme could be proceeded with but it would be more desirable if this forge was removed.

The Chairman asked Councillor Dunphy to find out from Mr. A. Nolan the amount he would be prepared to accept for the forge.

Adjourned.

COST OF THE HARVEY PLACE HOUSING SCHEME.

Mr. Shortall intimated that as the Council were entering on new housing schemes he suggested the cost was important. On it depended the economic rent which was the main factor to the prospective tenant. The rent at present charged to the tenants of Harvey Place houses was out of all proportion to the ability of the tenants to meet. Costing Clerks and all sorts of Officials were employed which added to the values. He suggested that the Council request the Manager to place the entire costings on the table of the Council as soon as it was reasonably possible - April Meeting was suggested.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY I3th MARCH I956.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council called on requisition was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 o'clock to discuss the progress of the Nolan Field Housing Scheme and the offer of a right-of-way through the lands of Mr. Foley.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Dunphy, J. Ward, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall, and J. Bennett.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of Councillor Sheehan which was unavoidable. Mr. McDermott, Deputy County Manager, attended for the County Manager who had a prior engagement for a Meeting of the Gorey Town Commissioners.

Chairman intimated the Special Meeting was called on a letter received by Mr. Donovan from the Minister for Social Welfare.

Mr. Donovan read the letter. His, Mr. Donovan's, interest was more concerned with employment in the town. The scheme would give some employment if expedited.

Deputy County Manager read correspondence from the Council's Architects, Messrs Downes & Meehan, Dublin, enclosing new proposed lay-out plan and house plan.

Proposed by Mr. Bennett
Seconded by Mr. Donovan it was agreed to accept the new documents for the provision of 20 houses instead of the original plan for I6 houses and that same be submitted to the Department for sanction through the Architects.

<u>Offer of Free Gratis and for nothing right-of-way through Foley's Field to the Bosheen from J.K.L. Place.</u>

The Chairman introduced this matter.

Deputy County Manager read from the file relative. The letter (see Minutes of Meeting held on 2Ist February I956) sent to Mr. Foley was sent by the Town Clerk on the instructions of the County Manager. He, Mr. McDermott, was acting as Manager and Mr. Broe was appointed at the time the Engineer's report was submitted.

Moved by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Bennett and adopted

That Mr. Foley be written to asking if his offer was still open.

At the end of the Meeting the Chairman announced that the Old I.R.A. would present the Council with a National Flag on St. Patrick's Day and that arrangements should be made that the Council and the County Manager attend at the Tholsel after last Mass in the Parish Church for the presentation.

Mr. Shortall moved
Mr. Bennett seconded that the Council resolve to send a message of sympathy to Mrs. Thomas Mernagh and family on the death of her husband.

The Deputy Manager associated himself with the motion

Passed. All Members standing.

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TUESDAY 20th MARCH I956.

The Monthly and Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council were held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7 o'clock as agreed.

Present:- Mr. A, Minihan, Chairman, Presiding, and Messrs E. Bennett and J. Ward.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Moved by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Ward the following resolution was passed :-

RESOLUTION.

That this Meeting stand adjourned to Wednesday the 28th day of March I956, to enable Members of the Council to attend devotions of the Annual Retreat which is being held in the Parish Church from the I8th to the 25th March (inclusive).

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH I956.

The adjourned Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock in the Tholsel, New Ross,

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding with Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J. Ward and later Councillor J.J. Shortall.

The County Manager, Mr. Broe, was present.

The Minutes of Meetings held on 2Ist February, I956, I3th March, I956, and 20th March I956 were read by the Chairman.

Before signing the Minutes the Chairman adverted to the Minute in which the Town Clerk was stated as advising the Council that it was ultra vires the powers of the Council to build a house for the County Council Engineer who was at present secunded to the New Ross Urban District Council and requested the County Manager to say "Yes" or "No" to the opinion of the Clerk.

County Manager read his considered opinion. Under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts the Council could not provide such a house. The Council, however, had a Corporate Estate and could provide a house by way of addition to that Estate. If the Council decided to build a house for Mr. Finnegan, in his opinion the Local Loans Fund would not advance the money and so the Council's Treasurers could be approached, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government. In his, Manager's opinion, the cost would be prohibitive as the loan terms would not exceed I5 years and the high interest should be added to the annual repayment. To this would be added the rates. The difficulty might be solved. At the moment the Corporate Estate of the Council could obtain possession of the house let to the County Council as a Tuberculosis Dispensary. At present this house was occupied by a caretaker. Under the terms of the lease the County Council held the premises. That Council offered the premises to the New Ross Urban District Council. They refused to take over without vacant possession. It happens that a suitable Council house is vacant. If the Council desired he would transfer the caretaker to this house thus leaving the dispensary house available for Mr. Finnegan.

It was agreed that the transfer be effected.

Mr. Dunphy moved that the question whether the Council would be acting ultra vires their powers be referred to the Council's Solicitors.

There was no seconder.

The Chairman then struck out the minute on record.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED

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ESTIMATES MEETING 28th MARCH I956

The Adjourned Meeting of the Council to consider the Estimates for the year ending the 3Ist March I956 was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this day at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present :- The Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

The County Manager was present.

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS.

Chairman said that as each Councillor had received a copy he took it that it may be taken as read.

Agreed.

The detailed estimates were then considered seriatum.

ROADS.

Estimated Expenditure £569. Receipts £75. Net £494.

Agreed.

SANITARY

Estimated Expenditure £6I5I. Receipts £I266. Net expenditure £4885.

County Manager intimated that Receipts could be increased. The estimate was based on 27⅔% subsidy of loan charges for Waterworks. The subsidy had been increased to 43⅓% involving an increase on the Rosbercon Extension of £46 and the New Ross Improvement Scheme of £206. 0. 0.

Estimate as adjusted agreed.

HOUSING.

Estimated Expenditure £II704. Receipts £9650. Net expenditure £2054.

Council reduced expenditure of £I000 on Housing Repairs and maintenance by £I00 and Printing & Stationery of £I00 by £50

Agreed subject to said reductions.

GENERAL.URBAN PURPOSES.

Estimated Expenditure £5438. Receipts £2557. Net Expenditure £288I.

Council reduced expenditure of £260 Rents, Rates, Taxes & Insurance by £40 and Repairs to Town Hall & Other Property of £250 by £50.

Agreed subject to said reductions.

SUMMARY.

The Gross Expenditure of £34,678 was reduced by £334 and the

Gross Receipts of £I3,548 increased by £245 leaving the net expenditure of £2I,I30 reduced by £575 and leaving it as £20,55I.

The County Manager intimated that the County Council Demand was increased by a sum equal to 3/I½d in the £ over which the Council had no control.

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Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Ward

"That the rate in the pound for the year ending on the 3Ist March I957 be struck as 35/6d."

Passed.

The following recommendations were made to the County Manager during the discussion on the Estimates :-

By Mr. Shortall.

That a contract for the repairs to Council houses for a period of five years be entertained.

By Mr. Shortall.

That a statement be submitted to the Council regularly showing the cost of materials and wages expended on each Council house.

By Mr. Dunphy.

That a statement be submitted to the Council regularly showing the expenditure in materials and wages on Urban Roads.

The Meeting ended and the Council continued the business of the adjourned Ordinary Meeting.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Mr. Ward
Seconded by the Chairman a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Colfer, Solicitor on the death of his son.

INCREASE OF CLEANSING STAFF WAGES.

County Manager submitted an application from the Transport and General Workers' Union asking an increase of 8/- per week. Present wage £5. I2. 0. He had made an Order granting same having before him the rate of wages paid in the town - which he submitted - and as the Enniscorthy Council had agreed.

Moved by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Shortall

"That 5/- per week be granted."

County Manager advised that as he had made the Order granting the 8/- the Council's function was for or against the 8/-.

The Council agreed to the 8/- increase - the Chairman and Mr. Shortall voting against it.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE & RENT COLLECTOR.

Arising out of the reading of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2Ist February I956 the Chairman read the resolution relative.

County Manager detailed the proceedure laid down by law for the appointment and repudiated any statement or insinnuation that the appointment was made otherwise.

VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL.

Moved by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

It was decided to declare a vacancy on the Council caused

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by the resignation of Mr. Martin Reddy.

GAMEING ACT.

Chairman referred to this Act. The Council should adopt Part III of it.

Mr. Donovan gave his view of the result of the Council adopting it. He considered the Council well advised not to rush into the adoption without mature consideration.

Adjourned.

THE MEETING ENDED

P Murphy
14 April 1956

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TUESDAY I7th APRIL I956

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 :- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.

Councillors M. Doherty, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall, M. Dunphy, J. Ward and E. Bennett, also

The County Manager with Mr. Finnegan, B.E.

The Minutes of the adjourned Estimates Meeting and the Adjourned Ordinary Meeting were read by the Chairman.

Mr. Shortall objected to the Minute that stated that the Chairman and himself voted against the increase of 8/- per week to the Scavenging Staff. The Chairman concurred and it was decided to note same.

The Minutes were then signed.

SEALING OF DEEDS.

Moved by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was decided to emboss the Seal of the Council on (I) Transfer Deed for £96 4½% Land Bonds recently purchased by the Council and (2) Contract and Bond "The Council with Michael Byrne, Contractor for the erection of Public Convenience on the Quay.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON 3I/3/57

The Chairman signed the Estimates as adopted by the Council at last Meeting.

VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL - MARTIN REDDY.

The Chairman and Councillor M. Doherty and Michael Dunphy having duly signed the notice that the Council will proceed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Reddy.

It was decided to post it on the outer door of the Tholsel in accordance with law.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY - LATE J.A. NIX.

Moved by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman
A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Nix on his recent demise.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWN CLERK.

County Manager announced that he had appointed Daniel J. O'Connor, High Street, Wicklow - native of Enniscorthy - Town Clerk, New Ross, on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission.

He will take up duty from 28th May I956.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 2I/3/56 addressed to the Presiding Chairman was read from P. Anderson, 3 Ard Mhicil, New Ross, concerning his divided ditch.

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Mr. Dunphy informed the Council that this ditch divided Doyle's field from the Council's property and was not properly fenced.

Referred to Engineer.

Letter dated I3th April I956 addressed to the Chairman was read by him from the Town Clerk, Wexford, inviting the co-operation of the people of New Ross, re the Commodore John Barry Memorial celebrations and nominating the Chairman of the Council for co-option on the Wexford Committee or a nominee of his.

Moved by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

The Chairman of the Council was unanimously requested to accept the invitation.

He agreed.

Letter dated I3th April I956 was read from the same requesting the Chairman's attendance to a Meeting of the Commodore John Barry Memorial Committee on the I7th April I956 at 8.30 o'clock p.m. and enclosing a copy of the Minutes of a Meeting of the Wexford Corporation Sub-Committee which the Chairman of the Council read in full.

Chairman intimated he could not possibly be there now. He would attend the next Meeting and would inform his Council of the expectations of the Wexford Committee as regards New Ross on his return.

NOLAN'S FIELD HOUSING SCHEME.

The County Manager handed in a letter dated I2th April I956 from the Council's Consulting Architects - Messrs Downes & Meehan, Dublin - that they are proceeding with the preparation of working drawings and specification on the basis of a 20 house scheme. They suggested the engagement of a Consulting Civil Engineer to design and supervise the development work i.e. the road and sewer and water mains. To obtain competetive tenders they suggested the employment of a quantity Surveyor who would also be responsible for checking price and wage variations.

The Manager also submitted a copy of his reply to this letter dated I4th April I956 :-

I. The design and supervision of development works are a matter for Messrs Downes & Meehan and the Council have no power to incur the expense of employment of a Civil Engineer.

2. Enquiring if it would be at all possible to advertise this scheme without the appointment of a quantity Surveyor in view of the small scheme of 20 houses and further delay as the Council are anxious to proceed as expeditiously as possible with it.

Mr. Shortall suggested that as they had a competent Engineer he could do the work as efficiently as any new appointee. The more Surveyors and Civil Engineers employed the greater the cost of the houses.

Referred to County Manager.

ARD-NA-GREINE HOUSING SCHEME

Letters dated I4th March and 2Ist March I956 were read from Messrs Downes & Meehan that the Council's waterworks Consulting Engineer, Mr. O'Connor, Dublin, is agreed that the level of this site is satisfactory in relation to the storage tank and it is possible

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to get water and sewerage connections from adjoining services but is conditional on the number of houses to be connected as existing mains are nearing maximum capacity. Having regard to a possible scheme of 80 to I00 houses a detailed report on the improvements necessary should be arranged. They, Messrs Downes & Meehan, intend to get in touch with the Department regarding the further development of the Council's site at Ard-na-Greine and will report later.

Mr. Shortall informed the Council that the site and house plan for this site was approved years ago. There was no reason for employing Messrs Downes & Meehan and the work could be proceeded with.

Referred to County Manager.

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3I/3/55.

Chairman intimated that as each Member had got a copy it might be taken as read.

County Manager adverted to the following points raised in the report :-

Water Charges

The outstanding arrears had since been collected.

Rents from Corporate Estate.

The arrears at the end of March I956 is £

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING

Collection of Waste Paper.

County Manager reported that the National Waste Paper Co., Granagh, Co. Waterford, in a letter to the Council dated I6th February I956 intimated the position. So far as he was aware the Council had no power to grant a bonus to their Scavenging Staff for this collection and it was doubtful if the expense and time would justify the collection result.

Adjourned.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION - YEAR ENDED 3I/3/56.

Warrant for Year		£I7350. I9. 2
Collected	£I67II. 6. 6	
Discounts	I95. 8. 00	I6906. I4. 6
Outstanding		£444. 4. 8

Considered satisfactory.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The Council went through the lists and agreed with the Manager's decisions - suggesting in two cases that the valuation be divided because of subletting.

EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE I955/56

Letter S.W. 3/8/73 dated 23rd March I956 was read from the Department that the grant of £II00 represents the full proportionate amount available and it is not possible to increase it.

Noted.

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Chairman adverted to the work carried out by Mr. Finnegan, B.E., under this Vote. It appeared to be the General opinion that it was waste of money. It should go out from the Council that this garden belongs to the people and children and adults should co-operate in its preservation.

Mr. Finnegan reported that he had no funds to complete this work around the '98 Monument. He hoped to do so on next votes scheme. Cost £400 to complete.

It was decided to have an official opening of the Garden of Remembrance when completed.

QUARRY ON HIGH HILL.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the sad state of repair of this work done under a former Government Vote. It was now overgrown with weeds and so far as he could ascertain had not been scavenged or looked after since this work was originally done.

Mr. Donovan suggested the consideration of erecting a grotto there. The former Council had turned this idea down.

Referred to County Manager.

FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS.

Mr. Ward again stressed the necessity for fortnightly meetings. He moved that Meetings be held fortnightly.

Mr. Shortall seconded.

Town Clerk advised "Notice of Motion".

Mr. Ward then moved that the Meeting adjourn for a fortnight to complete the business.

Mr. Shortall seconded.

Chairman asked for a show of hands to continue the Meeting which resulted :-

For 5

Against 2.

The Meeting continued.

SANITATION

Mr. Dunphy adverted to the several decisions of the Council in this matter. Very little progress had been made. It was time to have the landlords of the town provide decent sanitary services.

Decided to have the list of houses in need of sanitary accommodation on the table for next Meeting.

NEW PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Electricity Supply Board would be duly instructed to proceed with the erection of the new lamps provided for by the Estimates.

5¼% PER ANNUM FOR NEW LOANS.

Circular H. I/56 dated I0th March I956 was read from the Department of Local Government that the Minister for Finance has directed the fixing of 5¼% per annum the rate of interest payable

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in respect of issues from Local Loans Fund on and after I0th March I956.

Noted.

Other routine business having been transacted

THE MEETING ENDED.

Signed J. J. Shortall

Deo. Chairman

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TUESDAY I5th MAY I956

The Ordinary Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on this evening at 7.30 6'clock p.m. and the Special Meeting of the Council was held on the same evening at 8 o'clock to make the Rate for the ensuing financial year of which due notice was given.

Present:- Councillors M. Doherty, G. Donovan, J. Ward, M. Dunphy, E. Bennett and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance was the County Manager with Mr. Finnegan, B.E.

One of the Councillors present intimated that the Chairman was indisposed and would not be able to attend.

Town Clerk at 7.30 informed the Meeting that as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were not present the Council could appoint a Chairman for the purposes of the Meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Ward
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

Mr. Shortall was voted the position of Presiding Chairman nem. con.

Mr. Shortall took the Chair.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late James Maher, Quay, New Ross, on his recent demise.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ward and passed.

Arising out of the Minutes :- Nolan's Field Housing Site

The County Manager read the relative correspondence since last Meeting. The Council's appointed Architects - Messrs Downes & Meehan - still considered the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor necessary so as to protect the Council against extras on the job. The Architects anticipated that within the next seven days or I0 days the Council could issue the advertisement for contract.

Chairman argued that :-

(I) Prospective Contractors were obliged to visit the site and submit their tender accordingly.

(2) The Architects were obliged to consider the tenders and advise the Council thereon.

(3) Any extras arising out of unforeseen difficulties would be based on the original contract price per.

(4) The services of a Quantity Surveyor would add to the cost of the houses and per se the rent to be charged to the tenants and the ratepayers.

It was unanimously decided not to appoint a quantity Surveyor.

ARD-NA-GREINE HOUSING SITE.

County Manager read the correspondence herein. The Department considered that this site should be taken in conjunction with the Council's proposals to provide sites for a future development scheme.

Referred to County Manager.

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TWO HOUSES AT BULLAWN

Letter N.75/2/9 dated I4th May I956 was read from the Department of Local Government that the position of these houses conflict with the proposal for the widening of the road as shown on map provided by the Council's Engineer. They requested an early submissin by the County Engineer of the report asked for in their letter of I2th December last.

Referred to County Manager.

SANITATION

Town Clerk submitted reports on this matter. On 2Ist June I955 and again on the 23rd August I955 the County Health Inspector reported to the Council.

The Council again read the reports.

Town Clerk reported that the Council had directed Statutory Notice on the Tottenham Estate as regards their houses at Chapel Lane.

Chairman read the reply from this Estate that as these houses were on the list of houses which might be condemned in the future they could not possibly consider putting in sanitary convenience unless they had an assurance that the houses would not be condemned in future.

It was decided that the Engineer inspect and report.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Meeting then adjourned for the purpose of making the rate for the ensuing financial year.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was resolved :-

"That we raise the sum of Eighteen thousand one hundred and thirty eight pounds four shillings and five pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of One Pound, fifteen shillings and six pence in the pound for the financial year ending on 3Ist day of March I957, on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, I946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith and subsequent thereto and the same to be collected in two moieties viz:-

The first on or before 30th September I956 together with arrears of five hundred and four pounds, five shillings and eight pence and the Second on or before the 3Ist March I957."

The Rate Book was then signed by Six Members of the Council present and duly embossed with the Seal of the Council and witnessed by A.A. Butler, Journalist, who was present.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty the Seal of the Council was embossed on the Warrant to collect and levy rates for the service of the year ending on 3Ist March I957, viz:-

	£I8I38. 4. 5
Arrears	504. 5. 8
Total	£I8642.I0. I

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The Ordinary Meeting was then continued.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Printed card was read from the family of the late J.A. Nix appreciating the Council's vote of sympathy and intimating that Mass will be offered for the intentions of the Council.

Noted.

RESOLUTION FROM TRALEE URBAN COUNCIL.

On the motion of Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Doherty it was agreed to approve of the Resolution of this Council requesting the Minister for Local Government to give direct County Council representation to the Urban District Councils.

LETTING OF SITE IN BARRACK LANE FOR GARAGES.

Town Clerk reported that an application had been received from Mr. Matthew Ryan, The Quay, for a site at Barrack Lane on which he proposed to erect four Garages. The County Manager had directed that the matter be investigated by his Engineer.

Report dated 9th May I956 was read from the Engineer that the site is not in his opinion suitable for houses but would prove suitable as a site for stores, morgue, abattoir, etc., which might be constructed by the Council at a later date.

Chairman, expressing agreement with the Engineer, stressed the necessity for an abattoir in the town. This site was most suitable.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett that the County Manager make arrangements for a grant of this site to Mr. Ryan at a charge per year as it would bring in a revenue of rent and rates to the Council instead of expense as it stands at present.

Passed.

Referred to County Manager to arrange terms of letting etc.

LETTING OF PLOT AT CROSS LANE - WILLIAM STREET.

Application dated 20th March I956 was read from Andrew Fahy, I7 Cross Lane, New Ross, for permission to use the waste ground at Upper William Street, for a plot to cultivate. Sketch enclosed.

Town Clerk reported that on the instructions of the County Manager this application had been referred to the Engineer.

Engineer's Report dated 9th May I956 was read that he has no objection to renting the site for a garden but pointing out that the site is suitable for building purposes.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Bennett

It was decided to recommend the County Manager to rent this waste ground per map at a nominal rent of 5/- per annum subject to three months notice to vacate.

BUILDING SITE AT IRISHTOWN.

Mr. Thomas Gantley offered this site for building purposes.

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On the instructions of the County Manager the Engineer reported under date 9th May I956, that the site would be suitable for the erection of two houses.

It having transpired that there were inhabited houses on the site

Decided "The Council is not interested."

HOUSING

Fencing at J.K.L. Place and Ard Mhicil

Engineer reported under date I5th May I956 that the fencing between Mr. Foley's property and J.K. L. Place is delapidated. The concrete wall has no foundation and its collapse is a matter of time. The cost of a 4" concrete block wall 5' high with I' barbed wire would cost £56.

Deferred.indefinitely.

Fencing - P. Anderson, Ard Mhicil.

Engineer reported that the original fence has collapsed, (helped by Mr. Anderson's poultry). Stone rubble would restore the fence. No other fence had collapsed. Mr. Dunphy disagreed with the Engineer's report. The whole fence was gone.

Referred back to County Manager.

PUBLIC LAVATORY ON QUAY.

The Engineer reported - dated 9th May I956 - the appointment of Edward Ledger, Waterworks superintendent, as temporary caretaker to above. Direction signs were being prepared.

Agreed.

The Engineer reported extras will be required to this lavatory :-

(I) 36 s.yds. of external plastering on walls of Fish-house	£I6. 4. 0
(2) Supply and fit 20 l.yds. of cast iron eaves run and provide for painting same	£ 8. 0. 0
(3) Supply and fit 30 l.ft. of wrought iron spiking to the requirements of the Engineer	£ 6.I5. 0
(4) Supply and fit three signs - "Public Convenience"	£ 4.I0. 0
Total	£35. 9. 0

Approved.

HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Nuisance at No. 9 Cross Lane.

This house is unfit for human habitation and could not be made fit at a reasonable expense. Mr. Kavanagh promised to bury the contents of the closet. He did not do so and continues to dump it on top of boundary fence.

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The Inspector recommended that Statutory Notice be served on Mr. Kavanagh.

Submitted to County Manager.

ROADS.

Mr. Donovan adverted to the over-excess of tar on the streets of the town now that the sun was exceptionally strong. Many people complain of adhesion of tar from the streets to their footwear. He suggested that the streets of the town be done in Barber Greene. No matter the cost it would pay for itself in time.

The Town Clerk intimated that Mr. Donovan's proposal would be subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government. No provision had been made in the Estimates for the repayment of principal and interest, presuming that the Council considered the financing of the borrowing.

The County Manager after consultation with the Engineer, Mr. Finnegan, suggested that the barber greene surfacing for the whole town would not be worth it. He suggested that Mr. Finnegan be asked to provide an estimate for one or two streets before the Council decides.

Agreed.

The other routine business of the Council having been disposed

Mr. Dunphy moved :-

"That as this is the last Meeting of the Council at which Mr. Barry would officiate as Town Clerk the Council placed on record their appreciation of his services of a quarter of a century and wish him many happy years to enjoy his pension.

Mr. Donovan seconded

The County Manager associated himself in the vote.

Passed unanimously.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Minihan

19. June 1956

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ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, 23rd JUNE I956.

The Annual Meeting of the Council was held this 23rd June I956, at 8 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, I927.

Present: Outgoing Chairman, Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, E. Bennett, J. Ward, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

In Attendance:

Town Clerk, D. O'Connor.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Chairman and were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor Doherty
Seconded by Councillor Bennett

That the outgoing Chairman be re-elected.

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

That Councillor J.J. Shortall be elected.

A show of hands resulted:-

For Outgoing Chairman Councillor A. Minihan:- Councillors Doherty, Bennett, Ward and Minihan. (4)

For Councillor J.J. Shortall:- Councillors Dunphy, Donovan and Shortall. (3)

The Chairman, having received a majority of votes, then declared himself elected, thanked the Members and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor Ward

That Councillor Shortall be elected Vice-Chairman.

There was no seconder.

Proposed by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by the Chairman

That Councillor Doherty be elected Vice-Chairman.

As there was no other proposal Councillor Doherty was declared elected as Vice-Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Doherty thanked the Members upon his election.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Councillors E. Bennett, J. Ward and M. Doherty were unanimously elected to membership of the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

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A letter was read to the Meeting from Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mary Street, New Ross, in relation to his co-option to membership of the Council and intimating that he was declining acceptance of the office. It was informed to the Meeting that the letter would be placed on the Agenda for the July Monthly Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P Whelan
24 June 1957

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TUESDAY I9th JUNE I956.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I9th June I956, at 7.30 p.m. to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.

Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, E. Bennett, G. Donovan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and Town Clerk.

Before commencing with the business of the Meeting the Chairman proposed and Councillor Shortall seconded that the Town Clerk be welcomed to the Meeting. The other members present and the County Manager associated themselves with the vote of welcome.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I5th May, I956, were read by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Dunphy mentioned that reference had not been made therein to the absence of sanitation to certain houses in Bullawn. He understood that it had been decided to serve Statutory Notice on the Tottenham Estate in this regard. He stated that he recalled further that the Town Clerk at the last Meeting had informed them that the houses in Chapel Lane had been condemned as unfit for human habitation many years ago.

The County Manager stated that he was of the opinion that the decision had been to attend progressively to this question of unfit houses - the position in relation to the houses at Chapel Lane to be examined by way of commencement and that the Engineer was to examine and report upon the present condition of these houses with a view to ascertaining whether they could be made fit with the aid of reconstruction grants, etc.

The Engineer mentioned that he had examined these houses at Chapel Lane and found that, with the exception of two houses, they were suitable for reconstruction. The Engineer suggested that the members might await the submission of his detailed report in this matter in the course of which he would advert to the problem of providing services to two of these houses.

Agreed.

The Minutes were then signed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter of acknowledgement was read from Mr. John J. Byrne, Camblin, New Ross, appreciating the Council's vote of sympathy on the death of his father.

Noted.

Coming forward from the previous Meeting the Engineer submitted a report and estimate in respect of the resurfacing of streets with the Barber Greene mechanical spreader, as follows:-

Charleton Hill (£320); Town Wall (£I60); Irishtown (£I435); Mary Street Upper and Lower (£374): Bullawn (£283); and Haughton Place (£82. 4. 0). Total £2654. 4. 0.

However, he advised against any of the highly-inclined streets being included.

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The subject was discussed at great length during which the Members mentioned that in the course of carrying out of resurfacing work thencefoward a more generous supply of chippings should be used and a lesser quantity of tar. Upon being informed that the maintenance of Main Roads within the town was the responsibility of the County Council, and, that as the resurfacing of these roads with the Barber Greene mechanical spreader was not included in the road programme for the present year, it was suggested that the Council could recommend the inclusion of certain of these Main Roads in the programme for next year.

Reverting to the Engineer's report in regard to Urban Roads it was agreed that a quantity of chippings should forthwith be put on such streets where an excess quantity of tar was present. In relation to the manner of resurfacing of Urban Roads to be employed in future years it was agreed, on the motion of Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Shortall, to adhere to the method employed heretofore in view of the prohibitive cost of resurfacing with the aid of the Barber Greene plant.

ROAD SIGNS.

Councillor Shortall referred to a sign post situate at Irishtown, mentioning that the mileage shown thereon was incorrect and also stating that the sign post was not visible when the trees were in foliage. He suggested that its position should be altered to a point where it would be visible and further that the responsible body should be asked to attend to the incorrectness of the mileage.

Referred to Engineer.

CORRESPONDENCE RE PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

A letter dated I3th May, I956, from the Department of Local Government was read stating that as the issue of loans from the Local Loans Fund is reserved for major capital works the Minister would be prepared to consider an application for sanction to a loan from the Council's Treasurer or some other source. The letter also stated that contributions to loan charges on such borrowing would still be payable at the rate notified (not exceeding 25% of the Loan Charges on the approved cost) but that no subsidy can be made available in respect of overdraft interest.

The County Manager stated that resolutions would now be required : (a) approving application being made for overdraft accommodation, and (b) authorising the raising ~~the raising~~ of a loan from the Treasurer.

Proposed by Councillor E. Bennett
Seconded by Councillor M. Doherty and resolved :-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government being obtained, we hereby authorise the raising of a loan in sum of £I750 from the Council's Treasurer, National Bank Ltd., New Ross, repayable over a period of I5 years for erection of public convenience at The Quay, New Ross."

Proposed by Councillor J.J. Shortall
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan and resolved :-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister, application be made to the Council's Treasurer for Overdraft accommodation in sum of £I750 to meet expenditure arising from the erection of a public convenience at the Quay, New Ross, pending the completion of arrangements for the raising of a loan from the Council's Treasurer for this purpose."

In reply to Councillor Shortall the Engineer stated that direction signs were on order and had not yet been delivered.

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The Engineer, in reply to Councillor Shortall, stated that the temporary Waterworks Superintendent, Mr. Ledger, emptied the slots and attended at the public latrine as caretaker. Councillor Shortall then queried the manner of appointment of Mr. Ledger as Waterworks Superintendent holding that the duties which he performed could readily be discharged by one of the Council's existing employees. In the course of a lengthy discussion the County Manager stated that the Engineer had informed the Council of the present arrangements at the last Meeting; he mentioned that Mr. Ledger had been appointed temporarily to this post following the death of Mr. P. Grace (R.I.P.) and that he did not propose to make a permanent appointment until such time as the duties attaching to the post were clarified, i.e. completion of the Waterworks Scheme. Mr. Shortall reitterated his belief that the employment of Mr. Ledger was not warranted as suitable arrangements could have been made for the discharge of these duties by one of the existing staff with an appropriate adjustment in remuneration pointing out that the caretaking of the public latrines could have been entrusted to the attendant on New Ross Bridge or one of the outdoor staff.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Meeting and all members, Councillor Shortall dissenting, expressed themselves in favour of the present arrangements.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY

Three candidates were proposed and seconded for this vacancy, as follows :-

Mr. P. Doyle, Charleton Hill - Proposed by Councillor Shortall, Seconded by Councillor Ward.

Mr. W. Kelly, do. - Proposed by Councillor Doherty, Seconded by Councillor Bennett.

Mr. P. O'Brien, Mary Street - Proposed by Councillor Dunphy, Seconded by Councillor Donovan.

It was decided to have a show of hands, resulting as follows:-

For Mr. Doyle - Councillors Ward and Shortall (2)

For Mr. O'Brien - Councillors Dunphy and Donovan (2)

For Mr. Kelly - Councillors Doherty, Bennett and the Chairman (3).

It was agreed, in view of Messrs Doyle and O'Brien having tied, to refer to a further show of hands the choosing of one of these contestants to oppose Mr. Kelly in a final vote. A show of hands resulted :-

For Mr. O'Brien: Councillors Dunphy, Donovan and Ward (3)

For Mr. Doyle: Councillor Shortall (I)

Mr. Doyle was accordingly eliminated and a final show of hands resulted :-

For Mr. O'Brien: Councillors Dunphy, Donovan, Ward and Shortall (4)

For Mr. Kelly: Chairman, Councillors Bennett and Doherty (3)

The Chairman then declared Mr. O'Brien co-opted in accordance with the undernoted resolution :-

Proposed by Councillor M. Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan, and resolved :-

"That having complied with the provisions of Article IO (2) of the Application of Enactments Order, I898

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and Section 42 (I) of the Local Government Act, I94I, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Mary Street, is hereby chosen to fill the casual vacancy on the New Ross Urban District Council occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Martin Reddy. Mr. O'Brien shall come into office following compliance with Article 9 (5) of the aforementioned Order relating to the making of a Declaration of Acceptance of Office."

HOUSING

The plans and specification for the proposed erection of 20 houses at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field), prepared by Messrs Downes & Meehan, Consultant Architects, were placed before the Meeting and were examined and approved. The County Manager stated that tenders have been invited and would be available to the July Monthly Meeting.

The Chairman read a letter dated I9/6/56 from Mr. J. Foley, 2 Neville Street, New Ross, in which he stated that his field was being turned into a commons since the question of a right-of-way to J.K.L. Place was mentioned at a Council Meeting and suggesting that if a wall was erected at the top of J.K.L. Place by the Council it would prevent trespass. He stated further that though he had withdrawn his offer of giving a right-of-way, his offer to sell the field still held.

Arising from this letter a discussion took place relating to house erection matters generally. In reply to Councillor Shortall the County Manager stated that a report had been received from the Consultant Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co. with regard to the question of water supply and sewerage facilities in relation to the proposal for house erection at Ard-na-Greine. The Consultants report was then read together with a report from the Engineer in reference thereto. In the course of further discussion the County Manager stated that the proposed scheme had not progressed sufficiently at this stage to warrant consideration being given to land purchase; the adequateness or inadequateness of the services was the only aspect to be considered now. The Meeting was also informed that the Engineer was at present engaged in surveying derelict sites and open spaces in the town with a view to ascertaining their building worth.

Concluding the discussion on this subject it was unanimously decided to ascertain if Mr. Foley would be prepared to sell a right-of-way across his land from the rear of J.K.L. Place towards the Irishtown.

FIXING DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

It was unanimously agreed to fix Saturday, 23rd June (8 p.m.) as the date for the holding of the Annual Meeting.

AFFIXING OF COUNCIL'S SEAL.

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Bennett and resolved:-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement dated 2nd June I955, with Mr. James O'Shea, 2 Town Wall, New Ross, in connection with the letting to him by the Council of a plot of ground situate at Three Bullet Gate, New Ross, on a tenancy from year to year from 25th March, I954, at a yearly rent of £2, for the purpose of erecting a garage thereon and for no other purpose save with the consent of the Council in writing."

Proposed by Councillor Bennett
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and resolved :-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreement (undated at time of Sealing) with Major P.K. Doyle, Brandon House, New Ross, for the letting of two acres

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of his land at Southknock, for use under the Allotments Acts, as indicated on map appended to Agreement, for three years from the Ist May, I956, at an annual rent of £20."

Proposed by Councillor Doherty
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and resolved

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Form of Request for the Transmission by Post of Warrants for Redemption Money in respect of the Council's holding of £7 4% Land Bonds which will be paid off at par on 2nd July I956, from which date they will cease to bear interest."

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Dunphy referred to the unpleasant appearance of the old cinema at South Street, but no decision was taken following discussion.

Councillor Bennett mentioned that the plots attaching to the two newly-completed houses at Irishtown were left in very poor condition by the Contractor - stones being strewn plentifully about the sites. Conflicting opinions were expressed and no decision was recorded.

THE MEETING ENDED

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14. July 1956

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TUESDAY I7th JULY I956.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I7th July, I956, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Dunphy, E. Bennett and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and Town Clerk.

Before commencing with the business of the Meeting Councillor Shortall proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Dr. M.J. Quigley on the occasion of the death of his brother, Very Rev. J.J. Quigley, P.P. Piercestown. Councillor Dunphy seconded the motion, and it was passed, in silence, all Members standing.

Councillor Dunphy proposed that a vote of sympathy be also extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Tench. The Chairman seconded the vote of sympathy, which also was passed, in silence, all Members standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th June, I956, were read by the Chairman and were adopted and signed by him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter dated I6th July I956, was read from Mr. John Foley, Neville Street, New Ross, stating that he would prefer to sell his entire field at Wexford Street. He stated that his sale price would be £800, whereas the sale price of a right-of-way would be £400. Following discussion it was decided to defer consideration of the matter to a future Meeting at which full membership of the Council would be present.

The Engineer submitted a report dated I4th July, I956, setting out an estimate of cost for the provision and painting of public seats as follows :- (a) at Augustinian Church - £I4. I0. 0
(b) at the Memorial Park - £I3. 5. 0.

Following discussion it was agreed on the motion of Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Bennett to provide the additional seats as set out in the report of the Engineer and further to repair the existing seats throughout the town where it was observed that repairs were needed.

The Engineer under date of report I4th July, I956, informed the Council that considerable damage was being caused by children to the New Park at Harvey Place. He stated that he had chased the vandals nightly and he set down the names of those he had caught damaging the grass embankment. The members vehemently condemned this lack of civic pride and directed that the parents of these children be written to indicating that unless this conduct ceased the Council would be forced to take serious action in the matter.

Under date I6th July, I956, the Engineer submitted an estimate for the following items:- (I) linoleum for Council Chamber - £37. I6. 0, (2) Table for Council Chamber - £80, (3) Table for Town Clerk's Office - £8. In connection with the table for Council Chamber he mentioned that this item might be obtainable much cheaper on the second-hand market. The members discussed the subject in detail following which it was unanimously agreed to provide the table for the Town Clerk's Office and that the Engineer should submit a report to a future meeting setting out an estimate for general improvements which could be performed progressively over a period of years, with particular reference to the

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Council Chamber, stairway, provision of dias and desks, glass cases, etc.

VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien wrote under date of letter 22nd June, I956, declining the acceptance of the vacancy in the membership of the Council to which he had been co-opted at the previous Meeting. The County Manager informed the Meeting that it would now be necessary for some Member to hand in Notice of Motion of intention to fill the vacancy at the next Monthly Meeting. It was agreed to defer the handing in of the Notice of Motion until the holiday period had expired as it was desirable that there should be a full attendance of Members.

HOUSING.

The Department of Local Government in a letter dated 25th June,I956, intimated that the lay-out and house design submitted in relation to the proposed erection of 20 houses at Charleton Hill (N olan's Field) was generally in order and requesting that a copy of the electrical specification should be submitted in due course for their information. The letter also stated that as the estimated cost of the scheme in sum of £I737. I0. 0 per house was abnormally high, fresh proposals at a more reasonable cost would be necessary unless the tenders showed a substantial reduction on this figure.

Two tenders, which had been submitted in response to an advertisement in this connection, were then opened :-

(I) William Clarke, Church St., Wicklow £384I3. 9. 6
(£I920.I3. 5 per house)

(2) John Clancy, Waterside, Waterford £3858I.I4. 3
(£I929. I. 8 per house)

In the light of the Department's letter of 25th June, I956, it was pointed out that there was no point in considering these tenders further. A lengthy discussion followed in the course of which the need for the re-arrangement of the lay-out of the houses was stressed with a view to overcoming the heavy development and thereby enabling the provision of a more economical house. It was finally decided that the Council's Engineer should contact the Consultant Architects at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of conferring with them with a view to placing before them the views of the Council in regard to the re-arrangement of the lay-out to provide for the provision of terraced houses on the frontage to William Street and Charleton Hill and also to suggest tp them any other economies which could be exercised. The early submission of the revised lay-out plan and design would be awaited.

At this stage of the Meeting the County Manager referred to the proposed erection of houses at the Ard-na-Greine site. Following discussion it was decided that the Engineer should prepare a sketch plan of the existing houses at William St., with such amendments as would be necessary for the purpose of conforming to present-day standards, with a view to ascertaining whether plans could be drawn up for the provision of sixteen such houses on the Council's site at Ard-na-Greine.

REPORT ON CHAPEL LANE HOUSES.

The Engineer indicated that owing to his attendance having been required at a conference he had been unable to complete his report in relation to this subject. It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next Meeting when a full report, setting out the defects, estimated cost of repairs, reputed

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owners, grants available, etc. would be available in respect of these houses.

SEALING OF AGREEMENTS - FIRE BRIGADES ACT I940.

It was proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Dunphy and resolved :-

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to Agreements dated 4th June, I956, - Wexford County Council - with - New Ross Urban District Council - in connection with the transfer of the powers and duties of the Council under the Fire Brigades Act, I940, to the Wexford County Council with effect as from Ist April I956, in respect of which service a sum of £300 will be paid annually by the Council of the County Council, the amount of this sum to be reviewed at the end of each three years and amended by agreement of both parties, if necessary."

ADJUSTMENT OF REMUNERATION - CARETAKER OF THOLSEL.

An application from Mrs. M. Lindsay dated I8th June, I956, for an increase in her remuneration in view of the additional duties required from her in the matter of cleaning the Rent & Rate Collector's Office was read.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunphy, Seconded by Councillor Bennett and agreed :-

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"That in accordance with Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, we hereby approve of the proposal to grant an increase in remuneration in sum of 5/- per week to Mrs. M. Lindsay, Caretaker, The Tholsel, with effect as from I8th June, I956."

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Abstract of Accounts in respect of the financial year to 3Ist March, I956, was placed before the Meeting and was examined and noted.

Arising from this consideration of the Abstract a lengthy discussion in relation to the rapair of Council houses generally took place. It was ultimately decided to consider this question of repairs at some future date when the Town Clerk would have had an opportunity of preparing details of a Tenant Purchase Scheme which would be considered in conjunction with this matter of housing repairs.

The Chairman referred to the presence in the Council store of 22 ranges in varying stages of repair pointing out that in two years time these ranges would be worthless whereas tenants of Council houses, who presently had useless ranges, might be interested in purchasing these for a nominal sum, of say £3, plus installation costs. When it was mentioned that the County Council owned a number of these ranges the County Manager indicated that necessary arrangements could be reached with the County Council in reference to that point.

It was agreed that the Engineer should inspect these ranges, grade then according to the state of repair and place a value against them. The tenants could then be circularised with a view to ascertaining if they desired to obtain these ranges on the basis of the Engineer's estimated value plus installation cost.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On the suggestion of Councillor Shortall it was agreed to

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correspond with the person responsible for the placing of bill-posters on the abutment of New Ross Bridge and requesting that he would discontinue this practice.

Councillor Shortall also referred to the need for the implementation of Traffic Byelaws and instanced a number of cases which would warrant the introduction of such Byelaws. Conflicting views on the subject were expressed and no decision was recorded.

Arising from a discussion in reference to the filtration of the town's water supply, raised by Councillor Shortall, it was directed that the Consultant Engineer should submit a report on the present position in reference to this subject for presentation to the next Council Meeting.

Councillor Shortall referred to a gate serving Foley's field, Wexford Street, mentioning that it constituted a serious danger as it opened on to the road. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Engineer.

A letter was read from Councillor Donovan in relation to a proposal to erect plaques and signs in connection with the Battle of Ross at various points throughout the town which work was being undertaken by the Committee set up by the Council and An Bord Failte Eireann. He requested that the Council would indicate where the Corbet Hill Plaque should be erected.

The Council decided, on the motion of Councillor Dunphy, seconded by the Chairman, that the plaque should be erected wherever Councillor Donovan himself thought proper.

THE MEETING ENDED

Signed Jos. D. Shortall
Pres. Chairman
21st Sep. 56

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TUESDAY 2Ist AUGUST I956.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 2Ist August, I956, at 7.30 p.m., to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Councillors J.J. Shortall, M.Dunphy, E. Bennett, G. Donovan, and J. Ward.

In attendance: Deputy County Manager, Mr. T. F. McDermott, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor Shortall was moved to the Chair on the proposal of Councillor Ward seconded by Councillor Dunphy. Councillor Shortall then took the Chair.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I7th July, I956, were read by the Chairman and were adopted and signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Shortall adverted to the Discussion which had taken place at the previous meeting relative to the filtration of the town's water supply. He mentioned that he thought the Consultant Engineer was to be instructed from the last Meeting to contact the Department of Local Government in regard to the position of the proposed filters (i.e. at Ballyleigh or Castlemoyle). He expressed himself in favour of the siting of the filters at Ballyleigh as a Caretaker was already employed here and this would obviate the need for the employment of a caretaker at Castlemoyle. The Engineer mentioned that seven houses were serviced with unfiltered water on the incoming main and that this was probably one of the factors which influenced the Department in relation to the position of the proposed filters. He stated two-thirds of the present supply to the town was at present slow sand filtered, adding, that there would be a more adequate supervision of the filters if sited at Castlemoyle.

Councillor Donovan also stated that the filters would be obviously more efficiently supervised at Castlemoyle and stated that the Council was under no liability whatever to service the seven houses on the incoming main.

The Consultant Engineer's report, with reference to this matter, dated 20th August, I956, was read at this stage. In the course of his report the Consultant Engineer stated that the Department of Local Government had indicated that the decision as to whether Castlemoyle or Ballyleigh would be chosen would depend mainly on the most suitable type of filtration, as Castlemoyle would be suitable only if pressure filtration was used whereas rapid gravity filtration or slow sand filtration could be used at Ballyleigh. The report also set out the respects in which all three methods of filtration should be investigated. The Consultant added that he was now in a position to report on all of the Departments requests except in relation to "estimates in reasonable detail of the capital and running costs of any practical method of purification"; as the Department required this to be dealt with in great detail. In view of this the Consultant considered that, with the Council's approval, he should prepare a general plan and preliminary specification to cover both rapid gravity and pressure filtration and invite interested manufacturers to put forward proposals with detailed estimates in each case.

The members unanimously agreed to this suggestion and directed that the matter generally be dealth with as expeditiously as possible.

Arising from consideration of this report Councillor Donovan queried whether there was a need for chemical treatment of the water, as, chlorination of the supply would not be favoured. It was then

stated that if there was no bactherialogical contamination chemical treatment would not be required. The Meeting was informed that the water was frequently analysed and there was no report of contamination. The Members desired that these reports of the County Medical Officer, and, the other precautions being taken, in regard to the supply of water, might receive publicity, in view of the prevailing epedemics, for the purpose of reassuring the public of the wholesomeness of the supply.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter of acknowledgement was read from Dr. M.J. Quigley, Trinity Place, New Ross, appreciating the Council's vote of sympathy on the occasion of the death of his brother, Very Rev. J.J. Quigley,P.P. Piercestown.

Noted.

A report from the Engineer,stating that his overall scheme of improvements at the Tholsel was receiving attention and would be submitted at a later date, was also noted.

Ranges in Store: In regard to the stock of second-hand ranges which was discussed at the previous monthly Meeting a report dated I8th August, I956, was submitted by the Engineer stating that he had inspected these ranges and graded them as follows :-

Total Number 9.

Grade I — 4 Boiler Type (2 left hand; 2 right hand types) £8. I0. 0 each.

Grade II — 2 Non-Boiler Type (2 right hand. Boilers have been removed) £6. 0. 0 each.

Grade III — 3. Various parts missing. Non-Boiler Type. (2 right hand: I left hand) £4. I0. 0 each or £6. 0. 0 each if missing parts are replaced.

He also added that an additional sum of 30/- or £2 would cover instalation costs. Councillor Donovan felt that the ranges might be offered at a lesser sum, however, it was decided that the Town Clerk might invite offers from Council's tenants for these ranges for lump sum consideration; if there were none interested the matter of weekly instalments could be discussed at a future meeting.

HOUSING

The Engineer submitted to the Meeting a copy of a proposed lay-out plan for the provision of I2 houses on the Council's site at Ard-na-Greine, but suggested deferring consideration of the matter pending submission of the general lay-out plan for this area.

A further report from the Engineer in connection with his recent conference with the Consultant Architects, Messrs Downes & Meehan, in relation to the amendment of the lay-out plan and house designs in regard to the provision of a scheme of houses at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field) was read. The report stated that the Consultant Architects would forthwith prepare a lay-out plan for approximately I8 terraced type houses and submit these preliminary documents to the Department. If the Department should reject these proposals the Architect would report back to the Council, or, if these preliminary documents were approved, the Consultant Architects would proceed with the preparation of house designs and other details without delay.

The Engineer mentioned that the Architects did not consider that a substantial reduction in the basic price per house would result (i.e. £I700(approx.)) but that a substantial reduction would certainly be made in development cost. He mentioned that he thought that the Architects would have conferred with the Department by this time and that the Department might insist upon the provision of access service laneways to the rear of the proposed dwellings. The Council decided to await the early submission of the amended lay-out plan and house

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design and that the Town Clerk, in the meantime, might urge attention to this matter.

Field at Wexford Street - Right-of-way.

Consideration of Mr. Foley's letter of I6th July, I956, as detailed im previous minutes, was again deferred to a future meeting at which there would be a full attendance of members.

Report on Chapel Lane Houses.

Attached to a covering report dated 2Ist, August, I956, the Engineer submitted several reports and estimates in respect of a number of unfit houses at Chapel Lane. In all sixteen houses were inspected and the total estimated cost of repairs was £2892. One house, only, was recommended for demolition and in connection with the remaining houses the Engineer pointed out that this estimate was for barest essentials to bring the houses up to a minimum standard and stated that the future life of these houses would be twenty years before major structural alterations became necessary.

The members were informed of the extent of grants available and following discussion it was directed that the owners of these houses be corresponded with pointing out the nature and extent of the defects noted and informing them of the financial assistance available from State sources for the proper discharge of this work.

Councillor Bennett, excusing himself, withdrew from the Meeting at this stage.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, I949 - I956/57 PROGRAMME.

Circular R.W. 202/I/8 dated I6th July, I956, from Department of Local Government was read.

The Engineer under date of his report 20th August, I956, submitted schemes for (a) relief of tidal flooding at Rosbercon at an estimated cost of £I8,000, together with alternative schemes, in this connection, costing £II,200 and £3,500; (b) Relief of flooding at The Quay, New Ross, at an estimated cost of £250, and (c) provision of gully at Rosbercon at an estimated cost of £80. Complete details of the nature of the work was given in each case. The members unanimously approved of all the proposals submitted and directed that the approval of the Department be sought without delay.

VACANCY IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.- NOTICE OF MOTION.

Councillor M. Dunphy handed in the undernoted Notice of Motion which was accepted by the Presiding Chairman :-

Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give notice that I, or, some other member on my behalf, will at the October Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council, to be held on Tuesday, I6th October, I956, move that the vacancy in the membership of the Council, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Martin Reddy, be filled at that meeting in accaordance with the relevant enactments."

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Shortall referred to a gully in the Barrack Lane area over which deposits of refuse had accumulated which would result in flood waters invading the Convent of Mercy gardens. The point of this being private property was mentioned.

Referred to Engineer.

Councillor Ward adverted to a decision taken some time ago in regard to the wall at Creywell and Councillor Shortall again mentioned the danger arising from the gate serving Foley's field,

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Wexford Street, which opens on to the roadway.

Both matters to be examined.

Arising from a query from Councillor Dunphy in relation to the appointment of a tenant to the vacant house at Upper William Street, Councillor Shortall stated that in the event of a house of this type (non-subsidy) again becoming vacant consideration might be given to the appointment of the Caretaker in the old Dispensary at Upper Mary Street, as tenant. This building at Upper Mary Street could then be repaired and let to an interested party at say 30/- or £2 per week. The Engineer pointed out that considerable repair would be required to the two top floors as they were in almost complete disrepair. Following further discussion, and upon the suggestion of Councillor Shortall, it was requested that the Engineer might submit an estimate of repairs in this connection to some future meeting.

On the motion of Councillor Shortall, seconded by Councillor Dunphy, the members unanimously voted congratulations to the Wexford Senior Hurling Team on winning the Leinster and All-Ireland Semi-final honours and wished them good luck in their efforts to secure the All-Ireland honours on 23rd September.

Arising from a query of the Presiding Chairman, Councillor Donovan informed the Members that a joint meeting of Council Members and Members of the Harbour Commissioners had been held for the purpose of establishing a maritime exhibition in New Ross in conjunction with the Commodore Barry Commemoration. He stated that it had been considered at that Meeting that it might be possible to accommodate the permanent exhibition in the Large Room of the Tholsel but that at this stage the Committee was merely submitting formal application for the use of this room for the purpose mentioned during the period 10th September to 23rd September, 1956.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I8th SEPTEMBER I956.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I8th September I956, at 7.30 p.m. to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors J.J. Shortall, E. Bennett, M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J. Ward and M. Doherty.

In attendance: County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, H. Finnegan, B.E., and Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2Ist August, I956, were read by the Chairman. Arising from the Minutes Councillor Shortall mentioned, that, in relation to the discussion which had taken place at that Meeting in connection with the situation of the proposed new filtration plant, he had suggested Dranagh and not Ballyleigh (page I, line 2I) as the most suitable site. The members agreed to the correction, which it was stated, would be included in the Minutes of the Meeting.

The Minutes were then adopted and were signed by the Chairman.

OLD DISPENSARY BUILDING AT UPPER MARY STREET.

The Engineer submitted a detailed estimate for the repair of this building amounting to £556. I6. 0. In the course of a lengthy discussion the Engineer mentioned that approximately £200 of this sum would represent improvement works and the balance would be in respect of repairs, for which the County Council would be liable, as lessee, in accordance with the standard covenant contained in the lease. The matter was considered in the light of the arrangements to be made in regard to the provision of alternative accommodation for the caretaker of this building and his family who were at present residing there. Concluding the discussion it was agreed that the making of arrangements for the surrender of the lease and the discharging of the repairs, as suggested by the Engineer, would be deferred until such time as alternative accommodation becomes available for the present occupiers. The members had in mind the allocation to them of the next available non-subsidy type of house. Councillor Shortall's suggestion in regard to the disposition, by sale, of the plot of land adjoining this dwelling to the Governors of the Haughton Hospital upon surrender of the lease was also deferred pending settlement of this question of securing alternative accommodation for the caretaker and his family.

Before passing from this subject reference was made to an E.S.B. stay, which was affixed to this building, and which was causing damage to external plastering. It was decided that the E.S.B. be instructed to remove this stay from the building forthwith.

REPORTS FROM ENGINEER.

A report from the Engineer was read stating that the matter of the wall at Creywell had been referred to the County Engineer and that an estimate in sum of £275 had been submitted but, that, as far as he was aware, no decision was reached for the carrying out of the work. The members expressed keen dissatisfaction with the dilatory manner with which this matter was being treated and pointed out that the danger arising from the conditions at this corner was being mentioned all too frequently without result. Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Donovan, Seconded by Councillor Bennett and resolved "That we hereby request that the County Council would forthwith arrange to put in hands the work of lowering the wall at Creywell or widening the corner thereat or such other remedial action as would reduce the danger presented

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to traffic and road users generally arising from the present conditions at this point. We also express keen dissatisfaction arising from the manner in which all our earlier representations in this connection have been deferred or ignored."

WATER SUPPLY - DRANAGH INTAKE WORKS.

The Engineer submitted an estimate in sum of £83. 4. 0 in respect of urgent improvements and repairs at Dranagh Reservoir. He mentioned that a concrete paved area around the perimeter of the reservoir should also be constructed to prevent pollution and mud ingress during storm periods and also that the intake channel should be concreted and deepened to serve as a settling chamber to prevent mud deposits reaching the reservoir. However, he pointed out that these works could be deferred pending the installation of the filters and completion of the scheme.

In accordance with the provisions of Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, the members unanimously approved of the incurring of expenditure in sum of £83. 4. 0 for the works described by the Engineer in his estimate of I7th September I956.

At this stage of the Meeting a report from the County Medical Officer was read pointing out that four samples recently taken had been analysed and of these three had proved to be unsatisfactory. The Engineer stated that the water was being treated with chloros since this report came to hand and in view of further unsatisfactory reports which had been received it had been decided to double this dosing. It was proposed to take further samples on Monday 24th September and that it was anticipated that the position should be found to be satisfactory by then. He mentioned that the cause of contamination was primarily due to the presence of animals at the catchment area together with the particularly wet summer which had been experienced. He stated that when these animals would be removed from this area in the winter months it could be expected that the need for the dosing of the water with chloros would cease.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME.

The terms of Circular H.A. 8/56 dated 6th September, I956, and of the Order of the County Manager dated I8th September, I956, relative to the scheme to be operated for the supply of fuel to necessitous persons during the winter months was informed to the members.

Noted.

FIELD AT WEXFORD STREET - RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Letter dated I6th July I956 from Mr. John Foley, Neville Street, New Ross, stating that the sale price of his field at Wexford St., would be £800, whereas, his price for a right-of-way would be £400 was again read to the Meeting.

The County Manager pointed out that in the event of this right-of-way being acquired the Council would be obliged to provide a substantial fence and also to provide some suitable form of surface dressing and that consequently, in view of this heavy expenditure, the members should approach this matter very warily.

The members expressed their views individually and it seemed to be the unanimous desire of the Council to provide this facility if Mr. Foley was found to be willing to dispose of the land free or for a nominal sum.

It was finally decided to request Mr. Foley to meet a deputation of members at the Council Chamber, The Tholsel, on

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some afternoon which would prove suitable to all parties for the purpose of the discussing the matter. The Chairman together with Councillors Donovan and Shortall were nominated to represent the Council. It was intimated that a map of the area would be available to this deputation on the day appointed for the discussion. The results of this meeting to be reported back to a future meeting of the Council.

UNFIT HOUSES AT CHAPEL LANE.

The members were informed that lengthy correspondence has been addressed to the owners of the unfit houses at Chapel Lane and that replies had been received from (a) Tottenham Esate indicating that the matter was being considered by the Owner and Trustees of the Estate and that a reply would be made available as soon as possible, and (b) Mrs. Walsh requesting to be informed of the proceedure for obtaining the State Grant in connection with the discharge of repairs to No. 4 Chapel Lane.

Noted.

PLOT OF GROUND AT CHAMBERSLAND.

A letter dated 22nd August I956, from Messrs Colfer, Son & Poyntz was read stating that they had been instructed to enquire whether the Council would be prepared to consider selling or leasing a plot of ground at Chambersland containing I acre I rood 24 perches. They mentioned that the site was required for the purpose of making concrete blocks and that they were not in a position at the present time to disclose the indentity of the enquirer.

The Engineer furnished a map of the site under cover of a report dated 29th August, I956, in which he stated that as the plot adjoined an unsurfaced county road and that as neither water nor sewerage facilities were available anywhere near the site he could notssee of what use the plot would be to the Council.

Councillor Shortall pointed out that as the present dumping ground at the Showgrounds had not an unlimited life for this purpose it might be well to hold this plot in reserve for utilisation for this use, and, that in view of this, a short term lease, of say five years, might be considered. It was stated that the enquirer should make an offer on this basis of this short-term lease, but, for the guidance of the County Manager, a sum of £I2 per annum, lessee to pay rates, was mentioned.

The members unanimously approved of this arrangement.

HOUSING BYELAWS.

It was proposed by Councillor E. Bennett, seconded by Councillor J. Ward, and resolved :-

"That we hereby adopt the bye-laws made pursuant to the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, I878 to I948, and the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, I890 to I952, prepared in the model form, with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by the working classes and thereunto affix our Corporate Seal."

It was agreed that copies of these bye-laws should be circulated to the members.

HOUSING.

Under date of letter I0th September I956, the Consultant Architects to the Council, Messrs Downes & Meehan, submitted a revised lay-out plan for the provision of eighteen semi-detached houses on the road frontages at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field).

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In their letter they mentioned that owing to the very steep slope of the site they recommend the retention of the semi-detached house type and they stated further that they felt confident that if the scheme was readvertised and more competitive tenders received a substantial reduction in cost would be achieved by this modified scheme without departing from the house design already prepared.

Having regard to the specific instructions which the Council issued from their July Monthly Meeting for the provision of terraced-type houses on the road frontages the members took exception to the action of the Consultants in not meeting their wishes. The members were of the opinion that whilst the omission of the development in depth of the scheme would reduce the over-all cost the retention of the original design would result in building costs remaining unaltered, which, in the light of the tenders received some time ago, would still be considered by the Department to be abnormally high in view of the comments contained in their letter dated 25th June, I956.

Following further consideration the members decided to instruct the Consultants to prepare a lay-out plan for the provision of terraced-type houses on these road frontages together with comparative estimates for this type of house and semi-detached type. In the course of further discussion reference was made to a house design employed in an adjoining area which had resulted in the provision of houses of a similar type at a cost greatly less than the estimated cost of these houses. It was mentioned that the Consultant Architects were in possession of this plan and it was suggested that they might examine this design with a view to enabling the provision of a similar economical design of house by the Council. Concluding the discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Bennett that the Consultant Architects should be instructed to readjust the design of these houses in such a manner as to effect a substantial reduction on the original estimate of these houses in relation to building costs, as it was the considered opinion of the members that the submission to the Department of the original design would merely evoke from them a reiteration of the observations set down in their letter dated 25th June, thereby causing further undesirable delay.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

The members were informed that a comprehensive scheme had been prepared in this connection in accordance with the minimum terms outlined in Circular Letters H.6/63 dated IIth July, I953, and H. I3/56 dated IIth July I956. It was stated that arrangements were being made to prepare sufficient copies of this statement for circulation to the members and that the matter could then be considered at a Special Meeting to be convened for this purpose.

Agreed.

LARGE ROOM THOLSEL.

The County Librarian wrote under date of letter 5th September 1956, suggesting the provision of floor covering on the room used for accommodating the Branch Library and which at present was also being used as the centre for the Maritime Exhibition. The County Manager pointed out that this matter could be deferred as this suggestion would form part of the over-all scheme for improvements at the Tholsel which was at present in course of preparation.

Arising from this suggestion the need for urgent improvements was stressed particularly with regard to the Council Chamber and stairway. Councillor Donovan mentioned that the Council Chamber should be equipped with appropriate

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display cases together with the provision of a suitable table, floor covering, etc. and need not necessarily be used for office purposes. It could then become a suitable place to which to conduct visitors and be worthy of the town and people of New Ross..

The County Manager stated that the Engineer had in mind the preparation of an over-all scheme of improvements which could be carried out progressively over a period of years having regard to the current and future finances of the Council. The improvements to the stairway and Council Chamber could take precedence, as desired by the Council,when this scheme was being considered.

Before passing on to the next business the Chairman informed the Meeting that it was the intention of the possessor of a landscape painting which had been acquired with the aid of the proceeds of an exhibition held some years ago, to donate it to the Council and he intimated that he would endeavour to arrange for this person to formally present the painting to the next meeting.

Noted.

TRAFFIC BYELAWS.

Councillor Ward adverted to the need for the introduction of traffic bye-laws within the town. However, it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter pending the coming into operation of the Road Traffic Bill I956 which was understood to contain certain enabling provisions in this connection. On the suggestion of Councillor Dunphy it was agreed that the Town Clerk should correspond with the Gardai requesting that members of the Gardai might be placed on duty at certain junctions and crossings in the vicinity of the schools at lunch-time and school-closing times.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman referred to a recent Order made by the County Manager proposing to increase the basic rents of Nos.3, I0 and I4 Harvey Place by 4/- per week from I8/2 to 22/2 per week. The members considered the proposal at great length following which it was decided to defer further consideration until the over-all position was being discussed in conjunction with their consideration of the terms of Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Councillor Bennett queried whether notification had yet been received from the Department with regard to the E.S.V. allocation for the present year. The County Manager stated that notification had not yet been received but that the Engineer would prepare and submit schemes to the October Meeting whether or not this notification had come to hand by that time. Minimum delay would result from this course of action. The Chairman and Members heartily congratulated the Engineer upon the results of last year's scheme and complimented the parents and children of the area upon the manner in which they treated and respected the beautiful park provided. They expressed the hope that many similar schemes would be undertaken in future years with the aid of this grant.

Councillor Shortall drew attention to the need for the provision of additional public lanterns at Haughton Place, Coopers Lane, Cook's Lane and Lady Lane. It was agreed to obtain from the E.S.B. estimates of the cost of the provision of these additional lights and to consider the matter at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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16 Oct 1956

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TUESDAY I6th OCTOBER I956

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday I6th October, I956, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, Presiding, Councillors M. Dunphy, E. Bennett, G. Donovan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, H. Finnegan, B.E., and Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I8th September, I956, was read by the Chairman, and being approved, were signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Dunphy adverted to the proposed scheme for improvements at The Tholsel and stated that some years ago a considerable sum of money had been provided by the Council for certain work of improvements being contemplated at that time in accordance with an approved plan but that the work had not been proceeded with and that consequently this unexpended sum of money, now lying dormant, would yet be available. He stated further that some years ago a small sum of money had been presented to the Council also for this purpose, and, the sum donated could have been suitably expended in the provision of an appropriate display case for the Council's mace. He queried whether this sum had also been merged with the Council's General Fund. The Meeting was informed that this latter sum was held by the Treasurer in a Deposit Account and had never been utilised. In the course of further discussion the matter of a credit balance on the Council's revenue account was mentioned and the County Manager indicated to the members how very fortunate the Council was in having built up this favourable balance on their working account in view of the useful purpose this balance serves in the early months of the financial year when the income of the Council through rates is neglegible and certain heavy commitments of the Council, e.g. Loan Charges and County Council Demand, fall due for payment. The Council was more especially fortunate when this matter was viewed in the light of the Bank's present severe restrictions on credit facilities, he stated.

Reverting to the discussion relative to the scheme for improvements at the Tholsel, Councillor Shortall stated that a plan of improvements had been prepared some years ago, which provided for the alteration of the stairway, provision of an additional storey, etc., and he stated that this plan might yet be on record. He suggested that the Engineer might endeavour to trace the plan. This plan and the matter of improvements to the Tholsel generally could then be considered and discussed at some future meeting. This course was agreed upon. It was also decided that the Town Clerk would abstract the statistical particulars relating to this matter with regard to the extent of monies provided by the Council over the preceeding twelve years together with a comparative statement relative to the sums expended on this work over the same period.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME I956/57

The Meeting was informed that only one tender had been received in response to an advertisement inviting offers for the supply of fuel in respect of the Winter Scheme viz: James Ryan & Sons, New Ross - Firewood Blocks at £4 per ton.

Noted.

DISUSED RANGES HELD IN STORE.

A copy of a Circular issued to all tenants of Council houses

drawing their attention to the availability of a number of good used ranges which the Council was prepared to dispose of to interested tenants for a cash consideration was displayed to the members. It was stated that only one application had been received in reply to this notification and that the installation of one of these ranges in the residence of the sole applicant had been approved upon the conditions notified to him. A discussion then took place regarding the manner of disposing of the balance of the ranges - strong representations being made for the installation of one of these appliances without charge, in a house at 32 Charleton Hill, where an existing range had become defective through the neglect of a previous tenant. Following discussion the members agreed that the Engineer might investigate this particular case and that he should take whatever course of action which he considered the circumstances of the case would warrant. It was further agreed in regard to the disposition of the remainder of the ranges that these might be disposed of at the discretion of the Engineer and Town Clerk.

VACANT HOUSE AT 40 J.K.L. PLACE.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that only one application had been received for the tenancy of this house and he suggested that, as this applicant resided in the County Health District, the Council might consider offering the tenancy of this house to the caretaker of the old dispensary building at Upper Mary Street. The members unanimously approved of this suggestion.

RESOLUTION FROM LISTOWEL U.D.C.

A resolution from Listowel U.D.C. protesting against the proposed increase in E.S.B. Charges had been placed on the agenda of the meeting for discussion. However the members referred to a previous discussion of the Council in connection with this matter of resolutions received from outside bodies, arising from which it had been decided not to entertain these resolutions excepting in cases dealing with matters of local interest or concern. Accordingly it was decided to mark the resolution "read". However Councillor Bennett gave the undernoted Notice of Motion :-

Notice of Motion

I hereby give notice that I, or some other member on my behalf, will at the next Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council to be held on Tuesday 20th November, I956, move :-

"That we the members of the New Ross Urban District Council strongly protest against the proposed increase in E.S.B. charges and we request the Minister for Industry & Commerce to refuse sanction to the implementation of these proposed additional charges."

Before passing on to the next business Councillor Dunphy requested that an estimate be sought from the E.S.B. for the provision of an additional public lantern at Stable Lane (cul-de-sac in Conduit Lane).

It was agreed that an estimate be sought from the E.S.B. in the matter which then be considered at the Estimates Meeting in conjunction with the estimates which had already been sought from the previous meeting.

PLOT OF GROUND AT CHAMBERSLAND.

A letter dated 5th October, I956, from Messrs Colfer, Son & Poyntz, Solicitors, was read in which it was stated that this client had informed them that he was no longer interested in obtaining a lease of this plot.

Noted.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM E.S.B.

Under date 26th September, I956, a letter from the Electricity Supply Board was read in reply to correspondence which had issued to them from the previous meeting relative to the need for the removal of a stay from the old dispensary building at Upper Mary Street. In their letter they stated that following an inspection by one of their representatives it was noted that there are a number of hair cracks on the face of the building and particularly in the region of the window opes, however, the letter stated - " the stay under discussion has been "in situ" for the past I0 years and its influence on the soundness or otherwise of the building as a whole is, in my opinion, negligible". The letter went on to state that the Board could not at this stage accede to the Council's request and that if the Council insist on its removal the full cost of providing an alternative support for the networks would have to be borne by the Council.

Following a brief discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Shortall, seconded by Councillor Dunphy to direct the E.S.B. to remove this stay forthwith, being satisfied that the presence of the stay on this building was causing damage and being also of the opinion that its continued presence here would result in structural damage being caused.

WALL AT CREYWELL.

A letter from Wexford County Council dated 4th October, I956, stating that the Council's resolution, relative to the alterations necessary to the wall and corner at Creywell, had been referred to the County Engineer, was noted.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Also noted was a letter dated 9th October, I956, from the Department of Local Government re;ative to the report of the Consulting Engineer which had been considered by the Council at the previous meeting. The letter stated that"the Minister considers that slow sand filtration should not be rejected at this stage and that this method should receive consideration in further reports by the Consulting Engineer."

HOUSING

Messrs Downes & Meehan, Consultant Architects, in a letter of 9th October I956, adverted to a communication which had been addressed to them from the previous meeting and pointed out that the original house design approved by the Council contained five rooms, whereas, the design referred to by the Council's Engineer contained four rooms and was of smaller floor area. They stated that they would furnish the Council with a four-roomed terrace type design of house containing living-room, Scullery, three bedrooms but with bathroom on the ground floor. They also mentioned that they had ascertained from the Department that they would have no objection to such a four-roomed house with bathroom and also that a substantial reduction on the approved design would result owing to the smaller floor area. They requested to be instructed if they were to proceed on these lines.

The members discussed the matter at some length following which it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Ward to instruct the Consultant Architects to proceed with the preparation of a house design upon the lines set down in the sketch submitted to them by the Engineer - each house to contain three bedrooms on first floor and living-room, scullery and bathroom on the ground floor.

CONFERENCE RE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The Committee of members appointed to meet M r. J. Foley to

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discuss matters relating to the provision of a right-of-way over a field at Wexford Street submitted a report relating to the events which transpired at that conference resulting in the failure of negotiations in this matter.

The report was noted.

CASUAL VACANCY.

Councillor Dunphy's Notice of Motion relative to the filling of the casual vacancy in the membership of the Council at the October monthly meeting had been circulated to the members.

Councillor E. Bennett proposed the co-option of Mr. W. Kelly, Charleton Hill, to the vacancy. Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, seconded the proposal. No other candidate was proposed for the vacancy and accordingly the Chairman declared Mr. Kelly co-opted in accordance with the undernoted resolution :-

Proposed by Councillor E. Bennett,
Seconded by the Chairman,and resolved :-

"That having complied with the provisions of Article I0 (2) of the Application of Enactments Order, I898, and Section 42 (I) of the Local Government Act, I94I, Mr. William Kelly of Charleton Hill, New Ross, is hereby chosen to fill the casual vacancy in the membership of the New Ross Urban District Council occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Martin Reddy. Mr. Kelly shall come into office following compliance with Article 9 (5) of the aforementioned Order relating to the subscribing to a Declaration of Acceptance of Office."

E.S.V. SCHEME I956/57.

The members were informed that notification of the amount of allocation in this matter for the present year had not been issued by the Department. However as arranged at the previous meeting, the Engineer submitted preliminary plans in respect of two schemes for the consideration and approval of the members viz: (a) Park Development at Three Bullet Gate (a continuance of last year's scheme). In this covering report the Engineer stated that as the amount to be allocated was not yet known he had not completed a specification or detailed estimate of the proposed work.

The members unanimously approved of the schemes submitted suggesting certain minor amendments and additions e.g. substitution of a rockery in lieu of the ornamental pool in (a) and lowering of level of the plot to be developed in (b) in the area of the Mural tower to the original level of the floor of the castle for historical purposes.

Arising from this matter is was also agreed that sand-pits for recreational uses be provided in certain selected areas of the town - the open space fronting the Council's Housing Scheme at Ard Mhicil being specifically mentioned.

SEALING OF MORTGAGE - LOAN £I750.

Proposed by Councillor E. Bennett
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan and resolved :-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated I2th July I956, of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £I750 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd., New Ross, for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the erection of a public convenience at The Quay, New Ross, to be repaid within I5 years with interest at the annual rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances

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as in the said letter of sanction provided, the said loan with all interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates AND that the Seal of the Urban District Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

REPORT OF RATE COLLECTION TO 30/9/56

Warrant	£I8,645. 8. 9	I955/56	£I7350.I9.2
Collected and lodged at 30/9/56	£I0,002. 0. I	do.	£ 9357. 5.2
Percentage of Warrant	54.78%	do.	55.05%

The members expressed satisfaction with the state of the collection.

TABLE FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Engineer and Town Clerk were authorised to attend a public sale of furniture and household effects at Borris, Co. Carlow on Wednesday, I7th October, I956, on behalf of the Council, for the purpose of acquiring a suitable mahogany table for use in the Council Chamber. A ceiling of £I5 for the item was stipulated, the Council to take delivery. The County Manager had earlier stated that this proposal was not in accordance with the general principles of public bodies.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Shortall adverted to the matter of the steep camber of the road at South Street and its junction with Charles Street which matter was referred for the attention of the Engineer.

A discussion took place with regard to a tree at Irishtown which had recently been disfigured and had become somewhat unsightly. It was stated that the residents in the locality were very concerned about the matter. Following discussion it was agreed that correspondence be issued to Mr. J. Conroy, Irishtown, directing that he would plant a new tree in place of the one which he had disfigured and which he should forthwith make appropriate arrangements to remove.

Councillor Dunphy referred to the growing need for the provision of a telephone kiosk at Charleton Hill. The Engineer stated that a representative of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs had recently been with him in regard to this matter and he had suggested the Three Bullet Gate area as the most suitable site for a kiosk. He stated he would make provision in the pathway for this kiosk and he understood that the matter was proceeding as arranged. It was stated that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs had regard to the area from which they considered the maximum revenue would accrue and that if they found that the Three Bullet Gate did not fulfil their requirements in this connection an alternative site would be sought and this alternative site might well be at Charleton Hill.

On the suggestion of Councillor Dunphy the Members unanimously agreed to cause further representations to be made through the appropriate channels to have the sentence imposed against Michael Cleere, a native of New Ross, further remitted on compassionate grounds, having regard to the grave distress of the particular period with its attending adverse influences and further having regard to the recent death of his father and the ill-health of his sister.

The matter of Traffic Byelaws was again discussed, a number of members stressing the urgent need for their introduction. However, as it was generally believed that the Road Traffic Bill would cater specifically for traffic restrictions in built-up areas the matter was again deferred.

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Councillor Dunphy queried if a reply had been received from the Garda Authorities with reference to the representations made to them from the previous meeting relative to the control of traffic at certain junctions in the school areas. Upon being informed that no written reply had been received the members unanimously agreed that the Town Clerk should pursue this matter requesting that the Gardai might effectively control these crossings in the morning-time, lunch-time and at school-closing time. The members stressed the need for controlling the Bewley Street/Michael Street junction in particular.

Councillor E. Bennett proposed that a vote of congratulation be extended to the Wexford Senior Hurling team on their success in the All-Ireland Final and also to their gallant Cork opponents for their truly great display. Councillor Dunphy seconded. All of the members and the County Manager associated themselves with the vote.

On the suggestion of Councillor Shortall it was agreed that the Engineer would examine into the need for the tiling of the walls in the cubicles of the public convenience similar to the type of tiling provided in the outer section of the latrine.

THE MEETING ENDED

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20th Nov 1956

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SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY 29th OCTOBER, I956

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors E. Bennett and M. Dunphy.

In attendance: D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

The Chairman informed the members of the purpose in calling this Special Meeting. He stated that the National Council of the Trees for Ireland Association intended holding the annual convention in New Ross on Saturday, I0th November, I956, and that delegates from many parts of the country would attend. He mentioned that the convention was held in Cork in the previous year and on that occasion a civic welcome had been extended to the delegates by the Mayor of Cork and the members of Cork Corporation. The members of the Wexford Branch prevailed upon the Association to hold their I956 Convention in Wexford and their efforts evidently had been very successful. The Chairman stated that he thought it proper that the New Ross Urban Council should also extend a civic welcome to the delegates on this occasion and, as the meeting was being held at the Tholsel, the Council could meet them at the steps of the Tholsel as they arrived for their meeting. The meeting had been fixed for 7 p.m. on Saturday, I0th November. He informed the members that a dinner - subscription I5/- for those who wished to attend - would afterwards be held at the Royal Hotel.

The Members unanimously agreed to extend a civic welcome to these delegates as suggested by the Chairman. The Town Clerk was requested to send a circular to the members advising them of this decision and to state, for the information of those members who had been unable to attend this Special Meeting, the time, venue, etc. for the proposed civic reception.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER I956

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 20th November, I956, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J. Ward, M. Doherty, E. Bennett, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall, M. Dunphy and M. Sheehan.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

The Chairman and members welcomed Councillor Sheehan back to the meeting following his long illness and expressed their pleasure at his return. Councillor Sheehan thanked the members.

Councillor Shortall proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Michael Murphy, Charleton Hill. Councillor Dunphy seconded the vote which was passed, in silence, all members standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th October, I956, were read by the Chairman, and being approved, were signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes the following transpired :- (a) Upon the suggestion of Councillor Shortall it was agreed to enquire from the Electricity Supply Board from whom they had obtained permission to attach the stay to the old dispensary building at Upper Mary Street.

(b) Councillor Donovan ~~argued~~ urged that the County Manager might refrain from increasing the rent of No. 40 J.K.L. Place, to which it was proposed to appoint Mr. John Murphy, Upper Mary Street, as tenant. He instanced the considerations which the County Manager might take into account in this connection. The other members joined with Councillor Donovan in his representations. The County Manager stated that he would not be unmindful of the Council's recommendation. It was decided to leave the matter entirely in the hands of the County Manager.

(c) On the suggestion of Councillor Shortall it was agreed to urge the submission by the E.S.B. of the quotations sought from recent meetings with respect to additional public lighting.

(d) Councillor Dunphy pointed out that the identity of the person, who, some years ago, presented a sum of £I0 to the Council for work of improvements at the Tholsel had been incorrectly stated at the last meeting. He mentioned that he had since discovered that the benefactor was a Mr. J. Ashe of Liverpool. The correction was noted and it was directed that a letter of thanks should issue from the Council to Mr. Ashe in acknowledgment of his very generous action.

Before commencing with the reading of the correspondence the members unanimously joined in support of Councillor Bennett's vote of condemnation of the Communist suppressive action in Hungary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The meeting was informed that notification of a grant of £550, subject to a local contribution of £75, had been received under date of a circular I8th October, I956, with regard to the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote I956/57. It was stated that a grant of £II00 had been made available in I955/56 (local contribution:£I50) and £I700 in I954/55 (local contribution: ££235). The members expressed disappointment at the sharp fall in the amount of the grant and agreed

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that a supplementary grant should be sought. In the meantime the amount of grant notified together with the local contribution should be utilised in carrying out the scheme of park development to Three Bullet Gate as already approved by the Council.

Correspondence was read from the Office of the Minister for External Affairs, British Embassy and German Legation, arising from the representations which had been made to them from the previous meeting concerning a Mr. Michael Cleere. Following consideration of these replies it was agreed that an abstract from the letter received from the German Legation should be forwarded to the Office of the Minister for External Affairs for his information. It was also decided to await the reply from the Office of the Minister for External Affairs, as mentioned in their letter before the Meeting, before acting further in the matter.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT.

The meeting was informed that the Honorary Secretary of the New Ross Commercial Club had been precluded from applying to the recent District Court for a Certificate under Section I5 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act, I956, in connection with their proposal to promote a game of Pongo, as Part III of the Act had not been adopted by the Council in relation to their administrative area or any part thereof. The members considered the matter at great length in the course of which Circular G.305/I dated 2nd March, I956, dealing principally with the adoption of the Act and attending matters, was read. Conflicting viewpoints were expressed and it was finally decided to defer consideration of the matter for one month to enable the members to give serious thought to the subject. It was also directed that a copy of the Act might be made available when the matter again came up for consideration.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Under date of letter I9th November, I956, Messrs Thomas O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, stated that they were still unable to put forward their comprehensive report upon the lines set out in their report of 20th August, I956, as the required information had not yet come to hand. They stated that they would endeavour to make the report available to the December Meeting.

Noted.

Arising from this matter Councillor Bennett queried the number of leakages detected within the passed month and requested to be informed of the areas of the town where these were discovered. When this information was supplied Councillor Bennett mentioned that the pressure in Wexford Street had fallen off considerably within the past month. Councillor Shortall suggested that the Engineer might engage Mr. O'Grady, Health Inspector, to carry out a further comprehensive inspection of the systems as he pointed out that a constant watch was needed. The Engineer stated that he was satisfied that this was not necessary as the supply was quite satisfactory at present. In regard to Wexford Street he stated that this area was supplied from the water tower and that a short time ago he had checked the public fountains in this area and had not noticed any appreciable drop in pressure. Following further discussion it was agreed that if occasion warranted the Engineer could engage Mr. O'Grady to assist in carrying out inspection of the system with a view to the detection of water leakages.

OPEN SPACE AT ARD MHICIL.

The Engineer submitted an estimate in sum of £8 for the planting of ornamental trees on the perimeter of this waste area and £68 for the provision of two play pits with a flagged pathway to each. In the course of a discussion on the subject it was agreed that only one pit be provided - its position being selected and

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indicated by the members to the Engineer by reference to a map produced. It was also agreed that the Chairman and Engineer would endeavour to procure the ornamental trees without cost to the Council from a party mentioned to the meeting by the County Manager.

On the proposition of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Dunphy the members unanimously authorised the incurring of expenditure towards the provision of one pit in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955.

On the suggestion of Councillor Shortall it was agreed that correspondence be addressed from the meeting to the Trustees of the Tottenham Estate enquiring from them the consideration which they would be prepared to accept for the disposition to the Urban Council of the site at Windmill Lane, on which a number of derelict houses now stand, and which could be developed to enhance the approach to the Memorial Park which had recently been provided here. Councillor Bennett argued that a "No Parking" sign should be provided at the park as he had observed that a practice of parking vehicles on the park had arisen. The Engineer assured the members that this matter had not passed unobserved and would be attended to.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

The Engineer submitted an estimate in sum of £66.I3. 4 for the tiling of the new public convenience as requested from the previous meeting. It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the matter indefinitely.

The Engineer also submitted a report stating that damage had recently been caused to the public convenience by vandals and he detailed the extent of the damage. He pointed out that as the depradations were carried out at night, when the caretaker was not in attendance, the only effective means of preventing vandalism was to spike and inset broken glass around the screen walls and entrance gate. The members were vigorous in their condemnation of these acts of wanton damage and exhorted all persons to exercise their civic responsibilities with a view to bringing these felons to justice. The members authorised the Engineer to carry out the work suggested in his report or to taking such other action as would assist towards preventing a recurrence of this blackguardly behaviour.

WALL AND CORNER AT CREYWELL.

In a letter dated 30th October I956, the Secretary, Wexford County Council, stating that the County Engineer had intimated that it would cost £2I0 to ease this corner and provide suitable fencing and that he considered that this would be a matter for the Urban Council. The letter also stated that there was no money in the County Council Estimate for this work. The County Engineer would be prepared to discuss the matter at the site at any time - the letter concluded.

The members considered the matter at great length in the course of which it was pointed out that as this was a Main Road the onus of providing the money and carrying out the work was obviously one for the County Council. It was agreed that the Engineer should prepare a sketch map of the corner, appropriately marked and coloured, so as to enable the local County Council member to raise the matter at the next County Council Meeting. Councillor Ward urged that a danger sign might be erected here pending the completion of arrangements for the easing of the corner. It was finally decided that the representations to be made by the local member of the County Council should be supported by a resolution from the Urban Council in the following terms.

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Ward and resolved :-

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hereby request that the Wexford County Council would forthwith make arrangements to finance and carry out certain works at the corner of Creywell Road at its junction with Mountgarret Road calculated to reduce the danger presented to traffic and road users generally at this point. Being mindful of the contents of the letter dated 30th October, I956, from Wexford County Council disclaimimg responsibility for this work, we would refer you to the sketch plan of this corner, which we have directed to accompany this resolution, from which it will be evident that the task of easing this corner is one solely for the County Council as the authority having the responsibility for Main Roads in the County. Furthermore,it is requested, that, pending the completion of arrangements for the discharge of this work, the County Council would make immediate arrangements for the erection of a sign at this junction warning road users of the dangers at this point."

TRAFFIC CONTROL

A letter dated 30th October, I956, from Garda Siochanna was read stating that they were doing their utmost to meet the wishes of the Council in the matter of the control of the crossings in the vicinity of the schools, particularly with regard to the Bewley Street/ Michael Street crossing. The letter stated that "it is proposed to continue to detail Gardai for mornings and afternoons for this duty where the strength of the Station Party of New Ross permits and to thereby impress on school children and road users the apparent necessity for taking care at these road junctions".

The contents of the letter were considered satisfactory.

HOUSING BYELAWS

Proposed by Councillor E. Bennett
Seconded by Councillor M. Sheehan, and resolved :-

"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the byelaws made pursuant to the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, I878 to I948, and the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, I890 to I952, as applying to the Urban District of New Ross, due notice of the deposit of the byelaws for inspection and of intention to apply for confirmation having been published."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to a copy of this resolution for transmission to the Minister.

E.S.B. CHARGES.

Councillor Bennett had handed in a Notice of Motion in this connection, in the terms set down hereunder, which was unanimously adopted:

"We the members of the New Ross Urban District Council strongly protest against the proposed increase in E.S.B. charges and we request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refuse sanction for the implementation of these proposed additional charges."

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE THOLSEL.

The Engineer submitted plans which he had prepared in this connection and outlined the improvements that he had in mind. In the course of a discussion the County Manager suggested that a committee of members might be formed to examine into this matter. The members unanimously agreed to this suggestion and appointed the Chairman together with Councillors Shortall and Donovan to the Committee, who

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would, with the assistance of the Engineer, draw up a schedule of improvements which could be performed progressively over a period of years - the provision of a strong room on the ground floor, to accommodate the Council's Minutes and other valuable records, was mentioned as an essential feature of any scheme of improvements. The proposed scheme, when completed, to be put before the Council.

Following discussion the following transpired relative to the Council's old minutes and other records :- (a) As suggested by Councillor Shortall it was agreed that the old Minute Books might be placed on the Council table at their next Monthly Meeting (b) that members of the recently formed New Ross Historical Society should have access to these records (suggested by Councillor Donovan), and, (c) that the National Museum be acquainted of the existence of these records with a view to having photostat copies taken thereof for their use and benefit (suggested by the Chairman).

Consideration of a report from the Town Clerk dealing with the financial aspect of this matter of improvements at the Tholsel, treated over a period of fourteen years, was deferred to enable the Estimates for the year I945/46 or I946/47 to be obtained and displayed to the members at the next Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

Tuesday, 27th November, I956, at 7 p.m. was the time and date agreed upon for the calling of a Special Meeting to consider the Tenant Purchase Scheme prepared in accordance with the minimum conditions outlined in relevent Departmental circulars. Copies of the scheme were distributed to the members at the Meeting to afford them maximum opportunity to consider and examine the terms of the scheme before the Special Meeting.

It was also agreed that this Special Meeting should conclude at 8.30 p.m. to enable the members to meet traders of the town with a view to formulating a scheme of decorations in the town during the coming Christmas Season calculated to stimulate trade and to induce extern shoppers to the town.

INTEREST RATES.

Circular H. I6/56 dated I4th November, I956, from the Department of Local Government was read stating that the Minister for Finance had fixed at 5¾% per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after I4th November, I956.

Noted.

HOUSING.

With a letter dated 7th November, I956, Messrs Downes & Meehan, Consultant Architects, enclosed an adjusted house design (of lesser floor area than that already furnished) and lay-out plan in connection with the proposed erection of 20 houses at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field). Each house was estimated to cost £I607.I0. 0. The Meeting was informed that the rents of the houses, exclusive of rates, on the basis of this all-in cost would be I9/- per week in respect of those houses for which the maximum state subsidy becomes payable, or, 30/8 per week in any other case. The matter was discussed at length and it was the unanimous opinion of the members that these rents would be greatly in excess of the paying ability of intending tenants. It was ultimately decided that the intention of the Council to proceed with the erection of these houses, provided that sufficient applicants were forthcoming, should be advertised, stating the rents which would be sought, advising interested persons of the availability of the house designs for inspection and requesting potential applicants to signify, in writing, their preparedness to

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accept tenancy of these houses at the rents stated. The matter could then be considered at a later meeting.

The Engineer submitted, in a report dated 7th November, I956, a list of isolated sites within the Urban Area, owned by the Urban Council, which he considered suitable for building purposes. He recommended a bungalow type plan for the sites. The sites were situated as follows (the number of houses capable of being accommodated are shown in parentheses):- Bullawn (2); William St. Upper (I); William St. Lower (I); William St. Lower (I). Total 5. The Engineer stated that the sites were at present derelict and were not being put to any bona fide use. Development costs would be negligible.

The members agreed that the Engineer should prepare a plan of these sites and that the Department of Local Government should be requested to sanction the proposed erection of bungalow-design houses on these sites.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the Meeting that a loss of £60 had resulted from the recent presentation of the Maritime Exhibition. He stated that when the New Ross Harbour Commissioners recently approached the Minister for Industry & Commerce seeking their approval to the granting of assistance to the promoters of this exhibition by the Harbour Commissioners it was queried by the Department whether the consent of the Urban Council was forthcoming to the proposal. He pointed out that his purpose in raising this matter was to obtain this consent from the Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. Bennett
Seconded by Councillor M. Dunphy, and agreed :-

"That we the members of the New Ross Urban District Council strongly recommend that the Minister for Industry & Commerce would authorise the New Ross Harbour Commissioners to advance a cash grant to the Commodore John Barry Maritime Exhibition Committee to assist that body in cancelling a debit balance which it has incurred in presenting this most attractive Maritime Exhibition in New Ross recently. Moreover, we desire to point out that the New Ross Urban District Council afforded to this Committee, free of charge, the accommodation in which to present the exhibition, as, through lack of statutory authority, it was precluded from assisting in any other manner."

This concluded the Business of the Meeting.

P Meehan

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TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER I956.

SPECIAL MEETING

Present: A Minihan, Chairman, presiding.

Councillors G. Donovan, M. Sheehan, J.J. Shortall, E. Bennett, J. Ward and W. Kelly.

In attendance: D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Councillor Kelly was welcomed to the Meeting by the Chairman and the other members present. (The form of Declaration of Acceptance of Office had been completed, in the presence of the Town Clerk, on I0th November, I956).

Councillor Shortall was informed that quotations in respect of additional public lighting had not yet come to hand from the E.S.B., as requested from recent meetings, but that the submission of these quotations had been urged following the last monthly meeting.

CHRISTMAS ALL-NIGHT LIGHTING.

Proposed by Councillor Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor Bennett

It was agreed to provide all-night public lighting for three days before and three days after Christmas, I956.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

Before commencing to consider the terms of the scheme the Chairman mentioned that each member had been supplied with a copy of the scheme prepared in accordance with the minimum terms outlined in the relevant Department Circular, together with a comprehensive covering report. He pointed out that at the present time the Council's houses were being subsidised from rates to the extent of £I750 per year, representing a rate of 3/- in the £ (Approx.) - these were details, he stated, which would not appear in the scheme.

The members were of the unanimous opinion that the tenants should be encouraged to become property owners and thereby become better citizens, quite apart from the heavy imposition which the maintenance and administration of the houses placed upon the rates.

The meeting approved in principle of the proposal to review the existing rents of these houses where persons failed to avail of the terms of the scheme - it was decided at a later stage of the meeting that the Town Clerk should examine into this aspect of the matter with a view to bringing about a uniform scheme of rent increases sufficient to cancel the existing annual loss to the rates of £I750.

The members then commenced to consider the scheme and agreed to the undernoted adjustments in the sale prices of the several houses being made :-

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Name of Scheme		Sale Price in accordance with the minimum conditions outlined in the relevant Department Circulars.	Sale Price determined by Council
Non-Subsidy (97)			
Upper William St.	20	£65. 0. 0	£I30
Lower William St	II	£45.I0. 0	£I00
Fair Gate	2	£45.I0. 0	£I30
Church Lane	5	£45.I0. 0	£I30
Follyhouse Lane	8	£45.I0. 0	£I30
Cockpit Lane	I0	£78. 0. 0	£I30
Buneen Lane	I0	£78. 0. 0	£I30
Town Wall	8	£3I2. 0. 0	£500
Town Wall	23	£253.I0. 0	£350
Subsidy (I80)			
Cross Lane Buneen Lane Cockpit Lane	8) 2) 3)	£I99. 0. 0	£200
J.K.L. Place	34	£I93. 0. 0	£I93
Charleton Hill	50	£3I8. 0. 0	£400
Charleton Hill	26	£537. 6. 8	£600
Irishtown	I0	£900. 0. 0	£900
Charleton Hill	22	£I0I2. 0. 0	£I0I2
Harvey Place	20	£I736. 0. 0	£I736
Haughton Place	3	£I426. 0. 0	£I426
Irishtown	2	£I2I6. 0. 0	£I2I6

In the course of the discussion and in reply to queries the Town Clerk mentioned the following points :- (a) State Subsidy would cease to be payable in respect of any house sold or leased (b) both vendors and purchasers legal costs would be payable by the tenant-purchaser (c) a loss to the Council would arise from the outright sale, at the amount of the outstanding loan, where the Commissioners of Public Works would exact a premium on redemption (d) no capital grants had been paid in respect of post-war houses and accordingly the application of the terms of Circular H.I3/56 would result in further additional liability (e) particular cases would arise where the sale price would be higher than that set out in the scheme owing to the increases in basic rents of certain houses having been implemented where changes of tenancy had occurred.

Following further consideration it was agreed that the Town Clerk would prepare a further report setting out the weekly annuities which would be required to meet the adjustments which the members had made in the several sale prices and also that

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he would draw up a statement of proposed rent increases, sufficient to meet the present over-all loss on housing services; these increases to be applied where the terms of the tenant purchase scheme were not availed of. In regard to the specific cases which might arise where the sale price would be higher than that for similar houses, owing to the implementation of the existing scheme of rent increases where changes of tenancy have occurred, it was decided that this matter could be considered at the next special Meeting which would be convened when the reports of the Town Clerk, requested herein, became available. It was suggested that this report might be supplemented with a report from the Engineer setting down his estimate of the present market value of these houses.

Before concluding the business of the meeting the members directed that the Town Clerk would contact the County Manager relative to the possibility of causing the Tholsel to be floodlighted during the Christmas Period.

The Meeting ended.

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TUESDAY, I8th DECEMBER I956

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I8th December I956, to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors M. Sheehan, W. Kelly, E. Bennett, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Votes of sympathy were extended to Messrs T. Kirwan, Rate and Rent Collector, and P. Murphy, Fever Hospital Lodge, on their recent bereavements. All the members associated themselves with the votes, as did the County Manager on behalf of the staff, which were passed, in silence, all standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 20th November, I956, and of the Special Meeting held on 27th November I956, were read by the Chairman, and being approved, were signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes the following transpired :-

(a) as suggested by Councillor Shortall it was agreed that the engineer would examine into the matter of posting a notice at the Public Convenience intimating that a reward would be offered to any person supplying information which would lead to the apprehension of the vandals who were causing damage hereat; for the guidance of the members the County Manager stated that there was no statutory authority which would enable the Council to advance a reward but on the other hand the posting of such notice might have a desirable effect.

(b) Councillor Shortall was informed that the Electricity Supply Board had intimated that the quotations for the provision of the additional public lanterns, as requested from recent meetings, would become available within the coming week.

(c) Councillor Donovan reported to the Council relative to the present position in regard to the erection of the plaques throughout the town in connection with the Battle of Ross, I798. He stated that he had recently been in touch with Bord Failte Eireann and that it was hoped that the erection of the plaques would commence in the Spring. It was proposed to erect ten plaques, at sites which had been selected, and each plaque measuring 25" x I5" (approx.), would contain a coloured map of the town covered with a substance called "Perspex", indicating the position of that plaque and the relative positions of the remaining plaques, together with a short description of the event which had occurred in the course of the battle at each particular site. He mentioned that it was intended ~~that it was intended~~ to erect the Corbett Hill plaque at Wexford Street. He also stated, and he felt that the Council would agree, that it was considered that two plaques should be erected at New Ross Bridge - one at either end. Concluding, he mentioned, that Bord Failte Eireann were providing the plaques, free of charge, upon the understanding that the Council would undertake to erect them at the selected sites. Accordingly, it was unanimously agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Bennett, that the Council would undertake to erect these plaques when they became available and when all preliminary arrangements had been completed.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

An application from the New Ross District Nursing Association applying for permission to use the large room of the Tholsel, free of charge, during the period I7th December I956 to 24th December I956, was read.

Permission was granted - the existing charge of I/- per night to apply however.

Correspondence was read from the National Museum and National Library relative to the Council's old Minute Books and Charter. The letter from the Director of the National Library stated that these records could be copied any time they were deposited with them - the process would only take two or three days, the letter stated. the suggestion of the Chairman to the effect that the Minute Books might be conveyed to and from Dublin, in pairs, by one of the members of the Council, the Chairman and Councillor Donovan being nominated, when next visiting the city, was unanimously agreed to upon the motion of Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Kelly. It was further agreed to obtain percentage quotations for insurance coverage of these records during this transit operation.

A letter from the Department of External Affairs dated I0th December, I956, was read in connection with recent representations made by the Council to that Department on behalf of Mr. Michael Cleers. The letter stated that the Minister expressed regret that the case was not one in which he could properly or usefully intervene with the British Authorities.

Noted. The members decided to await a reply from the British Authorities before acting further in the matter.

CIRCULAR E.L. 8/56 (PENSIONS(INCREASE) BILL, I956).

Circular E.L. 8/56 dated I5th December, I956, relative to the Pensions (Increase) Bill, I956, was read. The members were informed that there was only one officer effected by the Circular as it applied to the New Ross Urban District Council - Mr. J.J. Shortall, former Town Surveyor, who had retired in I945. It was informed to the Meeting that a 9% maximum increase, with effect from a date not before Ist August, I956, would apply in this case and that the extent of this increase in respect of a full year would amount to £2I. 3. 6, the amount of the increase to the end of the current financial year would be £I4. 2. 4.

On the proposition of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Sheehan the members unanimously authorised the incurring of the excess expenditure towards the granting of this increase, in sum of £I4. 2. 4, in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955.

BUILDING AT MARY STREET.

A letter dated 5th December I956 from the Electricity Supply Board was read with reference to the attachment of a stay on this building at Upper Mary Street, in which they stated, in reply to a query addressed to them from the previous meeting, that they could not establish the exact date when this stay was affixed but that the usual proceedure in such matters was to serve an official wayleave notice or to obtain verbal agreement from a responsible officer of the local authority. They stated that they considered it fair to assume that the latter proceedure had been followed in this case. Councillor Shortall stated that it should be pointed out to them that neither course had been followed as he was the responsible officer at that time and could vouch that he never accorded permission. He suggested that Mr. Barry, former Town Clerk, might also be invited to

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state whether or not he gave permission, and, that, in the knowledge that Mr. Barry had not granted permission, it should be pointed out to the E.S.B. that permission had not been obtained.

The Engineer mentioned that he had discussed this matter with a representative of the E.S.B., and it had been suggested that the removal of the stay might be deferred pending the carrying out of replastering work to the face of this building, in the course of which it could be ascertained whether the presence of the stay ~~whether the presence of the stay~~ here was in fact causing damage. The members agreed to this course but directed that in the meantime it should be pointed out that the Council considered that structural damage had been caused to this building by reason of the attachment of this stay and that the E.S.B. would be held responsible therefor when the extent of the damage was revealed in the course of the improvement works which the Council proposed to carry out in the near future.

The members mentioned that, owing to the house being vacant at the present time, vandals had already broken the glass in a number of the windows and accordingly it was suggested that the Engineer might arrange to hoard up the windows to prevent further damage being caused. It was also suggested that the Engineer might detail one of the outdoor staff members to inspect this building at frequent intervals.

The meeting was informed that the keys of this building had been handed over to the lessees, Wexford County Council, until such time as arrangements had been made by them for the surrender of the lease. The members directed that the completion of the Deed of Surrender might be urged and adverted to the standard covenant in the lease which would render the County Council responsible for certain works of a restorative character, or, perhaps, payment of a cash consideration, in lieu thereof, could be determined, by agreement, at a later stage.

Before passing on to the next item on the agenda it was agreed, as suggested by Councillor Donovan, that the Engineer might endeavour to arrange with the E.S.B. to remove the lamp standard from the centre of the grass plot at Three Bullet Gate as this presently interfered with the work of park development being carried out here.

CIRCULAR H. I7/56.

A Circular letter dated 27th November, I956, relative to the drawing of advances from the Local Loans Fund which stated that committments should not be incurred in respect of any works in advance of a notification that the sanction of the Minister for Finance had been given to the issue of the appropriate loan from the Fund, was noted.

WINDMILL LANE SITE.

Arising from the correspondence which had issued from the previous Meeting letters from the Estate Office and Messrs Colfer, Son & Poyntz, Solicitors, were read. Having regard to the remarks contained in the letter from the Council's Solicitors, dated 5th December I956, it was agreed that the necessary arrangements should be proceeded with to acquire these sites under the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, I940.

NOTIFICATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION - E.S. Vote I956/57.

The meeting was informed that notification of a supplementary allocation towards the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote I956/57, in sum of £550 - subject to an additional local contribution in sum of £75 - had been received on 24th November, I956. The members were also informed that a scheme for park development at High Hill, as already approved by the members, had been submitted and that approval to the scheme was awaited.

Noted.

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Councillor Bennett queried from the Engineer the number of men employed at the present time and the maximum number which he proposed to employ. The Engineer stated that nine men were employed at present and that he would engage not more than three others when the second section of the scheme commenced.

GAMING AND LOTTERIES ACT, I956.

Consideration of this matter had been deferred from the previous meeting. A copy of the Act was made available to the meeting and following a brief discussion, in the course of which the relevent sections of the Act were read and debated,

the members unanimously agreed not to adopt Part III of the Act.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (WORKS) ACT, I949.

In a letter, dated 3rd December, I956, the Department of Local Government conveyed approval to schemes Nos. 2 and 3, as submitted for approval by the Council in a letter dated 24th August, I956, and which were estimated to cost £330. The letter also stated that scheme No. I, being in respect of the relief of flooding at Rosbercon, had not been approved as the proposed work was outside the scope of works considered in connection with available grants.

The members noted that the two minor schemes had been approved. Councillor Donovan expressed regret that the scheme for the relief of flooding at Rosbercon had not been approved as this was a very necessary work and would have a high employment content. He desired that the Council might do everything within their powers to secure the performance of this work. In the course of discussion it was suggested that representations might be made to the Deparyment of Industry & Commerce and Commissioners of Public Works in the matter.

The County Manager mentioned that he was of the opinion, in the light of the remarks which the Engineer had stated had passed between himself and the Department's Inspector, that this work would seem to be one for inclusion in a programme under Arterial Drainage Works to be carried out by the Commissioners of Public works under the relevent statute. Following further discussion it was finally decided,upon the suggestion of Councillor Bennett, that arrangements might be made to cause a meeting to be held at which the Council, New Ross Harbour Commissioners and Messrs Staffords Ltd., would be represented with a view to formulating concrete proposals calculated to overcome this problem to the mutual advantage of all parties.

THOLSEL IMPROVEMENTS.

The report of the Town Clerk dealing with the financial aspect of this matter of improvements to the Tholsel, treated over a period of fourteen years, was again read. The Estimates for the several years were made available for inspection. The report set out a statement on which it was shown that the sum allocated towards this work within this period (I943 to I957) exceeded the amount expended by £275.

Noted.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Messrs Thos. J. O'Connor & Co., in a letter dated I7th December I956, stated that they were as yet unable to furnish the comprehensive report in this matter as their enquiries had not yet been finalised to their satisfaction - the receipt of some further information was pending. They stated that there was one firm, in particular, whose proposals they knew, from experience to be valuable and that, whilst they regretted the lengthy delay, they considered that it would be worth while.

Noted.

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PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

The meeting was informed that only two applications had been received in response to the advertisement which had been published following the last meeting. Further consideration of the proposal to provide houses on this site at Charleton Hill was deferred. The Chairman suggested that when the erection of a number of houses in an adjoining area had been completed, the members might inspect them as he understood that the cost of erection of these particular houses was very reasonable and the design was quite attractive.

Agreed.

DATE OF SPECIAL MEETING.

Tuesday, 29th January, I956, at 7.30 p.m. was the time and date agreed upon for the convening of a further Special Meeting to consider the amended terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and other pertinent matters.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The members agreed, in principle, to a suggestion that office accommodation might be provided ~~the~~ in the Tholsel for use by Agricultural Officers. The Town Clerk was directed to examine into the matter.

Councillor Shortall proposed that a vote of congratulations be extended to Mr. T.F. McDermott, County Secretary, on his promotion as Assistant County Manager, County Galway. He referred to Mr. McDermott's grand culture and scholarly attainments and stated that since his advent to County Wexford he had proved himself a highly capable, painstaking, and courteous official. Whilst regretting Mr. McDermott's departure from County Wexford he wished him every success in his new sphere. The other members present together with the County Manager, Engineer and Town Clerk associated themselves with the vote.

Councillor Shortall proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Meetings during the year. The Compliments of the Season were then exchanged, during which the hope was expressed that the happy and harmonious relations which had prevailed during the past year would also be a feature of the incoming year.

THE MEETING ENDED

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