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TUESDAY I5th JANUARY I957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I5th January, I957, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Sheehan, E. Bennett, M. Dunphy, J. Ward, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

The meeting was informed that the County Manager had indicated his inability to be present and wished to be excused.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the I8th December, I956, were read by the Chairman, and being approved, were signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes :-

(a) Councillor Dunphy requested that the Town Clerk might contact Mr. Barry, former Town Clerk, for the purpose of discussing with him certain matters relative to the provision and expending of monies in connection with the matter of improvements at the Tholsel in respect of the period treated in a recent report from the Town Clerk on the subject.

(b) Councillor Dunphy was informed that the scheme for Park Development at High Hill, to be carried out with the aid of the supplementary E.S.Vote grant, had been approved.

Before commencing with the business of the Meeting Councillor Shortall proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Mr. Frank Doyle, Priory Street. Councillor Donovan seconded the vote, which was passed,in silence, all members standing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) Mr. T. Kirwan, Rent and Rate Collector, wrote to the meeting expressing appreciation for the vote of sympathy passed with him on the occasion of his recent bereavement.

(b) Mr. T. McDermott, County Secretary, wrote expressing his appreciation for the vote of congratulation extended to him from the last meeting of the Council on the occasion of his appointment as Galway Assistant County Manager.

(c) Bord Failte Eireann in a letter dated Ist January, I957, stated that they had noted that the Council had agreed to arrange for the erection of plaques in connection with the Battle of Ross, I798, to be supplied by them. They stated that they wished to thank the Council for their co-operation and that they would endeavour to complete the project before 3Ist March I957. Noted.

(d) In a letter dated 29th November, I956 from the First Secretary, British Embassy, Dublin, it was stated that as a result of enquiries addressed to the Government Departments concerned it had been learned that the next review of the case of Michael Cleere was due for hearing on 27th January, I957, and that the representations from the Council in the matter will be laid before the reviewing authority for its sympathetic consideration and that the result of the review will be notified to Cleere.

Noted.

(e) A letter dated I4th January, I957, from Mr. P.A. Brennan, Haughton Place, drawing the attention of the Council to the need for the provision of a public light in Haughton Place was read. As the

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quotation from the E.S.B., for the provision of five additional lanterns throughout the town, included this item it was agreed to bear this application in mind when this quotation was being considered later in the meeting.

SEALING OF SURRENDER ENDORSEMENT ON LEASE DATED IOth JUNE, I947. OLD DISPENSARY BUILDING AT UPPER MARY STREET.

With a letter dated 2Ist December, I956, the Wexford County Council (lessees) returned the original of Lease, dated IOth June, I947, for the purpose of having the surrender endorsement sealed by the Urban Council (Lessors). The lease, being in respect of the building at Upper Mary Street, formerly used by the lessees as a dispensary, had approximately ten years to run before expiry.

The members unanimously decided that, before sealing the surrender endorsement, the Engineer should inspect the premises for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of repairs required to be performed to this premises, which would be properly dischargeable by the County Council, and, to report back to the meeting.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING - QUOTATION FROM E.S.B.

A quotation, dated 2Ist December, I956, was submitted to the meeting being in respect of the provision of additional public lamps at the following points :- Haughton Place, Cooper's Lane, Cook's Lane, Lady Lane and Stable Lane. The total initial cost was shown as £2I. 5. 0 and the maintenance cost for a full year would amount to £25. 8. 0. Councillor Bennett adverted to the need for an additional public lantern at Upper Irishtown (midway between Bosheen and the existing lantern at Corcorans).

The members agreed that a quotation be requested in this connection and that the entire question of providing additional public lights could be considered in conjunction with the consideration of the Annual Estimates in March next.

Before passing from this matter of public lighting the members drew attention to the need for the periodic cleansing of the prismatic glass refractors and directed that the attention of the E.S.B., be drawn to this aspect of their maintenance contract.

TRANSIT INSURANCE - OLD RECORDS.

In reply to a request for quotations issued from the previous meeting in this connection, correspondence from the Hibernian Insurance Co., Ltd., and the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., was read, in which it was pointed out that total loss or damage of these records could not be covered - only the labour and material cost of any repairable damage.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that an Agent of Messrs Crane & Ryan had, that evening, verbally informed him that they would be prepared to quote a premium of 5/- % for transit insurance of these records to Dublin and back - the amount of cover required to be stated by the Council.

Following discussion it was agreed that if it transpired that all risks were covered in this policy of Messrs Crane & Ryan, for which a premium of 5/- per cent would obtain, arrangements should be made to insure these old Minute Books (four) in sum of £IOOO each. The required authorisation in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, being unanimously given.

CORNER AT CREYWELL.

In a letter dated 3Ist December, I956, the Wexford County

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Council stated that they had no power in the matter of removing the dangerous corner at Upper Creywell and pointed out that as this corner is formed by two roads under the juristiction of the Urban Council the matter was one for them.

The Engineer mentioned that he required some stones for use in connection with the current E.S.V. Scheme, and, he suggested, that, if agreement could be reached with the owner of the land adjoining this corner, an arrangement might be made whereby the stone wall at this point could be removed and be replaced with chain-link fencing, which arrangement would greatly improve matters here. He could then use the stones, taken from the existing wall, for use in connection with the E.S.V. Scheme. He stated that he considered that the provision of the chain-link fencing would be to the advantage of the land owner as it would considerably improve the existing fence.

This suggestion was agreed to on the motion of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Ward.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that correspondence be addressed from the meeting to the local Directors of the New Ross Tannery Co. pointing out that, when a deputation from New Ross was received in Portlaw some time ago, in connection with the proposed closing of the New Ross Tannery at that time, an undertaking was given that when accumulated stocks had been cleared this factory would again be reopened. It was understood that June, I956, was tentatively quoted as the date of reopening

The members viewed with grave concern the action of the Directors in failing to honour this undertaking. This concern on the part of the Council and townspeople is rendered all the more pressing when viewed in the light of the vast army of unemployed persons at present in the town and furthermore when it is borne in mind that local capital and local effort contributed greatly to the development of this industry in the town.

INSANITARY DWELLINGS.

Arising from a query submitted by Councillor Dunphy relative to the steps being taken in regard to certain insanitary houses at Chapel Lane, the present position in this regard was informed to the members. The members noted that this matter was being followed up and they also noted that certain other insanitary houses at Sugarhouse Lane were at present being attended to by the landlord.

Matter to be kept under observation.

Arising from a discussion which took place relative to the possibility of causing certain laneways in the town to be resurfaced (Cooper's Lane; Cook's Lane; Barrack Lane and others) it was agreed that the Engineer might prepare an estimate for these works and submit them to the next Meeting, as this was a matter which should be considered in conjunction with the Annual Estimates. With reference to the resurfacing of Goat Hill the Engineer mentioned that it might be possible to include this work in a programme for discharge under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, I949, as there was evidence of scouring by surface water there.

Councillor Dunphy drew attention to the rapid deterioration of the surface of the concrete roadway at Charleton Hill, fronting the houses at Ard Mhicil.

Engineer to examine.

A general discussion took place in regard to the provision of a covered-in cart for refuse collection. Engineer to submit an

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estimate which could then be considered at the Annual Estimates Meeting.

Attention was also drawn to the practice of dumping refuse at the top of Goat Hill.

To be examined.

The members agreed to a suggestion of the Engineer in regard to the utilisation of large disused paint tins as litter containers which could be provided throughout the town having first been suitably adapted for this use.

Before concluding the business of the meeting the members were informed that it was proposed to advertise the field at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field) for letting, for a period of eleven months from Ist February, I957, for grazing purposes, as it was considered unlikely that the field would be required for Housing purposes within the coming year.

Noted.

M. O'Doherty

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 29th JANUARY, 1957.

SPECIAL MEETING

Present: M. Doherty, Vice-Chairman, presiding.

Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, W. Kelly, M. Sheehan, and E. Bennett. Councillor J.J. Shortall arrived at a later stage of the meeting, having mistakingly interpreted the time of the meeting as 8.30 p.m.

The Town Clerk stated that the Chairman had informed him that he might be unable to attand the meeting.

In attendance: D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

TENANT - PURCHASE SCHEME.

The members had been supplied with copies of a report and statement in which the adjustments decided by the members at the Special Meeting held on 27th November, 1956, were contained. A report dated 17th December, 1956, was submitted by the engineer in which his estimate of the saleable value of the several houses was set down. This report was read and noted.

Adverting to Table III of the circulated statement, relative to the proposed scale of increases in basic rents of houses, in cases where tenants did not opt for the terms of the tenant-purchase scheme, Councillor Dunphy indicated that he would oppose any attempt to increase these rents.. Councillor Donovan pointed out that an effort should now be made to cancel this very appreciable loss on their Housing Service which at present represented a rate of 3/- in the £. Councillors Bennett, Sheehan and Dunphy expressed the view that the cost of maintenance and repair of these houses was far too great and that this expenditure had a substantial bearing upon the annual deficit.

Following further lengthy discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Donovan, seconded by the presiding Chairman, Councillor Doherty :-

"That a system of rent increases be introduced whereby an increase in basic rents of 1/- per week will apply with respect to houses at present let at less than 10/- per week, basic rent, and, an increase of 2/- per week with respect to houses at present let at basic rents of 10/- per week or over.. These increases to take effect in all cases where the occupying tenants do not opt for the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, prepared in accordance with the minimum terms outlined in the relevent Departmental Circulars as amended and approved by the Council."

An Amendment was proposed by Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Kelly:-

"That the basic rents of Council-owned houses, as obtaining at present, remain unaltered."

The Amendment was put to the meeting and a show of hands resulted:-

For Amendment - Councillors Dunphy and Kelly (2)

Against - Councillors Donovan and Doherty (2)

Three members abstained from voting.

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The voting being equal, the presiding Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment and declared the amendment lost.

There was no further Amendment, and, the original motion was then put to the meeting and a show of hands resulted:-

For the Motion - Councillors Donovan and Doherty (2)

Against - Councillors Dunphy and Kelly (2)

Three members again abstaining.

The voting being equal, the presiding Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the Motion and declared the Motion carried.

It was unanimously recommended that these proposed increases should not be applied to any houses where the basic rents had already been adjusted upon re-letting. Unanimous approval was also accorded to the Tenant Purchase Scheme, as submitted, a sale price of £780 to obtain in respect of the 26 house scheme at Charleton Hill, however. (Vide third paragraph of covering report.)

Councillor Shortall stated that he had refrained from voting upon the Amendment and the Motion as he was unfamiliar with the discussion which had preceeded the taking of the vote. He adverted to the matter of the Legal Expenses which would operate in regard to the Scheme and stated that he considered these costs to be exorbitant. Arising from further discussion which took place in this connection, in the course of which a letter dated 4th October, 1956, from the Solicitors was read in which they had indicated the Scale of Charges which would apply, it was agreed that an examination should be made into the matter of the appointment of the Legal Adviser.

Before concluding the business of the meeting the Town Clerk indicated that the tenants of the Council-owned houses would be corresponded with, from that meeting, informing them of the terms upon which they could become owners of their respective houses, in accordance with the terms of the Scheme approved and adopted by the Council. In this communication it would also be pointed out that the basic rents of these houses would be increased by the amounts stated in the resolution in all cases where the scheme was not availed of. He indicated that a period of six weeks or thereabouts would be allowed to them within which to make known their intentions with regard to the terms of the Scheme. A copy of the circular letter to be sent to the tenant-occupiers would also be fowarded to the members for their information.

THE MEETING ENDED

T. J. Doherty

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TUESDAY I9th FEBRUARY I957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I9th February, I957, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present :- M. Doherty, Vice-Chairman, presiding.

Councillors J. Ward, E. Bennett, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan J.J. Shortall and W. Kelly.

The Chairman, Mr. A. Minihan had indicated that his attendance at the Meeting would be delayed and arrived shortly before the meeting ended.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of (a) Monthly Meeting held on I5th January, I957, and (b) Special Meeting held on 29th January, I957, were read by the Presiding Chairman, and being approved, were signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes:-

(a) Councillor Shortall adverted to the matter of Legal Costs which would obtain in connection with the operation of the Tenant Purchase Scheme for the Council-owned houses. He stated that he considered these costs, in sum of £20 per house (approx.) to be exhorbitant, and, upon his suggestion, it was agreed to correspond with the Department of Local Government seeking their observations with regard to this matter of Law Costs in relation to Tenant Purchase Schemes, having regard to their knowledge and experience of the operation of these charges throughout the country.

(b) Councillor Ward suggested that the proposal to increase the basic rent of Council houses might be deferred for a period of twelve months as he considered that, in view of the currently high rate of unemployment the time was not an opportune one to give effect to the proposal.

Correspondence from Mrs. G. Lalor, North Street, and from the New Ross Council Tenants' Association relative to the proposal was read at this stage.

The County Manager suggested that the members might defer further consideration of the matter to their Annual Estimates Meeting and it might then be anticipated that the members would view the proposal in a different light then. He assured the members that no action would be taken upon the proposal until after that meeting. The members unanimously agreed with this suggestion.

(c) Councillor Donovan informed the Meeting that the plaques commemorating the Battle of Ross, I798, would be ready within a few months and that it was hoped to have them erected before 3Ist March next. He stated that he had hoped to have one of these plaques with him to display to the members at the meeting, but, owing to the dangerous condition of the roads, Mr. Hartnett of An Bord Failte Eireann had been unable to travel from Dublin.

Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

In reply to correspondence addressed to them from the previous meeting the Electricity Supply Board in a letter dated 2Ist January, I957, stated that the cleaning of the lamps and reflectors was

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carried out twice annually under the terms of their contract and that the first cleaning of these lamps would be carried out within the next few weeks under their present contract. It was agreed, upon the suggestion of Councillor Shortall, that the cleaning of these fittings should be carried out during the months of March and December in each year and this recommendation might be conveyed to the E.S.B. from the meeting.

A letter dated 8th February, I957, from Messrs Creane & Ryan, Insurance Brokers, New Ross, stating that they would be unable to give any total loss cover with regard to the conveying of certain old records to and from Dublin, was read. Consideration of the matter was deferred pending the attendance of the Chairman at the Meeting.

REPORTS AND ESTIMATES FROM ENGINEER.

The following Reports and Estimates were submitted to the Meeting :-

(a) Concrete Road at Charleton Hill: As estimate in sum of £96 (approx.) for resurfacing 48 sq. yds. of this roadway. The members agreed to place the matter in the hands of the Engineer, suggesting that through the use of pre-mix macadam or other material he might carry out this work as economically as possible.

(b) Re-Surfacing Laneways: A detailed report was submitted in this connection showing the total cost of resurfacing five laneways with pre-mixed macadam (Coopers Lane; Cook's Lane; Lady Lane; Barrack Lane; and Brennan's Lane) as £359. 4. 0 or £89. 8. 0 per annum, if the Council decided to perform this work over a period of four years.

The County Manager mentioned that the proposed works might be considered in conjunction with some future E.S. V. Scheme.

The members considered the matter at some length and finally decided, on the suggestion of Councillor Ward, to defer further consideration of the matter to the Annual Estimates Meeting.

(c) Storm Damage: The Engineer reported storm damage having been caused to twelve of their houses, the estimated cost of repair being £27. I9. 0. He also reported storm damage to the dwelling at Upper Mary Street (tenant - Lce. Barron), the estimated cost of repairs being £4I. 6. 0. Details of the repairs required were given in all cases.

The reports were noted and the members unanimously authorised in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, the carrying out of repairs.

Councillor Bennett referred to the need for the replacement of eve gutters on the houses at 20 and 2I Ard-na-Greine. This matter was referred to the Engineer.

At the request of Councillor Donovan it was agreed that the Engineer should examine a fence at Schoolhouse Road and submit a report indicating with whom the maintenance liability of this fence rested, (owner of adjoining land or Wexford County Council) arising from damage which had been caused to this fence.following the recent storm.

FIXING DATE OF MEETINGS.

Tuesday, April 2nd, I957, was the date appointed for the consideration of the Annual Estimates.

Thursday, March 7th, I957, (8 p.m.) was fixed as the date for the holding of a Special Meeting to consider and formulate proposals

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for the relief of tidal flooding at Rosbercon at which representations of Messrs Staffords Ltd., New Ross Harbour Commissioners and members of the Council would attend.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter dated 8th February, I957, from the Honorary Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, was read relative to :- (a) Time for holding Annual Meeting in an Election Year, and (b) Street Trading. A summary of the Street Trading Act, I926, was enclosed for the information of the members.

Following discussion the members unanimously agreed that :- (a) the time for the holding of the Ordinary Meetings of the Council should also obtain with respect to the time for the Annual Meeting in an Election Year, and, (b) as suggested by Councillor Shortall, copies of the Summary of the Act of I926, as enclosed with the letter of 8th February, I957, should be circulated to the members to enable them to consider the matter in greater detail. The members were unanimously in favour of curbing this practice of street trading as far as lay within their powers to do so. Councillor Shortall mentioned that the Town Clerk might endeavour to locate the Opinion of the Council's Legal Adviser which had been obtained in this connection many years ago (I926 or I927).

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TEMPORARY SHED.

Arising from an application submitted by Mr. John O'Connor, 23 Town Wall, for permission to erect a temporary shed for a lorry at the gable end of his house, the Engineer submitted a report stating that the granting of permission should be withheld pending an indication being given by the Council as to their general policy in this regard. The members considered the application at some length and expressed the view that the proposed structure would be isolated from the dwellinghouse. In the course of further discussion the Engineer mentioned that if the proposed structure was erected within the curtilage of the house the need would arise for the removal of the existing railings to provide an entrance to the structure.

It was finally decided that the applicant should submit a plan and Specification relating to the proposed shed and, also, that the Engineer might investigate the advisability of permitting the erection of the structure on the site which the Council were retaining for building purposes in this area - if permission was given for erection of the structure on this site, however, a condition of the letting would be that the site would be surrendered to the Council, after due notice, if required for housing purposes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Old I.R.A. Association submitted a request to the effect that the National Flag be raised and lowered, in accordance with regulations, from The Tholsel, on I7th March next. It was unanimously agreed that a party of F.C.A. Members be requested to perform this ceremony.

Before concluding the business of the meeting Councillor Shortall proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Kelly, Michael Street. Councillor Ward seconded the proposal which was passed in silence all standing.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A Minihan
19 March 1957.

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TUESDAY I9th MARCH I957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I9th March, I957, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors G. Donovan, M. Sheehan, M. Dunphy, E. Bennett and M. Doherty.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe; Mr. G. Forde, B.E., and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I9th February, I957, were read by the Chairman, and being approved, were signed by him.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Donovan stated that since the last Meeting the descriptive commemorative plaques relating to the Battle of Ross, I798, had been handed over to the Council, and, that the work of erecting these plaques at the chosen sites was in progress. He mentioned that An Bord Failte Eireann desired that the handing over of these plaques should be performed formally, and, with this in view, a tentative scheme had been drawn up which had been submitted to An Bord Failte for approval. No reply had yet come to hand. In this Scheme, Saturday, April 6th, had been chosen as the date and, Three Bullet Gate, as the site, for this proposed formal handing-over ceremony by one of the Directors of An Bord Failte. Councillor Donovan instanced other features of the Scheme and indicated whom it was prepared to invite to the Ceremony and subsequent function.

Noted.

Correspondence

Letters of acknowledgement of recent votes of sympathy were received from Mrs. Margaret Doyle, Priory Street, and Miss M. Kelly, Michael Street.

In a letter dated I3th March, I957, the E.S.B., in reply to representations made to them from previous meetings, indicated that the twice-annual cleaning of Public Lighting fittings would be undertaken during the months of March and December in each year.

Noted.

In a letter dated I9th February, I957, the New Ross Tanning Co. Ltd., stated that they would not accept as accurate the statement contained in a letter addressed to them from a recent Council Meeting to the effect that an undertaking had been given to a deputation from New Ross that the Tannery would re-open in June, I956. The letter stated that the Directors were more than anxious to resume production but that it was impossible to do so at present under existing conditions in that trade.

Noted.

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STREET TRADING.

A Summary of the principal provisions of the Street Trading Act, I926, had been circulated to the members. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed, upon the suggestion of the County Manager to write to Ennis U.D.C. inviting their written observations regarding their experience of the operation of this Act in their administrative area.

TRANSIT INSURANCE - OLD RECORDS.

The relevent correspondence was again read to the Meeting in connection with this matter. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed that these records be conveyed (by one or other of the members of the Council), at the Councils own risk, for copying by the National Library Authority.

FLOODING AT ROSBERCON.

The Report of a Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th March, I957, with regard to this matter, was read at the Meeting. The Members were also informed that in a letter dated I4th March, I957, from the Department of Local Government, it was pointed out that the Minister for Local Government regretted that he was unable to receive the deputation, which that Meeting had directed to form for the purpose of interviewing him.

Following a short discussion it was agreed to defer further action in the matter for a period of two weeks and, that, at the expiration of this time application for an interview with the Minister might be resubmitted.

SALARY - VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

It was unanimously agreed, upon the proposal of Councillor Sheehan, seconded by Councillor Dunphy, that :-

"In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 (2) and, Section II (I) of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, we hereby consent to the implementation of the Order of the County Manager dated I3th March, I957, which provides for the granting of an increase of I0% on £I00 and 6½% on £28. I2. 0, of salary, payable to the Council's Veterinary Inspector, Mr. J. Lynch, with effect as from Ist November, I955."

TENDERS FOR ALLOTMENTS REQUIREMENTS.

The offers received for the supply of requirements to the Allotments I957 Scheme were submitted to the Meeting. The members recommended acceptance of the lowest tender in all cases viz:-

W.H. Lamb & Co. Ltd., Dublin (Certified Seed Potatoes)

J. Doyle, New Ross. (Compound Fertiliser)

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Chairman gave notice that the filling of the vacancy on the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, occasioned by the cessation to hold office of Mr. Thomas Redmond, Mary Street, would be proposed at the next Monthly Meeting.

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HOUSING.

I On the suggestion of the Chairman it was unanimously agreed that the members should travel to Thomastown on Saturday, 23rd March, I957, for the purpose of inspecting certain houses which had now been completed there. It was agreed that the members should assemble at The Tholsel at 3.30 p.m. on that date and that the Contractor might be requested to accompany the party.

Any other business

The following matters were referred for examination and for the attention of the Engineer :-

(a) Roof Repairs - house at Fairgate - Ryan's (Councillor Bennett).

(b) Wall between Bridge and Station entrance being damaged - to be examined and repaired if Urban or County Council is liable (Councillor Donovan).

(c) Two derelict houses adjacent to quarry at High Hill - the desirability of having these demolished and levelled. To be examined. (Councillor Dunphy).

(d) Open trench in field at rere of Old Dispensary Building at Upper Mary Street. Understand that this trench was opened by the Council. Report to be submitted to next monthly meeting. (Councillor Sheehan).

(e) Councillor Doherty mentioned that the area between roadway and residences at Irishtown, from Bosheen to Church Yard, presents a problem, by reason of the very dirty and muddy condition of the surface of this area. He mentioned that it appeared to him that the only effective economical means of attending to this matter would be to provide a concrete pathway from the roadway to each house. The Chairman stated that he believed that the Engineer had this area in mind for the utilisation of future E.S.V. allocations.

(f) Councillor Bennett referred to the matter of a tree at Irishtown, the disfigurement of which had been discussed at previous Meetings. The Chairman mentioned that he understood the Engineer intended removing this tree and replacing with a flowering cherry tree.

(g) Upon the suggestion of Councillor Bennett it was agreed that a Tenant Purchase Scheme should be prepared with respect to three houses at Fairgate which had been omitted from the previous comprehensive scheme.

Councillor Donovan expressed regret at the illness of Mr. Austin Butler, local Press Representative and former Council member. The other members associated themselves therewith and wished him a rapid and early recovery to health.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. P. Molloy, Cross Street, and with the relatives of the later Mr. Laurence Barron, Upper Mary Street. The votes of sympathy were passed, in silence, all members standing.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael O'Doherty

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ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 1957.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, M. Sheehan, W. Kelly and F. Bennett.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES

The Chairman, having read the Minutes of the previous Annual Estimates Meeting, suggested that the detailed statement of the Estimates for each Service might be examined separately. This was agreed to.

ROADS.

The estimated expenditure for Urban Road Maintenance was reduced by £100 to £500. Net expenditure £675.

Agreed.

SANITARY SERVICES

Reductions of (a) £60 in respect of the estimated expenditure on Sewerage and Water Supply, and (b) £10 under Printing, Stationery and Advertising, were made.

Net expenditure £5832. Agreed.

Public Lighting

It was suggested that the members should, at a later date carry out an inspection of the public lighting system and arrange for the alteration of present lighting arrangements in any case where this action would appear desirable and practicable. The members had in mind the need for the provision of a public lantern at Upper Irishtown, the need for which was stressed by Councillor Bennett. It was felt that if this course was pursued there would not be any need for the incurring of additional expenditure for the provision of extra lighting here.

It was agreed, arising from representations made by Councillor Doherty, to arrange with the E.S.B. to cause the existing dusk to midnight lantern at the Rosbercon end of the Bridge to be altered to provide dusk to dawn lighting during the winter months, for the purpose of facilitating those persons using the fishermen's anchorage at this point during the fishing season.

SCAVENGING

In reply to Councillor Bennett, the Engineer informed the members that rainproof clothing, for the scavenging staff, would be supplied upon application.

A short discussion took place relative to the scavenging service, in the course of which a suggestion was made regarding the utilisation of a mechanically propelled vehicle in lieu of the existing horse-drawn vehicle. However, the members did not favour this suggested arrangement. It was decided that the present open cart should be replaced by a covered-in tipping vehicle, however, and due provision was made in this connection.

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HOUSING

Reductions of - (a) £I5 under Printing Stationery and Advertising, and (b) £50 under Miscellaneous, were made.

Net Expenditure £I330 approved.

The question of Housing Repairs were discussed at some length but no desision, on the many aspects of this matter which were discussed, was recorded.

A very lengthy discussion took place relative to the proposal to increase the basic rents of Council houses. In the course of consideration of the matter the annual losses on specific schemes were informed to the members and a lively discussion ensued. The County Manager, being mindful that the members did not favour the introduction of a differential renting system, suggested that, the members might consider employing a system of Graded Rents. He then proceeded to illustrate to the members how much a system would operate, if applied. Divided opinions were expressed regarding the merits of this system of rent increases. However, though the members were sharply divided as to the most equitable manner of applying the proposal, approval in principle to the proposal was indicated.

It was agreed that the matter should be examined into by the County Manager and Town Clerk, and, furthermore, that credit be taken in the Estimates for the full amount of £800, notwithstanding the anticipated delay in bringing the proposal into operation.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Reductions amounting to £20 were made under "Miscellaneous" and Repairs to Irishtown Cross. A sum of £I0, being contribution to Irish Tourist Association, was restored by the Council.

Net Expenditure £I4220.

SUMMARY.

Net Estimated Expenditure (as per County Manager's Statement) £22,302

Reductions (as detailed).

Roads	£I00	
Sanitary Services	70	
Housing	65	
General Purposes (Net)	I0	245
		£22057
Less: Estimated Credit Balance available		II4
Net Amount Leviable:		£2I943

Requiring a Municipal Rate of 37/6d.

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Proposed by Councillor M. Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan, and resolved :-

"That having considered the Estimate of Expenses and Receipts, as prepared and submitted to us, the requirements of all relevent enactments relating to the giving of notices, deposit of Estimates for inspection, etc., having been duly complied with, we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B. and C., and determine, in accordance with the said Estimate, a rate of 37/6 in the £ set forth in Column (8) of Table C., to be the rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the services of the financial year ending on 31st March, 1958."

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael O'Doherty

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TUESDAY I6th APRIL I957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council, was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I6th April, I957, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council

Present: M. Doherty, Vice-Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, M. Sheehan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced Councillor Ward apologised for his unavoidable absence from recent meetings of the Council.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th March, I957, and of the Estimates Meeting held on 2nd April, I957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and, being approved, were signed by the presiding Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

(a) Councillor Donovan proposed that a vote of thanks should go out from the meeting to An Bord Failte Fireann in connection with the presentation of the I798 Commemorative plaques to the Council and also for the marked hospitality shown by that body on the occasion of the formal presentation of these plaques to the Council. He reitterated the suggestion made by him, on the occasion of the formal ceremony attending the presentation of the plaques, to the effect that a booklet, brochure or phamplet might be published with reference to the Battle of Ross, I798, and indicated the efforts which he considered might be made to assist towards defraying the cost of publication of this literature by interesting prospective advertisers in the proposal. He stated that the Council should give all the assistance it could in the matter of producing such a booklet. He mentioned that that the proposal would be examined more fully upon the return of the Chairman.

The members unanimously indicated that the Council would fully support any effort which would be made in the production of a booklet as envisaged and outlined by Councillor Donovan.

(b) Councillor Dunphy requested to be informed if the three houses at Fairgate had been intentionally excluded from the comprehensive Tenant Purchase Scheme by reason of their poor state of repair. The Town Clerk stated that this was not so and instanced the circumstances which led to the exclusion of these three houses from the scheme through oversight.

A lengthy discussion ensued relative to the state of repair of these houses, in the course of which the terms of a Tenant Purchase Scheme, which had been prepared in accordance with a direction given at the previous meeting, were considered. The members were of the opinion that the effecting of essential repairs to these houses would be much more economical than the

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the provision of new houses for these tenants in the event of these houses deteriorating to an extent where the demolition of the houses would be warranted in law.

It was finally agreed, on the motion of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, as submitted to the Meeting, should be made known to the occupiers of these houses, and, that, they should be asked to indicate, before the next Meeting, whether or not they intended to purchase these houses, in their present condition, for the considerations outlined in the scheme. The necessity for the discharge in the meantime of certain urgent temporary repairs, of a stop-gap nature, to one of these houses was stressed.

(c) Councillor Doherty adverted to the matter of damage which had been caused to the coping of a wall between the Bridge and the Station entrance, which had been raised at the previous monthly meeting. The Engineer stated that he was of the opinion that the responsibility for the repairs of this wall rested with the owner of the adjoining property, Mr. Walsh. Certain of the other members present expressed concurrence with this view of the Engineer. It was unanimously agreed to obtain the opinion of the Council's legal adviser in the matter. Before passing from this item the attention of the Engineer was drawn to the desirability of suitably developing the plot of land nearby which adjoins the pumping station.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION - COUNCILLOR E. BENNETT.

In a letter dated 16th April, 1957, Councillor E. Bennett tendered his resignation as a member of the New Ross Urban District Council. In his letter he adverted to the growing evil of unemployment in the town of New Ross, to which he had himself fallen as victim, and stated that he had deferred taking this decision to resign membership in the hope of securing suitable employment in his native town. Being unsuccessful, however, it was with regret that he tendered his resignation, having completed seven years as a member of the Council. In conclusion he expressed his thanks to the County Manager, Members and staff for their co-operation and assistance during the period of his membership.

The members, individually and collectively, expressed keen regret at Councillor Bennett's decision to resign membership and unanimously agreed to request that he would reconsider his decision.

OBD DISPENSARY AT UPPER MARY STREET.

The Engineer submitted reports as follows in this connection :-

(a) Scheduled repairs estimated to cost £44. 4. 0 for which the Wexford County Council would be liable upon the surrender of the lease with respect to these premises. The Engineer mentioned that a report and estimate had already been prepared, with regard to works of a major character, which he had estimated to cost £600 (approx.) - these repairs and improvement works would be performable by the Urban Council. The members considered the matter at some length; various suggestions being made as to the future uses of the premises - conversion into flats, inter alia.

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It was finally agreed, upon Councillor Shortall's suggestion, that this premises be offered for sale per public advertisement, at an early date, when the matter of repairs, for which the County Council was liable, would have been carried out and the Deed of Surrender, embodied in the original lease dated IOth June, I947, would have been subscribed to by the parties to the lease. With respect to the adjoining plot of land it was mentioned that portion of this plot, only, might be disposed of with the building, and, that, perhaps, the Trustees of the Haughton Hospital might be interested in the remaining portion as an addition to their hospital grounds for development as a recreational ground. It was also directed that immediate arrangements should be made to hoard up the windows of the Old Dispensary Building to prevent any further damage being caused by vandals.

(b) A report from the Engineer was also submitted to the meeting with respect to an open trench at the rear of this building. In his report the Engineer mentioned that this work was carried out with the aid of an L.A.W. Act Grant some years ago and that the estimated cost of piping the open section of the drain would be £I85. He did not feel that this expenditure would be justified. The contents of the report were noted and it was decided to defer consideration of this matter pending the outcome of the efforts to be made for the disposition of this property.

COMPLAINT RE WALL AT GOAT HILL.

A written complaint from Mr. Richard Bailey, Irishtown, together with a report from the Engineer, was read with regard to a section of wall adjacent to the Bowling Green, which had collapsed. The Engineer, in his report, stated that it would cost £I26 to restore the collapsed sections. He also stated that the Goat Hill area would be included under next years scheduled list of proposals for discharge under the L.A. (Works) Act.

It was noted that the Engineer intended to include this work in a future L.A.W. Scheme. It was suggested that, in the meantime, the Engineer might examine into the advisability of providing temporary fencing here and also to arrange for the removal of debris from Mr. Bailey's land.

Councillor Shortall excused himself from the Meeting at this stage having proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. James Ryan, Irishtown, on the death of his daughter, Miss M. Ryan, and having also expressed regret at the illness of the Chairman and expressed a hope for his early and complete recovery. The vote of sympathy, which was seconded by the presiding Chairman, Councillor Doherty, was passed in silence, all standing. The members then joined with Councillor Shortall in wishing the Chairman a speedy recovery.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT GARAGE.

In a letter dated 2nd April, I957, M. O'Cathain, Uas., 6I Plas Abain, applied for permission to erect a garage at the rear of his house and also to cut the boundary railing to provide an entrance to it.

The members recommended that permission be granted conditional upon the applicant satisfying the Engineer as to the type of structure

to be erected, position, etc. In this regard it was directed that a plan and specification should be submitted by the applicant for examination by the Engineer before the erection of the structure was undertaken.

ALL-NIGHT LIGHTING - EASTER SATURDAY.

Arising from a quotation submitted by the E.S.B., under date I5th April, I957, the members directed that arrangements should be made for all-night public lighting on Saturday, 20th April, I957, (Easter Saturday).

STREET TRADING.

In a letter dated 6th April, I957, from Ennis Urban District Council, it was stated that the provisions contained in the Street Trading Act, I926, were found to be ineffective in dealing with the problems there, and that the question of further action was still under consideration.

Noted.

VACANCY ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Chairman, Councillor A, Minihan, had already given notice, at the previous Meeting that the filling of the vacancy on the County Vocational Education Committee, occasioned by the cessation to hold office of Mr. Thomas Redmond, Mary Street, would be proposed at the April Monthly Meeting. In a letter dated I9th March, I957, the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee wrote requesting that the Council would nominate a person to fill this vacancy.

It was proposed by Councillor Doherty,
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and agreed

> "That Mr. G. Donovan, Waterford Road, Rosbercon, be appointed to the vanancy on the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee occasioned by the cessation to hold office of Mr. Thomas Redmond, Mary Street, in accordance with the provisions of Section I2 of the Vocational Education Act, I930."

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION TO 3Ist MARCH, I957.

The members were informed that out of a rate warrant of £I8645, 8. 9 a sum of £I8255. I2. I0 representing a percentage collection of 97.909, had been collected to the 3Ist March, I957. The collection was considered to be very satisfactory. It was intimated to the members that, following compliance with the statutory requirements as to advertisements, Deposit of Rate Books, etc. the Rates Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 2Ist May, I957.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A written request from the Council Tenant's Association dated I0th April, I957, to be supplied with a statement of the cost of house erection by Direct Labour and Contract over a period of some few years, was read. Having considered the request the members expressed themselves of the opinion that an adequate indication of building costs of recent housing schemes would be available from the Tenant Purchase Scheme statement which had recently been circulated to the members. This information might

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accordingly be transmitted to them.

Councillor Dunphy, in the course of congratulating the engineer upon the results of the High Hill Park Development Scheme, stated that if the Engineer could manage to carry out additional works, which would help to clean up certain unsightly features in the north eastern corner of the park, the over-all appearance of the scheme would be greatly improved. He also drew the Engineer's attention to the need for the removal of grass from the water tables at High Hill.

Councillor Sheehan called attention to the present condition of the water trough at Irishtown stating that the trough should be either repaired or removed. Following discussion, it was agreed that this trough should be removed and be replaced by a trough which had been removed from the Quay and which was at present held in store.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan
21 May 1954

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TUESDAY 21st MAY, 1957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 21st May, 1957, to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.

Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and D.J. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Councillor Doherty proposed, and, Councillor Donovan seconded, that a vote of sympathy be extended to his Lordship, The Bishop of Ossary, and to the clergy and parishioners of Rosbercon, on the occasion of the death of Very Rev. Canon Coughlan, P.P.. Very warm tributes were paid to his memory by the members, who, individually and collectively, joined in passing the expression of sympathy and regret. The County Manager, on behalf of the officials, associated himself with the vote.

Councillor Shortall proposed that a vote of sympathy be also extended to Mr. A. French, North Street, on the occasion of the death of his sister, and to the relatives of the late KJames Kelly, Gamblin, New Ross. The Chairman seconded the votes. All the members associated themselves therewith, as did the County Manager on behalf of the officials, which were passed, in silence, all standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 16th April, 1957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and, being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Dunphy referred to the matter of three houses at Fairgate and queried the present position. The members were informed that the tenants of these houses had been informed of the terms whereby they could become owners of their respective houses and had been requested to signify whether, or not, they intended to purchase these houses upon the terms informed to them. One reply, only, had come to hand from Mr. J. McEvoy, indicating that he was prepared to purchase his house outright, but, requesting that legal costs and rates might be collected weekly. The meeting was informed that, whilst the collection of legal costs could be arranged upon a weekly basis, the payment of rates would have to be undertaken by the tenant in the normal manner.

Approved.

A lengthy discussion followed relative to the remaining two houses, with special emphasis on the need for urgent repairs to the roofs.

It was finally decided that the Engineer and Town Clerk should, together, call upon these tenants and indicate to them that, in the event of the terms of purchase scheme not being availed of by them, the work of repairs to the roofs, etc. would be performed by the Council and the present basic rent would be increased by an amount to represent the full cost of these repairs on the basis of a short term Treasurer's loan which would be secured for this purpose.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Letters of appreciation in respect of recent votes of sympathy, and good wishes, passed by the Council to Mr. Jas. Ryan and Mr. A.A. Butler, respectively, were read to the meeting.

Noted.

PROVISION OF AN ALL-NIGHT LIGHT AT ROSBERCON.

In a letter dated I6th April, I957, the Electricity Supply Board pointed out that an an initial cost of £I3 would arise from the conversion of the existing 200 watt dusk to midnight lamp at the Rosbercon end of the Bridge to a Pilot Light. The annual charge would be £7. I3. 0. The members discussed the matter at some length and finally directed that correspondence should issue to the E.S.B. pointing out that the Council was of the opinion that the conversion of this light to a pilot light could be carried out without any initial outlay by controlling the light with the timeswitch at present affixed to the existing Pilot light at Gorman's corner. It was further mentioned that the E.S.B. should be informed that this proposed new pilot light would only be required for four months of the year - from February Ist to May 3Ist - for the purpose of facilitating those persons using the fishermen's anchorage nearby during the fishing season.

CORNER AT UPPER CREYWELL.

The Engineer, in a report dated 20th May, I957, stated that as no monies were available to complete the corner widening at Creywell the question was being deferred pending the availability of funds with which to perform the work.

Noted.

DRANAGH RESERVOIR.

A recommendation was submitted by the Engineer for the installation of a copper wise cloth screen at the Dranagh Reservoir Intake which he estimated would cost £38. He reported that in order to install the screen it would be necessary to empty the reservoir and, furthermore, that the time was suitable for cleaning and liming. This latter work would cost £63. Arising from certain technical observations made by Councillor Shortall a lengthy discussion ensued, following which it was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that the Engineer proceed forthwith with the work having made whatever further enquiries were necessary in the light of Councillor Shortall's suggestion.

RIGHT-OF-WAY (FOLEY'S FIELD)

Before reading the correspondence relative to this subject the County Manager informed the members that since the last Meeting he had accompanied Mr. J. Foley to his field at J.K.L. Place for the purpose of inspecting damage and evidence of trespass, allegedly caused by the residents of the Council's houses at J.K.L. Place. He stated that arising from this inspection he had requested a report and estimate to be prepared by the Engineer for the performance of certain works here, but, that, if the Council so decided, consideration need not be give to the matter.

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The members unanimously decided that the reports be read. In his report the Engineer provided for :-

(a) Construction of mass concrete wall (£66. 0. 0)

(b) 20' macadam right-of-way (Soil-Cement Stabilisation Method) (£I0I6),and

(c) 20' macadam right-of-way (Traditional Rubble Based Roadway) (£I3I0. 5. 0).

Following consideration of this report the members unanimously agreed that correspondence should issue to Mr. Foley pointing out that the Council would be prepared, as an ex-gratia offer and without any acceptance of liability to erect a concrete wall, at an estimated cost of £66, at the head of the present cul-de-sac as an addition and continuation of the existing wall here, provided half the cost of such provision would be advanced by Mr. Foley.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR E. BENNETT.

Councillor E. Bennett's letter of resignation was again read to the Meeting, who were informed that a reply had not yet come to hand in connection with the request to him that he might reconsider his decision to resign. The Chairman, Councillors Doherty and Dunphy having duly signed the notice of Declaration of Vacancy and of intention to fill the vacancy at the Monthly Meeting to be held on I6th July, I957, directed that the notice be posted on the outer door of the Tholsel in accordance with pertinent statutes.

All of the membership joined in a debate arising from the efforts of the Council's Tenant's Association to secure appointment of one of their nominees to the vacancy caused by Mr. Bennett's resignation. The members were of the opinion that the interests of all sections of the community, and, particularly Council tenants, were adequately served in the existing membership.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The report of the Local Government Auditor on the accounts of the Council in respect of the financial year to 3Ist March, I956, had been circulated to the members. Arising therefrom, Councillor Donovan was informed that it was anticipated that the refund of Income Tax might be made within the coming month.

With reference to the comments of the Auditor relative to the fee obtaining in the case of lettings of the large room of the Tholsel, the members were unanimous in the view that the existing charge of I/- per letting was adequate.

A lengthy debate took place in connection with the existence of a credit balance on the Council's Revenue Account, which was mentioned by Councillor Dunphy, who expressed himself in disagreement with the practice of retaining substantial credit balances, indicating that he considered such monies should be used for the direct financing of some Capital project e.g. erection of two houses.

In the course of discussion on the subject the County Manager again indicated that their Council were indeed fortunate in having this balance to their credit, which , however, was steadily declining, thereby obviating the need for recourse to overdraft accommodation at the prevailing rate of interest. He

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further mentioned that he would cause a statement to be prepared at the end of June which would serve to illustrate to the members the marked excess of expenditure over receipts in the early months of the financial year. During this period the available credit balance operates to maintain the services of the Council without being obliged to secure overdraft accommodation from their Treasurer.

The Chairman adverted to the sum of £3243 (Nominal value) which the Council hold in statutory securities. The Manager informed the Meeting that correspondence had been addressed to the Minister asking his consent to a proposal to redeem these holdings and devote to some Capital purpose. However, in this connection, he adverted to the danger of loss of subsidy in the event of this course being followed owing to the practice obtaining, whereby subsidy becomes payable on the loan charges of sums actually borrowed. However, this point would be bourne in mind when the appropriate stage of this arrangement would be reached.

The comments of the County Manager were noted and accepted. Tributes were paid to the former Town Clerk arising from the healthy state of the Council's affairs as revealed in the Auditor's Report.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

Monday 24th June, I957, at 8.30 p.m. was fixed as the date for the holding of the Annual Meeting.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Councillor Shortall queried the present position in this matter and the Meeting was informed that in a letter dated I5th April, I957, the Consulting Engineer had pointed out that his complete report on Section III of the Waterworks Improvement Scheme would be forwarded in the near future.

INSANITARY DWELLINGS.

Councillor Dunphy raised the matter of insanitary dwellings and stated that it appeared to him that very little progress was being made in this respect. The Meeting was informed of the present position in relation to the insanitary dwellings at Chapel Lane and it was indicated that the matter was being pursued.

Arising from certain comments made by Councillor Shortall it was decided that the responsible agents of the Tottenham Estate should be requested to submit a plan and specification relating to the work of installation of sanitary accommodation, and other ancillary works, to a number of houses in Sugarhouse Lane, and, future similar schemes, for examination by the Council's Engineer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The County Manager stated, arising from comments made by Councillor Donovan with respect to infestation by flies, that insecticides were available, free of charge, upon application to the Health Authority through Mr. R.A. O'Grady, Health Inspector. The County Manager also pointed out that the publication of posters, etc. in this regard would be a function of the County Medical Officer.

The Chairman adverted to the absence of a Notice Board setting down the hours of attendance of the various Officers, etc., at

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the Dispensary at Mary Street and stated that the absence of such Notice Board was causing grave inconvenience to the general public. The Engineer indicated that he would put the work of providing such a Notice Board in hands forthwith.

Arising from this matter reference was made to the lack of privacy, caused through the absence of adequate facilities in the nature of waiting rooms, etc., to persons attending at this building, who, in the present circumstances, were obliged to reveal particulars relating to income, family circumstances, etc., whilst in queue formation in the only room allotted for this purpose. Following further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dunphy, Seconded by Councillor Ward, and agreed :-

> "That we the members of the New Ross Urban District Council request the that Wexford County Council would forthwith cause suitable alterations to be discharged to the dispensary building at Mary Street, New Ross, which would serve to provide a reasonable measure of privacy to persons attending at this building, and, who, in present circumstances, are obliged to furnish information of a very private nature, to the appropriate Health Officers, whilst in queue formation in the only room at present devoted to this purpose."

Councillor Shortall referred to complaints which had been made to him arising from tar being conveyed on people's footwear into shops, houses, etc., and the resultant damage being caused to floor coverings.

Referred to Engineer.

Councillor Shortall also referred to the damage being caused to the new public convenience through the practice which had grown up of disfiguring the walls with writings and suggested that the Engineer might consider utilising a new glazed material the existence of which had recently come to his notice and which could be inspected by the Engineer at his (Councillor Shortall's) house.

It was agreed that the Engineer might view this material, to which Councillor Shortall referred, at his convenience.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Whelehan
18. June 1954

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TUESDAY 2Ist MAY I957.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 2Ist May, I957, for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate in respect of the services of the financial year to 3Ist March, I958, on the property rateable thereto in the Urban District of New Ross.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and J. Ward.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan and Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE

It was proposed by Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor M. Doherty and resolved :-

"That we rsise the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY THREE PUNNDS TEN SHILLINGS (£I9,263. IO. O) as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of ONE POUND SEVENTEEN SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE in the pound for the financial year ending on 3Ist March, I958, 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, I957, together with arrears of THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY SEVEN POUNDS EIGHT SHILLINGS AND THREE PENCE (£387. 8. 3), and the Second on or before 3Ist March, I958."

The Rate Book was then signed, Countersigned, Sealed and witnessed.

SEALING OF WARRANT.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor M. Doherty and resolved :-

"That the Seal of the Council be embossed on the Warrant to collect and levy rates for the service of the financial year ending on 3Ist March, I958, viz:

£I9,263. IO. O
387. 8. 3

Total Warrant £I9,650. I8. 3 "

THE MEETING ENDED.

A Minihan
18.6.1957

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TUESDAY I8th JUNE I957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I8th June, I957, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Sheehan, M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J. Ward and W. Kelly.

The meeting was informed that Councillors Doherty and Shortall had indicated inability to be present and wished to be excused.

In Attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, was also unable to be present and desired that his apologies be conveyed to the meeting.

Before commencing with the business of the Meeting the Chairman proposed that a vote of sympathy be extended to the wife and family of the Late Dr. J. Hickey, Fethard.

Councillor Donovan seconded the vote which was passed in silence, all standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2Ist May, I957, and of the Special Meeting held on the same date, for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and, being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

(I) Councillor Dunphy adverted to the matter of three houses at Fairgate and asked if the Engineer and Town Clerk had called upon the tenants of these houses as instructed from the last Meeting.

The Town Clerk stated that subsequent to the last Meeting he had calculated the amount of addition to the basic rents of these houses which the provision of a new roof would necessitate and found that a weekly addition to the basic rents of 5/7 would be required. This figure was arrived at upon the basis of a seven year Treasurer's Loan and also having regard to the estimated cost for the provision of this roof as prepared by the Engineer. Bearing in mind that present basic rents varied in amount from, only, I/2 per week to 2/2 per week, he stated that he considered it to be desirable to consult the Council in the matter before approaching the tenants having regard to the disproportionate relationship between the present basic rents and the proposed additions. The matter was considered at length following which it was recommended that the repayable additions to the basic rents should be spread over a period of fifteen years and having made the appropriate calculations on this basis the Engineer and Town Clerk might approach these tenants with all convenient speed for the purpose of acquainting them with the intentions of the Council with regard to the repairs of the roof thereof in the event of the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme not being availed of, and the resultant additions to the basic rents which would represent the full cost of these repairs.

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(2) Arising from reference made by Councillor Dunphy to the existence of a credit balance on the Council's Revenue Account and from a lengthy general discussion which took place relative to this matter, it was agreed that an enquiry should be directed to the Department of Local Government requesting to be informed whether or not Housing Subsidy would be paid to the Council in the event of the investment of this balance in a housing project, having regard to the practice which obtains whereby subsidy becomes payable on the annual loan charges of sums actually borrowed. Before passing on from this matter the Town Clerk mentioned that, as agreed at the previous meeting, a statement would be prepared and would be submitted to the next monthly meeting dealing with the expenditure and receipts of the Council in the first three months of its financial year, which would assist in illustrating to the members the marked excess of expenditure over receipts within this period and of the necessity of retaining this working capital, which serves to maintain the Council's services, without being obliged to secure overdraft accommodation from their Treasurer, over this time.

(3) The matter of insanitary dwellings was referred to by Councillor Dunphy. The meeting was informed that the question of the insanitary dwellings at Church Lane would come up for consideration at the next monthly meeting arising from correspondence which had been received from the Agent of the Tottenham Estate and which had come to hand too late for inclusion on the agenda for that Meeting. Councillor Dunphy stressed the need for early and earnest action in this matter particularly in areas such as The Bullawn, Irishtown, etc. Arising from this discussion lengthy consideration was given to the matter of the growing number of ashpits throughout the town. The members were of the opinion that the Council should afford every facility to secure clearance of these pits.

It was finally agreed, upon the suggestion of the Chairman, that the Engineer be authorised to engage a carter and helper for a period of two weeks and that the Health Inspector might be detailed to draw up a schedule showing those pits the clearance of which would be most desirable, and, furthermore, that the charges to be made might be varied according to circumstances of the persons - a maximum charge of 5/- per load being suggested by the Chairman.

(4) In reply to Councillor Dunphy the Town Clerk mentioned that the Order of the County Manager, dated 2Ist May, I957, (No.I78/57), did not purport to absolve Mr. C.J. Hall from payment of an amount of £8. I5. 6 due by him in respect of rent of house No. 68 Charleton Hill. The purpose of the Order was to remove this entry from the Collector's books, as, for many years past, the inclusion of this amount, as arrears, gave a misleading impression of the state of collection at the close of each year. The matter of the arrears would be kept under observation and every effort would be made to secure payment of the amount.

NEW ROSS TANNERY.

Upon the suggestion of Councillor Ward, who had commented upon recent publicity given to the expansion and flourishing condition of the Tannery at Portlaw, it was agreed that the Town Clerk might correspond with the Directors of the New Ross Tanning

Company enquiring if there was any immediate prospect of the resumption of production in the New Ross Tannery.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of thanks was read from Mr. A. French, North St., expressing appreciation for recent vote of sympathy passed with him by the members. Noted.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.AT THE QUAY.

Arising from a letter, in Irish, which was received from Liam O Buachain, Uas., Rialto, Ath Cliath, with reference to certain abuses which he had observed in the public convenience at the Quay, New Ross, the Engineer informed the meeting that he had arranged to have the doors on the inside of the toilets painted black, as this was the principal source of abuse. Noted.

PROPOSED CLOSING OF RAIL BRANCH LINES.

A letter dated 27th June, I957, from the Secretary, Public Transport Development Association was read to the Meeting inviting the members to submit their views relative to the recommendation of the Public Transport Commission for the closure of certain rail branch lines,

Councillor Ward suggested that a letter might issue to the Public Transport Development Association pointing out that the matter appeared to be one which required re-organisation rather than closure of the lines, as, if a diesel unit was used on the Macmine/Waterford branch line existing running costs would be considerably reduced.

The matter was discussed at some length by the members but no decision was recorded arising from Councillor Ward's suggestion.

TROUGH AT IRISHTOWN.

The Engineer reported, under date of report 28th May, I957, that the trough at Irishtown could not be replaced by one held in store, which had been removed from the Quay, as the latter had been found to be severely fissured upon examination. As an alternative he suggested he suggested that certain improvements, estimated to cost £I8 be carried out to the existing trough. Being satisfied that a further existing trough at Irishtown was in good working order it was finally decided that the defective trough be removed, as it had become unsightly and its presence there was not serving any useful purpose.

ENGINEER'S REPORTS.

Arising from reports submitted by the Engineer relative to damage which had been caused to the recently constructed play-pits at Ard Mhicil and also to the theft of fencing materials at Creywell Road, the members expressed strong condemnation and disapproval of the actions of the responsible persons and particularly at the failure of the residents, in the vicinity of the play-pits, to report the matter.

Following lengthy discussion it was decided, in connection

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with the play-pits, that the Engineer might arrange for the provision of a suitable Notice Board to be erected on the site of the play-pits and also that a supply of beach sand be put into the pits. With respect to the theft of the fencing materials it was agreed that this matter should be actively pursued and that the Garda Authorities should be asked to state the action taken by them in the matter.

AFFIXING OF SEAL.

It was proposed by Councillor Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and resolved :-

"That the Seal of the New Ross Urban District Council be affixed to the Surrender Endorsement in Lease dated IOth June, I957, - New Ross Urban District Council -to- Wexford County Council - accepting surrender and assignment of the premises at Upper Mary Street, New Ross, from Wexford County Council over the unexpired period of the said lease."

WALL AT VICTORIA PLACE.

Councillor Dunphy called the attention of the Meeting to the very unsightly and dangerous condition of a wall at Victoria Place and stated that he felt some urgent action should be taken with regard to this matter.

The Chairman stated that he had made several attempts to have this road widened by the County Council and the wall removed but his efforts had not been successful.

Following a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Sheehan and resolved :-

"That we the members of the New Ross Urban District Council hereby request that the Wexford County Council would forthwith make arrangements to have the roadway at Ely's Walks, New Ross, widened, having regard to the ever-existent danger which this narrow carriageway presents to pedestrians and other traffic and being also aware that the volume of traffic on this, the principal thoroughfare within the Urban District, has, for many years past, demanded the performance of this work".

FAIRS.

It was unanimously agreed that henseforward, the second fair, held in the months of May and October in each year, should be advertised in two daily newspapers and in the"New Ross Standard" as it was the opinion of the members that the public was not aware of the holding of these fairs.

Councillor Sheehan sought the views of the members relative to the proposal to change the date of the normal fair which, in certain years occurs in the same week as the Corpus Christi Procession and served to defeat the efforts of the people who endeavoured to decorate the processional route.

Whilst the members as a whole expressed themselves to be in sympathy with Councillor Sheehan's views, it was considered to be inadvisable to alter the established date of a fair.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In reply to Councillor Dunphy, the Engineer stated that he would erect seats at Three Bullet Gate and High Hill when the grass had fully grown on these plots. In reply to Councillor Sheehan he undertook to examine the possibility of erecting a seat at Irishtown on the site of the old trough which he had been instructed to remove.

A short discussion took place relative to the provision of a telephone kiosk in the vicinity of Three Bullet Gate in the course of which the Engineer informed Councillor Dunphy that the selection of a suitable site for the kiosk was receiving attention by the postal authorities.

Referring to correspondence which had appeared in a recent issue of the local newspaper relative to the Council's proposal to increase the basic rents of their houses, the Chairman dealt at length with this matter and instanced the considerations which the Council was obliged to take cognisance of in arriving at that decision. The other members also participated in the discussion.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, 24th JUNE 1957.

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this 24th day of June, 1957, at 8.30 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

Present: Outgoing Chairman, Councillor A. Minihan.
Councillor M. Sheehan, W. Kelly and J. Ward.

In attendance: Town Clerk, D. O'Connor.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Clerk and were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Proposed by Councillor Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor Kelly

That the outgoing Chairman be re-elected.

There was no other candidate proposed, and, consequently, the Chairman 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 to the proposition.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly

That Councillor Dunphy be elected Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Ward withdrew his nomination of Councillor Shortall and seconded Councillor Kelly's nomination of Councillor Dunphy for the Vice-Chairmanship.

No other candidate was proposed and the Chairman declared Councillor Dunphy elected as Vice-Chairman in his absence. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed by him at the next Meeting.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Councillor Sheehan was unanimously nominated to the vacancy on the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee, occasioned through the resignation of Councillor E. Bennett, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kelly.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A Minihan
24th. June 1958.

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TUESDAY I6th JULY I957

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I6th July, I957, to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present : Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, Presiding.
Councillors M. Doherty, M.D. Sheehan, J. Ward, M. Dunphy and W. Kelly.

The Meeting was informed that Councillor Donovan had indicated that he would be unable to be present and desired that his apologies be conveyed to the Meeting.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe and D. O'Connor, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I8th June, I957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and, being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Houses at Fair Gate

Two of the tenants of these houses wrote to the Meeting, arising from a recent visit which the Engineer and Town Clerk made to them at their residences pursuant to a direction given by the Council at the previous Monthly Meeting - (a) Mrs. Ryan indicated that she did not intend purchasing her house in accordance with the terms notified to her but stated that she was willing to pay an increase of I50% on her existing rent over a period of I5 years in the event of repairs being carried out to the roof of her house.(b) Mrs. Kehoe stated that she did not intend availing of the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme and further, that she was not in a position to meet any additions to her present rent.

Following a short discussion with regard to this matter the members unanimously agreed that arrangements should be made for the outright sale of the house at Fairgate to Mr. T. McEvoy and that a decision with respect to the repair of the roofs of the remaining houses should be deferred indefinitely.

ERECTION OF HOUSES AT NOLAN'S FIELD.

A letter dated I3th July, I957, from Mr. W. Rahilly, Architect, Co. Hall, Wexford, was read relative to this matter, in the course of which it was stated that it had not been found possible to overtake the completion of the revised sketch plans due to other work on hands but that it was hoped to submit them in time for presentation to the August Monthly Meeting of the Council.

Noted.

RESIGNATION OF TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk, Mr. D. O'Connor, wrote to the Meeting under date of memorandum, 28th June, I957, stating that he had been notified of his appointment as Town Clerk to Cobh Urban District Council and that consequently he wished to tender his resignation from the

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office as Town Clerk to the New Ross Urban District Council with effect as from 26th August, I957. He expressed his gratitude to the Chairman and members of the Council, to the County Manager, Mr. Broe, and to the staff.

The letter of resignation was noted and complimentary remarks were exchanged.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY.

It was proposed by Councillor Sheehan
Seconded by Councillor Minihan and resolved :-

"That having complied with the provisions of Article IO (2) of the Application of Enactments Order, I898, and Section 42 (I) of the Local Government Act, I94I, Mr. Martin Reddy, Mary St., 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. Edward Bennett. Mr. Reddy will come into office following compliance with Article 9 (5) of the aforementioned Order relating to the subscribing to a Declaration of Acceptance of Office."

SUBMISSION OF STATEMENT OF FINANCES - QUARTER TO 30th JUNE I957.

As requested from a previous meeting, a statement was submitted to the members showing the relationship between expenditure and receipts on the Council's Revenue Account in the first three months of their financial year. Comparative figures were also given in respect of the periods to 30th June, I955, and 30th June, I956. The statement revealed that in each period an excess of expenditure over receipts resulted as follows :-

Period of three months to 30th June, I955 - Excess - £32I3. 7. 6
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" " " " " 30th June, I957 - Excess - £3422.I7. 8

In the course of a lengthy discussion during which the Chairman stated that the Council was fortunate in having taken over the affairs of the Council from the previous membership in such a healthy position, with a sizeable credit on this Revenue Account which served as a working capital in the early period of each financial year, it was mentioned that this credit balance was progressively declining and that every effort should be made to arrest this trend. Many and various aspects of the matter were discussed and no action was taken or decision recorded.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRITISH AUTOMATIC CO.

In a letter dated I8th June, I957, from the British Automatic Co. Ltd. permission was sought to a proposal to provide and erect a Personal Weighing Machine in the public convenience at the Quay, New Ross. A draft of the standard form of Agreement was enclosed with the letter of application for perusal and approval, which contained, inter alia, a condition that the Council would at all times be indemnified against all actions, proceedings, claims and demands arising from accident or other cause occasioned directly or indirectly by this machine and also that a rental of £2. 0. 0 per annum would be paid to the Council for this permission.

The members unanimously agreed to recommend the granting of permission on the proposition of Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Ward.

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HOUSES AT CHAPEL LANE.

In a letter dated IIth June, I957, received from the Estate Office, New Ross, it was stated, in reference to the insanitary houses at Chapel Lane that Capt. Charles B. Tottenham, who owns that portion of the Tottenham Estate, was not at present prepared to consider repairing these houses. The meeting was informed that a letter had issued to the Estate Office on 28th August last, supplying full details of the nature and extent of repairs required by the Council to be performed to these houses and also giving full details relating to the availability of reconstruction grants, rates remissions, etc.

General consideration was given to this matter in the light of correspondence which had already taken place and the members were in agreement with the view expressed by Councillor Dunphy when he stated that he could appreciate the reluctance on the part of the Estate to enter into heavy committments for the repairs of these houses having regard to their age, present condition, meagre rents and also having regard to the very limited life-span of these houses when repaired - which had already been stated as twenty years by the Council's Engineer. The matter of Supplementary Grants, which the Council is enabled to advance upon adoption of Section I2 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I954, was also discussed, together with the powers which the County Manager indicated could be invoked if the Housing Authority felt it desirable to do so i.e. Section I9 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, I93I, and Section I2 of Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, I948.

It was finally decided, upon the suggestion of the Chairman, that a letter should issue from the meeting seeking the views of the owner of this property to a suggestion that he might entertain a proposal for the due discharge of repairs to two of these houses, with particular emphasis on the installation of water supply and sanitation, within the near future and deal with the remaining houses, in lots of two, progressively over a period of years. A reply for presentation to the next monthly meeting to be sought.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Abstract of Accounts relating to the financial year ending on 3Ist March, I957, was placed before the members. Following consideration thereof, it was proposed by Councillor Doherty, seconded by Councillor Dunphy and resolved :-

"That having considered the Abstract of Accounts relating to the financial year ending on 3Ist March, I957, we hereby authorise, in accordance with the provisions of Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, the incurring of expenditure, in excess of the amounts provided in the Annual Estimates of the New Ross Urban District Council, as follows :-

Sanitary Services £I039.

General Urban Purposes £ 302. "

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In reply to a query by Councillor Dunphy the meeting was informed that only eight tenants had applied to participate in the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme. The members expressed disappointment at the poor response. Arising from this matter the members were informed, in committee, of the present position with regard to the Council's decision to cause adjustments in the basic rents of their houses and noted that the matter was being persued.

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Councillor Dunphy enquired from the Chairman if his recent representations concerning the roadway at Ely's Walks had been successful. The Chairman, in reply, stated that the County Engineer had mentioned that if the financial circumstances permitted the matter would be kept in mind for performance in the current year or in the ensuing year. The Chairman mentioned that he would keep this matter before the County Council and County Engineer until the work was carried out.

Before concluding the business of the Meeting Councillor Dunphy expressed his thanks to the members arising from his selection as Vice- Chairman of the Council at the Annual Meeting, and, continuing, he complimented the Chairman upon the impartial manner in which he discharged his duties as Chairman in the preceeding year.

He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Ward also joined with Councillor Dunphy in the expression of the complimentary remarks to the Chairman.

THE MEETING ENDED

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MONDAY 19th AUGUST 1957

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council, duly called by the Chairman, was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 6.30 o'clock to make arrangements for attendance at the Obsequies of the Right Reverend Monsignor Archdeacon Hickey, Parish Priest of New Ross and Vicer General of the Diocese.

Present: A Minihan, Chairman, presiding. Councillors M. Dunphy M. Reddy, G. Donovan, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and passed, all members standing

That the sympathy of the people of New Ross be extended to Most Reverend Dr. Staunton, Lord Bishop of Ferns, the Clergy of New Ross and the Clergy of the Diocese and the relatives of Monsignor Hickey on the loss sustained by them on his death which occurred so unexpectedly on Sunday morning.

Arrangements were then made to attend the Funeral Procession from the Parochial House to the Parish Church and also to attend the Solemn Office and High Mass and Funeral Service on Tuesday.

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TUESDAY 20th AUGUST 1957.

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. Councillors M. Doherty, J. Ward, D. Sheehan, W. Kelly, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

In attandance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16th July, 1957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read a letter which had been handed to him from the Secretary, Public Transport Development Association, requesting the support of the Council in opposing the proposal of the Committee of Inquiry into Internal Transport to close the Macmine to Waterford Railway Line.

Proposed by Mr. Ward
Seconded by Mr. Doherty and resolved :-

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council, strongly protest against the proposed closing of the Macmine to Waterford railway line which would leave New Ross without rail transport and which would have very serious effects on the social and commercial life of the town."

Passed unanimously.

SANITATION - CHAPEL LANE HOUSES.

Letter dated 2/8/57 was read from the Agent, Tottenham Estate, stating that Captain Tottenham was willing to have sanitary accommodation carried out in piece-meal fashion and that he proposed to have two W.Cs. installed this year.

Considered satisfactory.

NEW ROSS TANNERY.

Letter dated 16th July, 1957, was read from the Secretary, New Ross Tanning Co. Ltd. stating that there is still a large quantity of New Ross leather lying at Portlaw Tannery and until these stocks are cleared and the Bank Overdraft reduced to a reasonable amount the re-opening of the Tannery cannot be considered.

Noted.

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ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

Letter dated 23rd July, 1957, was read from the Honorary Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities stating that any motions which the Council desired to have discussed at the Annual Conference of the Association, to be held in Buncrana from 24th to 26th September, should reach him before 7th September.

After a discussion it was

Proposed by The Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Donovan and agreed that the following motion be sent:-

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to prepare a Prize Scheme for Christmas Relief Grants; that it withold 5% of monies granted to each Local Authority to initiate this scheme; that a prize in (say) double the original Grant allocated be awarded to the Local Authority which, in the opinion of the Judges, has utilised the monies in the most artistic and economical way possible."

It was decided that The Chairman and Councillor J.J. Shortall attend as Delegates at the Conference.

NEW ROSS OFFICIAL GUIDE

Letter dated 6th August, 1957, was read from the Irish and Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd., Dublin, requesting permission to publish an Official Guide on behalf of the Council for the town of New Ross, and offering to supply 1000 copies of the Guide free of costs. The Firm supplied samples of their work for other Irish towns.

It was decided to ask a representative of this Firm to call on Mr. Gerald Donovan who would supply the material for the Guide and also to request that proofs be submitted to the Council before publication of the Guide.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1957/58

Circular R.201/8/5 dated 27th July, 1957, was read from the Department of Local Government intimating a grant hereunder of £1150 subject to a local contribution of £155.

Councillor Shortall suggested that the money be spent on the completion of the Park at Showgrounds. Materials could be obtained at Old Quarry at William Street.

Mr. Donovan, supported by Mr. Kelly recommended that pation of the money be expended on the provision of wayside garden on waste ground at Rosbercon - between the Boat Club and the Railway Station.

Mr. Dunphy suggested utilising the Grant on the development of the Charleton Hill Housing Site.

Other suggestions having been put to the Meeting it was unanimously decided, on the recommendation of the Engineer, that the money be spent on the provision of wayside garden at waste ground at Rosbercon and the development work at Bullawn and Irishtown.

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CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME (NOLAN'S FIELD).

The County Manager submitted plans for 20 houses at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field). The houses had three bedrooms, one large living room, scullery, bathroom, hall and store. The Development Cost of the site would be £2,249; Site Work £5497; Superstructure £22,240 and Contingencies and other items £866.

The Manager informed the Meeting that on the basis of £I550 per house and assuming they got the two-thirds subsidy the basic rent would be approximately I7/6 per week. The valuation of the houses would be about £7. IO. O.

The Chairman pointed out that the building cost of these houses without development would be £II50 approximately.

After examination of the plans Mr. Shortall suggested the building of the eight houses fronting Charleton Hill. The area would need very little development and watermains and sewers were nearby.

After a lengthy discussion

Proposed by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Ward

It was unanimously decided to build eight houses on this site fronting Charleton Hill and to defer the building of the remaining twelve houses until a later date.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AT J.K.L. PLACE (Foley's Field)

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he understood that Mr. Foley would now be prepared to accept £50 for right-of-way through his land from J.K.L. Place to The Bosheen.

It was decided that the Engineer prepare a sketch of the proposed right-of-way and that an offer of £50 be again made to Mr. Foley.

THE MEETING ENDED

R. Meacham

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TUESDAY I7th SEPTEMBER I957

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: A Minihan, Chairman, W.D. Sheehan, M. Reddy, G. Donovan.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on I9th August, I957, and the Monthly Meeting held on 20th August, I957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated I7th September, I957, was read from Mr. J. Foley, Neville Street, New Ross, stating that he was prepared to accept the Council's offer of £50 for right-of-way through his field from J.K.L. Place to the Bosheen provided the Council erect a concrete boundary wall to cut off this right of way from the remainder of his land.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Finnegan stated that the cost of erecting a concrete boundary wall would be approximately £660.

After a discussion it was agreed to leave this matter stand for the present as there was no money available.

Provision of All-night Lighting at Rosbercon - Fisherman's Anchorage.

Letter dated 6th September, I957, was read from the Electricity Supply Board stating that it would be possible to operate the existing 300 watt dusk to midnight lamp at Pole I90 at the Rosbercon end of the Bridge as a Pilot Light for six months each year (Ist Feb. to 3Ist July inclusive) by controlling it from the timeswitch which is affixed to the existing Pilot Light at O'Gorman's corner nearby. The additional charge per annum would be £3. I5. 0.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

It was agreed to provide this additional Pilot Light at Rosbercon and to accept the quotation of the Electricity Supply Board in sum of £3. I5. 0 for the extra lighting.

ROADS

Michael St. and Rosbercon.

Letter dated 7th September, I957, was read from Mrs. M. Doyle, 6I Michael Street, drawing attention to the condition of Lower Michael Street-from corner at Mercy Convent to St. Mary's School.-

Mr. Donovan drew attention to the bad condition of the road at the new Dispensary at Rosbercon. It was almost impassible.

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Mr. Reddy complained of bad condition of surface of Rosbercon Hill and particularly at entrance to Cattle Mart.

It was decided :-

(1) to inform Mrs. Doyle that Lr. Michael Street would be considered for resurfacing under next year's road programme and

(11) that Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, ascertain if roadway at Dispensary at Rosbercon is within the Urban Area.

Arising out of a complaint by Mr. Doherty at a previous Meeting re condition of footpath fronting 4 houses above the old Church at Rosbercon, Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer, reported as follows:-

"Above the old Church in Rosbercon and between it and the Convent gate are situated four dwelling houses. A small towpath approximately 2'6" run along the frontage of these for about 26 l. yds.

The path is admittedly not very safe and to render it more suitable for pedestrian traffic, I recommend that the path be extended over the existing channel. The channel should be replaced by a piped conduit. The overall width of the path with this arrangement would be 4'3". The cost of this work would be £34. I2. 0.

To connect this section with the pathway lower down the hill a further 24 l. yds. of path would require to be laid. The cost of this extra length would be £3I. 4. 0. There is no provision for this work in the current financial allocation."

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

It was decided to have this work carried out under this year's Employment Schemes Vote if money was available after completion of schemes approved by the Department and if not that it be considered under next year's Estimates.

Credit Balance £3,700.

Letter dated 3Ist July, I957 was read from the Department of Local Government as follows :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letter of the 2nd instant regarding a balance of approximately £3,700 in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of financial year I956/57, and to state that housing subsidy is related to annual loan charges incurred by a local authority in respect of money borrowed by them for the provision of houses. In this connection your attention is directed to Section 6 (I)(a) of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, I932."

Noted.

Erection of Automatic Personal Weighing Machine on The Quay, New Ross.

Letter dated I2th September, I957, was read from the British Automatic Co. Ltd., London, enclosing Agreement, in duplicate, for sealing by the Council.

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Proposed by Mr. Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan and agreed

That the Seal of the Council be fixed to the Agreement granting permission to this Company to place an Automatic Weighing Machine at the Public Convenience on the Quay, New Ross, for a period of one year from Ist August I957.

CHEAP FUEL SCHEME

County Manager informed the Meeting of the terms of Circular H.A. 7/57 dated I2th September, I957, relative to the Winter I957/58 Cheap Fuel Scheme.

Noted.

LAND AT CHAMBERSLAND

County Manager informed the Meeting that he had an application from Michael Clooney, Butlersland, for a plot of ground at Chambersland, formerly used as a dump. He intended to clean it up and crop it and was willing to pay a yearly rent of £2. I0. 0 for same.

On the recommendation of the Engineer he, County Manager, had made an Order accepting this offer for a period of two years subject to an option to renew for a further two years if the Council do not require the property for its own purposes.

Agreed.

HOUSE AND LAND AT UPPER MARY STREET.

Old T.B. Dispensary.

County Manager informed the Meeting that as a reply had been received from the Matron of the Haughton Hospital that the Trustees were not interested in the plot of ground at the back of the Old Dispensary, Mary Street, an advertisement would now be issued inviting tenders for the purchase of the property.

Noted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the condition of sarface water drain at front of Kelly's at Upper Mary Street.

Referred to Engineer.

The Chairman referred to the congestion of traffic at John Street where lorries delivering corn were parked at the platform at the Malt Stores. He suggested that if this platform could be removed it would help to widen the roadway at this point.

After a discussion it was agreed not to interfere with this platform as it was the only means of entry into Mr. Roche's Stores.

Mr. Reddy drew attention to the parking of cars for long hours in South Street, North Street and John Street. It interfered with the delivery of goods to shopkeepers.

No action.

P. Minihan
15 Oct 1957

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I5th OCTOBER I957.

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, Councillors M.D. Sheehan, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, G. Donovan and J. Ward.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a telephone message had been received from the County Manager regretting inability to attend and that Mr. Finnegan, B.E. was absent owing to illness.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I7th September, I957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter dated 24th September, I957 was read from the Diocesan Secretary, Rev. J. Curtis, on behalf of Most Rev. Dr.Staunton, Bishop of Ferns, thanking the Council, County Manager and Officials for their kind message of sympathy on the death of Right Rev. Monsignor Archdeacon Hickey, P.P.V.G.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME

A. Nolan's Field.

Letter dated 20th September, I957, was read from the Department of Local Government approving of the revised lay-out plan for 20 houses at Charleton Hill. As regards the 8 houses which the Council propose to proceed with the Department pointed out that it would be necessary for the Council to ensure that applicants who are willing to pay the estimated rent of I7/6d per week are available and are in urgent need of rehousing.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that an advertisement had been issued inviting applications from persons in need of rehousing on the grounds of overcrowding or occupying unfit houses. The latest date for receipt of applications would be the 22nd October.

Noted.

WATERWORKS.

Storm damage at Dranagh Reservoir.

Report dated 3rd October, I957, was read from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., that the recent storm and floods severely damaged the improvement works recently carried out at Dranagh Reservoir. Flood waters poured down from the mountain catchment, overshot the reservoir, flooded the surface water drains and (I) smashed the guage road for the 90° vee notch (2) washed away three lorry loads of graded filtering sand and (3) scoured severely the subsoil from the foundations of the new sand storage and washing bays.

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As a result of this scour action a large section of the concrete sand storage bay collapsed. Estimated cost of the damage £24. 8. 0.

Recommended that the Engineer have the storm damage repaired at the estimated cost of £24. 8. 0.

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF OLD DISPENSARY BUILDING AT UPPER MARY STREET AND LAND ATTACHED.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that one tender only had been received in accordance with the terms of advertisement. Two other tenders had been received on the day of the Meeting and were marked "Late Tenders".

After a discussion the Council unanimously decided to open all tenders.

Tenders received were as follows :-

I. From Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross.	£475.
2. From Mr. J. O'Connor, 23 Ard-na-Greine, New Ross.	£300.
3. From Mrs. Anne Kenny, I6 Michael Street, New Ross.	£250.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was unanimously agreed not to accept the highest or any tender.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to ask The County Manager and Mr. Finnegan, B.E., to submit a report to the next Meeting on the possibility of repairing this house for letting at a weekly rent of £2. I0. 0 exclusive of rates.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Ward referred to conditions in the town as regards traffic. Goods could not be discharged from lorries and vans owing to cars being parked on the side of the streets for hours and also that cars were flying through South Street and that accidents had occurred there on two occasions.

After a discussion it was agreed that, in the absence of Traffic Byelaws, the Council had no power in the matter.

Mr. Donovan requested to be informed of the present position as regards the issue of waterproof clothing for the members of the scavenging staff. He stated he was informed that the system as regards as regards the issue of waterproof clothing was the same as the County Council - one suit every three years. He thought this should not apply to the scavenging staff as, due to the nature of their work a suit would be worn out after one year.

After a discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Engineer and that he use his discretion as regards the issuing of suits to the scavenging staff.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the condition of Upper Maiden Lane. The water channels were covered with grass.

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Mr. Reddy drew attention to the necessity for a proper grating over shore at Mary Street end of Chapel Lane. Rats were able to come up through this grating.

Referred to Engineer.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dunphy

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TUESDAY, I9th DAY OF NOVEMBER, I957.

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: Councillors J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan, M. Reddy, M.D. Sheehan, M. Dunphy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, M. H. Finnegan, B.E., and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Dunphy, presided.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th October, I957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and were signed by the Chairman.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Patrick Hanrahan, Glenmore, William Hill, South St., Thomas Ronan, Mary St., and Peter O'Connor, Solicitor, Waterford.

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

Votes of sympathy were passed to Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, on the death of his mother, and to Mr. H. Finnegan on the death of his mother-in-law.

The County Manager thanked the Council for their vote of sympathy with him and associated himself with the other votes of sympathy.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Sale of Old Dispensary at Mary Street.

County Manager informed the Meeting that since last Meeting he inspected this premises with Mr. Finnegan, B.E., and they were of the opinion that the expenditure of a considerable sum of money on repairs, etc. to this premises would be uneconomic from the Councils point of view and he suggested that it be put on an Auctioneer's books for sale by private treaty - the Council would be consulted before a sale would be agreed on.

Proposed by Mr. Donovan
Seconded by Mr. Shortall it was unanimously decided to agree to the suggestion of the County Manager.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated I2th November, I957, was read from Messrs J.H. Saville & Co. Ltd., Santry, Co. Dublin, applying for permission to use a site at Irishtown on Fair Day, I0th December, to hold a demonstration of farm machinery. The area required would be about 60' x 60'.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to give this Firm the use of the green space at loading bank at Irishtown for their demonstration.

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Circular No. G. I5/57 dated 29th October, 1957, was read from the Department of Local Government intimating that the Minister of finance had given a direction under Section I2 of the Local Loans Act, I935, fixing at 6¼% per annum the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund on and after 28th October, I957, except in respect of issues made for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in respect of which issues the rate shall continue to be 5¾% per annum until 3Ist March, I958.

Noted.

HOUSING

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES AT BULLAWN AND 8 HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

The County Manager submitted a revised house plan of two houses proposed to be erected at Bullawn at an estimated cost of £3I00.

Letter N.75/2/9 dated I3th November, I957, was read from the Department of Local Government approving of plans submitted for these two houses subject to some minor alterations. The letter also pointed out that it will be necessary to ensure that applicants are available for these houses and enclosed a Form for completion in respect of each applicant.

County Manager informed the Meeting that at estimated cost of £3I00 the proposed rent of these two houses, if full subsidy was available, would be I4/6 exclusive of rates. If the Council contributed the approximate amount of rates on the houses by way of subsidy the gross rent would be about I4/6. Rates would be about 5/6d.

Mr. Shortall suggested that the Council should link up the two houses with the eight houses they proposed erecting at Charleton Hill and advertise for tenders for the erection of I0 houses.

County Manager informed the Meeting that,in reply to advertisement for tenants for proposed 8 houses at Charleton Hill at a weekly rent of £I approximately (inclusive of rates), four applications had been received and none of them would qualify for these houses in accordance with the terms of the advertisement.

Mr. Reddy suggested that the Council contribute 5/6d rates by way of subsidy towards the two houses on Bullawn and that these two houses be built first.

Mr. Dunphy suggested that the Council should also subsidise the proposed eight houses at Charleton Hill.

Mr. Donovan agreed with Mr. Dunphy's suggestion and proposed that the two houses at Bullawn, being in the same area as the Irishtown bungalows, should be let at the same rent i.e. I7/5 per week including rates.

After a discussion it was decided to fix the rent of the two houses at Bullawn and the eight houses at Charleton Hill at I2/4 per week, exclusive of rates - the same as that charged for the Charleton Hill and Irishtown Bungalows - and that an advertisement be issued inviting applications from persons who would qualify for this rent for the I0 houses.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and agreed that if sufficient applications are not received for the ten houses that the Council build the two houses at Bullawn.

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WATERWORKS

Mr. Shortall referred to a report of the County Medical Officer of Health of some time ago that the quality of the water was not satisfactory and requested to be informed of the present position as regards the erection of a filter plant.

County Manager, in reply to Mr. Shortall, read a report from the County Medical Officer of Health dated 10th October, 1957, as follows :-

"Bacteriological reports in respect of samples of water taken fron District and Fever Hospitals were as follows :-

"Coliform organisms absent from 10, 1 and 0,1.cc. amounts."

"As you will see the result is satisfactory."

As regard the erection of the filter plant this matter was being dealt with by the Consulting Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., and that he, Manager, would do his best to have a report from the Consultants on the present position before next Meeting.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1957/58.

Mr. Reddy requested to be informed when work on the Christmas Relief Grant would commence.

County Manager stated that sanction had not yet been received to the schemes submitted but that the Acting Clerk would get into communication with the Department by 'phone so as to expedite sanction.

HOUSING REPAIRS

Mr. Dunphy enquired if housing repairs were being carried out at present.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stated that only isolated cases were being done. The men were transferred to other urgent work but they would be back again on housing repairs within a month or so.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Reddy inquired if anything could be done about the resurfacing of portion of the roadway at Irishtown between the footpath and carriageway.

Mr. Finnegan stated that this road would be included in next year's surface dressing programme.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dempsey

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TUESDAY I7th DECEMBER I957

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: Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, G. Donovan and M. Reddy.

Mr. Donovan informed the Meeting that Mr. Minihan was unable to be present.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice- Chairman, Mr. M. Dunphy, presided.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th November, I957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and were signed by the Chairman.

HOUSING

Erection of two houses at Bullawn.

Letter N.75/2/9 dated I3th November, I957, was read from the Department of Local Government that, subject to some minor alterations which the Department's Inspector will discuss with the Council's Architect, the revised plans for the two houses at Bullawn are generally in order.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that six applications had been received in reply to advertisement issued inviting applications from persons in unfit and overcrowded houses. Five were eligible.

County Manager informed the Meeting that as five applicants only were qualified it was most unlikely that sanction of the Minister would be given to the erection of 8 houses at Charleton Hill. He suggested that the Council build the two houses on the Bullawn.

Mr. Reddy inquired if there were any derelict sites available on which the Council could build four houses.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E. stated that there was a site in William Street and also at Windmill Lane.

After a discussion it was unanimously decided to build the two houses at Bullawn and that Mr. Finnegan, B.E., examine the sites available and submit site plans.

Three Houses at Fairgate.

Mr. Dunphy requested to be informed of the present position as regards roof repairs to these houses. One roof in particular was in a very bad state.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stated that this work was held up due to weather conditions but that the necessary repairs would be carried out at the earliest possible date.

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WATERWORKS

County Manager informed the Meeting that he had on that date received from the Consulting Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., a report on Section 3 of the New Ross Water supply. The matters referred to in the report are (I) the proposed Filters (2) the delivery main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle and (3) the auxiliary pumping station at Poulmounty. He, Manager, stated that neither Mr. Finnegan nor himself had got time to consider it.

County Manager stated that the Department of Local Government in their letter of 6th October, 1956, intimated that the Minister considered that slow sand filtration should not be rejected at this stage and that this method should receive consideration in reports from the Consultants. He then read Consultants' Report on the proposed filters which stated that they had examined the possibility of using (I) Slow Sand Filters at Castlemoyle (2) Rapid Gravity Filter Plant and (3)Pressure Filters at Castlemoyle and they favoured the construction of a Rapid Gravity Filter Plant close to the new Service Reservoir at Castlemoyle.

The estimates for the Capital and Annual Running Costs of the Rapid Gravity Filters and Pumping Plant at Castlemoyle as recommended by the Consultants would be as follows :-

Capital Cost

Filter House	£5500.
Filter Plant	£5500.
Pumping Plant	£1700.
Total	£12700.

Running Cost

Filter Plant (Incl. Chemicals, fuel power & Caretaker, but not including chloros)	£930.
Pumping Plant (assuming it is necessary to pump 82,000 gals. every day)	£292.
Total	£1222.

Mr. Reddy mentioned that if the Filter Plant was at Castlemoyle the consumers on the delivery main would receive unfiltered water.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., in reply to Mr. Reddy, stated that about one-third of the water is filtered at Dranagh and it would continue to be filtered if the plant at Castlemoyle was erected. Mr. Finnegan also stated that other towns had no other system except chlorination and that this could be done in two ways.

County Manager stated he considered the cost of this Rapid Gravity Filtering Plant altogether too high and he could not recommend such a large sum for a small Urban Area, and suggested that the possibility of chlorinating the water should be investigated.

After a discussion it was decided to submit a copy of the Consultants' Report to the Department for their views and in the meantime that the Consultants be asked for a report on the possibility of having a chlorinating plant erected.

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The Chairman having wished the Council, the County Manager and the Staff a very happy Christmas

THE MEETING ENDED

P Murphy
21 Jan 1958.

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TUESDAY 21st JANUARY, 1958

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.
Councillors J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan, M. Doherty, M. Dunphy, M.D. Sheehan, J. Ward, M. Reddy, W. Kelly.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager was unable to be present.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th December, 1957, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and were signed by the Chairman.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Minihan

A vote of condolence was passed to the wife and family of the late Peter Cullen, Hill Crest, New Ross.

Proposed by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

A vote of condolence was passed to the ralatives of the late Michael Furlong, Mary Street, New Ross.

All the Members of the Council associated themselves with the votes.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Mr. Shortall referred to the report of the Consulting Engineers with reference to the proposed filters. He suggested that the existing storage tank be converted into a filtering medium similar to the existing filter and that an auxiliary storage tank of sufficient capacity be constructed adjacent to the new filter. This would only require the erection of three additional containing walls and the cost would probably be a matter of some hundreds of pounds and not nearly as expensive as that suggested by the Consulting Engineers. He proposed that Mr. Finnegan submit a report on his suggestion to the next Meeting.

This was agreed to Agreed.

HOUSING

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., submitted report and map of derelict sites in the Urban Area suitable for building sites as follows :-

Site No. I. William Street. Frontage 115'. Area 26 pers. Sewers and watermains adjacent to site. Development will consist of clearance work only and the laying of 38 l. yds. of pathway. Suitable for No. 2 two-storey type houses with very limited yard space.

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Site No. 2. William Street. Frontage 79'. Area (a) I4 Pers. (b) 3 Pers. Sewers and watermains adjacent to site. Development: Site on a lower level than the surrounding and fencing adjoins existing Council property, would require improved grading. To regularise fencing at South of site, an additional portion of land, some three perches, should be taken from three gardens on the Charleton Hill Scheme and incorporated in the plot.

Suitable for No. 2 two-storey type houses with limited yard space.

Site No. 3. William Street. Frontage 60'. Area I9 Pers. Sewer adjacent to site. Eastern section of site would require grading to conform better with contours of western section of site.

Suitable for No. 2 two-storey type houses.

Site No. 4. William Street and Cross Lane. Frontage 86' in William Street. I42'. 9"" in Cross Lane. Area Ird. 6 pers. Sewers and watermains adjacent to site. Site requires clearance only.

Suitable for (I) No. 2 two- storey houses at William Street. (2) No. I Bungalow type facing Cross Lane. The legal aspect of the public using the site as a passageway should be investigated.

After examination of sites marked on the map it was unanimously decided to erect two houses on each of three sites Nos. I, 2 and 3 and that consideration of site No. 4 be deferred.

Land at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field)

Mr. Dunphy suggested that,as building on this site would not be carried out during the present year, the field be advertised for letting for tillage purposes.

It was unanimously decided to advertise this site of 2½ acres (approx.) for tillage purposes for eleven months.

Range in house occupied by Patrick Richardson, Fairgate.

Mr. Reddy handed a letter to the Chairman which he read from Mrs. Hannah Richardson, Fairgate, complaining that the range in her house was in a very bad state of repair and requesting that the range be taken out and replaced by a small grate. She was in receipt of Disability and National Health Allowance and was not in a position to pay for repairs.

Mr. Reddy stated that he saw this range and it was useless. This woman had a large family and had no other means of cooking or heating.

Proposed by Mr. Minihan
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was agreed that if a good second-hand range was available at the store it should be installed at this house free of cost to the tenant.

Referred to County Manager.

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Mr. Reddy also mentioned that some plastering was necessary at stairway in this house.

Referred to Engineer.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES

Matters arising out of Annual Conference I957.

Letter dated 3Ist December, I957, was read from the Honorary Secretary submitting queries on the following matters for replies by the Council viz:-

REVISION OF RATEABLE VALUATION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO PREMISES

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ward and agreed

That the Resolution submitted by the Conference calling on the Government to consider the revision of the whole system of property valuation be altered to " That revaluation be on the improvements only pro rata with existing valuation."

LOANS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy and agreed

That the present arrangement of repayment of loans i.e. the instalment system, be adhered to as against the suggested method of leaving it to the Local Authority to employ either the instalment or annuity system.

COUNTY COUNCIL RATE DEMAND

Cost of Collection of County Rates in the town.

Proposed by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Donovan and agreed

That this Council does not agree to the proposal that legislation be introduced to permit Urban Councils to deduct the cost of collection of the County Council Demand.

Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, I928.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy and agreed

That the collection of rates on small houses sold or leased to tenant purchasers be taken in weekly instalments.

TIDIEST TOWN AND VILLAGE COMPETITION.

Letter dated Ist January, I958, was read from Bord Failte Eireann stating that the Board is sponsoring, in conjunction with An Tostal I958 (May IIth to 26th inclusive), a competition for the tidiest town or village in the State. This competition will be limited to towns and villages of 5,000 or less inhabitants. A specially designed plaque will be awarded for the winning entry in the competition. No entry fee will be payable and marks will be awarded for cleanliness, tidiness, colour and /or colour harmony.

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Special note will be taken of external appearance of business houses, conditions of streets, sidewalks, etc.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was unanimously decided to enter for the Competition.

PREMISES AT MARY STREET

Old T.B. Dispensary.

In reply to Mr. Reddy the Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Walsh, Auctioneer, had received an offer for the purchase of this premises and he had arranged for a discussion with the County Manager in connection with this matter at his next sitting here.

After a discussion it was decided that, unless a substantial offer was received for this property, the house be repaired and advertised for letting.

PURCHASE SCHEME

Charleton Hill Houses (26 Scheme)

Mr. Dunphy referred to the purchase price fixed for the sale of houses at Charleton Hill (26) £750. He stated that if this figure was reduced to £650 some of the tenants in Charleton Hill would avail of the scheme.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the scheme had been submitted to the Department for sanction which had not yet been received.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Doherty and agreed

That Mr. Dunphy should try and get the tenants of Charleton Hill to come together and make an offer to the Council and the Council would then consider their case.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Shortall drew attention to the condition of the laneway in Sugarhouse Lane which had been disturbed by the Tottenham Estate whilst installing sanitary conveniences to their property.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stated that the matter of repairs to the laneway was in disput at present.

Referred to Engineer.

Mr. Dunphy inquired if any information had been received regarding the case of Michael Cleare, High Hill, New Ross, who is at present serving a sentence of life imprisonment in the United Kingdom and on whose behalf representations had been made by the Council.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that a letter had been received from the Secretary, British Embassy, Dublin, dated 29/I2/56 stating that a review of Michael Cleer's case was due on 27th January I957, but that no further communication had been received.

It was decided to request the British Embassy to inform the Council of the result of the review of this case which took place in January I957.

The Meeting Ended

Michael Dunphy 18/12/58

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TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY, 1958

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: Councillors G. Donovan, J. Ward, M. Sheehan, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F.Broe, County Manager, M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.

Councillor G. Donovan having apologised for the absence of the Chairman, Mr. A. Minihan, Mr. M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st January, 1958, were taken, as read having been circulated to the members, and were signed by the Chairman.

Acknowledgement of Vote of Sympathy

Mrs. Margaret Cullen, Hill Crest, New Ross, wrote thanking the Council for kind vote of sympathy on the death of her husband.

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - PART III

Letter dated 17th February, 1958, was read from the Consulting Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., stating that they had examined the possibility of the purification of the water by sterilization, by chlorine only, and wished to report as follows :-

"As stated in our report of 16th December, 1957, the cost of a chlorine dose of 1 part per million after filtration would be approximately 22/6 per day on the basis of a demand of 400,000 gals per day, that is, £410 per annum.

If, however, chlorination only was used without prior filtration, the required dose to give a residual trace of chlorine in the water would be much greater than one per million due to the amount of vegetable matter in the water, and while it is difficult to estimate, the total cost per annum could very easily exceed £1,000. O. O.

We, therefore, propose to examine the feasibility of first using a "microstrainer" on this water with or without subsequent chlorination.

A microstraining plant for this supply would cost about £4,000, and its running cost would be very little.

It is necessary for this type of plant, however, to have several tests carried out with an actual microstraining plant on the particular water in the manufacturers works, as they will give no guarantee of the efficacy of the plant without actually observing its effect on the water.

We have already been in touch with the manufacturers and have arranged to have these tests carried out, and will be in a position to report to you for your next meeting.

If these tests are successful, we consider it would be the ideal solution to this problem.

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Pending the receipt of our further report in the matter, we would recommend that immediate consideration be given to the renewal of the 7" diam. main from Poulmounty which is referred to in the end of our report of I6th December, I957. This is urgent and there is no reason why this should await a final decision on the matter of purification."

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the report of the Consultants was only received on the day of the meeting and the County Manager or Mr. Finnegan had not had an opportunity of considering it.

Mr. Reddy stated that in his opinion the renewal of the 7" main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle, as recommended by the Consultants, was very necessary because if bursts occurred on this old main the supply to the town would have to be cut off.

Mr. Donovan suggested the carryeing out of the renewal of the main and installation of the microstraining plant as one job. It might work out cheaper.

In reply to Mr. Donovan County Manager informed the Meeting that the cost,as estimated by the Consultants, of renewing the 7" main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle was £I6,000 and the microstraining plant was £4,000 - making a total of £20,000. A loan for 25 years @ 6¼% would require an annual repayment of about £I250 or 2/2d approx. in the £ on the rates.

Mr. Ward suggested that the Council go ahead with the renewal of the main and defer consideration of the filter plant.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to ask the Department for approval to the Consultants' recommendation for renewal of the 7" diam. main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle and in the meantime tests in connection with alternative methods of purification to proceed.

SCHOOL MEALS SCHEME

Letter dated I2th Janagry, I958, was read from the Rev. Brother Superior, Christian Brothers, New Ross, stating that from Ist September, I958, it will be necessary for the Council to provide a lunch room for the boys of the Primary School who need Free Meals. From that date the room used for this purpose will be required as a class room for the secondary students. The Superior is prepared to give every assistance in the matter. He also stated that the Council had power to provide this room.

County Manager informed the Meeting that the cost of meals supplied to the schools in the Urban Area for the year I957/58 was £605. In his opinion the Council had no power to provide a lunch room as suggested.

Mr. Dunphy mentioned that if the children had a one hour break for lunch it would allow them time to go home and very few would avail of the school meals and this would help to reduce the cost of the meals considerably.

It was decided to inform the Superior of the Christian Brothers School that the Council had no power to provide the lunch room under the School Meals Scheme. It was also decided to ask the Reverend Manager of the Schools to extend the lunch time from a half-hour to one hour.

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TRIBUTE TO FIRE BRIGADE

Mr. Donovan stated that he would like to pay tribute to the local fire brigade for the promptitude with which they answered calls. He had occasion recently to call the Brigade to a small fire which occurred at a residence at Rosbercon and within minutes after the siren had sounded the brigade was across the bridge.

All the members of the Council present agreed with Mr. Donovan and stated they were very lucky to have such an efficient brigade.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Whelan
18.3.1958.

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TUESDAY 18th MARCH 1958

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.,
Councillors M. Reddy, M. Doherty, G. Donovan and M. Dunphy.

In attendance: M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager was unable to attend.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18th February, 1958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Circular letter No. G. 1/58 dated 21st February, 1958, was read from the Department of Local Government referring to the need, particularly in prevailing financial conditions, for securing the utmost economy in local expenditure and requesting the members of rating authorities and the officers concerned in the preparation and consideration of current estimates to give the closest scrutiny to all proposals for expenditure in the coming financial year.

Noted.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Acting Clerk intimated that the County Manager proposed fixing 8th April, 1958, for this meeting provided that this date was suitable to the members of the Council.

Mr. Donovan stated that it would not be possible for him to attend on that date.

The Chairman mentioned that it would be his wish to have all members of the Council, if possible, present at this meeting.

All members present agreed and after a discussion it was unanimously decided to hold the Estimates Meeting on Wednesday, 2nd April, 1958, at 8.30 o'clock p.m.

WATERWORKS.

Mr. Donovan drew attention to a leak which occurred on the water service to Mr. Lungley's house at Rosbercon. There was a very old service there with a stop-cock. Some years ago when the Council's Contractor was laying the new mains to Rosbercon this stop-cock was removed and the position now was that Mr. Lungley could not repair the leak in his service unless this stop-cock was restored by the Council. He suggested that this should be done.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E. stated that he was at present examining into this matter.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Finnegan.

The Chairman stated that he would like to raise a matter in connection with the town water supply. From the reading of the Minutes

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of the last Meeting it seemed the Council was in favour of laying a 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to New Ross. As the Council already had an 8" pipe to Ballyleigh why lay a 7" from Ballyleigh to New Ross.

Mr. Reddy mentioned that, although he wan not very familiar with these matters, he thought that it was better to have water coming from an 8" main into a 7" main than vice versa and that it was necessary to have the larger pipe at the beginning of the main.

The Chairman suggested the scraping of the 6" main from Ballyleigh and stated he would like to have a report as to whether the 6" main could be successfully scraped or not.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, stated that he would look into this matter and submit a comprehemsive report to next meeting.

Agreed.

HOUSING

Mr. Donovan requested to be informed of the present position as regards the two houses proposed to be erected at Bullawn and four houses on Derelict Sites.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that a reply was awaited from the Department for permission to advertise for tenders for the erection of two houses on the Bullawn. As regards the derâlict sites it would take some time to ascertain ownership, etc. and this matter was being attended to.

After a discussion it was

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Donovan

It was decided that a letter be sent to the Department protesting against the delay in replying to the Council's letters of IIth February and IIth March, I958, in this matter which, in the opinion of the Council, was uncalled for.

NOLAN'S FIELD, CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. Dunphy requested to be informed if any applications were received for the letting of this field.

The Acting Clerk informed the meeting that there was no response to advertisement issued for the letting for tillage.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Dunphy referred to the planting of trees under the telegraph wires at Irishtown.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, stated that these trees would not grow much higher and that in future the pruning of trees would be carried out by employees of the Council

Mr. Reddy recommended, if it were possible, that trees be planted from the Fairgate up to meet those already planted.

Mr. Donovan stated that if trees were planted near where the fair is held they would be in danger of being damaged.

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Mr. Finnegan stated that the people of the Irishtown were most co-operative and reported any damage immediately.

Mr. Donovan stated that the people of the Irishtown should be commended on their civic spirit.

The Chairman stated that it was only fair that the people of J.K.L. PLace and surrounding area should also be commended as the gardens erected in that area were never damaged and were a grand job.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Mc Grath

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WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL, 1958

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.30 o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding,
Councillors M. Reddy, J. Ward, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and W. Kelly.

In attendance. Mr. P. Halloran, Deputy County Manager, M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that when furnishing the detailed statement on the Estimates and the County Manager's explanatory note to each Councillor the final amount of the County Council Demand was not available and the figure of £11,120 was only estimated. Since then the actual figures were received in sum of £11,060 which showed a reduction of £60 equal to 1d in the £ on the Manager's Estimate of 38/8d leaving the rate in the £ now at 37/7 or 1d increase over last years rate.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES.

The Chairman suggested that, as each member had a copy of the detailed statement of the Estimates, each service might be examined separately.

This was agreed to.

ROADS

Estimated Expenditure £750 Estimated Receipts £75. Net Estimated Expenditure £675.

The Deputy County Manager stated that there was a credit of £50 on Urban Roads a/c from last year and if the Council wished they could reduce this service by £50 which would mean 1d in £.

Several members requested to be informed of the actual expenditure on Urban Roads for 1957/58.

The Deputy County Manager stated that these figures would be available at a later date. He suggested that in future the Council should, in the month of February each year, submit proposals to the County Council, through the County Engineer, of the work proposed to be carried out on Urban Roads and the amount of money they were prepared to allocate for this work. Details of how the sum allocated was spent would be furnished at the end of each year.

This was agreed.

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., stated he could not agree to any reduction in the figure for road maintenance. At present many streets were badly in need of surface dressing. There were 9 miles of road for which only £500 was allocated.

After a discussion it was unanimously decided to increase the figure for maintenance to £550 and allow a credit balance of £50 from last year under Receipts.

This was agreed to.

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SANITARY SERVICES.

Estimated Expenditure £7981. Estimated Receipts £2222. Net Estimated Expenditure £5734.

Under the heading of "Public Lighting" Mr. Shortall proposed that a light be provided at Coopers Lane from a sanitary point of view.

There was no seconder.

After consideration of the various items it was unanimously decided to reduce expenditure under the heading of "Miscellaneous" by £25.

HOUSING.

Estimated Expenditure £II487. Estimated Receipts £I0I80. Net Estimated Expenditure £I307.

Mr. Shortall proposed that a reduction be made in proposed estimate of £I000 for Housing Repairs.

After a discussion it was unanimously decided to allow £I000 for Housing Repairs but that expenditure on repairs in excess of £20 on any particular house should be borne by the tenant by an addition to the rent - provided such tenant is in a position to pay.

The Deputy County Manager suggested that,in view of this decision, £25 be added to receipts under the heading of rents.

This was agreed to.

GENERAL PURPOSES.

Estimated Expenditure £5476. Estimated Receipts £2535. Net Estimated Expenditure £294I.

Agreed.

SUMMARY

The Gross Expenditure of £36,754 was increased by £25 and the gross Receipts £I4987 by £75 leaving the net expenditure £2I,7I7. requiring a Municipal Rate of 37/6d in the £ on the Effective Valuation of £II,586.

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Ward

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Estimate of Expenses and determine the rate in the £ to be 37/6d for the financial year ending 3Ist March, I959.

THE MEETING ENDED

R Mullan

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TUESDAY I5th APRIL, I958

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, and Mr. G. Donovan.

M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

At 8 o'clock the Meeting was adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting date for want of a quorum.

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TUESDAY, 20th MAY 1958.

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.

Councillors M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, M.D. Sheehan, M. Doherty and J. Ward.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Brce, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnigan, B.E., and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 18th March, 1958, and of the Estimates Meeting held on 2nd April, 1958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and were signed by the Chairman.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Ward

A vote of sympathy was passed to the French family, New Ross, and to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese on the death of Very Rev. Canon French, P.P. Monageer.

Proposed by Mr. Doherty
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

Votes of sympathy were passed to Mr. W. Barton, Manager Munster & Leinster Bank, on the death of his wife; to Mr. & Mrs. James Rossiter, Priory Street, on the death of their son; to Mr. Walter North, Church Lane, on the death of his father; and to the Dooley family, Rosbercon on the death of their father.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1957.

Each member having received a copy of the Auditor's report

On the motion of the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Doherty

The Report was adopted.

The certified Abstract of Accounts was placed on the table during the Meeting.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Acting Clerk submitted a report on the Rate Collection for the year ended 31st March, 1958, as follows :-

Warrant	£19650. 18. 3
Collected and Lodged at 31/3/58	£18633. 13. 0
Lodged 1/4/58	411. 16. 2
Written off as Irrecoverable	254. 8. 3
Carried forward for subsequent Collection	351. 1. 10

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Precentage

Collected	98.9%
Irrecoverable	I.3%
Carried forward	I.8%

Considered satisfactory.

INCREASE OF WAGES TO SCAVENGING STAFF.

The County Manager submitted an application from the Irish Transport & General Workers' Union asking for an increase of IO/- per week. Present wage £6. per week. He had made an Order granting an increase of 8/- per week on the same basis as that paid in other Urban Areas with effect from Ist April I958, subject to the consent of the Council.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Mr. Reddy

It was unanimously agreed to grant the increase of 8/- per week with effect as from Ist April I958.

CASE OF MICHAEL CLEERE, HIGH HILL

Letter dated 25th April, I958, was read from the First Secretary, British Embassy, Dublin, stating that Michael Cleere's Case was reconsidered in January, I957, but resulted in a decision that the sentence should continue in execution and this decision was communicated to Cleere on 3I/I/57. The next reconsideration of Cleere's Case will be on 27th July, I958.

The Chairman stated that he would communicate again with Mr. Ross-Williamson.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Chairman.

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

Letter dated 28th April, I958, was read from the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co., enclosing editoral to be used in the proposed Official Guide and requesting the approval of the Council to same.

It was unanimously decided to refer this matter to Mr. Gerald Donovan for his consideration and approval.

WATERWORKS

Bacteriological Reports.

Letters dated 3rd April I958, were read from the County Medical Officer of Health enclosing copies of bacteriological reports as follows :-

3/4/58

Samples taken from Open Reservoir at Dranagh and 34 South Street, New Ross.

"Coliform organisms absent from IO, I and I.Icc amounts."

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I3/5/58

Samples taken from tap at 34 South Street and Stream supplying Dranagh Reservoir.

"Coliform organisms were present in IO: absent from I and O.Ioc amounts. The coliform organisms were tested out and proved to be B.coli, type I (faecal)".

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, informed the Meeting that the reports were very satisfactory.

Noted.

HOUSING REPAIRS

3 Houses at Fair Gate.

County Manager requested to be informed if it was the intention of the Council to include new roofs to 3 houses at Fair Gate under this year's Housing Repairs Programme.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., informed the Meeting that even though Mr. Evoy intended purchasing his house it would be necessary to include this house as all three were under the same roof.

After a discussion

Proposed by Mr. Reddy
Seconded by Mr. Dunphy

It was decided to have new roofs put on these three houses and that tenders be invited from Building Contractors for this work.

HOUSE AT UPPER MARY STREET

Formerly Old T.B. Dispensary

County Manager informed the Meeting that he had an interview with the Auctioneer and the offers he had received were not satisfactory - the highest being for £450. The Auctioneer however wished to know if the Council would let this house under lease for a term of years. The tenant to be responsible for all inside repairs and the Council to have all outside necessary repairs carried out.

After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided to let this house and field adjoining under lease for a terms of years, to be decided at a later date, at a weekly rent of £2. O. O plus rates.

NOLAN'S FIELD, CHARLETON HILL.

Mr. Reddy stated he had an enquiry about this field and he would be glad to know if the Council would let it for tillage.

The Council decided to let the field for tillage for eleven months at £IO subject to completion of the necessary Agreement.

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION.

Chairman informed the Meeting that the judging in this competition would take place within the next two weeks. He would like the Council to make a special appeal, through the Press, to the citizens of the town to clean up their homes, business premises and grounds in preparation for the Competition.

Agreed.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Letter dated 20th May 1958 was read from New Ross Fishermen's Association expressing their thanks to the Council for having all night lighting provided at fishermen's warf, Rosbercon, during the fishing season.

Noted.

The Chairman stated that he would like to ask the County Manager to consider granting two days Special Leave with pay to an employee of the Council in future when he is off duty owing to the death of a father, mother, brother, sister, wife or child and Waletr North, who suffered a bereavement recently owing to the death of his father, be granted these two days special leave with pay.

All the members of the Council agreed with the Chairman's recommendation.

The County Manager agreed to make an order granting the Special leave with pay in the circumstances mentioned by the Council.

THE MEETING ENDED

P Minihan
14. June 1958.

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TUESDAY 20th MAY I958

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 20th May, I958, for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate for the year ending 3Ist March, I959.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.

Councillors M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, M.D. Sheehan, M. Doherty and J. Ward.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and resolved :-

"That we raise the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN POUNDS, TWELVE SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of ONE POUND SEVENTEEN SHILLINGS AND SIX PENCE in the pound for the financial year ending 3Ist March, I959, 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 :-

The first on or before 30th September, I958, together with Arrears of THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY ONE POUNDS ONE SHILLING AND TEN PENCE, and the second on or before 3Ist March, I959.

The Seal of the Council was then embossed on the Rate Book and signed by all the members present.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, I7th JUNE I958

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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.

Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, M. Reddy, M.D. Sheehan and M. Doherty.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th May, I958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

Councillor Dunphy asked if Nolan's field, Charleton Hill, had been let, as he had had an enquiry concerning it from an interested party.

Councillor Reddy informed the Meeting that the party to whom he had referred at the previous Meeting would call on the Town Clerk within a few days in connection with this matter. The Council decided that an agreement for the letting of the field should be completed before Saturday, 2Ist June, if possible.

ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, 24th June, I958, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. was fixed as the date for the holding of the Annual Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter was read from the New Ross Chamber of Commerce requesting the Council to receive a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce in connection with Street Trading and the provision of a Car Park for the town.

It was proposed by Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Minihan to receive the deputation at a Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 24th June, I958, at 7.45 p.m.

Pursuant to a letter from Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, it was unanimously agreed on the proposal of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Reddy, that a deputation consisting of Mr. William O'Hanlon and his friends who are engaged in the sale of young calves be received on Tuesday, 24th June at 8.0 p.m. in connection with the bye-laws in force in the town..

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

Councillor G. Donovan in a written report stated that the editorial submitted by the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. to be used in the proposed Official Guide, was not suitable.

The Council decided not to grant their approval to the publishing of the editorial.

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SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT UPPER MAIDEN LANE.

A letter, signed by four tenants of the Tottenham Estate at Upper Maiden Lane, complaining of the inadequate sanitary accommodation in their houses was read to the Meeting.

It was decided that the matter be referred to the Tottenham Estate, with a request that the Council be informed of the Landlord's intention in this connection.

ERECTION OF TWO HOUSES AT BULLAWN.

Tenders.

Only one tender was received for the erection of two houses at Bullawn. This was from Mr. John Shannon, Mary Street, New Ross, in sum of £2865.

The Town Clerk was directed to send the tender to the County Engineer for his report.

ROADS

Councillor Donovan referred to the poor condition of the road at Chapel Lane and asked if the surface could be improved.

Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer stated that no funds were available for the resurfacing of this road but that patching would be continued.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

A short discussion took place on the condition of the bridge and the Town Clerk was instructed to request the County Engineer to have the loose planks nailed down and the centre of the bridge raised to the level of the roadway on either side.

SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Councillor Donovan stated that School Medical Inspection was not now performed as frequently as was formerly the case.

The members agreed that the County Council be written to with a view to having this Service carried out annually.

ROOFING OF THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

In reply to Councillor Dunphy Mr. H. Finnegan informed the Meeting that the documents in connection with the seeking of tenders for the reroofing of 3 houses at Fairgate were being prepared.

WALL AT VICTORIA PLACE

Reference was made to the dangerous state of the wall at Victoria Place and the members decided that a strong recommendation be sent to the County Engineer to have this condition remedied.

BYELAWS FOR MARKETS IN THE TOWN AND PARKING OF CARS.

A discussion took place on the Byelaws for Markets, and the Parking of Cars, and the Council decided that no decision be reached in these matters until after the deputations had been heard on Tuesday 24th June.

THE MEETING ENDED Michael Dunphy

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held this 24th day of June, 1958, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

Present: The outgoing Chairman, Councillor A. Minihan, Councillors M. Sheehan, W. Kelly, J. Ward, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan and M. Doherty.

In attendance: Town Clerk, J. Ronayne.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Chairman and were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Reddy proposed that the outgoing Chairman be re-elected and complimented him on the fair and impartial manner in which he had conducted the Meetings of the Council during the past year.

Councillor M. Doherty seconded the proposal and also complimented the outgoing Chairman. Councillors Shortall, Ward and Dunphy joined in this tribute.

No other candidate was proposed and the Chairman declared himself elected, thanked the members and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Kelly proposed

That Councillor M. Reddy be elected Vice-Chairman

Councillor Reddy declined to go forward for election.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Ward

That the outgoing Vice-Chairman Councillor M. Dunphy be re-elected.

No other candidate was proposed and the Chairman declared Councillor Dunphy re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Dunphy thanked the members and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Before the election Councillor Reddy and Shortall stressed the importance of the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

Councillor Sheehan was unanimously elected to the Committee on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, Seconded by Councillor Shortall.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan
23 June 1959

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SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY 24th JUNE I958

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held at the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 24th June, I958, at 7.45 p.m., to receive two deputations.

I. From the New Ross Chamber of Commerce relative to

(a) Street Trading
(b) Car Parking in the Town.

2. Mr. William O'Hanlon and Mr. John Morrissey, representing those who are engaged in the sale of young calves, relative to Market Byelaws. Mr. F. O'Connor, Solicitor, appeared with Mr. O'Hanlon and Mr. Morrissey and acted as spokesman.

Present: The Chairman, Councillor A. Minihan, presiding.
Councillors M. Sheehan, W. Kelly, J. Ward, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan and M. Doherty.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk, and Mr. R. Colfer, Council's Solicitor.

Chamber of Commerce.

The deputation from the Chamber of Commerce consisting of Messrs P.J. Fleming, T. Whyte and J. O'Connor was received first.

The Chairman introduced the deputation to the Council.

Mr. Fleming thanked the Council for receiving the deputation and went on to state the case of the Chamber of Commerce.

I. Street Trading:

Mr. Fleming referred to the people who come to the town on Fair Days and sell their goods from lorries and vans between Charles Street and the Fish House, to the detriment of traders in the town, particularly the drapery houses. He asked the Council to use their powers to move the street traders from their present position to a different site.

2. Parking in Town:

Mr. Fleming requested the Council to use their influence in having Parking Byelaws and Regulations introduced to the town to relieve traffic conjestion.

The Chairman thanked the deputation and stated that due consideration would be given to their requests.

The deputation then withdrew.

Calf Dealers - Byelaws for holding of Markets:

Mr. William O'Hanlon and Mr. John Morrissey then appeared on behalf of those engaged in the sale of young calves, relative to the Byelaws for the holding of Markets. Mr. F. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, acted as spokesman for the deputation.

Mr. O'Connor thanked the Council for receiving the deputation and stated that those for whom he spoke were anxious that bye-law No. 8 of the Market Byelaws which restricts the sale of young calves to one day in the week, Saturday, be altered to allow them to sell calves on any of the six week days if possible. He pointed

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out that this trade had existed in New Ross for many years and submitted that it was in the interest of business in the town that as few obstacles as possible be placed in the way of the trade.

Councillor Doherty asked if it was essential that the market be held in Charles Street. Mr. O'Connor replied that this site was established as the place for the sale of calves for many years and was well known as such.

In reply to questions by Councillor Donovan, Mr. O'Connor stated that Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between II a.m. and 7.30 p.m. would be suitable for the holding of the markets.

Mr. O'Hanlon requested that Friday also be included, and stated that these days and times would find favour with others engaged in the trade.

Mr. O'Hanlon, in reply to a question from Councillor Ward, stated that business was transacted on both sides of the road.

This concluded the questions. Mr. O'Connor thanked the Council and the deputation withdrew.

ALTERING THE BYELAWS FOR HOLDING OF MARKETS.

A long discussion took place pursuant to the request of the deputation to have the byelaws for the holding of markets changed to permit the holding of markets for the sale of young calves on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of II a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

In reply to Councillor Reddy's question regarding the powers of the Council to alter the Byelaws, Mr. Colfer, Solicitor, informed the members that there appeared to be no legal objection but that the Garda Authorities might not be agreeable if the alterations would result in traffic conjestion.

Councillor Dunphy pointed out that any proposed byelaws must conform with traffic laws.

Councillor Ward favoured the holding of the markets on one side only of Charles Street as did Mr. Shortall, who also proposed that the traders confine their activities to within 12 feet of the kerb.

Councillor Doherty suggested that the Garda Authorities make Charles Street a one-way street.

The Chairman stated that the Council were unanimous in their desire to facilitate the trade.

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed unanimously

That Byelaw No. 8 of the Byelaws with respect to markets held in the New Ross Urban District be altered so as to permit the sale of Suckling Calves in Charles Street on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week between the hours of II a.m. and 7 p.m. subject to the agreement of the Garda Authorities and the report on the legality of the proposed alteration by Mr. Colfer, Solicitor.

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Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed unanimously

That any Byelaws conflicting with the proposed market arrangement in Charles Street be revoked.

STREET TRADING.

A discussion took place on the question of Street Trading during which Councillor Shortall stated that this question was the subject of joint action between the Harbour Board and the Urban District Council in 1926, and that the correspondence might still be available.

The Council, having heard the opinion of Mr. Colfer, and in view of the difficulties experienced by other Urban Authorities in their efforts to control street trading, decided to take no action in the matter.

CAR PARKING.

During the discussion on car parking in the town, the Chairman expressed the opinion that the stage had not yet been reached when it was essential to have parking regulations in force. Councillor Shortall referred to the danger to children with the traffic conditions as they were at present and stated that much of the blame lay with Commercial Travellers.

Councillor Reddy pointed out that that no serious traffic accident had occurred in New Ross.

The Council agreed that no action be taken in this matter.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Chairman welcomed the Town Clerk to New Ross and expressed the wish that his stay would be a happy one.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Michael Dunphy

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TUESDAY 15th JULY, 1958

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 15th July, 1958, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan and M. Reddy.

The Vice-Chairman, Councillor M. Dunphy, presided.

In attendance: The Deputy County Manager, Mr. P. Halloran, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th June, 1958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Councillor M. Reddy handed in a letter from Mr. Patrick Richardson, Fairgate, New Ross, making application for a new range as his present one was broken. In reply to the members present Mr. H. Finnegan stated that the fault did not lie with the range but with the flue, which he undertook to have rectified.

Tidy Town Competition.

A report from Bord Failte, giving details of the result of the Tidy Town Competition was read to the Meeting. New Ross received 181 Marks and was placed in the category of "Very Good".

Councillor G. Donovan in proposing a vote of congratulations to the winner, Glenties, Co. Donegal, urged that the people of New Ross be encouraged to take an interest in next years competition, that unsightly walls be whitewashed, derelict sites demolished and that the vacant sites in William Street be utilised for building purposes. He would also like to see the business people in the town taking an interest in this competition.

Councillor M. Reddy paid tribute to the people of New Ross for their efforts in connection with the competition.

Councillor M. Dunphy expressed the opinion that two competitions should be held, one for towns and another for villages.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A letter was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland informing the Council that the 45th Annual Conference of the Association would be held in Waterford on 16th, 17th and 18th September, 1958, and that any motions which they desired to have discussed thereat should reach the Honorary Secretary before 30th August.

Noted.

GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

With reference to the Council's refusal at their last Monthly Meeting to grant permission to the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd., to the publication of the editorial in connection with the proposed Guide to New Ross, the Town Clerk informed the members that, in reply to correspondence, he had forwarded to the Company proposals, concerning the composition of the editorial, submitted by Councillor G. Donovan, who was prepared to give any assistance necessary in the matter.

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The Members agreed that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Donovan.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Dangerous Junction at Michael Street - Neville Street.

Councillor M. Dunphy in drawing attention to the need for traffic signs at the Junction of Michael Street and Neville St. said that strangers, unaware of the existence of other streets in the vicinity, speed down Neville Street with the consequent danger to children.

Councillor M. Reddy agreed with Councillor Dunphy's remarks and pointed out that some years ago Bord Failte had been notified of this danger but that nothing had been done about it.

Councillor G. Donovan stated that as a result of the Council's recommendations a member of the Garda was put on duty at this junction for a time while school children were going to and from school but that this had been discontinued.

Mr. Finnegan suggested that what was needed was to declare Michael Street a Major Road and enforce a "Stop" sign at the junction, but pointed out that the opinion of the Garda Authorities in the matter would have to be sought.

The members were agreeable to this proposal.

Councillor Donovan also referred to the danger to children who run down High Hill on ~~the~~ to North Street and pointed out that a barrier at the bottom of the hill would solve the problem.

Shore at Robert Street.

Councillor M. Reddy drew the attention of the Engineer to the dangerous state of shore at Robert Street.

Mr. Finnegan undertook to examine it.

Road Surface at High Hill.

In reply to Councillor Dunphy's query regarding the resurfacing of the road at High Hill, Mr. Finnegan stated that no funds were available for this purpose but promised to have loose gravel cleared in an effort to improve the situation.

Councillor Donovan stated that a larger allocation for the resurfacing and maintenance of roads would have to be made at the next Estimates Meeting.

The Deputy Manager suggested that a Special Meeting be held prior to the next Estimates Meeting to draw up a Roads programme.

ERECTION OF TWO NEW HOUSES AT BULLAWN.

In reply to Councillor Dunphy, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Engineer had recommended the acceptance of the only tender received for the erection of two new houses at the Bullawn, that of Mr. J. Shannon, Mary Street, in the sum of £2865. 0. 0.

Mr. Dumphy raised the question of suitable tenants for the two houses and was informed that sufficient applicants were available to qualify the houses for a two-third subsidy.

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CONDEMNED DWELLING HOUSES.

A discussion took place on the action to be taken regarding condemned dwelling houses where people were rehoused out of such houses.

After the Deputy County Manager had outlined the proceedure to be followed, the members were unanimous in their recommendation that the regulations be strictly adhered to in this matter to obviate the danger of more than one tenant qualifying for a Council house out of the same condemned dwelling.

HOUSE REPAIRS.

Councillor G. Donovan referred to the case of a tenant of a Council house who had had a new door installed which was left unpainted and without glass for a considerable time, and suggested that a small Contractor be engaged to do all repairs to houses rather than employ separate tradesmen for different types of repairs.

Councillor Dunphy said that he did not agree that there were enough such jobs at the one time to justify the engaging of a Contractor and pointed out that it would be difficult for the Engineer to get a Contractor for small jobs.

Councillor Reddy was of the opinion that it would not be difficult to get a painter when necessary and pointed out that it was not the practice of the Council to instal glass in Council houses.

OBSTRUCTION OF VIEW AT CHERRY'S ROAD.

Councillor Donovan referred to the weeds, sapling and suckers which interfere with the very fine view from Cherry's Road and recommended that the County Council get the landlords to cut down these onstructions.

BILLPOSTING ON COUNCIL PROPERTY.

Councillor Donovan stated that people who stick Bills and Posters on Council property should be prosecuted. He referred to the posters on the two piers at the Pumping Station at Rosbercon.

Councillor Dunphy suggested that a notice "Post No Bills" might stop this practice.

PUBLIC SEATING AT THREE BULLET GATE.

Councillor Dunphy raised this matter of seating at the Three Bullet Gate and requested that at least one seat be provided there. He also requested an extra seat for the High Hill.

The Engineer said he would look into the matter.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I9th AUGUST I958

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I9th August, I958, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors J. Ward, G. Donovan, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy.

In attendance: The County Manager Mr. T.P. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes. The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held I5th July, I958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, on the death of Very Rev. ~~James~~ RICHARD Kavanagh, P.P., Clongeen.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Miss Redmond, Waterford Road, Nurse Lacey, Matron, Fever Hospital, New Ross, and Mr. Seamus O'Shea, N.T., Town Wall.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Traffic Sign at Michael Street - Neville Street.

The Town Clerk, in reply to a query from Councillor Dunphy, informed the members that a letter had been received from the Superintendent of The Garda, stating that he had no objection to the erection of a "Stop" sign at Michael Street - Neville Street Junction.

Councillor G. Donovan stated that all roads leading to schools should be sign-posted.

Councillor Dunphy, supported by Councillor Ward, suggested that a survey be made of all dangerous junctions in the town.

Mr. Finnegan informed the Meeting that the cost of each sign, including the cost of erection, would be £I8.

Finally it was

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy

That Warning Signs in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations I956, be erected at the Junction of Neville Street- Bewley Street - Michael Street and Windmill Lane and that a survey of all dangerous junctions in the town be made.

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In reply to Councillor Dunphy, County Manager informed the members that the Gards were not now on duty where school children crossed the roads as Local Authorities had been given the power of appointing traffic wardens for this purpose.

CORRESPONDENCE.
Sale of Council's Investments.

A letter was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister was not prepared to give his approval to the sale of the Council's investments for the purpose of financing the erection of two houses at the Bullawn.

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Ward

It was resolved:-

To apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £3,000 to provide for the erection of two houses at Bullawn, New Ross, under the Housing Acts - repayment in fifty years at the current rate of Interest as set out in the Local Loans Act.

Letter N. 75/2/9 dated I3th August, I958, from the Department of Local Government was read notifying the Council of the Minister's sanction to the acceptance of the tender of Mr. John Shannon, Mary Street, New Ross, in the sum of £2,865. 0. 0 for the erection of two houses at Bullawn.

GRANTS UNDER SECTION I2 OF THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, I954.

Letter No. H.I3/58 was read from the Department of Local Government informing the Council that the Minister would be prepared to recommend the issue from the Local Loans Fund of loans to enable housing authorities to make grants for repair and improvement works under Section I2 of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I954.

Noted.

HOUSIND (AMENDMENT) ACT, I958.

Circular letter H.I4/58 dated I8th August, I958, giving a summary of the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I958, was before the Meeting. The Town Clerk undertook to have copies of the letter circulated to the members.

LAYING OF UNDERGROUND CABLE BY E.S.B.

A letter was read from the Electricity Supply Board stating that the Board intended laying an underground cable at New Ross as indicated on the prints enclosed with the letter and asking if the Council had any objection.

No objection was raised by the Council and it was agreed to let the matter of the proper reinstatement of the footpath in the hands of the Council's Engineer.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE I958/59.

Pursuant to a letter from the Department of Local Government, notifying the Council that a grant of £I,I50 would be made available under the Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote I958/59 subject to a local contribution of £I55, a discussion took place as to works to be undertaken under this heading.

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Councillor Dunphy referred to the inadequate drainage at Charleton Hill near A. Nolan's forge and stated that a water channel was needed there. He also suggested that the vacant ground near the Friary Chapel be utilised for a gardening scheme.

Councillor Reddy stated that the Goat Hill needed resurfacing but pointed out that the cost would be too high.

Councillor Ward referred to the need for resurfacing Barrack Lane. Mr. Finnegan stated that a small part had already been done and that it was hoped to do a further portion this year.

Councillor Donovan suggested that the whole area between Goat Hill, The Bullawn, and Follyhouse Lane should be cleared up as this was an old historic portion of the town and he would like to see houses built on the derelict sites there. A car park could also be provided putside the Convent Church.

The Chairman referred to the five year plan for beautifying the town which the Council had undertaken and said that much good work had been done as evidenced by the fine gardens in various parts of the town, which were formerly derelict sites. He suggested that this work be continued. He also mentioned that the present I.R.A. Monument at the Three Bullet Gate was unworthy of the people it commemorated and said that it would be a good idea to have this monument cleared and a more suitable one erected and surrounded by cannon of the I798 period, which were still obtainable.

Councillors Reddy and Dunphy expressed themselves in favour of the Chairman's remarks.

Councillor Donovan suggested that a scheme be devised for cleaning up that portion of the Quay which is not being used by the Harbour Board. If this were done seats could also be provided there for people who sit there in the afternoon.

After further discussion the Council agreed with the proposal of Mr. Finnegan that the work of clearing the whole area, around the Bullawn, of derelict or vacant sites and of tidying up and providing gardens be continued.

SALE OF T.B. DISPENSARY

An offer of £700plus £35 Auctioneer's Fees, for the fee simple interest in the old T.B. Dispensary and Land at Upper Mary Street, New Ross, from Mr. James P. Coghlan, Solicitor, on behalf of a client was before the Council for their opinion. All the members present favoured the acceptance of the offer.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that this matter would be brought before the Council at their next Monthly Meeting to be held on I6th September, I958, in order that the statutory notice laid down by Section 85 of the Local Government Act, I946, could be given.

CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

A discussion took place on motions to be submitted to the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities to be held in Waterford on I6th, I7th and I8th September, I958.

After a discussion it was

Broposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan and agreed:

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"That in consideration of the fact that Urban Areas are invariably more heavily trafficked than the surrounding rural areas and that they contribute proportionately far greater sums to the road fund, grants be made available to Urban Authorities for the reconstruction and improvement of all roads within their bailiwick.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed.

"That Local Authorities of all towns situated on a river, which can be made an amenity for the locality will ensure that such a river is well maintained, its banks kept neat and tidy and provided with public seating and ornamental trees where possible."

It was decided that the Chairman and Mr. Finnegan, B.E., attend as Delegates at the Conference.

INCREASE OF WAGES FOR SCAVENGING STAFF.

Pursuant to an increase in wages of 8/- per week with effect from Ist April, I958, granted to the scavenging staff on 20th May, I958, the County Manager informed the Meeting that this increase was acceptable to the staff if it were made retrospective to Ist March, I958. He was prepared to make an Order making the increase retrospective to Ist March, I958, if the Council were agreeable.

After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Donovan and agreed that the application be granted, the Chairman dissenting.

ERECTION OF HOUSES FOR PEOPLE NOT MEMBERS OF THE WORKING CLASSES.

Consequent on the proposal of Councillor Donovan, a discussion took place on the feasibility of erecting houses for people, who would not be classified as members of the working classes, or alternatively of letting sites to such people for the erection of their own houses. The marsh on the Waterford Road and Nolan's field were mentioned as possible sites.

No action was taken.

ROOFING OF THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

Mr. Finnegan, in reply to Councillor Reddy, informed the meeting that the roofing of three houses at Fair Gate would be commenced shortly.

LOADING BANK AT IRISHTOWN.

Mr. Reddy referred to the Loading bank at Irishtown and said that it was most unsatisfactory. Mr. Finnegan undertook to examine the bay and see if it could be improved.

PARKING OF VEHICLES AT CROSS LANE - PRIORY STREET CORNER.

Councillor Reddy drewa attention to the parking of vehicles at Cross Lane - Priory Street Corner and said that the wall surrounding this ground had been removed some years ago in an effort to improve the corner but that the position was as bad as ever now since the space was completely occupied by cars and combine harvesters. Councillors Ward and Dunphy were of the opinion that the position would be worse if cars had to park along the roadway.

No action was taken.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958.

The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st March, 1958, was placed before the Meeting and was examined by the members and noted.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT MAIDEN LANE.

Town Clerk informed Councillor Reddy that no reply had been received from the Tottenham Estate to a letter sent to them on 23rd June, 1958, in connection with the provision of proper sanitary arrangements at four houses owned by them at Maiden Lane.

FIRE BRIGADE.

Arising from a query by Councillor Dunphy regarding the recruitment of Fire Brigade Personnel a discussion took place on the most suitable qualification for the post of fire-man.

The Chairman drew attention to a defect in the communication system in the event of fire.

The County Manager undertook to investigate the matter.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dunphy

16/9/1958

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TUESDAY I6th SEPTEMBER I958

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I6th September I958, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council and to consider the sale of a house and land at Upper Mary Street.

Present: Councillors M. Dunphy, J. Ward, G. Donovan, M. Reddy, M.D. Sheehan, J.J. Shortall.

Councillor M. Dunphy, Vice Chairman, presided in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. A. Minihan, who was attending the conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities at Waterford.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T. F. Brow and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Menthly Meeting held on I6th August, I958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Presiding Chairman.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Mr. Shortall in proposing a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. McCarthy, Enniscorthy said that Mrs. McCarthy was a charming and cultured lady and a member of a well known Wexford family.

Councillor Doherty seconded the proposal, which was passed in silence, all present standing.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was read from the Bishop of the Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, thanking the Council, the County Manager and the Staff for their message of sympathy on the death of Very Rev. Richard Kavanagh, P.P., Clongeen.

Letters of thanks were also received from Miss Bridget Redmond, Waterford, Rosbercon, and Mr. Martin Leacy, Killurin, Enniscorthy, to whom votes of sympathy on their recent bereavements had been passed at the previous Meeting.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

A Resolution from Clonakilty Urban District Council requesting the Minister for Social Welfare to increase the qualifying income limit for an old Age Pension to £I56 per annum and to increase the maximum rate of pension to £2 per week was read. All the members expressed themselves in favour of the Resolution.

INCREASE IN SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.

Circular Letter G. 6/58 dated 23rd August, I958, from the Department of Local Government giving details of increased subsistence allowances payable to members of local authorities attending a conference of local authorities was read.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AT MAIDEN LANE.

A letter was read from the Tottenham Estate informing the Council of its intention to instal sanitary accommodation in all

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suitable houses owned by the Estate. The work would be spread over a number of years and houses most conveniently situated as regards drainage and water supply would be considered first. The letter pointed out that the water supply at Maiden Lane was not very convenient.

LETTER FROM FRANKLIN W. DOHERTY, NEW YORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Franklin W. Doherty, 48 Wall Street, New York, seeking information regarding a Sleidah Hall near New Ross. None of the members had heard of the place and the Town Clerk was instructed to refer the letter to Mr. James Kennedy, Riverview, Arthurstown, who might have some knowledge of the place.

SALE OF OLD T.B. DISPENSARY

The Statutory notice in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, having been given to the members on 25th August, 1958, regarding the proposed disposal of the Old T.B. Dispensary and land attached at Upper Mary Street, New Ross, it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Ward and passed unanimously

That the fee simple interest in the premises at Upper Mary Street, New Ross, formerly the T.B. Dispensary, and land attached, be sold to Mrs. Mary E. Connolly, New Ross, for the sum of £700 plus £35 Auctioneer's fees.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Shortall referred to the failure of those responsible for the opening of the footpath at Sugarhouse Lane to restore it to its original condition and pointed out that an obligation rested on people to replace public thoroughfares which they had caused to be opened for repairing drains and water pipes.

LAND OWNED BY MR. J. FOLEY AT WEXFORD STREET.

Councillor Dunphy suggested that negotiations be entered into with Mr. J. Foley, New Ross, with a view to the Council purchasing a strip of land owned by Mr. Foley at Wexford Street, in order to provide a public thoroughfare between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen.

Councillor Donovan pointed out that Mr. Foley had met a deputation of the Council some time ago in this matter but that his terms were not acceptable to the Council.

The County Manager stated that by purchasing this land and making it into a public thoroughfare the Council would incur the danger of being faced with demands for heavy expenditure for the surfacing and maintenance of the thoroughfare at a later date

After a discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and passed unanimously

That a deputation consisting of Councillors A. Minihan, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and M. Dunphy together with Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, and Town Clerk meet Mr. Foley to discuss the matter with him - the meeting to be arranged by the Town Clerk.

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GOAT HILL

In reply to a question the presiding Chairman informed Councillor Shortall that the Council had decided to do nothing about Goat Hill for the present as the cost would be prohibitive.

Councillor Sheehan, supported by Councillor Ward urged that it be cleaned up. Mr. Shortall suggested that the members of the deputation appointed to meet Mr. Foley should inspect the Goat Hill.

No decision was taken on the matter.

CHOKED SHORES AT ROSBERCON.

Councillor Donovan drew attention to the choked shores at Rosbercon, resulting from the recent heavy rainfall, and suggested that shores around the town should be cleaned.

MARKING OF POINTS WHERE WATER MAIN CROSSES ROADWAY.

Councillor Shortall referred to the need for the marking, by means of stakes, of points where watermains cross the roadway.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Engineer.

EXPENDITURE ON URBAN ROADS.

Arising out of a query by Councillor Shortall regarding the expenditure for the current year on Urban Roads the Town Clerk undertook to have a report for the next Meeting.

WEIGHING SCALES AND SWEET VENDING MACHINES ON FOOTPATHS

Mr. Shortall stated that the Council should exercise its powers to prevent people from obstructing the footpaths with weighing scales and sweet vending machines.

SCHOOL MEALS.

At this stage of the Meeting the Council went into Committee to discuss the provision of school meals at the Christian Brothers School, New Ross. The County Manager informed the members that the Principal of the school had written stating that no room would be available at the school during the coming winter for the provision of school meals and requesting that the Council provide a room for this purpose.

The Manager pointed out that the Council did not appear to have any legal right to provide such a room and that in any event it would prove too costly. He suggested that if a room was not made available by the Christian Brothers that the children be provided with a I/3rd pint bottle of milk each instead of cocoa. This had been done very economically and satisfactorily in Enniscorthy.

After a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Donovan and seconded by Councillor Dunphy and agreed that the County Manager's suggestion be adopted.

THE MEETING ENDED

M Dunphy

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TUESDAY 2Ist OCTOBER I958

The New Ross Urban District Council convened on Tuesday, 2Ist October, I958, at 7.30 p.m., in The Tholsel, to hold the Monthly Meeting.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors J.J. Shortall, J. Ward, M. Reddy, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan and M. Doherty.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and M.J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY TO COLLEGE OF CARDINALS.

DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII.

The Chairman, in proposing a vote of sympathy to the College of Cardinals on the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, moved that the Meeting be adjourned for a fortnight as a mark od respect.

Councillor G. Donovan seconded the proposal which was passed in silence, all present standing.

Councillor J.J. Shortall addressing the Meeting said that the Catholic Church and indeed the entire world had sustained an irreparable loss by the death of Pope Pius XII, who was an outstanding scholar, linguist and upholder of the rights of oppressed peoples everywhere. He felt sure that the time was not far distant when the late Holy Father would be known as Saint Pius XII.

Vote of Sympathy to relatives of late Mrs. Cottrell, Glenmore.

Councillor J.J. Shortall proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Cottrell, Glenmore, who had died recently.

Councillor M. Doherty seconded the proposal, which was passed in silence.

The Meeting then adjourned until Tuesday, 4th November, I958, at 7.30 p.m.

M/ Murphy

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TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1958

The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 4th November, 1958, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: Councillors M. Dunphy, J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan, J. Ward, W. Kelly, M. Sheehan and M. Reddy.

Councillor M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presided.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer and John Ronayne, Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had been notified by the Chairman and by the County Manager that they would be unable to attend.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16th September, 1958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Presiding Chairman.

The Minute relative to the adjournment of the Monthly Meeting on 21st October was read and being approved was signed by the Presiding Chairman.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy

A vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor M. Doherty, Rosbercon, and family on the death of his brother, Thomas, which took place in Cleveland, Ohio.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Thomas Lacey, Cross Lane, on the death of his daughtor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL CAMERLENGO.

A message was read from the Cardinal Camerlengo expressing the thanks of the Holy Roman Church for the Council's message of sympathy on the death of Pope Pius XII.

SLEEDAGH HALL.

A letter was received from Mr. Franklin W. Doherty of New York, enclosing a copy of a letter he had received from Major Charles Barrington, Cornwall, England, relative to the history and location of Sleedagh Hall in County Wexford.

Mr. Doherty thanked the Council for their assistance in the matter.

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NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY - MICROSTRAINING PLANT.

A letter was read from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, Dublin, informing the Council that tests to date indicate that the water from Dranagh would probably be suitable for treatment by micro-straining. Full tests by the makers of the plant, Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy, were not yet completed but the Consultants expected to be in a position to forward a comprehensive report within a week.

SCRAPING OF MAINS.

A report from the Council's Engineer was read regarding the possibility of scraping the watermain from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle. In his report the Engineer stated that scraping would be a slow process, costing 4/- per lineal yard i.e. a total cost of £1483 and the interior would have to be treated with Angus Smith solution or else scraping would have to be carried out at three-yearly intervals. On analysis the relaying of a new main would be a more economical solution.

Following the reading of the report a long discussion took place regarding the effective action to be taken to prevent undue wastage of water. Councillor Shortall stated that the Council had been informed by the Consulting Engineers some time ago that the capacity of the mains after the new pipe had been laid would be 240,000 gallons per day but that 80,000 gallons per day would be wasted. He would like to see every possible step being taken by a competent man to check wastage in the town as he was of the opinion that the greater part of the waste resulted from defective services in the town and not from any defect in the main. He also referred to the discoloured nature of the water. Councillor M. Reddy agreed with Councillor Shortall that most of the pipes in the town needed replacing, but he was of the opinion also that much of the wastage occurred on the old main. With reference to discolouring this could not be remedied until a filtration plant had been installed.

Finally on the suggestion of Councillor Donovan the Council unanimously agreed that scraping would not be carried out, and the Engineer undertook to have a survey made of wastage occuring in the town before any steps would be taken in connection with the laying of a new main. This report would be available for the next Meeting of the Council if at all possible.

NEW ROSS FIRE BRIGADE:

A copy of a letter from the Chief Fire Officer to the County Manager was read, informing the members of the action being taken to improve the call-out system of the New Ross Fire Brigade. This matter had been raised at a previous meeting. The members expressed satisfaction with the efficacy of the Brigade and all present joined with Councillor Donovan in commending the Chief Fire Officer for his early reply to their query.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1958/59 - ROADS (URBAN).

Letter Ref. No. 75/8/6 from the Department of Local Government was read giving the Minister's approval to the construction of concrete channels at Charleton Hill under the Employment & Emergeney Schemes Vote 1958/59. A grant of £92 would be provided for this work subject to a local contribution of £13, the total estimated expenditure being £105.

The Council unanimously agreed that this work would not be commenced until approval had been received to the remainder of the schemes.

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SALE OF URBAN HOUSES AND REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS.

Circular letter No. H.I5/58 from the Department of Local Government was read drawing the attention of the Council to the small number of tenants who had agreed to purchase or lease the houses occupied by them under the various schemes prepared, and urging upon housing authorities the necessity of adjusting basic rents of such houses to meet the increased cost of maintenance.

With reference to this letter the Town Clerk informed the Council that only five tenants had indicated their willingness to lease their houses under the Council's scheme. With reference to administration and maintenance costs for the year ending 3Ist March, I958, a loss of £2. II. I per house had to be borne by the rates though over £2000 subsidy had been received from State funds. It was pointed out that the Minister desired action to be taken to reduce the burden falling on central and local funds as a result of housing operations.

The members agreed with Councillor Reddy when he said that the Council had done everything possible to encourage the tenants to lease their houses.

No action was taken.

HOUSING (AMENDMENT) ACT, I958.

Circular letter No.H.I4/58 from the Department of Local government giving an outline of the main provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I958, was taken as read, copies having been circulated to the members.

Councillor Shortall drew attention to the facilities contained in the new Housing Act enabling Housing Authorities to make advances to persons desirous of purchasing their houses and also the provisions whereby grants are made available to persons installing private water supply and sewerage systems. The Town Clerk informed the Members that the Council did not have power at present to make advances to persons purchasing their houses but that this power was exercisable by the County Council in the Urban Area. The permission of the County Council would have to be got before the Urban Council could adopt this provision. The Town Clerk also informed the Meeting that the grants for the provision of private water supply and sewerage facilities applied only to areas where no public water supply nor sewerage systems existed and, accordingly, would not generally apply to the Urban Areas.

Councillor Shortall did not agree and consideration of these provisions of the Act were deferred until further information would be available at a later meeting.

No discussion of the remaining provisions of the Act took place.

MINISTER'S SANCTION TO BORROWING OF £3,000.

Letter Ref. No. 87/5/6 from the Department of Local Government was read giving the Minister's consent to the borrowing of £3000 for the erection of two houses at Bullawn. The letter also stated that the Minister for Finance had authorised the issue of the loan from the Local Loans Fund.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Contract documents for the erection of the houses were prepared by the Council's Solicitors and would be completed when the Contractor,

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Mr. John Shannon, had submitted his Insurance Bond which was expected to be available within a few days.

In this connection Councillor Shortall emphasised the necessity for prompt payment of the Contractor as the work progressed and urged also that the Insurance Bond be examined by the Council's Solicitor when completed.

SEALING OF MORTGAGE

Proposed by Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor J. Ward and resolved

"That the Corporate Seal of the New Ross Urban District Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage now read, whereby secirity is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland fot the repayment of the sum of £3,000 proposed to be advanced by the said Commissioners to the Council under the Housing of the Working Classes Act I890 to I958."

TENDER FOR REPAIR OF THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

Only one tender was received for the repair of three houses at Fair Gate. This was from Mr. John Shannon, Mary Street, New Ross in sum of £325.

In reply to Councillor Reddy, the Engineer stated that the approximate cost of repairing the houses by direct labour would be £295.

Councillor Reddy, in proposing that the work be done by direct labour, said that this method would exclude Contractors' profit.

Councillor M. Sheehan seconded.

A vote on Councillor Reddy's Motion resulted as follows :-

For the Motion: Councillors Reddy and Sheehan.

Against: Councillors Dunphy, Shortall, Donovan, Ward and Kelly.

The presiding Chairman declared the Motion lost.

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

That the repairs to the three houses at Fair Gate be done by Contract.

A vote of Councillor Dunphy's motion resulted as follows :-

For the Motion: Councillors Dunphy, Donovan and Shortall, Ward and Kelly.

Against: Councillors Reddy and Sheehan.

The presiding Chairman declared the motion passed.

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COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE FOR TOWN CLERK AND CLERICAL OFFICER.

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and passed unanimously

That a Cost-of-living increase of IO/- per week be granted to the Town Clerk and 7/6d per week to Miss M. O'Brien, Clerical Officer, both increases to be retrospective to Ist April, I958.

REPORT OF DEPUTATION APPOINTED TO MEET MR. J. FOLEY IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM J.K.L. PLACE TO THE BOSHEEN.

The report of the Deputation appointed to meet Mr. J. Foley in connection with this matter having been circulated to the members was taken as read.

The Town Clerk pointed out to the Meeting that no money had been provided in the current years Estimates for the purpose of making a right-of-way from J.K.L. Place to the Bosheen. He also stated that the establishment of such a right-of-way might give rise to claims for the surfacing and lighting of the passage and the maintenance of the fence, at present dividing Mr. Foley's land from that of Mr. William Donovan.

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed unanimously

That the report of the Deputation appointed to meet Mr. Foley in connection with the establishment of a proposed right-of-way over Mr. Foley's field, between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen be adopted and acted upon.

REPORT ON EXPENDITURE OF URBAN ROADS.

As requested at the previous Meeting a report was received from the Engineer giving details of expenditure on Urban Roads. The report covered the period from I952 to date.

The report was adopted.

SURVEY OF DANGEROUS CROSSINGS IN THE TOWN.

A report and map attached pointing out dangerous crossings in the town which would require sign-posting was submitted by the Engineer. It was agreed to postpone consideration of the report until the Special Meeting to be held immediately prior to the Estimates Meeting to consider expenditure on roads for the coming year.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Register of Manager's Orders for I954.

Councillor Shortall asked if the Register of Manager's Orders for the year I954 was available. This was not immediately available but the Town Clerk undertook to have the Register for the next Meeting.

Goat Hill.

Councillor Donovan proposed that Goat Hill be surfaced and Councillors Shortall and Sheehan supported this.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Engineer submit an estimate of the cost of carrying out this work.

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STREET LAMPS OPPOSITE PARISH PRIEST'S HOUSE AT ROSBERCON.

On the proposal of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Ward

It was unanimously agreed to have the Public Lights opposite the Parish Priest's house at Rosbercon transferred to the piers of the gate of the Parish Priest's house.

Councillor Donovan stated that the Parish Priest was prepared to pay the cost of erecting the lamps which would then be maintained by the Council as Public Lights.

Councillor Reddy drew attention to the need for a public light at the end of Conduit Lane and Councillor Shortall stated that a light was necessary at Coopers Lane.

Councillor Dunphy pointed out that at the last Estimates Meeting the Council agreed not to erect any further public lights in the town during the present year. The matter was accordingly deferred until the next Estimates Meeting.

WEIGHING MACHINES AND STREET VENDING MACHINES

Councillor Shortall drew attention to a Weighing Scales and sweet vending machine obstructing the footpath in South Street.

The Council agreed that the owners be ordered to remove the machined.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, I8th NOVEMBER, I958.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I8th November, I958, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors J. Ward, J. Donovan, and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Adjourned Monthly Meeting held on 4th November, I958, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

Proposed Right-of-Way through Foley's Field.

The County Manager referred to the Council's decision at the previous Meeting held on 4th November, recommending that the report of the Deputation appointed to meet Mr. J. Foley in connection with the establishing of a right-of-way through Mr. Foley's land, be adopted and acted upon. He pointed out that the implementing of this recommendation would mean an increase in the Rates of over 4d in the £ to cover the cost of purchasing the land - £50, and erecting a fence - £I50. The performance of this work was an executive function but the Council were entitled to give a formal direction to the Manager if money was provided for the purpose. The necessary arrangements for the giving of the ~~final~~ FORMAL. direction by the Council would be made, once the money had been provided at the next Estimates Meeting. *The County Manager stated that he was not in favour of the proposal.*

In reply to Councillor G. Donovan the County Manager stated that the sanction of the Mihister did not appear to be necessary in this case. *A Minihan 20-1-59*

Councillor J. Shortall requested to be informed how the figure of £I50 for fencing was arrived at but the Chairman stated that this question did not arise at present as the matter should now be deferred to the Estimates Meeting.

Agreed.

TENDERS FOR REPAIRS TO THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

The County Manager referred to the resolution of the Council at the previous Meeting, that the repairs to the three houses at Fair Gate be carried out by Contract for the sum of £325, and said that he could not be justified in accepting a tender of £325 as the Council's Engineer had stated at the last Meeting that the cost of doing the work by direct labour would only be £295. The acceptance of the tender under these circumstances would render him liable to surcharge by the Auditor.

Councillor J. Ward queried if the Council had any guarantee that the work would be done for £295 and pointed out that the Council's experience of direct labour schemes in the past was very unsatisfactory.

Councillor Shortall stated that he understood when voting in favour of the contract system that the tender was lower than the direct labour estimate. He also suggested that asbestos

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tiles be used to reduce the cost.

Councillor G. Donovan agreed with Councillor Ward that direct labour was unsatisfactory and gave the opinion that, when accepting the tender, the members was influenced by the fact that the Engineer's estimate was a year old.

Finally the members agreed with the Chairman's suggestion that the matter be left in the hands of the County Manager who would have the matter further investigated with the view to deciding the more economic system.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - REVIEW OF EXISTING RENTS.

The County Manager drew attention to the recent Circular Letter No. H. I5/58 from the Department of Local Government in connection with the sale of Urban Houses and the review of existing rents, copies of which had been circulated to the members, and said that the letter left him with no option but to review the rents paid by tenants who declined to purchase the houses occupied by them in accordance with the Tenant Purchase Scheme prepared by the Council and sanctioned by the Minister. He had instructed the Town Clerk to circularise the tenants giving details of the scheme and indicating that their rents were liable to be increased if they refused to purchase. Any such increases for people who could afford to pay a higher rent would be notified to the Council at a later date. The County Manager also pointed out that if action was not taken on the letter that the Housing Subsidy would be reduced.

Councillor Donovan asked if the houses had been offered at the minimum terms to which the Minister would be prepared to give his sanction.

The County Manager undertook to have this information at the next Meeting.

The Chairman stated that, with the present rents, it would not be an economic proposition for a tenant to purchase his house.

Councillor Shortall suggested that more publicity should be given to the scheme.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber of Commerce - Vending Machines on footpaths and Floodlighting of Tholsel.

A letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the recent decision of the Council to exercise their powers to prevent the placing of Vending Machines on the public footpaths. The Chamber asked the Council to reconsider this matter with the view ot relaxing these restrictions. The Chamber also requested that the Tholsel Building be floodlit during the Christmas Period.

In reply to the Chairman the County Manager gave the opinion that the Council could be coupled in an action for damages by a person injured by a Vending Machine.

It was agreed that the decision of the Council at the previous Meeting be adhered to.

In connection with floodlighting the Tholsel building over the Christmas period the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that this had cost £20 in I956.

The Chairman was of the opinion that the cost would be in the region of £4.

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It was agreed to floodlight the building if the cost did not exceed £10. It was also agreed that the public lighting be left on all night for three nights at Christmas.

Acknowledgment of Vote of Sympathy.

A letter was read from Mr. M. Doherty, Waterford Road, Rosbercon, thanking the Council for their expression of sympathy on the death of his brother.

Collapse of Wall at Nunnery Lane.

A report dated 21st October, 1958 from the Council's Engineer, Mr. S. Finnegan, was read by the Chairman informing the Council that a section of a wall at Nunnery Lane, the property of Mr. Martin Whelan, had collapsed and suggested that this might prove a suitable occasion to enter into negotiations with the owner to purchase the complete frontage of his land to widen this dangerous narrow roadway. A map of the area and an estimate for the carrying out of the work were attached. The estimated cost of the work was £1268. 10. 0.

Councillor Donovan stated that this was an ideal site for a public garden, affording as it did such a wonderful view. The road could be widened and provided with a footpath. He suggested that it be done under next years E.S.V. Grant.

The Chairman agreed with Councillor Donovan and suggested that negotiations be entered into with the owners regarding the purchase of the land. Councillor Ward agreed with the proposal on the undertaking that the cost would be reasonable.

Finally it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed

That negotiations for acquiring the site be entered into with the owners of the land.

MARKET BYE-LAWS.

The draft of the proposed new bye-laws submitted by the Council's Solicitor was before the Meeting for consideration.

Councillor Donovan stated that the guiding principal in making bye-laws should be to place as few restrictions as possible in the way of trade. With this in mind he suggested that Clause No. 2 of the draft be amended to read as follows :-

Bye-law No. 2 "The market for the sale of fresh fish may be held on each day of the week on the river side of the Quay between Quay Street and Charles Street."

The Chairman suggested that the fish market be allowed on any part of the river side of the Quay. Councillor Donovan and the other members agreed.

The amended bye-law number two accordingly reads as follows :-

Bye-law No. 2. "The market for the sale of fresh fish may be held on each day of the week on the river side of the Quay. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the sale of fish in private houses or shops."

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In connection with Bye-law No. 6 re Calf Market Councillor Donovan proposed that the market be held on both sides of Charles Street.

The Chairman supported this and it was agreed that the new bye-law re sale of calves read as follows :-

Bye-law No. 6. "Sucking Calves and Weanlings Market. The market for the sale of sucking calves shall be held in Charles Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in each week between the hours of II a.m. and 7 p.m."

The Chairman suggested that Bye-law No. 7 be amended to read as follows :-

Bye-law No. 7. "The market for the sale of all goods, provisions, articles or things, not hereinbefore provided for shall be held on Saturdays and Fair Days only on the river side of the Quay between Quay Street and Sugarhouse Lane."

On the suggestion of the Chairman further consideration of the draft was deferred until a further meeting when more members would be present.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION to 3Ist October, I958.

The following report on Rate Collection to 3Ist October, I958 was read :-

Total Warrant	£I9478. I9. 4
Collected and lodged (including Discount)	II6I3. II. 4
Outstanding	£7865. 0. 0.

59% Collected.

54% " at 3I/I0/57.

The members expressed satisfaction with the state of the Rate Collection.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that the arrears sheets for the year ended 3I/3/58 would be available at the next Meeting.

REPORT ON RENT COLLECTION TO 3Ist October I958.

The following report on Rent Collection to 3Ist October I958, was read.

Arrears due at 3I/3/58	£68. I3. I
Rents accrued to 3Ist October, I958.	4565. I0. 8
Total for Collection	£4634. 3. 9
Rents collected and lodged to 3I/I0/58	4476. I8. 8
Arrears due at 3I/I0/58	£I57. 5. I

Considered satisfactory.

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HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS.

Arising from Circular Letter No. H.I4/58, giving an outline of the previsions of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I958, copies of which had already been circulated to the members, the question of making Supplementary Reconstruction Grants was considered.

The County Manager pointed out that the Minister had suggested in the circular letter that housing authorities, who had refrained from or discontinued making supplementary grants, might now review the position.

A discussion took place on the possibility of making the grants and finally

On the proposal of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Ward

It was agreed to defer the matter until information concerning the working of such schemes in other Urban Areas had been obtained.

ADVANCES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.

The County Manager read the Section of the Housing (Amendment) Act, I958, which empowers Housing Authorities to make advances for the reconstruction, repair or improvement of houses.

The members were of the opinion that such a scheme would be highly desirable, but agreed to defer consideration of the matter until the information concerning Reconstruction Grants had come to hand, when both matters would again be considered.

COST-OF- LIVING INCREASE OF IO/- PER WEEK FOR RATE & RENT COLLECTOR.

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Ward and passed unanimously

"That a Cost-of-Living increase of IO/- per week be granted to Thomas Kirwan, Rate & Rent Collector, retrospective to Ist April, I958."

OTHER BUSINESS.

Proposed Building Society in Town.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that 8 or 9 people in the town, who were contemplating marriage, were desirous of forming themselves into a Public Utility Society for the purpose of erecting houses for themselves. With this in mind, a meeting of all interested parties would be held in the Royal Hotel, New Ross, on Wednesday, 26th November. The County Manager had indicated that he would attend and all Urban Councillors were invited to be present. If it were decided to form such a Society he would recommend to the Council that Nolan's field be made available for building at a very nominal ground rent.

All the members present expressed themselves in favour of the proposal.

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BARRACH LANE.

Councillor Shortall drew attention to the dumping of ashes and rubbish at Barrack Lane and said that action should be taken to prevent this. He also referred to the need for a proper surface in the lane, and for a light at the Michael Street end.

Councillor Ward said that this lane was very much used by the public and stressed the need for resurfacing it as it was very dangerous in its present state.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, stated that this lane was listed for attention.

WATER SUPPLY.

In reply to Councillor Shortall, the Engineer stated that the wastage of water was being investigated. Councillor Shortall stated that the Engineer should be empowered to employ Mr. R.A. O'Grady, Health Inspector, to assist him in this work.

The County Manager stated that Mr. O'Grady could be made available for this purpose, if Mr. Finegan needed him, but the permission of the County Medical Officer of Health would have to be obtained.

The Meeting ended.

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TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 1958.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 16th December 1958.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors J.J. Shortall, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy and G. Donovan.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe; Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of sympathy were passed to Mr. Michael Morrissey, South Street, on the death of his father, and to the relatives of the late Michael Griffin, Bewley Street.

Confirmation of Minutes.

Councillor G. Donovan pointed out that no note of the objection made by the County Manager at the previous Meeting held on 18th November, 1958, to the proposal of the Council to establish a right-of-way through Mr. J. Foley's field at Wexford Street appeared in the Minutes of that Meeting.

Agreed that the County Manager's objection be inserted in the Minutes of the Meeting of 18th November, 1958.

The Minutes, which had been circulated to the Members, were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

Cost-of-Living Increase for Staff.

Councillor M. Dunphy referred to the County Manager's statement at the previous Monthly Meeting that no funds were provided to finance the proposed right-of-way through Foley's Field, and asked where the money for the recent Cost-of-Living increase for Staff had come from.

The County Manager replied that provision for the increases had been made in the Estimates.

REPAIRS TO THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

In reply to a query from Councillor Donovan, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Engineer was examining the position with regard to the repairs to three houses at Fairgate, to decide whether Direct Labour or Tender would be more economical. If any changes were made in the original Specification for this work the Contractor who had submitted a tender would be given a further opportunity to tender.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

Mr. G. Donovan asked if the information he had requested at the previous Meeting, i.e. whether the Council houses had been offered to the tenants at minimum terms was available.

In reply the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a Circular

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outlining the minimum prices of the houses had been sent to the Members on 2Ist November, I956. At a Special Meeting held on 27th November, I956, the Council agreed to increase the prices of a number of the houses as follows :-

	No. of Houses	Minimum Sale Price	Sale Price fixed by Council	Increase
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Upper William Street	I7	65. 0. 0	I30. 0. 0	65. 0. 0
do.	3	I30. 0. 0	I30. 0. 0	None.
Lower William Street	II	45. I0. 0	I00. 0. 0	54. I0. 0
Fairgate 2) Church Lane 5) Follyhouse 8)	I5	45. I0. 0	I30. 0. 0	84. I0. 0
Cockpit Lane I0) Buneen Lane I0)	20	78. 0. 0	I30. 0. 0	52. 0. 0
Town Wall	7	3I2. 0. 0	500. 0. 0	I88. 0. 0
Town Wall	I	487. I0. 0	500. 0. 0	I2. I0. 0
Town Wall	23	253. I0. 0	350. 0. 0	96. I0. 0
Cross Lane 8) Buneen Lane 2) Cockpit Lane 3)	I3	I99. 0. 0	200. 0. 0	I. 0. 0
J.K.L. Place	34	I93. 0. 0	I93. 0. 0	None
Charleton Hill	50	3I8. 0. 0	400. 0. 0	82. 0. 0
Charleton Hill	2I,	537. I0. 0	600. 0. 0	242. I0. 0
Do.	5)	780. 0. 0	780. 0. 0	None
Irishtown	I0	900. 0. 0	900. 0. 0	None
Ard Mhicil	22	I0I2. 0. 0	I0I2. 0. 0	None.
Harvey Place	20	I736. 0. 0	I736. 0. 0	None.
Haughton Place	3	I426. 0. 0	I426. 0. 0	None.
Irishtown	2	I2I6. 0. 0	I2I6. 0. 0	None.

The houses at Harvey Place (20), Haughton Place (3) and Irishtown (2) were subsequently reduced to £I586; £I26I; and £I026 as a result of the application of Circular H.I3/56 dated IIth July, I956.

At a Meeting held on 29th Jaunary, I957, the Council agreed to a Sale Price of £780 in respect of the 26 houses at Charleton Hill.

The Members were in agreement with the Chairman when he said that it was inequitable that one tenant should have to pay a higher price for his house than another in a similar type of house in the same scheme. He instanced the scheme of 20 houses at Upper William Street where the minimum sale price for I7 of the houses was £65 each and the minimum price for the remaining three was £I30 each.

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The Manager pointed out that this occurred because of an increase in rent on reletting and said that it would not be right if a new tenant who came into occupation of a house after the Purchase Scheme had been drafted was able to buy his house at the same price as a tenant who had paid rent for many years.

A long discussion took place regarding the most equitable method by which a sale price could be determined for houses in the same scheme where minimum prices differed as a result of an increase in rent upon reletting.

Finally the members unanimously agreed with the Chairman's proposal that an average price be fixed in such cases. Accordingly the new sale price of houses at Upper William Street (20)Houses), Town Wall (8 Houses) and Charleton Hill (20 Houses) were determined as follows :-

SCHEME	No. of Houses.	Minimum Sale Price £. s. d	Total £. s. d.	Sale Price fixed by Council. £. s. d
William Street (Upper)	I7	65. 0. 0	II05. 0. 0	
do.	3	I30. 0. 0	390. 0. 0	
	20		I495. 0. 0	£75.
Town Wall	7	3I2. 0. 0	2I84. 0. 0	
do.	I	487. I0. 0	487. 0. 0	
	8		267I. I0. 0	£334.
Charleton Hill	2I	537. I0. 0	II287. I0. 0	
do.	5	780. 0. 0	3900. 0. 0	
	26		I5I87. I0. 0	£585.

It was unanimously agreed to fix the sale price of the remaining houses at the minimum price in accordance with the Department's Circular letter H.6/56 dated IIth July, I953.

The sale prices agreed are as follows :-

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SCHEME	No. of Houses	Minimum Sale Price £. s. d.	Sale Price fixed by Council £. s. d.
Lower William Street	II	45. IO. 0	45. IO. 0
Fairgate 2) Church Lane 5) Follyhouse Lane 8)	I5	45. IO. 0	45. IO. 0
Cockpit Lane IO) Buneen Lane IO)	20	78. 0. 0	78. 0. 0
Town Wall	23	253. IO. 0	254. IO. 0
Cross Lane 8) Buneen Lane 2) Cockpit Lane 3)	I3.	I99. 0. 0	200. 0. 0
J.K.L. Place	34	I93. 0. 0	I93. 0. 0
Charleton Hill	50	3I8. 0. 0	3I8. 0. 0
Irishtown	I0	900. 0. 0	900. 0. 0
Charleton Hill	22	I0I2. 0. 0	I0I2. 0. 0
Harvey Place	20	I586. 0. 0	I586. 0. 0
Haughton Place	3	I26I. 0. 0	I26I. 0. 0
Irishtown	2	I026. 0. 0	I026. 0. 0

The County Manager stated that he would prepare a new scheme in accordance with the wishes of the Council and submit it to the Minister for approval as soon as possible.

Future letting to persons in receipt of a rent allowance :-

It was proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and unanimously agreed
That all future lettings of houses to persons in receipt of a rent allowance from their employers be made at a rent not less than the allowance.

WALL AT NUNNERY LANE.

In reply to Councillor Donovan the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that negotiations were in progress with the owner of the land at Nunnery Lane with a view to acquiring portion of a field adjoining the roadway for the purpose of developing the area.

On the suggestion of the County Manager it was agreed that the Engineer prepare a scheme for submission to Bord Failte with an application for a grant for Scenic Views.

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UNCOLLECTED RATES.

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958.

The Schedule of Uncollected Rates for the year ehded 31st March, 1958, was before the Council for their consideration. Reference was made to rates in sum of £128. 12. 6 owed by Mrs. Juliet Hutchinson, New Ross, in respect of premises at the Quay, which had been struck off and it was agreed that an effort should now be made to collect the arrears as the premises were now let.

The County Manager stated that at the time of striking off the rates as irrecoverable he had interviewed Mr. Colfer, the Council's Solicitor, who also acted for Mrs. Hutchinson, and had been informed by him that there was no prospect of collecting the rates in view of Mrs. Hutchinsons poor circumstances. Mr. Colfer had, however, given an undertaking that if the premises were sold the rates would be paid.

The Town Clerk was directed to communicate with Messrs Colfer & Son to find out if the rates could now be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Resolutions from Drogheda Corporation.

The following Resolutions from Drogheda Corporation were considered :-

1. "That this Council ask the Minister of Finance to give consideration to a substantial increase in Old Age Pensions in his next Budget Estimate."

2. "Potatoe Prices"

"That this Council urges the Government to ban the export of potatoes in an effort to protect the consumer. In addition it is the opinion of the Council that a suitable controlled price system of marketing graded potatoes be immediately introduced."

3. "Income Tax."

The Council of the Drogheda Corporation acting in what it believes to be in the best interests of the people earnesty appeals to the Government to apply itself to the task of introducing a P.A.Y.E. system of Income Tax Collection as soon as possible."

Councillor Dunphy proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Councillor Donovan seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION FROM CORPORATION OF DUN LAOGHAIRE.

A resolution by the Borough Council of Dun Laoghaire, that they considered that the abolition of Proportional Representation would be a retrogade step and placed on record its oposition to any such proposal, was marked "Read".

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NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY - SECTION 3.

A report of the Consulting Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., was read, in respect of the proposal to use treatment by "Microstraining" on the New Ross Water Supply. The report stated that tests made to date by the suppliers of the plant, Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy Ltd., on water samples forwarded by Mr. R. O'Grady, Health Inspector, indicated that the New Ross Water supply could be adequately filtered by micro-straining and, combined with subsequent sterilization by chlorine, would provide a good quality water. The cost of the plant would be £3350 excluding delivery.

The Consulting Engineers expressed themselves very pleased with the results but considered that at least one more set of samples should be tested before making their final recommendations.

A short discussion took place on the report and the members agreed with t he suggestion of the Chairman that the matter be deferred until the report of the Consulting Engineers on further tests be received.

MARKET BYE-LAWS.

A draft of the proposed new Market Bye-Laws submitted by Messrs Colfer & Son, Solicitors, as amended at the previous Meeting were before the Meeting.

The further consideration of the draft was again deferred until a greater number of members were present.

In this connection, the Chairman drew attention to the "County Markets" which are being formed in the Town. He stated that the markets would be fore the benefit of the small supplier of such produce as butter, hens and eggs and would be held in a premises in the town. Any proposed bye-law should not interfere with such markets.

Agreed.

SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION GRANTS FOR HOUSING.

The matter of making supplementary reconstruction grants, which had been deferred from the previous Meeting until information regarding the making of such grants by other Urban Councils was available, was again considered. The town Clerk submitted a report on replies received from twenty six Urban Councils to a circular asking for the required information. Fourteen Councils made no such grants; three indicated that the matter was under consideration; two Councils had discontinued making Supplementary Grants and seven gave particulars of the schemes operated by them.

A discussion took place regarding the type of premises in respect of which the Council should consider making grants if a scheme were adopted.

Councillor Donovan favoured a scheme which would confine Grants to dwellings under a certain valuation.

The Chairman adverted to the danger of a landlord who might have contributed only one-third of the cost of reconstructing a house, raising the rent so as to recover the entire cost.

Councillor Dunphy stated that the wrong type of people might get grants if a scheme were adopted.

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It was pointed out that the Tottenham Estate would be the most likely to avail of such Grants.

The Chairman stated that he would be prepared to approach the local Agent to ascertain if the Tottenham Estate would be prepared to repair, reconstruct, and improve their dwellings, if assistance would be forthcoming from the Council.

Finally it was agreed that the matter be deferred for further consideration at the next Meeting of the Council when a list of all dwellings in the town of £5 Valuation and under would be available.

ADVANCES FOR RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.

The question of making advances for reconstruction, repair or improvement of houses under the Housing Act, 1958, was deferred until the next Meeting of the Council.

MICHAEL CLEERE.

Councillor Dunphy referred to the case of Michael Cleere, a native of New Ross, and an ex-Irish Guardsman, who is at present serving a sentence of life imprisonment in Wakefield Jail, England, and said that now would be a good time for the Council to renew its representations to the British Military Authorities with the view to assisting Cleere in his application for an early release. Cleere's sentence was due for reconsideration shortly.

The Chairman stated that he had seen the British Military Attache, who had promised to give whatever assistance he could.

It was agreed that the British Embassy in Dublin should be written to requesting that the interest of the Council in this Case be brought to the notice of the British Military Authorities once again.

The Chairman having wished the Council, the County Manager and the Staff a very Happy Christmas

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20th JANUARY, 1959

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 20th January, 1958.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors G. Donovan, M. Doherty, M. Reddy, J.J. Shortall, J. Ward and M. Dunphy.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16th December, 1958, were taken as read having been circulated to the members, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

1. Repairs to three houses at Fairgate.

The Town Clerk, in reply to Councillor G. Donovan, informed the Meeting that no decision had yet been reached as to whether the repairs to three houses at Fairgate should be carried out by Contract or Direct Labour.

2. Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Town Clerk, in reply to Councillor G. Donovan informed the Members that the revised Tenant Purchase Scheme had been sent to the Department for sanction.

Councillor G. Donovan drew attention to the need to explain clearly to tenants their rights and liabilities under the proposed scheme, and he suggested that it might be a good plan to call a meeting of the tenants for this purpose.

Councillor M. Dunphy stated that the condition regarding resale by a tenant to a person of the working classes had caused a great deal of misapprehension among the tenants and he asked if the conditions under which a house could be leased had been inserted by the Council's Officials or by the Department of Local Government.

The County Manager explained that the conditions inserted in in the scheme were the minimum in respect of which the Minister for Local Government would be prepared to give his approval in accordance with Circular Letter H.6/53. The housing authority would be able to exercise a certain amount of control over the houses and would ensure that only those people for whom such houses were intended would be able to purchase them. The fact that the housing Authority's formal consent was required to a subsequent resale by a tenant purchaser would prevent anyone from securing a number of houses as landlord. A lessee would not, however, be thereby debarred from obtaining the best price possible from a member of the working classes who required the house for his own occupation.

The Chairman read to the Meeting an extract from Circular letter H.6/53 in which the conditions for the granting of a lease to occupying tenants were outlined.

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In reply to Councillor J. Ward, the County Manager informed the members that the conditions would apply even where the purchasing tenant made a lump sum payment.

Councillor Shortall agreed with Councillor Donovan that it was necessary to have the scheme fully explained to the tenants, and he pointed out that in most cases the terms upon which the tenants were being offered their houses were very attractive.

Councillor Reddy expressed the opinion that if the tenants were interested in obtaining a lease of their houses, they would approach the Town Clerk for any explanations they required. He also pointed out that if all the tenants purchased the houses they reside in, the Council would have no houses left for people in need of rehousing from condemned and overcrowded houses at a low rent. Such people would not be in a position to pay the higher rents which would have to be demanded if the Council built new houses.

The Chairman agreed that it was very necessary that tenants should fully understand their rights and liabilities under the scheme but he doubted if a meeting of the tenants would be the best approach to the problem as it would be difficult to confine a large gathering of tenants to the strict purpose of the meeting.

The members agreed with the Chairman's suggestion that the matter be deferred until the revised purchase scheme had been sanctioned, when an effort could be made to enlighten the tenants on all aspects of the scheme, possibly by means of a meeting with representatives of the tenants.

3. Wall at Nunnery Lane:

Arising from a query by Councillor Donovan, Mr. Finnegan, B.E., reported that negotiations were in progress with the owner of land at Nunnery Lane with a view to acquiring the strip of land for development of the area. The owner had indicated that he would accept £40 for the strip in question but no final settlement had yet been reached.

Mr. Finnegan also stated that he was preparing a scheme for submission to Bord Failte, with an application for a grant for scenic views.

4. Outstanding Rates - Hutchinson Estate:

The question of outstanding rates on the property owned by the Hutchinson Estate on the Quay was raised by Councillor Donovan.

A letter was read by the Chairman, from Messrs Colfer, Son and Poyntz, Solicitors for the Estate, informing the Council that any rents which would accrue to the Estate would go towards the payment of arrears of rates.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that at the 31st March, 1958, the rates in arrears were in respect of one portion of the premises on the Quay, viz; an old store which was and still is unoccupied.

The County Manager pointed out that if the rates had been paid on the store, the owner would have been entitled to claim a refund of the rates, since the premises were unoccupied for the want of a suitable tenant.

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5. Housing Repair and Improvement Grants - Tottenham Estate.

In reply to a query from Councillor Donovan, the Chairman stated that he had approached the local Agent of the Tottenham Estate to ascertain if the Estate would be willing to repair and improve their houses in the event of the Council agreeing to make Supplementary Grants for the purpose. The Agent had undertaken to bring the matter to the notice of one of the members of the Estate who might be in a position to carry out such works.

6. New Ross Water Supply.

Councillor Shortall referred to the report of the Consulting Engineer which had been before the members at the Monthly Meeting on I6th December, I958, quoting a figure of £3,350 for a micro-straining plant for New Ross Water Supply Scheme, and said that he did not consider that this expenditure was necessary. If the present wastage of 80,000 gallons per day could be detected and rectified, the existing filters would suffice. The Report of the Medical Officer of Health had indicated that the water was not contaminated and consequently the need for chlorination did not arise. He also asked to be informed what steps had been taken to eliminate waste and urged that the services of Mr. O'Grady, Health Inspector be sought for detection work.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, in reply stated that services throughout the town had been inspected by night and day and that he was satisfied that the wastage did not come to 80,000 gallons per day.

The Chairman did not agree that the wastage was 80,000 gallons per day and said that the supply was better than it had been for years past.

Councillor Donovan supported this view and stated that the colour of the water was now the only cause for complaint.

Councillor Reddy gave the opinion that most of the wastage occurred in the services from the mains.

Councillor Donovan stated that it should be possible to discover faults in the system, resulting in wastage.

Mr. Finnegan, in reply to a question from Councillor Ward, stated that the present filters were not capable of filtering the water coming into the town.

The Engineer undertook to have a report for the next Meeting on the question of wastage.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Irish Republican Publicity Bureau.

A letter from the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau was left unread, the matter being ruled out of order by the Chairman.

Sinn Fein - Comairle Ceanntair Loc Garmain.

A resolution from the Comairle Ceanntair Loc Garmain was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

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TOWN AND VILLAGE COMPETITIONS.

A letter, together with regulations and application form, was read from Bord Failte giving details of the Town and Village competitions for the current year. The Chairman pointed out that New Ross could comply in the category for which the prize was £500.

It was agreed to enter for the Competition.

The Town Clerk was instructed to obtain further details regarding the Gardens Competition also to be sponsored by Bord Failte.

In connection with the Public Gardens in the town Councillor Donovan expressed thanks to people who had planted flowers and said that the people should be encouraged to take an interest in the gardens, by caring them and planting shrubs and flowers. He did not agree with the rumours that the gardens were being damaged.

The Chairman agreed with Councillor Donovan's remarks and suggested that a local Committee could be formed to design and tend the gardens and to enter them for the Garden Competitions.

The other members present endorsed the remarks of the Chairman and Councillor Donovan.

Councillor Shortall paid tribute to Mr. Finnegan for designing the gardens.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association seeking a larger contribution than heretofore from the Council.

Consideration of the letter was deferred until the Estimates Meeting.

CIVIL DEFENCE.

An application for the use of the Large Room in the Tholsel for the purpose of holding Civil Defence Lectures was received from the Civil Defence Officer.

In proposing that the request be granted the Chairman referred to the great danger, at the present time, of thousands of people being killed by nucleur explosions and by the resultant nucleur fall out. Many lives could, however, be saved if the people knew the precautions they could take and everyone should be encouraged to enrol in the Civil Defence Classes.

Councillor Donovan, seconding, adverted to the possibility of Nucleur dust falling in this country as a result of an explosion arising from an accident to one of the planes carrying a nucleur bomb.

The County Manager endorsed the appeals of the Chairman and Councillor Donovan, encouraging the people to come forward as Civil Defence Volunteers.

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY - SECTION 3.

A letter from the Consulting Engineers dated 19th January, 1959, indicating that a complete report on the micro-straining tests

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carried out on samples of water from the New Ross Water Supply would be forwarded in a few days, was read.

MICHAEL CLEERE.

A letter dated 30th December 1958, from the British Embassy in Dublin, was read, acknowledging receipt of the Council's representations on behalf of Mr. Michael Cleere.

MARKET BYE-LAWS.

The draft of the new Market Bye-Laws, as amended at a previous Meeting, was again before the Meeting.

No further amendment was proposed.

REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR HOUSES.

As instructed at the previous Monthly Meeting the Town Clerk submitted a list of dwelling houses in the town of £5 valuation and under, in connection with the consideration being given by the Council to the making of Reconstruction Grants.

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, to defer further consideration of the matter until the Estimates Meeting when a list of owner occupiers of houses of £5 valuation or under would be available.

ADVANCES FOR THE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.

The question of adopting a scheme for the making of loans to people for house repair and improvement be deferred until the February Meeting.

The County Manager undertook to prepare a draft scheme in the meantime.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Flooding of property belonging to Mr. P. Kennedy, Charleton Hill.

The Chairman drew attention to flooding of property of Mr. P. Kennedy, Charleton Hill, which was alleged by Mr. Kennedy to be caused by a defective drain in front of his house.

The Engineer undertook to examine the matter.

Flooding at Rosbercon.

Councillor Donovan stated that during heavy rain flooding occurs at Rosbercon, in the vicinity of the junction of the Waterford Road and the Road to Thomastown, owing to defects in four gulleys in the area.

The Engineer stated that he would see what could be done to rectify the matter.

PARKING IN TOWN.

Mr. Shartall drew attention to the careless manner in which lorries and cars are parked on footpaths and streets in the town.

The members pointed out that parking was a matter for the Garda Authorities.

No action.

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HALF-DAY IN TOWN.

Councillor Shortall suggested that the Council should use its influence to have the present half-day, Wednesday, changed to coincide with the hald-day in other towns nearby.

The Council agreed that they would not object should the traders wish to change the half-day

DERELICT SITES.

Councillor donovan urged that the Council avail of any grant that would be made available by the State for clearing derelict sites.

The County Manager stated that Mr. Finnegan had made a survey of derelict sites which could be taken over for building purposes. The County Manager also informed the Members that it was the intention of the Minister to introduce fresh legislation in the Dail to amend the Derelict Sites Act, I940, which had proved cumbersome to operate.

STREET INSPECTOR.

The County Manager, in reply to Mr. Shortall, stated that the duties of Mr. O'Grady, Health Inspector, would not embrace the inspection of street obstructions.

SKATING ON STREETS.

The Chairman adverted to the danger of serious accidents arising from the practice of children throwing water on streets during frosty weather for the purpose of making slides. He said that the Garda Authorities should take steps to prevent the practice, particularly in view of the fact that traffic was much greater now than formerly.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I7th FEBRUARY, I959

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I7th February, I959, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:- Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman presiding and Councillors J. Ward, M. Reddy, M. Dunphy, and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: The County Manager Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th January, I959, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy

Votes of sympathy were passed to the relatives of the late Mrs. O'Gorman, Rosbercon, and Mrs. J. Conran, North Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. A.H. French, North Street, New Ross, forwarded to the Council a letter he had received from the Secretary, New Ross Tanning Co., in which it was suggested that the Council be requested to make a direct approach to the Industrial Development Authority in connection with the disposal of the Tannery Premises in New Ross.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed

That the Town Clerk be instructed to ascertain if the premises were for disposal as a Tannery.

MEASURES TO IMPROVE APPEARANCE OF TOWNS & VILLAGES.

Letter L.2/I959 dated 2nd February, I959, from the Department of Local Government was read outlining measures which local authorities may take to improve the appearance of towns and villages. Model anti-litter bye-laws were also enclosed.

In this connection Councillor Shortall drew attention to the insanitary abuse of the Southern end of Barrack Lane and he suggested that the transferring of the public light from Robert Street would help solve the problem.

The Chairman agreed with Councillor Shortall and it was agreed that the Engineer should investigate the possibility of having the area lighted.

Mr. Shortall also pointed out that the gully at Barrack Lane is very often blocked by rubbish.

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The Engineer stated that the scavengers had instructions to keep this spot clear.

Mr. Shortall also suggested that the Town Clerk and the Engineer should approach Major Doyle with a view to having the old Store House at North Street painted and tidied.

IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Consideration of a letter dated 2nd February, 1959, from the Irish Red Cross Society, seeking a contribution for the coming year, was deferred until the Estimates Meeting.

REPAIRS TO THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

The Engineer submitted a revised estimate of £330 for the repair by Direct Labour of three houses at Fairgate.

A revised estimate was also received from Mr. J. Shannon, Building Contractor, indicating that repairs to the houses, using asbestos slates, would cost £373, as against £325 in accordance with his tender dated 22/9/58, in which tiles were specified.

It was proposed by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and agreed

That the tender of Mr. John Shannon, Mary Street dated 22nd September, 1958, in sum of £325 be accepted for the repair of the three houses.

ROAD WIDENING AT NUNNERY LANE - PROPOSALS FOR BORD FAILTE.

In a written report the Engineer stated that provisional agreement had been reached with Mr. Martin Whelan, Mary Street, in connection with the proposed acquisition of a strip of land at Nunnery Lane for Road Widening Purposes. The exact financial commitments involved would be transmitted in due course to the Urban Council by Mr. Whelan's Solicitor, MR. J.P. Coghlan, New Ross.

The Engineer also enclosed an estimate and plan of the work together with a plan showing the regrouping of traffic in the town, for transmission to Board Failte, with an application for a grant. The report indicated that the regrouping of traffic would be necessary in order that the proposed work might qualify for a grant for scenic views.

The plans were approved and it was agreed to apply to Bord Failte for a grant for the work.

GARDEN COMPETITIONS.

In connection with the National Roadside Garden Competition to be sponsored by Bord Failte, the Chairman stated that the Ballyanne Guild of the I.C.A. would make application to the Council in the near future for permission to enter the recently constructed public garden at the Augustinian Church for the Competition.

It was agreed that such bodies be allowed to cultivate and care the gardens, and enter them for Competitions subject to the Engineer's approval of any work done.

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The Engineer, in reply to Councillor Dunphy, stated that that prunus trees would be planted at the back of the new garden at the Augustinian Church.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL AT TARA.

The following resolution from Meath County Council was adopted :-

"That we the members of the Meath County Council request the Government to give early and earnest consideration to the proposal for the establishment of a fitting National Memorial at Tara.

We consider that the entire area of land in the ownership of the Irish Land Commission on and adjoining the Hill of Tara should be immediately allocated as a suitable setting and site for the proposed National "Memorial."

ADVANCES FOR RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.

The Scheme for the making of advances for reconstruction, repair or improvement of houses, copies of which had been circulated to the members, was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Ward.

It was proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and agreed

That the Council's Treasurers be approached to ascertain if they would be prepared to grant a loan to the Council for this purpose and if so the rate of interest that would be charged.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF URBAN STREETS.

The Engineer submitted his proposals for the year 1959/60 for the repair and maintenance of Urban Streets.

It was agreed that copies of the proposals be sent to the members for consideration at the March Meeting when the amount to be included in the Estimates for Urban Streets would be decided.

Councillor Reddy stated that an effort should be made to prevent water flowing from the public garden at St. Joseph's Square.

In connection with the proposal for the reconstruction of Coat Hill, Councillor Shortall stated that it would be sufficient to surface the passage this year. He pointed out that the maintenance of the wall adjoining Dr. Walsh's residence was the responsibility of the owner.

Mr. Shortall drew attention to the various derelict sites in the vicinity where stones might be got cheaply.

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ESTIMATES MEETING.

Friday 3rd April, 1959, was provisionally fixed as the date of the Estimates Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Water Supply.

The Engineer in reply to Councillor Shortall stated that the Alum-dosing plant at Dranagh was not working.

Councillor Shortall stated that this plant, if working, would ~~remove impure matter from~~ PRECIPITATE FLOCCULATION the water.

INCREASE OF RENTS.

In reply to a question from Councillor Ward regarding the proposed increases in the rent of Council houses, particulars of which had been circulated to the members, the County Manager stated that the Minister for Local Government had, in at least two circulars in recent years drawn attention to the need for housing authorities to review the rents of their houses where tenants declined to avail of a purchase scheme.

HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

The County Manager, in reply to a query from Councillor Dunphy regarding the ground rent of thirty shillings per annum, payable by a tenant purchaser stated that the disposal of the houses was by lease rather than fee simple, in order that the Council might be able to exercise a certain amount of control over the future use of the house.

Councillor Dunphy considered that 30/- per year was excessive and it was agreed that the Minister be requested to sanction a ground rent of 10/- per year.

Councillor Shortall suggested that it would be well to ascertain the Council's title to the land on which the houses are built.

All the members present agreed with Councillor Dunphy when he stated that the legal fees were much too high.

In this connection the Chairman read a letter from Messrs Colfer, Son & Poyntz, Solicitors, dated 4th October, 1956 in which it was stated that the minimum fee laid down by the Incorporated Law Society was £10 for each house. In addition any necessary outlay incurred on behalf of the Council in investigating and proving their title to the property would also be payable by the Council. The tenant purchaser would be liable for his own Solicitor's Costs. The Town Clerk stated that it was anticipated that the purchaser's fees would be paid in the first instance by the Council and recovered by weekly payments from the purchaser.

The County Manager undertook to arrange an interview with Mr. Colfer with the view to having the legal costs reduced to a more reasonable figure.

Signed (Jas. J. Shortall)
Presiding Chairman
13th March 59

THE MEETING ENDED.

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FRIDAY, I3th MARCH, I959

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Friday, I3th March, I959, as agreed by the Chairman and Members of the Council owing to St. Patrick's Day falling on the statutory date, I7th March, I959.

Present: Councillors J.J. Shortall, J. Ward, and M. Reddy.

In attendance : Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer, and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CHAIRMAN OF MEETING.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Minihan, Chairman, would not be present owing to illness, and in the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Councillor J.J. Shortall was moved to the Chair on the proposal of Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Reddy.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I7th February, I959, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members.

Correction of Minutes.

In connection with the Minute of the previous Meeting concerning the Water Supply, Councillor Shortall pointed out that he had said that alum dosing would precipitate flocculation in the water, not remove impurities as stated in the Minutes.

It was agreed that the necessary correction be made.

The Minutes were then approved and signed by the Presiding Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Store at North Street owned by Major Doyle.

With reference to the suggestion made at the previous Meeting that Major Doyle be asked to redecorate his store at North Street for the forthcoming Tidy Towns Competition, Council Reddy stated that he did not favour making such a request unless all other traders in the town were similarly approached.

Councillor Ward supported this view and it was agreed that no individual approaches be made but that property owners be encouraged through the Press to redecorate their premises where necessary.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION.

Mr. Shortall proposed votes of congratulation to Miss Kitty Ronan of the Celtic Players, New Ross, on being awarded the prize for best Actress at the South Leinster Drama Festival, to Miss Betty O'Neill who was awarded a Certificate of Merit and to Councillor Gerald Donovan, Producer, for the excellent work he has done in fostering Drama in New Ross.

Councillors Reddy and Ward and the Town Clerk on behalf of the Staff associated themselves with the vote of congratulations.

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CORRESPONDENCE

NEW ROSS TANNERY - SALE OF PREMISES.

In reply to the Council's query at the previous Meeting a letter was read from the New Ross Tanning Co. Ltd., stating that it was not intended to place any restrictions regarding future use of the premises on a prospective purchaser. It was,however, pointed out that it would be very difficult to find a purchaser who would be prepared to use them as a Tannery, having regard to the present position of the Tanning Industry.

It was agreed to request the Industrial Development Association to assist the New Ross Tanning Co; Ltd., to dispose of the premises.

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION.

An application was read from the New Ross Branch of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association for permission to erect a plaque on the Tholsel wall in memory of Father Cullen, the founder of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Shortall to withold permission pending the receipt of the Engineer's report on the suitability and location of the plaque.

MICHAEL CLEERE.

A letter dated 5th March, I959, was received from the British Embassy, Dublin, in reply to recent representations by the Council on behalf of ex Irish Guardsman Michael Cleere, a native of New Ross, who is serving a sentence of life imprisonment in Wakefield Jail.

The letter stated that after careful and sympathetic consideration of the Council's representations, the United Kingdom Authorities concerned had decided that the sentence must remain in execution but that further consideration would be given to the case on 27th July, I959.

NEW ROSS F.C.A. PIPE BAND

The New Ross F.C.A. Pipe band applied for permission to incorporate the New Ross Coat of Arms in a new design to be painted on their bass drum.

It was agreed to grant permission if there was no legal objection to such proceedure.

DAMAGE TO HIGH HILL GARDENS.

A report dated I3th March, I959, was received from the Engineer in which is was stated that extensive damage had recently been perpetrated on the gardens at High Hill.

Mr. Finnegan stated that from information available it appeared that the older pupils of the Christian Brothers Schools were responsible.

All the members present strongly condemned such vandalism and

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Proposed by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Shortall

It was decided to seek the co-operation of the Superior of the Christian Brothers Schools in an effort to prevent further damage.

PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BARRACK LANE AND MARSH LANE.

Arising from a discussion at the previous Meeting concerning the inadequacy of the public lighting at Barrack Lane, the Engineer in a written report stated that a further light would be necessary to effectively light the area.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Ward, to refer consideration of the matter until the Estimates Meeting.

Councillor Ward stated that as a result of the removal of a light from Marsh Lane, complaints had been made that the area was not properly lighted.

The Engineer pointed out that the light had been removed on the recommendations of the Council.

The Engineer was asked to submit a report on the matter.

RESOLUTION FROM KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL - INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSIONS.

The following resolution received from the Kerry County Council was unanimously adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Ward.

"That the Kerry County Council recommend to the Minister for Social Welfare that the Old Age Pension be increased from 25/- to 30/- weekly, as it is impossible to even exist on 25/- weekly when the price of clothes, shoes, rent and food have to be met; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to every County and Urban Council in the Republic for their consideration."

DANGEROUS CROSSINGS.

Arising out of an application from Mr. James Ryan, The Quay, New Ross, to have a "Danger Sign" erected in Marsh Lane, a short discussion took place on the problem of dangerous crossings, car parking and the regulation of traffic in the town.

The members agreed with the suggestion of the Engineer that black and white lines be painted at dangerous junctions during the coming year, the cost to be met out of the monies allocated to Road Maintenance.

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY - REPORT OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS ON MICRO-STRAINING PLANT.

A report dated I6th February, I959, was received from the Consulting Engineers, giving particulars of tests carried out by Messrs Glenfield & Kennedy, London, makers of Micro-straining plant, on water samples from the New Ross Supply. The report stated that the tests had shown that the water could be adequately filtered by micro-straining, but that, following straining, sterilization by chlorination would then be required. The

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Consulting Engineer also expressed concern at the corrosive properties of the water to iron and lead and he considered that this should be corrected by injection with Soda Ash, by means of a dosing plant, the capital cost of which would amount to approximately £250, exclusive of a small chemical store. The annual cost of the chemical required would be as high as £300. He recommended that the Council proceed with the proposal to use "micro-straining", with subsequent chlorination and correction of the corrosive properties.

After a short discussion the Council agreed that no action be taken on the report until Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, had contacted the makers of the existing filters at Dranagh, and ascertained if these could be enlarged and improved at a lower cost than the proposals in the Consulting Engineers' report would entail.

URBAN ROADS.

The Engineer's proposals for t he maintenance and surface dressing of Urban Sbreets were again considered. The cost of general maintenance, including the resurfacing of Barrack Lane, was estimated at £500 and the resurfacing of The Bullawn, High Hill and Michael Street would involve an expenditure of £2I2. I5. 0. The estimate for the reconstruction of Goat Hill was £425. I2. 0.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that £I00 unexpemded in I958/59 would be available for the year I959/60.

Councillor Ward stated that expenditure on roads should be kept within the means of the Council and he proposed that £600 in addition to the £I00 available from I958/59 be provided for the year I959/60, and that Mr. Finnegan be asked to execute what he could with that amount.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed unanimously.

LAND COMPENSATION. - ROAD WIDENING AT NUNNERY LANE.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, submitted a written report dated I3th March, I959, stating that he had been informed by Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, bhat Mr. Martin Whelan would be prepared to accept £50 compensation for a portion of his land at Nunnery Lane, required for road widening purposes.

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed

That a sum of £50 compensation be paid to Mr. Whelan for the strip of land required to widen the roadway at Nunnery Lane.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Half-day on Good Friday for Council Employees.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Reddy to request the County Manager to grant a half-day to all Council Employees. on Good Friday, to enable them to attemd the Church Ceremonies.

THE MEETING ENDED. Michael Dempsey

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THURSDAY 2nd APRIL, 1959

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 City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, M.D. Sheehan, J. Ward, M. Doherty and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and John Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Letter from Councillor G. Donovan.

A letter was received by the Chairman from Councillor G. Donovan thanking the Council and Officials for their good wishes and congratulations on the success of the Celtic Players at the Courtown Festival. Councillor Donovan also expressed regret that he would be unable to attend the Meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATES.

The Chairman suggested that as each member had received a copy of the detailed statement of the Estimates each service might be examined separately.

Agreed.

ROADS.

Net Expenditure of £925 was passed. It was agreed to bring forward £100 credit balance from the year 1958/59.

RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN J.K.L. PLACE AND THE BOSHEEN.

A discussion took place on the question of purchasing land at Wexford Street from Mr. John Foley for the purpose of establishing a right-of-way between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen.

Mr. Foley had asked for £50 for the necessary strip of land and Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer, submitted a detailed estimate of £167 for the erection of a suitable fence on one side only of the proposed passage.

The County Manager stated that he did not consider that a stake and wire fence would be suitable. He also pointed out that the Council would be liable to maintain the passage and fence.

The Chairman agreed with the County Manager and said that only a properly constructed road would solve the problem.

Councillor Ward pointed out that exits and entrances would also have to be provided.

Councillor Shortall did not agree that a new road was necessary and he considered that a less expensive fence than that proposed by the Engineer could be erected.

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Finally it was agreed on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Ward, that a scheme for the reconstruction of a new road be prepared and that the Council seek a loan for the work.

SANITARY SERVICES

It was proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by the Chairman

That a reduction of £50 be made in respect of expenditure on sewers and water supply.

Agreed.

On the proposal of Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Shortall

It was agreed to provide £3I for the erection of two further public lights, one at Conduit Lane and one at Barrack Lane, and £20 for a covering for the scavenging cart.

Net Expenditure £5926. Agreed.

HOUSING

Net Expenditure of £I497 was approved. It was agreed to bring forward a credit balance of £300 from last year in respect of repairs to the three houses at Fairgate.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Repairs to Tholsel.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed

That a reduction of £50 be made in respect of expenditure on repairs to Tholsel.

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Ward and agreed

That a reduction of £I00 be made in respect of Expenditure on Derelict Sites.

Net Expenditure of £I4,322 was approved. It was agreed to bring forward a credit balance of £205 from last year.

At this stage the Chairman pointed out that the net result of their deliberations had been to reduce the Manager's Estimate by 3d in the £ and he proposed that a further reduction of 3d in the £ be made.

The County Manager, in objecting to this proposal, stated that the Estimates had been prepared very carefully and that he did not consider that any further reductions could be made without impairing the efficiency of the services.

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The Chairman, accordingly, withdrew his proposal and it was

Proposed by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed

"That having considered the Estimate of Expenses and Receipts, as prepared and submitted to us, the requirements of all relevant enactments relating to the giving of notices, deposit of Estimates for inspection, etc., having been duly complied with, we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B and C, and determine in accordance with the said Estimate a Rate of 37/5d in the £, set forth in column (8) of Table C to be the Rates in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the services of the financial year ending on 3Ist March, I960."

SUMMARY

Net Expenditure(as per County Manager's Statement)		£22,8I9
Estimated Credit Balances		605
		£22,2I4
Reductions		
Sanitary Services	£ 50	
General Purposes	I50	200
		£22,0I4
Increases		
Sanitary Services		5I
		£22,065

Requiring a Municipal Rate of 37/5d in £.

Before the Meeting concluded Councillor Ward proposed a vote of congratulation to the County Manager, Engineer, and Town Clerk, on the manner in which the estimates were prepared.

This was supported by the Chairman and other members present.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dunphy

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TUESDAY, 2Ist APRIL, I959.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 2Ist April, I959, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present:- Councillor M. Dunphy, Vice Chairman, presiding and Councillors J.J. Shortall, J. Ward, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan, W. Kelly and M. Reddy.

In attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer, and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I3th March and of the Estimates Meeting held on 2nd April were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received from Miss Kitty Ronan and Miss Betty O'Neill thanking the Council for the congratulations and good wishes extended to them on their success at the Courtown Drama Festival.

TOWN AND VILLAGES COMPETITION, I959.

A letter dated 9th April was read from Bord Failte indicating that the sum total population represented by all the competing centres in the Towns and Villages Competition I959 was 303,6I3. A further letter dated 2Ist April from the same Body stated that adjudication would not commence until after 3Ist May.

AUDITORS REPORT - ST. STEPHEN'S JOINT CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Auditor's Reports on the Accounts of the St. Stephen's Joint Cemetery Committee for the financial year ended 3Ist March, I958, was read and noted.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION. FOR YEAR ENDED 3Ist MARCH I959.

The Town Clerk submitted the following report on the Rate Collection for the year ending 3Ist March, I958 :-

Warrant		£I9,478. I9. 4
Collected and lodged at 3I/3/59	£I8,786. 5. 0	
Lodged I/4/59	I78. 5. 9	
Uncollected	5I4. 8. 7	£I9,478. I9. 4

Percentage Collected 97.3I%

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

It was agreed that the Meeting for the making of the Municipal Rate for the year ending 3Ist March, I960, be held on I9th May, I959.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

Increase in Rents of Council Houses.

In connection with the recent increases on the rents of Council houses, Councillor J.J. Shortall referred to the high cost of the Harvey Place houses and he proposed that the Council be furnished with details of the cost of the scheme. The other members present supported this proposal and it was agreed that the Town Clerk should endeavour to ascertain from whatever records were still available, the cost of the Scheme and how it was made up.

Councillor M.D. Sheehan stated that the rents should not be increased at all as ninety per cent of the tenants were not in a position to pay increases. He proposed that the Council use their power to prevent any increases being implemented. Councillor Kelly seconded this proposal.

The County Manager pointed out that the Council had spent much time dáscussing a purchase scheme for tenants, and that if tenants who were in a position to do so declined to purchase, it became necessary to increase rents to keep pace with the increasing costs of supervision, maintenance and repairs. The Manager also stated that the rents of houses had not increased with the cost of living and that when determining the rents of houses the position of rate payers would have to be considered as well as that of the tenants. the anomolous position of a rate payer subsidising a tenant better circumstanced than himself would have to be avoided.

Councillor Reddy stated that while he agreed that certain tenants could not afford to pay increases there were many more whose rents should not be subsidised from the rates.

Councillor Donovan agreed with Councillor Reddy and he proposed that, instead of adopting Councillor Sheehan's proposal, the Council hold a Special Meeting to discuss the matter.

Councillor Ward seconded this proposal which was passed unanimously. Tuesday, 28th April, was fixed for holding the Special Meeting.

TOWN DUMP.

Councillor Dunphy proposed that the Council should consider re-opening the old Dump at Dowsley's Barn as the present one was beside the main road.

A discussion took place on the matter and it was agreed to await the Engineer's Report before taking any action.

MAP OF TOWN SEWERS AND WATERMAINS.

Mr. Shortall stated that a map of the town sewers and watermains should be kept hanging in the office and be available for inspection by the public. Such a map had been prepared some years ago in duplicate.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Sheehan, that if the map in question could not be located, a new one be prepared if possible.

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OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

In reply to Councillor Dunphy, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that no information was available regarding the present position of the Official Guide to New Ross, to be published by the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co.

The Town Clerk was directed to ascertain the present position in the matter.

Repairs to Three Houses at Fairgate.

The Town Clerk in reply to a question by Councillor Reddy, informed the Members that the Contract for the repairs to three houses at Fairgate was at present being prepared by the Council's Solicitors.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 28th April, I958.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 28th April, I959, to consider the question of increased rents of Council houses.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, M. Doherty, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan, J. Ward, J.J. Shortall and W. Kelly.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

The County Manager stated that in the year ended 3Ist March, I958, the deficit falling on the rates in respect of the provision of houses amounted to £708 or £2. II. I per house. Out of a total of 277 houses provided under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, the rents had only been increased in I33 cases. Notwithstanding the receipt of state subsidies and the increased rents, losses would still have to be borne by the rates in respect of such schemes as Harvey Place, Irishtown, Charleton Hill (76) and Ard Mhicil (22). The Manager emphasised that increases had been confined to those in a position to pay and where cases of hardship were brought to his notice he undertook to have them investigated.

Councillor M.D. Sheehan stated that he was in favour of the Council using their power to prevent any increase in the rents. He pointed out that 8 years ago the rents of the Irishtown houses were I3/4d, and now were I9/8d inclusive of rates.

Councillor Kelly supported Councillor Sheehan's view.

County Manager explained the procedure necessary to put Councillor Sheehan's proposal into effect.

Councillor M. Dunphy suggested that Councillor Sheehan should modify his proposal so as to permit rents to be increased in certain cases where tenants were well able to pay higher rents.

Councillor G. Donovan considered that the rents of poor people should not be increased but he was satisfied that there were a certain number of professional people amongst the Council tenants, and others in receipt of rent allowances, who could not expect their rents to be subsidised by the rates. As regards tenants whose circumstances would be open to doubt, the Manager should notify the Council of his proposals and obtain the views of the members before implementing increases.

Councillor Reddy agreed with Councillor Donovan and stated that it was not equitable that rate payers, many of whom were not well off, should have to subsidise the rents of tenants, who were in far better circumstances than themselves.

The Chairman stated that he was in favour of assisting people who could not out of their own resources provide decent housing accommodation for themselves, but he agreed with Councillors Reddy and Donovan that people who could well afford to pay should not be helped from the rates.

The Manager, in reply to a question from Councillor Doherty, said that the rents of people omitted from the increases could be reviewed where the tenants circumstances subsequently improved.

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Councillor Ward stated that the Manager had taken a very humane view of the matter and had in fact made every effort to be just in his proposals.

The Council agreed with the proposal of Councillor Donovan that the Minister be asked to permit Councils to reduce the purchase price of houses below the minimum at present required, in an effort to encourage greater participation by tenants in purchase schemes.

The Town Clerk read a list of appeals from tenants whose rents had been increased and after discussion it was agreed that the increase be not implemented in the following cases :-

Matthew Crowdle, 5 Irishtown.
Michael Brennan, I8 Harvey Place.
G. O'Mahony, Harvey Place.
Edward Monoghan, I2 Charleton Hill.
Michael Hayden, 49 Charleton Hill.
Margaret Walsh, 5 Upper William Street.
J. Doyle, 29 Charleton Hill.
M. Fortune, Cockpit Lane.
Joseph Furlong, Cockpit Lane.
Mrs. Hyrons, I8 Town Wall.
Arthur Carroll, 8 Follyhouse Lane.
James Ryan, I9 Town Wall.
Laurence Roche, I9 Charleton Hill.
Ellen Rochford, 9 Upper William Street.
Mrs. Dwyer, 25 Town Wall.
John Allen, Charleton Hill.
Patrick Roche, Charleton Hill.
Mrs. M. Rawson, Town Wall.

THE MEETING ENDED

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19 May 1959.

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TUESDAY, I9th MAY, I959

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I9th May, I959, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and M. Reddy.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk and H. Finnegan, B.E.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The Late Mr. Charles Connolly.

A vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Charles Connolly, well known journalist, was passed by Councillor Shortall, seconded by Councillor G. Donovan, and unanimously passed, all present standing.

The Late Colonel Cuniffe.

The Council, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Donovan, passed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Colonel Cuniffe, all present standing.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2Ist April, and of the Special Meeting held on 28th April, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dublin County Council - Resolution.

The following resolution contained in a letter from Dublin County Council, dated 20th April, was before the Council for their consideration :-

> "That this Council views with grave concern the ever increasing burden on the Ratepayers as a result of statutory demands, with particular reference to the impact on the rates by operation of the Health Services. The Council requests that the system of taxation, especially as it affects the finances of Local Authorities, be examined."

The resolution was marked " Read".

Acknowledgment of Vote of Sympathy.

A letter dated 5th May, I959, was received from Mr. T. Redmond, Mary Street, thanking the Council, Manager and Staff for their expression of sympathy on the death of his brother.

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Letter Ref. No. L.75/7/3 dated I3th May, I959, from the Department of Local Government was read informing the Council that the Minister did not consider that an expenditure of £3,350

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on the provision of micro-strainers was warranted, in view of the low amount of suspended solids in the water, and the small improvement effected by micro-straining, as disclosed by the Consulting Engineers' report dated I6th February, I959. The letter also stated that in regard to the low figures for PH and akalinity, no objection could be raised to the remedying of this condition by simple chlorination plus a PH corrective.

With regard to the low figures for PH and akalinity Councillor J.J. Shortall stated that ordinary sand filtration would be less expensive. Councillor Shortall also drew the Engineer's attention to the presence of Algae in the water and requested that the matter receive attention.

In reply to a query from the Chairman, the Engineer informed the Meeting that he had written to the makers of the existing filters at Dranagh with a view to having the capacity of those filters extended.

It was agreed to await the result of the Engineer's examination of the present filters before taking any further action.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 3Ist MARCH, I958.

The Auditor's Report and Certified Abstract of Accounts for the year ending 3Ist March, I958, were before the Meeting.

The report was taken as read having been circulated to the Members, and was adopted.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

It was agreed to wait until the next Monthly Meeting to fix the date of the Annual Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sale of Old T.B. Dispensary.

The Town Clerk in reply to a query from Councillor Shortall, informed the Meeting that the legal documents in connection with the sale of the Old T.B. Dispensary were at present with the Department of Local Government.

REPAIRS TO THREE HOUSES AT FAIRGATE.

The Town Clerk,in reply to Councillor Shortall informed the Meeting that the repairs to the three Council houses at Fairgate were now in hands.

ROAD THROUGH FOLEY'S FIELD.

The Town Clerk, in reply to Councillor Shortall informed the Members that the Engineer was at present preparing plans for submission to the Department of Local Government in connection with the proposal to make a new roadway between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen.

CHERRY'S ROAD.

Councillor Shortall drew the Engineer's attention to the need for sweeping leaves from Cherry's road.

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Water flowing into Yard of Driver-Harris Factory.

The Chairman asked if it would be possible to divert water flowing down Creywell on to the drain on the Enniscorthy road, in order to prevent flooding of the yard of the Driver-Harris Factory.

The Engineer undertook to examine the matter.

HEDGES AT ROSBERCON - OPPOSITE CHURCH.

Mr. G. Donovan pointed out that the footpaths in the vicinity of the new Church at Rosbercon are unusable on account of the hedges which are growing over the paths, and he asked that steps be taken to have the hedges cut.

FLOODING AT JUNCTION OF WATERFORD ROAD - ROAD TO THOMASTOWN.

Councillor G. Donovan stated that flooding occurred at the junction of Waterford Road - Road to Thomastown during heavy rainfalls as the shores at this point were not able to take all the water.

The Engineer stated that, from an examination he carried out the drains appeared to be silted up and he hoped to be in a position to have them cleared shortly.

CALVES LEFT OVERNIGHT AT CHARLES STREET.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that young calves had been left overnight in Charles Street on one occasion during the previous week much to the inconvenience and annoyance of people living there. He very much deplored this practice, particularly since the Council had made every effort to facilitate the calf traders.

Councillor G. Donovan supported the Chairman's remarks and pointed out that the street was left in a shocking state on Sunday Morning as a result of calves being left there the previous night.

The other members present joined in condemning this practice and it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by the Chairman and agreed

That the matter be brought to the notice of Mr. Fintan O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, the legal representative of the traders with a request that this practice be stopped.

E.S.V. GRANT.

Councillor Donovan requested that any money left over from the E.S.V Grant after completion of the current year's schemes be used to extend the railings at the High Hill Garden.

The Chairman suggested that trees be also planted in front of the Hospital at Charleton Hill.

LETTING OF OLD DUMP.

Councillor Dunphy stated that he has received an enquiry regarding the letting of the Old Dump at Chambersland and he proposed that a letting should be made of this land. He mentioned that it had formerly been let at £2. 0. 0 per year.

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The proposal was seconded by Councillor Donovan and passed unanimously.

RENT OF COUNCIL HOUSE AT 75 CHARLETON HILL.

Councillor Dunphy referred to the rent being paid by Mr. O'Keeffe, recently transferred from a Council house at 36 Charleton Hill, on grounds of over crowding, and he proposed that in this case the County Manager be asked to reduce the rent from I7/6d to I5/-, which is the rent payable by all other tenants in that scheme.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed.

GARDEN AT ROSBERCON.

Councillor Donovan stated that the scevengers should be instructed to sweep the garden at Rosbercon during the course of their rounds. He also proposed that a tap be provided for the purpose of watering the garden. He stated that the residents would be prepared to supply a hose.

This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed.

MARKING OF WATER DIVERSIONS.

Councillor J. Shortall stated that all diversions of the watermains in the town should be marked by means of a stone slab or stake. He referred particularly to a recent diversion at Ballyanne.

FINAL ALL-IN-COST OF HARVEY PLACE HOUSES.

In reply to Councillor Shortall the Town Clerk stated that the Costing Clerk's report on the Harvey Place houses, to which reference had been made at the previous Meeting, was not now available. The Town Clerk submitted the following report on the cost of the scheme as ascertained from the financial books :-

Cost of Land	£200
Wages	£I8,386
Materials	£I5,56I
Architect/Engineer	202
Clerk of Works	463
Printing & Office Expenses	8I
Legal Expenses and Cost of Mortgage	82
Insurance	559
Miscellaneous	45
Total	£35,579
Cost per house	£I,779

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES.

The schedule of Uncollected Rates was placed before the Meeting for the examination of the members.

LAND AT MARSHMEADOWS.

The town Clerk informed the members that the County Manager had agreed to permit the County Council to take over portion of the Urban Council's field at Marshmeadows for the

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purpose of widening the roadway at that point.

The members present were in agreement with this proceedure.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, I9th MAY, I959

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate for the year ending 3Ist March, I960.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors M. Dunphy, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and M. Reddy.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk, and H. Finnegan, B.E.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and Resolved :-

"That we raise the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY ONE POUNDS FOUR SHILLINGS AND FIVE PENCE as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of ONE POUND SEVENTEEN SHILLINGS AND FIVE PENCE in the Pound for the financial year ending 3Ist March, I960, 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, I959, together with arrears of four hundred and sixty three Pounds, Three shillings and four pence, and the second on or before the 3Ist March, I960."

The Seal of the Council was then embossed on the Rate Book and signed by all the members present.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan
16/June 1959.

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TUESDAY, I6th JUNE, I959.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I6th June, I959, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Dunphy, J. Ward, J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan and M. Reddy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, Engineer and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman

The sympathy of the Council was voted to Mr. Samuel Hill, Priory Street, on the death of his wife.

Minutes:

The Minutes of (a) the Monthly Meeting held on I9th May, I959, and (b) the Special Meeting for the making of the Municipal Rate also held on I9th May, I959, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes :-

Councillor Dunphy asked the County Manager if he would agree to a reduction of the rent of the Council house at Charleton Hill from I7/6d per week to I5/- per week in accordance with the recommendation of the Council at the previous monthly Meeting.

After a short discussion the County Manager stated that he would make an order reducing the rent in view of the particular circumstances of the case.

OVERGROWN HEDGES AT ROSBERCON.

The Town Clerk, in reply to Councillor G. Donovan, informed the Meeting that the matter of the overgrown hedges which were obstructing pedestrians using the footpath opposite Rosbercon Church were being attended to.

TAP AT PUBLIC GARDENS AT ROSBERCON.

Arising from a query by Councillor G. Donovan concerning the proposed tap for the public Garden at Rosbercon, the Engineer stated that he would arrange for a connection to be made with an existing tap in the Pump house during the course of a few days.

SWEEPING OF PUBLIC GARDENS AT ROSBERCON.

The Engineer, in reply to a question from Councillor Donovan, stated that the public garden at Rosbercon was now being swept by scavengers every week.

The Council, on the suggestion of Councillor Donovan, agreed that the garden should be swept daily by the scavengers during the course of their rounds.

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The Engineer undertook to issue instructions to this effect.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Calf Trading in Town.

Arising from complaints voiced at the last Council Meeting regarding the practice of calf traders of leaving young calves overnight at Charles Street, a letter was read from the Firm of Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, informing the Council that they were endeavouring to ascertain the best person to approach to have this nuisance abated.

INSANITARY CONDITION OF IRISHTOWN AFTER FAIRS.

A letter from Mr. William Quigley, Irishtown, was read by the Chairman drawing the attention of the Council to the insanitary condition of the grass plots at the Irishtown after recent fairs.

After a discussion the Engineer undertook to examine the possibility of providing a hose for the cleaning of this area by the scavengers after fairs.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd June, 1959, at 7.30 p.m. in The Tholsel.

OTHER BUSINESS.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Councillor G. Donovan asked that the loose planks and protruding spikes on the New Ross Bridge be brought to the notice of the County Council officials.

SAPLINGS OBSCURING SCENIC VIEW AT CHERRY'S ROAD.

Councillor G. Donovan referred to the obstruction of the scenic view from the Cherry Road by the growth of saplings inside the fence on the river side of the road and asked if anything could be done to rectify this matter.

The County Manager stated that Local Authorities did not appear to have any powers to compel owners to cut trees or hedges which did not obstruct the view of the road itself.

FOOTPATH FROM CHILCOMB TO O'LEARY'S.

Mr. Shortall urged that the Kilkenny County Council be requested to improve the footpath between Chilcomb and O'Learys. He also proposed that the assistance of Mr. Cottrell, Kilkenny County Councillor by sought in this matter.

Councillor Shortall also drew attention to the growth of grass and weeds on the Waterford Road.

SPARE COUPLINGS FOR MAIN WATER PIPE.

The Chairman stated that it had come to his notice recently that there were no spare couplings in stock for use in the case of a break in the main water pipe to the town. He urged that

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spares be ordered immediately.

BORD FAILTE GARDEN COMPETITION.

In connection with the forthcoming wayside garden competition, sponsored by Bord Failte it was agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, that Councillor G. Donovan form a Committee among the residents of Rosbercon for the purpose of entering the Public Garden in Rosbercon for the Competition.

It was also agreed to approach Mr. James Nolan and Mrs. Merrigan, residents of the High Hill, with a view to their entering the High Hill garden for the same competition.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, undertook to enter the Garden at Town Wall.

PUBLIC GARDEN AT ST. JOSEPH'S SQUARE.

Mr. Reddy suggested that seats be provided in the public garden at St. Joseph's Square with a view to improving the amenities and appearance of the area.

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. had indicated that they wished to have the editorial for the proposed Guide to New Ross prepared by a resident of the town who would be familiar with local history.

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, to ask Mr. Patrick Donovan, Rosbercon, to write the proposed editorial.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN TOWN.

A short discussion took place on the question of traffic conditions in the town. The Chairman was of the opinion that traffic coming from Bridge Street into North Street should have precedence over traffic approaching from John Street.

Councillor G. Donovan pointed out that both those streets were of equal importance and he stated that the Garda Authorities had advocated making both Bridge Street and Quay Street one-way streets.

Councillor Shortall drew the members attention to the careless parking of cars opposite the Irish Driver-Harris Factory at John Street.

The Chairman also stated that an arrow pointing to Priory Lane was necessary at the junction of the Quay and Priory Lane, in order to prevent people unfamiliar with the area from driving into Graves's yard.

The Engineer stated that he intended to erect a road sign indicating the way to Wexford at this point.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a complaint regarding the traffic conditions in New Ross had been received from Messrs W.P. & R. Odlum, Millers, Maryborough, who had recently to meet the cost of replacing a manhole cover in John Street which was broken by one of their lorries being compelled to mount the footpath on account of traffic conjestion.

The Council decided not to take any action in this matter.

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HOUSE PURCHASE SCHEME.

In reply to a query from Councillor Dunphy the Town Clerk stated that the final figures for legal costs had not yet been ascertained.

NOLAN'S FIELD.

Councillor Dunphy urged that an effort be made to clear parts of the fence of Nolan's field which had fallen on the roadway.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dunphy

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held on Tuesday, 23rd June, I959, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the Local Elections Act, I927.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, W. Kelly, M. Reddy, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Chairman and were confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor M. Sheehan proposed the re-election of the outgoing Chairman.

Councillor M. Reddy seconded the proposal.

No other candidate was proposed and the Chairman declared himself elected, thanked the members and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Councillor M. Sheehan proposed that the outgoing vice-chairman, Councillor M. Dunphy, be re-elected.

Councillor W. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Councillor M. Dunphy proposed Councillor M. Reddy but Councillor Reddy declined to go forward for election.

No other candidate was proposed and the Chairman declared Councillor Dunphy re-elected as vice- chairman.

Councillor Dunphy thanked the members and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of Councillor Doherty,
Seconded by Councillor Reddy,

Councillor W. Kelly was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee.

Before the Meeting ended Councillor Shortall, supported by other Members present, complimented the Chairman on the impartial and efficient manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan
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SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 23rd JUNE, I959.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held on Tuesday, 23rd June, I959, at 8. o'clock p.m., for the purpose of extending the sympathy of the Council to the relatives of the late Senator John O'Leary, Enniscorthy, and also to the relatives of the late Mr. Edward Kavanagh, Charleton Hill, New Ross,

Present:- The Chairman, Councillor A. Minihan, presiding, and Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, W. Kelly, M. Reddy, M. Sheehan, G. Donovan, and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

In proposing the vote of sympathy with the relatives of Senator J. O'Leary, the Chairman stated that the late Senator was a straight forward man, who had fought fairly during his public life, and that his death would prove a great loss to the people of Enniscorthy and to the poor people throughout the County.

Councillor G. Donovan seconded the proposal and said that Senator O'Leary had devoted his life to the cause of the workers and the underdog.

The Chairman also proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Edward Kavanagh, who had been a member of the Council for a number of years.

Councillor Donovan seconded the proposal.

All the members present, and the Town Clerk, associated themselves with the votes of sympathy which were passed unanimously, all present standing.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dunphy

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TUESDAY 2Ist JULY, I959.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 2Ist July, I959, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Reddy, J. Ward and M. Doherty.

Councillor M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presided.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th June, I959, were takem as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the presiding chairman.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 23rd June, I959, were also approved and signed.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution from Tipperary Urban Council was marked "read":-

> "That the Tipperary Urban District Council request the Minister for finance to approve of the use for housing repair work of Unemployment Relief Grants from the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to every housing authority in the country for their consideration."

The following resolution from Buncrana Urban District Council was adopted, on the proposal of Councillor Dunphy, seconded by Councillor Reddy.

> "That we, the members of the Urban District Council of Buncrana, hereby request the Minister for Local Government to implement the provisions of the Public Libraries Act 1947 to make grants available to local authorities for the improvement of the Public Library services."

CORRESPONDENCE.

New Ross Guide.

A copy of a letter dated 24th June, I959, sent by Mr. Patrick Donovan, Upper Rosbercon, to the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd., giving details of the lines which the proposed Guide to New Ross should take, was read for the information of the members.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND.

(I) 46th Annual Conference.

A letter dated I3th July, I959, from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland was read informing the Council that the Annual Conference of the Association would be held in Galway this year on the I5th to I7th September, Any Motions which the Council desired to have discussed should reach the Secretary before 29th August.

It was agreed to wait until the Monthly Meeting in August before considering any motions.

(2) (a) "Meet the Irish" Plan

(b) European plan for Inter-Municipal Exchanges.

The Association of Municipal Authorities in a letter

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dated I3th July, informed the Council that at the previous Meeting of the Association communications were read from (a) the Irish Tourist Association in connection with the "Meet the Irish" Plan and (b) from the Consultative Assembly, Council of Europe, in connection with the European Plan for Inter-Municipal Exchanges.

A copy of the communication from the Irish Tourist Association, and a short Memorandum explaining briefly the European Plan for Inter-Municipal Excahnges.were enclosed, and the views of the Council thereon requested.

The "Meet the Irish" Plan consisted of a scheme whereby an Irish person would act as host to a foreign visitor of similar cultural, professional or sporting interests for an afternoon.

The aim of the European Plan for Inter-Municipal Exchanges is to arrange exchange visits between Councillors and local officials in Europe with a view to studying local administration in other countries.

A short discussion ensued but no action was taken.

IRISH REPUBLICAN PUBLICITY BUREAU.

Arising out of a letter dated 6th July, I959, from the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau the following resolution was

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Doherty and passed unanimously

"That we the members of the New Ross Urban District Council hereby demand the release of all Irishmen interned in Belfast Prison under the Special Powers Act."

NEW ROSS GOLF CLUB.

A letter dated 30th July, I959, was received from the New Ross Golf Club requesting the Council to grant a Civic Welcome to Mr. Harry Bradshaw and Mr. Christy O'Connor on the occasion of their visit to New Ross on Sunday, 26th July.

On the proposal of Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Ward

It was agreed to grant a Civic Welcome as requested.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS I958/59.

The Abstract of Accounts relating to the financial year ending on 3Ist March, I959, was placed befored the members.

It was proposed by Councillor Doherty
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and resolved

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That we hereby authorise, in accordance with Section II of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, the incurring of expenditure of £68 in excess of the amount provided in the Annual Estimates of the New Ross Urban Council in respect of Sanitary Services.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Dangerous Street Surfaces.

Councillor Dunphy drew the Engineer's attention to the dangerous state of the High Hill and Barrack Lane.

Councillor Ward stated that the upper portion of Barrack Lane was the most dangerous.

The Engineer stated that he would try to get a grader to re-shape Barrack Lane and then re-surface half of it this year.

Councillor Doherty asked the Engineer to fill in the pot-holes in the lane at the back of the factory at Rosbercon.

SEATS AT FISH HOUSE.

In reply to Councillor Dunphy the Engineer stated that the seats at the Fish House would be repaired shortly.

GARDEN AT HIGH HILL.

Councillor Dunphy proposed that the thanks of the Council be conveyed to Mrs. Merrigan and the other residents of the High Hill who were caring the public garden at the High Hill.

Passed unanimously.

RENTS OF HOUSES AT THE BULLAWN.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Department of Local Government were seeking rent proposals in respect of the two new houses at The Bullawn which are nearing completion. The Manager stated that the economic rent, exclusive of State or local subsidy would come to £I. I9. I0 plus 6/6d rates. This figure was based on an estimated all-in-cost per house of £I500. Should a two-third Subsidy be received from the State the figure would be reduced to I6/4d plus rates, while one-third Subsidy would leave the figure at £I. 8. 2 plus rates. The Manager pointed out that the people who were most in need of rehousing could not afford to apply for the houses unless the rents were subsidised out of the rates as well as by the State.

A long discussion took place as to the most equitable method of fixing a rent so as to ensure that those most in need of re-housing would not be debarred from applying by reason of the rent being beyond their means. During the course of the discussion the Manager explained how a graded rent would operate and pointed out that the maximum rent chargeable under this system would be the full economic rent i.e. £I. I9. I0 plus rates - 6/6d (approx.) while the lowest would be the weekly rates i.e. 6/6d. The system would also ensure that that no one whose means did not justify it, would be subsidised by the State or by the Rates.

Councillor Ward stated that a rent as low as 6/6d per week would impose too great a burden on the rates and he suggested that a higher minimum rent be adopted.

Councillor Reddy said that a rent in the region of 20/- per week would be too high for many people who needed houses badly.

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Councillor Doherty also favoured keeping the rent as low as possible.

Councillor Dunphy also stated that the rent should be kept within the means of the lower income groups but he did not wish to impose too great a burden on the rates.

Finally on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Doherty it was agreed to adopt a graded rent scheme, the maximum rent to be the full economic cost plus rates (i.e. £I. I9. I0 + 6/6d), and the minimum rent to be 5/- + rates (6/6d).

TREES AT WILLIAM STREET.

In reply to a question from Councillor Reddy the County Manager informed the members that the Engineer had been asked to submit a report on the trees obstructing the light at the back of the Council houses at William Street.

NOLAN'S FIELD.

Arising fromaa query by Councillor Dunphy regarding the fence of Nolan's field with a view to the erection thereon of houses, two at a time, in accordance with a scheme to be prepared by the architect.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, I8th August, I959

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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Doherty, M. Reddy, J. Ward, M. Dunphy, and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. P. O'Halloran, Acting County Manager, and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The following votes of sympathy were unanimously passed by the Council :-

I. To the relatives of the late Mr. P. Dunne, South Street.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman.

2. To the relatives of the late Mr. Martin, Whelan, Irishtown.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy.

3. To the ralatives of the late Mrs. McNamara, Ard-na-Greine.

Proposed by Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by the Chairman.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 2Ist July, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Two new Houses at the Bullawn.

In reply to a question from Councillor Dunphy the Town Clerk stated that it did not necessarily follow that the applicants with the lowest income would be appointed tenants under the graded rent scheme being applied to the two new houses at the Bullawn. The applicants most in need of rehousing would be appointed and the rent would then be fixed according to their incomes.

The Chairman did not agree that new houses should be let at a rent as low as II/6d when there were many in the town to pay at least 25/- per week for a house. He favoured letting the cheaper Council houses to the poorer people as vacancies occurred, confining the newer and dearest houses to those in a position to pay a more economic rent.

Councillor Reddy felt that there was a moral obligation on the Council to provide houses for the poorer classes who could not afford to pay an economic rent.

Councillor Ward stated that he understood that the graded rents system was in the nature of an experiment and that the Council need not adopt the system for future lettings if it did not prove

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successful on this occasion. He considered that future building operations would depend on these two houses.

Councillor Dunphy stated that from those most in need of re-housing the applicants able to pay the highest rent should be appointed and Councillor Shortall suggested that the Manager should get the Council's views on the applicants before making an appointment.

Councillor Doherty pointed out that the matter had been discussed at length at the previous Meeting and that the graded rent system had been decided upon as being the most suitable method of fixing the rent.

Finally it was

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed unanimously

"That as the adoption of a graded rents system is in the nature of an experiment the Manager be requested, before appointing tenants to the two houses at The Bullawn, to submit a list of the applicants to the Council together with details of the rent each would be required to pay, and to hear the views of the Council thereon.

TRADE UNION WAGES FOR MEN EMPLOYED ON COUNCIL CONTRACTS.

Mr. Shortall stated that the Council should ensure that trade Union rates were being paid to all workmen employed on Council Contracts.

The Acting Manager pointed out that the initiative in such a matter would come from the Trade Union.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Chairman and Councillor M. Reddy were appointed as the Council's delegates to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland to be held in Galway on I5th to I7th September.

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. was appointed substitute delegate.

On the proposal of Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by the Chairman

It was agreed that the following motion be submitted to the conference on behalf of the New Ross Urban District Council :-

" That when the wife of a man in receipt of the Old Age Pension reaches the age of sixty five years, she be granted a pension of like amount during the life-time of her husband, or until she herself qualifies for the old age pension."

OTHER BUSINESS.

Rent Increase - John Furlong, I5 Upper William Street.

On the suggestion of Councillor Shortall the Council agreed to ask the County Manager to reconsider his decision regarding the shilling increase on the rent of a Council tenant at I5 Upper William Street.

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PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS OF ECONOMIC MERIT.

The Chairman read a letter he had received from the Minister for Local Government inviting suggestions from the Council for public projects of economic merit in which the Council would consider it desirable, in the public interest, to engage but which were not included in their present programme.

After a short discussion it was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the Harbour Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Trade Union, and to invite those Bodies to send two delegates to a Meeting to be sponsored by the Council, the date of which will be fixed at the next Monthly Meeting.

MATTERS REFERRED TO ENGINEER.

Councillor Shortall asked that the following matters be referred to the Engineer for his attention :-

I. The Cleaning of Cherry's Road.

2. The cleaning of the Waterford Road.

3. Resurfacing of Goat Hill.

4. Plans for new road between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen.

5. Marking water main diversions.

Councillor Reddy also drew attention to the subsidence of the pathway at Goat Hill into Bailey's field.

Cr. J. Ward asked that the resurfacing of Ballack Lane be referred to the Engineer for his early attention.

NEW ROSS GOLF CLUB.

Councillor Reddy proposed that a public apology be demanded from the New Ross Golf Club, arising from the insult offered the Council on the occasion of the visit of Harry Bradshaw and Christy O'Connor to the town, by reason of the failure of the members of the Club and their visitors to attend the Civic Welcome which the Council had agreed to grant at the request of the Club.

Agreed.

ACT OF BRAVERY.

Councillor Reddy proposed that the congratulations of the Council be extended to Miss Gretta Doherty, Rosbercon, as a result of her courageous action in rescueing a young boy from drowning at Ballyanne.

Agreed unanimously.

The Council, on the suggestion of Councillor Reddy, agreed to recommend Miss Doherty for an award by Comhairle na Mire Gaile.

REPLACEMENT OF FOOTPATHS BY E.S.B. AND POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES.

Mr. Dunphy drew attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which footpaths were relaid by the E.S.B. and Post Office Workers after the laying of cables.

Councillor Shortall referred to a similar matter in connection with the laying of water pipes by the Tottenham Estate at Sugarhouse Lane.

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BORD FAILTE GRANT FOR NUNNERY LANE.

Councillor Dunphy suggested that Bord Failte be written to again regarding the Council's application for a grant for the widening of the roadway at Nunnery Lane.

THE MEETING ENDED

Sgd Jas Shortall
(Presidg. Chairman)
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WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER, I959.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Harbour Board was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Wednesday 23rd September I959, at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of formulating proposals relating to openings for State investment in important public projects of economic merit.

New Ross U.D.C.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presided and Councillors M. Dunphy, D. Sheehan, M. Doherty, J. Ward, G. Donovan and J.J. Shortall.

HARBOUR BOARD.

Messrs P.J. Dolan and P.A. Brennan.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Messrs J. O'Connor and P.J. Fleming.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Inability to attend

Messages regretting their inability to attend were received from Mr. P. O'Halloran, Deputy County Manager, and Mr. P. O'brien, Local Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

LETTER FROM MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Chairman read the letter from the Minister for Local Government, inviting proposals relating to openings for State investment in public projects of economic merit.

PROPOSALS :-

The Chairman stated that the most important projects of economic merit as far as New Ross was concerned was the development of the Harbour and the reconstruction of the New Ross Bridge. He pointed out that at present ships of I200 tons were able to use the Harbour, and with a little more dredging this would be increased to ships of 4000 tons. If extra dredging was carried out, a deep water berth provided, and the Bridge reconstructed industries would automatically follow, now that the emphasis was on industries catering for the export trade.

All present expressed their approval of the Chairman's proppsals.

Councillor Dunphy in supporting the Chairman expressed fears that the proposals might be regarded by the Government as projects for local rather than National development.

Mr. P. Fleming pointed out that the proposals, if carried out, would greatly assist the Carlow Sugar Co. both in importing and exporting.

Mr. G. Donovan considered the Chairman's idea an excellent one and pointed out that the people of New Ross would themselves have to fight for development of the town as Government Departments and successive Governments, as well as local Dail representatives has shown marked indifference to the welfare of New Ross.

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Councillor Ward considered the scheme an admirable one and approved wholeheartedly of its submission to the Government.

Councillor Doherty stated that no industrialists would be attracted to New Ross until the Harbour was improved and the Bridge reconstructed.

Councillor Sheehan said that the proposals were far reaching and would certainly benefit future generations.

Councillor Shortall suggested that a deputation might visit Arklow and Wicklow where similar schemes were carried out.

Mr. P. Fleming paid tribute to the wonderful efforts being made by the Chairman to have the Bridge reconstructed.

Mr. J. O'Connor, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce congratulated the Harbour Board on the work already executed on the Harbour.

It was proposed by Mr. P.J. Dolan
Seconded by Mr. J. O'Connor and passed unanimously

> That the Minister for Local Government be urged to make Grants available for the further dredging of the New Ross Harbour and for the provision of a deep water berth on the Wexford side of the river, and that the work of reconstructing the New Ross Bridge be undertaken without delay.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY, I5th September, I959.

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: Councillor J.J. Shortall, G. Donovan, J. Ward, M. Doherty and M. Dunphy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Presiding Chairman: 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 Donovan.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The following votes of sympathy were unanimously passed :-

I. To the relatives of the late John Maher, South Street.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Donovan.

2. To Garda P. Cronin on the death of his father.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Doherty.

Correction of Minutes

Councillor Ward drew attention to an omission from the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the matter of the resurfacing of Barrack Lane which had been referred to the Engineer for his early attention.

Agreed that the Minutes be corrected accordingly.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I8th August were then approved and signed by the presiding Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

Notices to Quit on Tenants.

Councillor Donovan referred to Manager's Order dated 30th April, I959, by which Notices to Quit were ordered to be served on twelve tenants who had refused to pay the increased rent and asked to be informed of the present position.

The County Manager stated that the tenants in question had paid the increased rent and arrears and the Notices to Quit had been withdrawn.

RENT OF TENANT AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the circumstances of a tenant at William Street who had appealed against the rent increase were being investigated.

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At this stage Councillor Dunphy, Vice Chairman, who had just arrived took the chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

Footpath on Waterford Road between Chilcomb House and O'Leary's Cottage.

A letter dated 2Ist August, I958, was received from Kilkenny County Council informing the Council that consideration would be given to the repair of the footpath on the Waterford Road in the Roadworks scheme for I960/6I.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT NUNNERY LANE - BORD FAILTE GRANT.

In a letter dated 27th August, Bord Failte notified the Council that existing financial commitments made it impossible for them to assist the Council in the proposed road widening at Nunnery Lane.

In reply to a question by Councillor Dunphy in regard to this matter, the Town Clerk stated that the work would now be done by means of the E.S.V. Grant.

Councillor Dunphy felt that the E.S.V. Grant should in future be devoted to the development of the Showgrounds as a Public Park and he was sypported in this view by Councillor Shortall.

Councillor Donovan stated that the development of the Showgrounds would take many years and involve the expenditure of large sums of money and he thought that the money could be more profitably spent on smaller schemes similar to those completed over the past few years.

Councillor Doherty said that it would be a pity to stop the beautifying of small portions of the town, now that many derelict sites had been cleared.

It was agreed to get a report from the Engineer regarding the future development of the Showgrounds for the Month' Meeting

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND.

A copy of a letter dated 22nd August I959, conveying the reply of the Minister for Local Government to the resolutions submitted to him following the last Annual Conference, was read to the Meeting.

WATER CRISIS - REPORT OF ENGINEER.

In a written report the Engineer gave details of the present position of the water supply. The yield of water from the catchment area of 927 acres at Dranagh is now in the region of I43,000 gallons per day and this is diminishing daily. In spite of the cutting off of the supply from 7.p.m. to 7 a.m. the consumption of water continues to be high - over 200,000 gallons per day. The Engineer stated that samples from wells in the town had been sent for analysis, and if favourable the yeild from these sourses would help to relieve the situation.

Mr. Shortall considered that the amount of water wastage was altogether too high and urged that the Engineer undertake nightly inspections to detect leaks. He also recommended that a mound fence be erected around the reservoir to enlarge its capacity.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF GOAT HILL.

The Engineer submitted a written report on the reconstruction of Goat Hill which he estimated would cost £526. 9. 0.

Discussion on the project was deferred until the Monthly Meeting in October.

NEW ROAD FROM J.K.L. PLACE TO BOSHEEN

The Engineer submitted a plan and specification for the construction of a new roadway between j.k.l. Place and the Bosheen. The estimated cost was £1373. 10. 0 which did not allow for fencing on Mr. Donovan's side which would cost £153. 0. 0 extra.

Discussion of the matter was deferred until the Monthly Meeting in October.

REVISED SALARY SCALE FOR CLERICAL OFFICER.

The following salary scale, retrospective to 1st April, 1958, was approved for the office of Clerical Officer, on the proposal of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Doherty:-

£265 X £15 to £385 X £20 to £425 X £25 to £600 X £35 to £635. plus Temporary Allowance 1956 and 1958 bonus.

ADOPTION OF MARKET BYELAWS.

The draft of the proposed new Bye-laws was before the Meeting for adoption by the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and passed unanimously

"That the draft Bye-laws submitted by the Council's Solicitors and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council on 15th September, 1959, be and are hereby adopted as the Bye-laws of the New Ross Urban District Council with respect to markets held in the New Ross Urban District."

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Harbour Board and Chamber of Commerce had indicated their willingness to send deligates to a Special Meeting of the Council to consider proposals for projects of economic merit for submission to the Minister for Local Government.

Tuesday 29th September was fixed for holding the Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Lights at Barrack Lane & Conduit Lane.

Mr. Shortall urged that the erection of the extra lights at Conduit Lane and Barrack Lane, for which provision had been made in the estimates be undertaken without delay.

LETTING OF TWO HOUSES AT BULLAWN.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Council at the previous Meeting, the County Manager submitted details of the applicants for the two new houses at the Bullawn. In doing so he drew attention to the difference of income among the applicants and pointed out that a fixed rent would have precluded those in the lower income group, whose needs were greatest, from applying.

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He also stated that the provisions of the Housing (Management and Lettings) Regulations would have to be adhered to in selecting the tenants, and that income would only be taken into account in fixing the rent when the tenants were selected.

Having discussed the merits of the applicants the Members present requested the Manager to consider the claims of the following when making his decision :-

I. James Doyle, Follyhouse Lane.

2. James Hunt, Bullawn.

3. James Holden, I03 Irishtown.

4. William Rochford, I9 Bullawn.

5. Mary Malone, 5 Bullawn.

Councillor Ward expressed regret that no provision was being made for housing young married couples. He also recommended that people who had refused to accept tenancies should not be considered for any further vacancies.

The County Manager, however, pointed out that the application of such proposal would have no legal sanction.

Councillor Donovan suggested that young married couples should consider seriously the building of their own houses.

The County Manager supporting Councillor Donovan's proposal stated that loans were available to people under the Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts as well as grants under the Housing Acts.

In reply to a suggestion by Councillor Dunphy that the Council provide an additional room to the two bed-roomed Council houses, the County Manager stated that no funds were available for this purpose and that no Grants would be given to Housing Authorities for such work. He pointed out, however that tenants who purchased their houses would qualify for improvement grants.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER I959.

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 :- A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors J.J. Shortall, M. Reddy, G. Donovan, M.D. Sheehan and M. Dunphy.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The following votes of sympathy were proposed by Councillor Shortall and seconded by Councillor Donovan :-

I. To the relatives of the late Mrs. Lee, The Quay.

2. To Mr. P. Walsh, National Bank, on the death of his mother.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

The congratulations of the Council were extended to Mr. P. Halloran, former County Secretary on his appointment as Kerry County Manager; to John Morris, North Street, on obtaining a University Scholarship, and to the teachers and pupils of the Technical School on their recent examination successes.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman

The Council extended congratulations to the people of Enniscorthy on winning their section of the Tidy Towns' Competition.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th September, I959, and of the Special Meeting held on 23rd September, I959, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Resolution-Birr Urban District Council.

A Resolution from Birr Urban District Council calling upon the Government to pass legislation making the fitting and maintaining of efficient reflectors on bicycles obligatory, was marked "read".

COMPETITIONS FOR TOWNS AND VILLAGES, I959.

Letters from Bord Failte dated 28th September, I959, and 2nd October, I959, were read giving details of the results of the Competition for Towns and Villages I959. It is noted that New Ross received 48 marks out of I00.

A further letter dated I6th October, I959, gave details of the New Ross Marks as follows :-

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Maximum Marks		Actual Marks
(25)	Effort involved	I3
(20)	Overall effect	I2
(I5)	General cleanliness and tidiness	5
(IO)	Condition of Streets and Sidewalks	3
(IO)	Appearance of industrial and commercial premises	5
(IO)	Colour and colour harmony	7
(IO)	Absence of unsightly objects	3
IOO	Total	Total 48

The following notes as made by the assessors were also appended :-

"This town made an outstanding effort in I958 with regard to its streets, gardens and house-painting. The effort this year did not appear to be quite as good. The gardens in the town were not cultivated as well as last year. Weeding of the side walks and road verges appeared to have been neglected. Derelict houses and sites were very evident and need to be cleared or developed. The roofs and some of the buildings appear to be neglected. While the flower garden at the Waterford side of the bridge was a sheer delight, the bridge itself appears to be rapidly becoming an eyesore."

Councillor Shortall suggested that rubbish containers be attached to the E.S.B. Poles in en effort to keep the streets clean.

Councillor Sheehan stated that all approach roads to the town were in poor condition and could not but make a poor impression on the assessors.

Councillor Dunphy remarked that most of the bad marks appeared to have been incurred by the Urban Council and asked if anything would be done to improve the surface of the High Hill.

The Engineer stated that Cross Lane, Michael Street (Little), Mountgarret Lane, The Irishtown, Bullawn and High Hill Upper had been resurfaced and that work on Barrack Lane would take the balance of the money allowed for the current year.

HISTORICAL SIGNS.

A letter dated I5th October, I959, was read from Mr. Finnegan, Assistant County Engineer, seeking suggestions from the Council as to where signs directing people to places of historical interest in the rural area could best be situated in the town.

The meeting agreed to allow Mr. Finnegan to choose the sites.

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE I959/60.

Letter R.20i/8/7 dated 5th October, I959, was received from the Department of Local Government informing the Council that a Grant of £I,IOO would be made available under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote I959/60.

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Mr. Shortall proposed that the money be spent in developing the showgrounds as a public park.

Councillor Dunphy seconded the proposal.

Councillor Donovan proposed that the grant be used to widen the roadway at Nunnery Lane in accordance with the plan submitted by the Engineer ~~by~~ to the Meeting.

Mr. Reddy seconded this proposal.

A vote was taken and resulted as follows :-

For Councillor Shortall's proposal:

Councillors Shortall, Dunphy and Sheehan (3).

For Councillor's Donovan's proposal:

Councillors Donovan, Reddy and the Chairman (3).

On the casting vote of the Chairman Councillor Donovan's proposal that the Grant be used to widen the roadway at Nunnery Lane was passed.

PROPOSED PARK DEVELOPMENT AT MARSHMEADOWS DUMP.

A report dated I9th October was received from the Engineer in regard to the proposed park development.

It was agreed to defer discussion on this matter until the next monthly Meeting and to have the report circulated to all the members.

At this stage the Chairman asked to be excused as he had other business to attend to and Councillor Dunphy, Vice Chairman, took the chair for the remainder of the Meeting.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION - HALF YEAR TO 30/9/59.

A report on the Rate Collection showed that a sum of £I6,707. I6. 3 out of a total warrant of £I929I. 4. 5 had been collected and lodged by 30th September, representing 55.5% of the Warrant as against 50.I% for the same period last year.

The report was considered very satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - PART III

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Government had recently indicated that the subsidy for both water supply and sewerage schemes, in towns the size of New Ross, would be increased to 60% of the loan charges on the approved capital cost of the scheme and that the maximum period for the repayment of loans from the Local Loans Fund would be increased to 50 years.

A long discussion took place on the questions of laying new 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle, and the provision of filters. Councillor Shortall considered that the capacity of the present reservoir and filters at Dranagh should be extended before laying a new pipe.

The other members present were of the opinion that the laying of the new pipe was more urgent.

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The County Manager pointed out that the question of laying the new pipe was under discussion for the past five years. He also informed the members that the Engineer had prepared a plan for the existing filters for submission to the Makers for their opinion on the possibility of extending them.

Finally Councillor Donovan submitted the following Notice of Motion for the next Meeting :-

"That the Council proceed with the work of laying a new 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to the service reservoir at Castlemoyle."

Councillor Shortall submitted the following Notice of Motion for the next Meeting :9

"That the Council proceed with the work of extending the capacity of the existing reservoir and filters at Dranagh."

NEW ROADWAY FROM J.K.L Place to the BOSHEEN.

The Engineer submitted a plan and specification of the proposed new road between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen, involving a Capital outlay of £I577.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that a loan of this amount at 4¼% over a period of I5 years would add 3d to the rates. The Minister's sanction would be required to the borrowing. He also pointed out that no money had been provided in the Estimates for this work.

Councillor Shortall stated that there was no need for an elaborate roadway and he proposed that the land be purchased from Mr. Foley and fenced off from Mr. Foley's land at a cost of £2I7.I0. 0. i.e. land £50; fencing £I67. I0. 0.

Councillor Donovan did not favour opening an unlighted passage at this place.

Councillor Dunphy stated that a proper roadway should be constructed if it were decided to establish a right-of-way.

Finally on the suggestion of Councillor Donovan the matter was deferred until the next Meeting.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GOAT HILL.

The Engineer's estimate for the reconstruction of Goat Hill amounting to £526. 9. 0 was before the Meeting for consideration.

Councillor Sheehan stated that at present portion of Goat Hill was being used as a dumping ground. If the rubbish which had accumulated could be cleared away and a few steps laid over the rocks, matters would be very much improved.

Councillor Donovan thought that the provision of steps without a light would be dangerous.

Councillor Shortall suggested that the surface be repaired and pointed out that the retaining wall was not the liability of the Council but of the owner of the adjoining garden.

No decision was reached in the matter.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

House Repairs

Councillor Dunphy referred to the matter of repairs to the Council house occupied by John Peare, Buneen Lane, to the Engineer for his attention.

Sale of Old T.B. Dispensary.

The Deed of Conveyance and Memorial in connection with the sale of the former T.B. Dispensary to Mrs. Helen Connolly, were submitted by the Council's Solicitors.

It was proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Sheehan and agreed

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Conveyance and Memorial submitted by the Council's Solicitor in connection with the sale of Corporate property known as the Old T.B. Dispensary at Upper Mary Street, New Ross, and land attached, to Mrs Helen Connolly."

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY, I7th NOVEMBER, I959.

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:- A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors C. Donovan, M. Dunphy, M. Reddy and J.J. Shortall.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th October, I959, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Votes of Sympathy.

The following votes of sympathy were proposed by Councillor Shortall and seconded by the Chairman :-

I. To Mr. Thomas Redmond, Mary Street, on the death of his niece.

2. To the relatives of the late William Halloran, Chapel Lane.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Damage to property in town.

In a report dated 7th November, I959, the Engineer gave details of malicious damage caused to Council property.

All present expressed strong disapproval of such vandalism. It was felt that children were mainly to blame.

It was agreed to notify the Garda Authorities and to appeal to adults to report offenders.

Bord Failte Eireann.

A general summary of observations made by their expert Panel of Assessors was received from Bord Failte, in connection with the I959 Tidy Towns Competition.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Shortall, to have the report circulated to the members.

RESOLUTION - NAAS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A Resolution from Naas Urban District Council calling on the Taoiseach to redress the country's External Trade Balance was passed on the proposal of Councillor Dunphy, seconded by the Chairman.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.- LAMPS AT CONDUIT LAND AND BARRACK LANE.

The Engineer submitted a report and plan indicating the proposed situation of the new lamps at Conduit Lane and Barrack Lane. Both sites were changed by the Council and the agreed positions indicated on the ma

LIGHT AT HIGH HILL GARDEN.

Councillor Dunphy stated that people coming down the steps at the High Hill gardens were dazzled by the present light at that point.

The matter was referred to the Engineer for his observations.

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LIGHT AT UPPER ROSBERCON.

Councillor Reddy asked if the light at Upper Rosbercon had been disconnected. He was informed that the lamp in question had been transferred to the piers of the parochial House.

ROADWAY FROM J.K.L. PLACE TO BOSHEEN.

The question of providing a new road at J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen in accordance with the plan submitted by the Engineer was again discussed.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the work would add 3d to the rates.

Councillor Shortall reiterated his opinion that an elaborate roadway was unnecessary, and that the Council should only purchase the land, fence it off from the remainder of Mr. Foley's land, and allow a right-of-way through it. The passage could be confined to pedestrians by means of wicker gates at each end.

The Chairman said that he would prefer to see a proper road constructed. This view was supported by Councillor Dunphy, who said that a fence erected in accordance with Councillor Shortall's proposal would be torn down in a very short time.

Councillor Reddy stated that the Council should afford some protection to Mr. Foley and help the people of the area.

Councillor Donovan stated that he would not agree to the provision of an unlighted pathway, and suggested that further discussion on the matter be adjourned until it could be ascertained if Mr. Foley would accept full responsibility for the maintenance of any fence that might be erected by the Council.

Agreed.

DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC PARK AT MARSHMEADOWS.

It was agreed that a plan and estimate of the proposed public park at Marshmeadows be prepared on the basis of the following requirements :-

I. Development to include field adjoining present dump.

2. County Council yard to remain on present site.

3. Existing telephonic and overhead cables to be removed.

4. The following amenities to be provided :-

(i) Swimming Pool.

(ii) Paddling pool for children.

(iii) An open space for games, which could also be made available for travelling shows, circuses, etc.
(iv) A handball Alley.

It was also agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Donovan, that the plan, when prepared and approved, be exhibited in a glass case in a prominent position in the Tholsel.

The Chairman also stated that an effort would be made during Arbor Week in March, to plant poplars along the river bank at Marshmeadows.

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NOTICES OF MOTION.

Served by Councillor Donovan.

"That the Council proceed with the work of laying a new 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to the service reservoir at Castlemoyle."

In proposing the motion, Councillor Donovan cited the opinion of the Consulting Engineer, expressed some years ago, that the present pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle was only capable of carrying I/3rd of its original capacity. The water supply improvement scheme, on which £40,000 had already been spent would be completed by the laying of the new main and no further trouble in the supply position would be anticipated. He considered that the present time was oppertune for undertaking this work in view of the increased financial facilities recently made available by the Government. He also pointed out that the estimated cost of £I6,000 would, after taking a 60% subsidy into account, involve an increase of 8d or 9d on the rates.

Councillor Shortall stated that the present supply of 240,000 gallons per day was more than enough to supply the needs of the town. He believed that a lot of preventable waste was included in the figure of 50 gallons per head per day. He did not favour the expenditure of £I6,000 on a new pipeline.

Councillor Reddy agreed with Councillor Shortall that a consumption of 50 gallons per head per day appeared excessive but stated that he would agree to renewing the main if it were established that there was a shortage of water in the town.

Councillor Dunphy stated that while the present position was highly satisfactory, there was no guarantee that it would last, and he considered that the Council would be ill-advised to neglect the completion of the scheme.

The Chairman stated that certain houses at the outskirts of the town had been refused permission to connect to the town supply, as it was considered that the system was not capable of taking an increased demand. He pointed out that any weakness in the water supply position would militate against the establishment of industries in the town. The pipeline would have to be renewed eventually and the present time was most suitable. He did not agree that a great deal of preventable waste occurred.

Finally it was agreed to postpone a discussion on the matter until the next Meeting, when the Engineer would be present.

Served by Councillor J.J. Shortall.

"That the Council proceed with the work of extending the capacity of the existing reservoir and filters at Dranagh".

In proposing the motion Councillor Shortall stated that the expanding of the reservoir at Dranagh so as to avoid the need for rationing water, and the provision of filters to secure clear, wholesome water were very necessary.

The Chairman pointed out that the Engineer had submitted plans for the existing filters at Dranagh to the manufacturers to ascertain their views on the possibility of extending them.

Agreed that the matter be adjourned until the manufacturers report was received.

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PROVISION FOR REFUND OF RATES.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed

"That we hereby authorise in accordance with Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, the expenditure of £746 in excess of the amount allowed in the Estimates for the refund of rates, arising from the decision of the Circuit Court reducing the valuation of the New Ross Tanning Company's premises from £I99. 0. 0 to nil, with effect from Ist April, I958.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

Flood-lighting the Tholsel for Christmas.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Chairman to arrange for the flood-lighting of the Tholsel for Christmas, on the same terms and conditions as last year, i.e. from I5th December to 3Ist December, between the hours of 5 p.m. and I2 Midnight, at an estimated cost of £II. 0. 0.

Goat Hill.

Councillor Shortall suggested that the Goat Hill be patched with tar macadam.

Gargoiles on '98 Memorial.

Councillor Reddy pointed out that children had again loosened the gargoils on the '98 Memorial.

The Chairman suggested that the use of metal rawl plugs would solve the problem.

Clothing for Scavengers.

Councillor Reddy drew attention to the need for renewing the protective clothing for the scavengers.

Yard at Fairgate.

Councillor Reddy urged that the Council yard at Fairgate be let so as to prevent it from becoming a commons.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that steps were being taken for the reletting of this plot of ground.

Manager's proposals.

The Town Clerk notified the Meeting of the following proposals of the Manager :-

I. The letting of Nolan's field at £7 per acre.

2. The conversion of £540 of 3% Transport Stock (I955/60) to an equal amount of 5¼% National Development Loan, I979-I984.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY IIth DECEMBER, I959.

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:- A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors J.J. Shortall and M. Reddy.

In attendance: T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, Engineer, and J. Ronayne. Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Miss N. Ryan, Tomcoole.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Mrs. Agnes Kehoe, Haughton Place.

The County Manager on behalf of the Staff associated himself with the votes.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I7th November, I959, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Case of Michael Cleere.

In a letter dated Ist December, I959, the British Embassy in Dublin, informed the Council that their continued interest in the case of ex-Irish Guardsman Michael Cleere would be brought to the notice of the authorities in London.

LOCAL LOANS FUND ACT, I935 - RATE OF INTEREST 5¼%

The Council were notified in a circular from the Department of Local Government dated 30th November, I959, that the rate of interest to borrowers from the Local Loans Fund would be 5½% from Ist December, I959.

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION.

Particulars of the Tidy Towns Competition I960 were received from Bord Failte.

It was agreed to enter for the competition again this year.

RETENTION OF CANAL SYSTEM.

The Council approved of a Memorandum received from Ballinasloe Urban District Council expressing concern at the proposal of Coras Iompair Eireann to discontinue traffic in the Grand Canal.

WATER SUPPLY.

Relaying 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

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WATER SUPPLY

Relaying 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

The Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Donovan that the Council proceed with the relaying of the new 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle which was adjourned from the previous Monthly Meeting was again considered.

The Engineer stated that the supply of 40 gallons per head per day was at the moment just sufficient for the needs of the town. Seven major breaks had occurred on the old pipe during the past years, the most serious occurring during the dry spell in the summer between Ballyanne and Mountgarret when 90,000 gallons of water were wasted.

In reply to the Chairman the Engineer stated that the consumption of water per head of the population per day in Enniscorthy was 72 gallons, in Wexford 84 and in Waterford 81.

On the suggestion of Councillor Shortall further consideration of the motion was adjourned to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS.

New Public Lights at Barrack Lane and Conduit Lane.

In reply to a question from Councillor Reddy the Engineer stated that he would arrange with the Electricity Supply Board immediately for the erection of the two extra public lights.

LIGHT AT UPPER ROSBERCON.

The Engineer informed Councillor Reddy that the lights on the piers of the parochial house at Rosbercon had been substituted for the light at Upper Rosbercon.

RELIEF SCHEME.

The Engineer, in reply to Councillor Reddy, stated that the work on the Relief Grant would commence on the following Monday.

LIGHT AT AUGUSTINIAN CHURCH.

The Chairman asked the Engineer to examine the dazzling effect of the light at the Augustinian Church on people coming down the steps of the Rookery garden. This matter had been referred to at the previous Meeting by Councillor Dunphy.

LIGHT AT COOPERS LANE.

Councillor Shortall stated that at the next Estimates Meeting he would press for the provision of a public light at Coopers Lane.

GOAT HILL.

Arising from a query by Councillor Reddy regarding the subsidance of portion of Goat Hill into Bailey's field, it was agreed to get legal advice on the Council's responsibility for the maintenance of Goat Hill.

DANGEROUS WALLS.

The following dangerous walls were brought to the notice of the Engineer for his attention :-

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I. Wall at Creywell.

2. Dr. Walsh's wall at Goat Hill.

3. Wall from Parish Church to Robert Street.

£700 for SALE OF OLD T.B. DISPENSARY

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the sale price of £700 had now been received for the old T.B. Dispensary.

It was agreed that £600 be invested in 5¼% National Development Loan and that £100 be invested in Post Office Prize Bonds.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I9th JANUARY, I960.

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: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Dunphy and J. Doherty.

Councillor Doherty informed the Meeting that Councillor Donovan was unable to be present owing to illness.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting dated IIth December, I959, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNING OF MEETING.

Late Mrs. B. Reddy, Mary Street.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Meeting be extended to Mr. Martin Reddy, a member of the Council on the recent death of his mother R.I.P. He paid tribute to the late Mrs. Reddy and proposed that as a mark of respect the Meeting be adjourned.

The Chairman's proposals were seconded by Councillor Doherty, and passed. Councillor Dunphy associated himself with the remarks of the previous speakers and the Town Clerk on behalf of the County Manager and Staff also joined in the vote of sympathy.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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TUESDAY, I6th FEBRUARY, I960.

The following members of the Council convened at The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I6th February, I960, at 7.30 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of holding the Monthly Meeting:-

Councillors G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and M. Doherty.

Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk, also attended.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor J.J. Shortall was moved to the Chair on the proposal of Councillor Doherty, seconded by Councillor Donovan.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Late Mrs. Nora Doyle.

Councillor J.J. Shortall moved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the family of the late Mrs. Nora Doyle, In doing so he outlined the strong ties between the Doyle and Walsh families and the people of Ross. He proposed that as a mark of respect and in view of the fact that a number of Councillors could not be present owing to illness that Standing Orders be suspended and the Meeting adjourned for a week.

Councillor Doherty seconded the proposals which were passed unanimously.

The Town Clerk, on behalf of the County Manager and Staff, associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

Tuesday, 23rd February, was fixed for holding the adjourned Meeting.

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TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1960.

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 Ordinary business of the Council.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors J.J. Shortall, P.D. Sheehan, G. Donovan, J. Ward, M. Reddy and M. Doherty.

In attendance: F. Finnegan, B.E. and J. Monayne, Town Clerk.

A message was received from the County Manager regretting his inability to attend.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Late Mr. & Mrs. Sutton, Michael Street.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Ward and passed unanimously

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. James Sutton, on the recent death of his father and mother."

The Town Clerk, on behalf of the County Manager and Staff, joined in the vote of sympathy.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS.

Councillor Ward apologised for his inability to be present at the previous Meeting owing to illness.

The Chairman also apologised for his absence at the previous Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

National Roadside Garden Competitions 1960.

A brochure giving particulars of the National Roadside Gardens Competitions was received from Bord Failte.

It was agreed that the following bodies be permitted to enter public gardens for the Competition :-

High Hill Residents	High Hill Garden
Irish Country Women's Association	Rookery Garden.
Rosbercon Residents	Rosbercon Garden

EX-IRISH GUARDSMAN MICHAEL CLEERE.

The British Embassy, Dublin, in a letter dated 12th February, 1960, notified the Council, that subject to his good conduct continuing, Michael Cleere, who is serving a sentence of life imprisionment in England, would be released on licence on 28th January, 1961.

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PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

A Letter dated 30th January, 1960, was received from the Department of Finance, in reply to the proposals submitted by the Council relating to State Investment in public projects of economic merit.

As regards the proposal for the reconstruction of the New Ross Bridge, the Minister considered that the benefits to be derived were not such as to warrant the adoption of the proposal.

Regarding the proposal for the development of the New Ross Harbour to cater for ships of up to 4,000 tons it was pointed out that a scheme designed to cater for ships of 2,000 tons was at present under examination and that until this examination has been completed it would be premature to consider the new proposal.

DELEGATE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL ASSURANCE COMPANY.

A letter dated February, 1960 was received from the Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Co. Ltd., that the Council was entitled to send a delegate to the Company's Annual Meeting to be held shortly.

It was agreed on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Doherty, to appoint Mr. M. Reddy as the Council's delegate.

MALICIOUS INJURY ACTS.

A letter dated 3rd February, 1960, was received from the Irish National Ratepayers Association requesting the Council to pass a Resolution calling for the repeal of the Malicious Injuries Acts.

A discussion ensued on the action to be taken on the letter and it was proposed by Mr. Reddy and seconded by Mr. Sheehan that the Council pass a resolution calling for the repeal of the Acts.

Councillor Doherty proposed and Councillor Shortall seconded that the resolution should call for a review of the Act.

Councillor Donovan proposed and Councillor Ward seconded that the letter be marked"read".

The Chairman supported Councillor Donovan and Councillor Ward and ruled that the letter be marked "read".

OLD AGE AND BLIND PERSONS PENSIONS.

The following resolution from the Corporation of Dun Laoghaire was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Ward :-

> "as there has been a further round of salary and wage increases, we ask the Government to increase the amount of Old Age and Blind Persons Pensions."

LAND AT CREYWELL.

A letter was received from the Land Commission informing the Council that the Commission was in a position to sell a plot of land measuring 2½ acres at Creywell, and enquiring whether the Council would be prepared to purchase subject to the revised half-yearly annuity of I0/9d.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had written

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to the Land Commission to ascertain the sum they would be prepared to accept.

It was unanimously agreed to purchase the land.

WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

Relaying of 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman to defer consideration of the question of relaying the 7" pipe from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle until the County Manager would be present.

URBAN STREETS - SURFACE DRESSING AND MAINTENANCE 1960/61.

The following proposals for the surface dressing and maintenance of Urban streets for 1960/61 were submitted by the Engineer.

Surface Dressing.

Road	Length	Cost. £.	s.	d.
1. Rosbercon	500	275.	0.	0
2. Haughton Place	120	45.	0.	0
3. Nunnery Lane	320	112.	0.	0
4. Charleton Hill	390	160.	0.	0
		£592.	0.	0
Ordinary Maintenance		200.	0.	0
Total		£792.	0.	0

In his report the Engineer stated that Rosbercon Hill had completely lost its shape and that considerable preliminary work would be necessary. He considered that this work should be treated as one of priority.

In reply to a query by Councillor Shortall the Engineer stated that Barrack Lane had been reshaped and was now quite passable for pedestrians.

The Chairman stated that Barrack Lane would be completed next year.

The Town Clerk, in reply to Councillor Shortall, informed the members that it had been agreed at a previous Meeting to submit the question of the Council's liability for the maintenance of Goat Hill to the Solicitor.

Councillor Shortall did not agree that legal advice was necessary and stated that work on the Goat Hill was more urgent than the resurfacing of Rosbercon Hill.

Councillor Donovan considered that Rosbercon Hill was more important.

After discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Doherty

"That the proposals submitted by the Engineer for

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the Surface Dressing and Maintennnce of Urban Streets for I960/6I be adopted and that £792 be provided in the Estimates for that purpose."

An Ampndment was

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Shortall

"That the proposals submitted by the Engineer for the Surface Dressing and Maintenance of Urban Streets for I960/6I be adopted with the substitution of Goat Hill for Rosbercon Hill, and that £792 be provided in the Estimates for that purpose."

A vote on Councillor's Reddy's Amendment was taken and resulted as follows :-

For the Amendment: Councillors Reddy, Shortall, Ward and and Sheehan.(4).

Against the Amendment: Councillors Donovan, Doherty and the Chairman.(3).

The Chairman declared Councillor Reddy's amendment passed.

INCREASE IN WAGES FOR COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.

It was proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Sheehan and passed unanimously

"That we hereby consent in accordance with Section 6 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, to the Order of the Manager dated 28th January, I960, granting an increase of 9/- per week to the scavengers and Waterworks Caretaker employed by the Council."

In reply to Councillor Sheehan the Town Clerk stated that the increase would not apply retrospectively to workers in the Employment Schemes Vote Scheme.

PENSIONS INCREASE BILL I959

It was proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Doherty and passed unanimously

"That we hereby authorise in accordance with Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I956, the incurring of excess expenditure in sum of £I0. 5. 0 over the current years Estimates for the purpose of implementing Manager's Order dated 28th January, I960, granting an increased pension to Mr. J.J. Shortall, former Town Surveyor, in accordance with the terms of the Pensions (Increase) Bill I959."

OTHER BUSINESS

Vote of thanks.

On the proposal of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Shortall

It was agreed that the thanks of the Council be Extended to Mr. M. Dempsey, Quay Street, for permitting the roof of his premises to be used for the erection of flood lights over the Christmas period.

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FLOODING AT ROSBERCON.

Councillor Doherty referred to the periodic flooding that occurs in Rosbercon during high tides and stated that one such tide recently caused damage amounting to £I40.

The Engineer suggested that as the flooding occurred on a Main Road the County Council, who were responsible for its maintenance should be asked to devote portion of the Main Road Grant to the problem.

The Chairman proposed that the residents of Rosbercon, affected by the flooding, prepare a Memorandum setting out full details of the matter, for submission to the County Council.

This was agreed.

The following resolution, proposed by Councillor Donovan and seconded by Councillor Doherty, was also passed :-

"That the Commissioner of Valuation be urged to reduce the valuation of premises in Rosbercon which are affected by flooding in order to afford some measure of compensation to residents for damage caused."

CORNER AT JUNCTION OF BRIDGE STREET AND NORTH STREET.

Arising from a query by Councillor Shortall the Chairman stated that the matter of widening the corner at the junction of Bridge Street and North Street was due to be discussed by the County Council.

CORNER AT MOUNTGARRET LANE AND CREYWELL.

Councillor Shortall referred to the dangerous corner at junction of Creywell Road and Mountgarret Lane.

No decision was taken but it was agreed to keep the matter in mind for future action.

Councillor Sheehan pointed out that the damage would be reduced if the hedge in the area was cut.

LIGHTS AT BARRACK LANE AND CONDUIT LANE.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Shortall, to have a light at Barrack Lane and another at Conduit Lane moved a short distance from their present position in order to light those areas more effectively.

LIGHTS AT UPPER ROSBERCON.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Shortall to move the public lights from the inner piers of the Parish Priest's house in Rosbercon to the outer piers, for the purpose of affording better light at this point, if the Parish Priest had no objection.

RENT OF COUNCIL TENANT AT WILLIAM STREET.

The Town Clerk in reply to Councillor Shortall stated that the County Manager had not acceeded to the request of Mr. John Furlong, William Street, for a reduction of I/- in his rent.

REFERRED TO ENGINEER.

I. By Councillor Reddy - flooding on footpath at Irishtown near the Bosheen.

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2. By Councillor Donovan - flooding on Waterford Road owing to defective gulley. The Engineer undertook to have this matter seen to before 31st March.

MAP OF SEWERS.

Mr. Shortall pointed out that a map of the sewers, drawn some years ago, should be available in the office.

The Town Clerk undertook to search for it.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, I5th MARCH, I960

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:- Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors M. Dunphy, M. Doherty, C. Donovan, M. Reddy, J. Ward and J.J. Shortall.

In Attendance: The County Manager, Mr. T.F. Broe, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 23rd February, I960, were taken as read having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes :-

Liability for maintenance of Goat Hill.

With reference to the decision at the Meeting to seek the advice of the Council's Solicitor on the Council's liability for the maintenance of Goat Hill, Councillor Shortall stated that this was unnecessary but that opinion should be obtained as to the Council's obligations with regard to the boundary wall. Councillor Reddy suggested that similar advice be got with regard to the retaining wall abounding Bailey's field.

Agreed.

PROVISION IN ESTIMATES FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF GOAT HILL.

Councillor Dunphy adverted to the decision at the previous Meeting to allocate £275 for the reconstruction of Goat Hill and stated that this sum was excessive in view of the small numbers who used this pathway.

This view was supported by Councillor Donovan, who stated that the repair of Rosbercon Hill was of a more urgent nature than Goat Hill.

A discussion ensued in the matter and finally,on the suggestion of the County Manager, it was agreed that Notice of Motion to rescind the resolution regarding the allocation of the money to be provided in the estimates for Roads, be submitted for the next Monthly Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Public Lights on Piers at Rosbercon.

A letter was read from Rev. W. Murphy, P.P., Rosbercon, requesting the Council to allow the public lights on Rosbercon Church piers to remain in the present position.

Councillor Shortall suggested that the design of the lamp holders be altered so as to elevate the lamps.

Councillors Donovan, Doherty and Ward were in favour of leaving the lamps in their present position.

Councillor Reddy stated that he had received complaints

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of the inadequate lighting at this point and expressed the opinion that the only way to settle the problem would be to erect another public light a short distance from the present lamps.

No decision was reached.

NEW ROSS SWIMMING CLUB.

A letter dated 8th March, I960, was received from the New Ross Swimming Club with regard to the proposal of the Club to construct a Swimming Pool. Council property at Barrack Lane and the Showgrounds was suggested as possible sites

It was agreed that an application from the Swimming Club for a site in the Showgrounds would receive very favourable consideration in the event of the Club being in a position to go ahead with the plans.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LAND AT CREYWELL.

A letter dated 7th March, I960, was received from the Irish Land Commission stating that they would be prepared to consider an offer of £8 for the purchase of a holding at Creywell measuring 2½ acres, subject to the revised half-yearly instalment of I0/9d or an offer of £27 free of annuity.

It was agreed to purchase the holding.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

On the proposal of Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by the Chairman

It was agreed that no further action be taken in connection with the relaying of the 7" main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle nor the provision of new filters until after the Local Elections.

OTHER BUSINESS.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Shortall to have the gates at Cook's Lane removed as they served no useful purpose at present and were dangerous to the public.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor Shortall that arrangements were being made to alter the lamps at Conduit Lane and Barrack Lane.

Councillor Dunphy stated the number of bedrooms in vacant Council houses should be indicated on the advertisement.

Councillor Dunphy also drew the Engineer's attention to the dangerous state of the footpath at Doyle's archway, the Quay.

ESTIMATES MEETING.

Tuesday, 29th March, was fixed for the holding of the Estimates Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P Murphy
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TUESDAY, 29th MARCH, I960

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 City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors M. Dunphy, J. Ward, G. Donovan, M. Reddy and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Honayne, Town Clerk.

PROCEDURE.

A discussion took place regarding the proceedure to be adopted in examining the Estimates.

Councillor Shortall proposed and
Councillor Reddy seconded that the County Manager's Statement be read first before considering the detailed account of the Estimates.

The Chairman proposed an Amendment and
Councillor Donovan seconded that the detailed account of the Estimates be examined in conjunction with the County Manager's Statement.

The voting on the amendment resulted as follows :-

For: The Chairman and Councillor Donovan.

Against: Councillors Shortall, Reddy and Dunphy.

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost and Councillor Shortall's proposal passed in the same voting. Accordingly the Town Clerk read the County Manager's Statement and the Estimates were then examined - reference being made to the Manager's Statement again as individual Services were considered.

ROADS.

Councillor Shortall referred to the provision made at the February Meeting for the resurfacing and repair of Goat Hill and stated that a sum of £50 would be enough to spend on Goat Hill, in lieu of £275 provided, thus reducing the rates. Councillors Reddy and Dunphy agreed agreed with Councillor Shortall's contention.

Councillor Donovan did not agree that any expenditure was justified on Goat Hill and again stated that the resurfacing and reshaping of Rosbercon Hill was very necessary.

Finally it was

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Shortall and agreed

That the Estimate for Roads be reduced by £200. Net expenditure of £847 was approved. It was agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £80 leaving the amount to be levied at £767.

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SANITARY SERVICES.

Public Lights.

After examining the Estimate for Sanitary Services it was proposed by Councillor Dunphy and Agreed to provide an extra £25 for the provision of a public light on a site to be decided at a later date.

Scavenging.

The proposals contained in the Manager's statement for the reorganising of the scavenging service, involving the replacement of the present cartage system by a new trailer and a tractor hired for six half days a week, the redrawing of the collection districts and a once weekly collection, were approved.

It was agreed that a new covered trailer be purchased at an approximate cost of £230 and that the Minister be asked to sanction a I0 year loan for this purpose.

A Net Expenditure of £6,I70 was agreed.

HOUSING.

Maintenance and Repairs.

Councillor Shortall proposed that the figure for maintenance and repairs be reduced by £I00. Councillor Reddy seconded.

The Chairman proposed that the figure for maintenance and repairs be reduced by £50, and this was unanimously agreed.

A Net Expenditure of £767 was approved. It was also agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £200 leaving the amount to be levied at £567.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Net Expenditure of £I5,059 was approved. It was agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £389 leaving the amount to be levied at £I4670.

Proposed by Councillor Ward
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed

"That having considered the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts, as prepared and submitted to us, the requirements of all relevant anactments relating to the giving of notices, deposit of Estimates for inspection etc., having been duly complied with, we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A, B, and C, and determine in accordance with the said Estimate a Rate of 38/8d in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the services of the financial year ending 3Ist March, I96I."

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SUMMARY

Net Expenditure (as per County Manager's Statement)		£23,068
Estimated Credit Balances		669
		£22,399

Deductions:

Roads	£200	
Housing	50	250
		£22,I49

Increase:

Sanitary Services	25
	£22,I74

Requiring a Municipal Rate of 38/8d in the £.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy and agreed

That we hereby approve of Manager's Order dated 29th March, I960, requesting the Minister's sanction to an increase of salary for the Council's officials of 8% on the first £400 and 5½% on the balance, with effect from I5th December, I959.

Before the Meeting concluded all members present joined in complimenting the County Manager and Staff for the manner in which the Estimates were presented.

The County Manager in reply thanked the members for their excellent cooperation throughout the year.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Mullan

19. April 1960

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TUESDAY, I9th April, I960

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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Dunphy, J.J. Shortall and M. Doherty.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager regretted that he would be unable to attend.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the husband and relatives of the late Mrs. P.A. Brennan.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Dunphy

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. Tom McGrath, Coolback, on the death of his mother."

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING AND ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th March, I960, and the Estimates Meeting held on 29th March, I960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter dated I3th April, I960, was received from the Wexford County Council, notifying the Council that Wednesday, 29th June, I960, had been fixed as the ordinary day of Election for Local authorities in the County Wexford.

RATE COLLECTION - YEAR ENDED 3Ist March, I960.

The following report on the Rate Collection for the year ending 3Ist March, I960, was submitted:-

Total for Collection	£I9754. 7. 9
Total Collected & Lodged	£I9025. 4. 7
Amount not Collected	£729. 2.I0
Percentage Collected	95.802%

The Town Clerk stated that the collection was very satisfactory as a large amount of the sum not collected arose from the decision of the Circuit Court reducing the valuation of the Tannery to 'nil'.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The required Notice having been given in accordance with the governing enactments and the Standing Orders of the Council, the following Notice of Motion, submitted by Councillor A. Minihan G. Donovan, J. Ward and M. Doherty was passed unanimously on the proposal of Councillor M. Doherty, seconded by the Chairman :-

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"That the Council amend the resolution passed at the Monthly Meeting held in February, I960, allocating a sum of £275 for the repair of Goat Hill by the insertion of £75 in lieu of £275 as the sum to be expended on the said repairs."

DATE OF RATES MEETING.

It was agreed that the Meeting for the Making of the Municipal Rate for the year ending 3Ist March, I96I, be held on I7th May, I960.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The following resolution was unanimously passed on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Dunphy :-

"That Coras Iompair Eireann be requested to re-route the express train from Roslare to Waterford, through New Ross.

REFERRED TO ENGINEER FOR HIS ATTENTION :-

By Councillor Dunphy:

I. To examine Miss Travers's wall at Church Lane which is at present falling into the public gardens.

2. Repairs to Council house occupied by Mrs. A. Peare.

By Councillor Shortall:

I. Alteration of public light at Conduit Lane.

2. Surface at Conduit Lane

3. Footpath at the Quay in front of Doyle's Coal Yard.

By the Chairman :

I. Repairs to Council house at 5 Haughton Place occupied by Mrs. Mary A. Kielthy.

2. Dangerous sewer grating at Irishtown opposite Michael Corcoran's house.

THE MEETING ENDED

Michael Dunphy.

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TUESDAY, I7th MAY, I960

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: Councillor M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presiding, and Councillors G. Donovan, J. Ward, M.D. Sheehan and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the following votes of sympathy were passed.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

To the Widow and relatives of the late Mr. James P. Coghlan, Solicitor.

Proposed By Councillor Dunphy
Seconded by Councillor Shortall

To Mr. & Mrs. M. O'Brien, Quay Street, on the death of their daughter.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Sheehan

To the husband and family of the late Mrs. Murphy, Charleton Hill.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

To the ralatives of the late Mr. Maurice Murray who died recently in the Haughton Hospital.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th April were taken as read, having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Presiding Chairman.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Lighting at Conduit Lane.

In reply to a query by Councillor Dunphy, the Engineer stated that he had discussed the question of the light at Conduit Lane with the E.S.B. Officials, who were in favour of placing the lamp on the Post Office side of the land, opposite the entrance to Daly's premises.

Councillor Donovan agreed that this would be a suitable arrangement but Councillor Shortall considered that it would be more costly and less effective than turning the lamp ninety degrees on its present site.

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LIGHT AT BARRACK LANE.

Councillor Ward stated that the lamp which had recently been erected in Barrack Lane had been broken already. The Town Clerk stated that he had been in touch with the Garda Authorities who were doing what they could to prevent the damage. Councillor Donovan said that the lamp would be better situated near Michael Street end where it would be less exposed to damage.

VACANT SITES AT BARRACK LANE.

Arising from a query by Councillor Ward regarding excavations at present being carried out on the site of the ball alley at Barrack lane,a discussion took place regarding the ownership of a number of vacant sites at this point.

The Town Clerk undertook to examine the position.

WALL AT HIGH HILL.

Councillor Dunphy referred to the wall owned by Miss Travers, portion of which had fallen into the Council garden at High Hill.

It was agreed to write to the Agents of the Estate requesting them to remove the rubble.

PUBLIC GARDENS.

Councillor Donovan stated that the people of the town should take more interest in the public gardens which the Council had laid out on former derelict sites. He paid tribute to the people of Rosbercon, who had put so much work into the garden there, which had received very favourable comment from Bord Failte assessors last year. Large numbers he said visited the garden from all over the town. Very little deliberate damage had been done, but he appealed to the people to ensure that young children and unattended dogs did not damage the plants.

Councillor Donovan Stated that the thanks of the Council was due to the Boat Club for providing portion of the site of this garden.

Councillor Shortall stated that further derelict sites in the town should be taken over and cleared.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter dated the 9th May was received from Mr. Willie Ronan thanking the Council for their message of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

FAIRS.

Letters were received from the National Livestock Traders Union, asking the Council to advertise the Monthly fairs, and further requesting that the Council take steps to establish a fourteen day tested fair.

It was decided to take no action in the matter.

SCHEDULE OF UNCOLLECTED RATES

The Schedule of Uncollected Rates for the year ended 31st March, 1960, was laid before the Council. The total amount uncollected was £729. 2. 10, of which £458. 4. 11 was carried forward for collection in the current year, and £270. 17. 11 written off as irrecoverable. Of the amount written off £186. 2. 11

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arose from the decision of the Circuit Court reducing the valuation of the Tannery to 'nil'.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor's Report for the year ending 31st March, 1959, was taken as read having been circulated to the members.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Dangerous Wall at Goat Hill.

In reply to Councillor Shortall the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the question of the Council's liability regarding a dangerous wall at Goat Hill had been referred to the Solicitor.

MARKING OF DIVERSIONS OF WATER AND SEWER MAINS.

Councillor Shortall again drew attention to the need for the erection of stakes to mark water and sewer main diversions for the benefit of future technical advisers, who might not be familiar with the lay-out.

MAP OF SEWERS.

In reply to Councillor Dunphy the Town Clerk stated that he had been unable to discover the map of the town sewers. Mr. Finnegan, Engineer undertook to examine his files in an effort to locate it.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 17th MAY, 1960

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday 17th May, 1960 at 8 O'Clock p.m. for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1961.

PRESENT: Councillor M. Dunphy, Vice-Chairman, presiding and Councillors G. Donovan, J. Ward, M.D.Sheehan and J.J. Shortall.

IN ATTENDANCE: - Mr. T.F.Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E. and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Making of Municipal Rate:

Proposed by Mr. Dunphy,
Seconded by Mr. Shortall and resolved -

"That we raise the sum of Nineteen Thousand, Four hundred and sixty six pounds, eleven shillings and threepence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of One Pound eighteen shillings and eight pence in the pound for the financial year ending 31st March 1961 on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946, and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith and subsequent thereto and the same to be collected in two moieties:-

The first on or before 30th September 1960, together with arrears of four hundred and fifty eight pounds, four shillings and eleven pence and the second on or before the 31st March, 1961.

The Seal of the Council was then embossed in the Rate Book which was signed by all members present.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY, 21st JUNE 1960

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 Ordin ry Business of the Council.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall, M. Dunphy and M.D. Sheehan.

In attendance: Mr. T.P. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman

Votes of sympathy were passed to the wife and family of the late Mr. A.N. French, North Street, and to Mr. Joseph Corry, Charles Street, on the death of his father.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION TO MR. HILARY MURPHY.

Proposed by Mr. Shortall
Seconded by Mr. Sheehan

A vote of congratulation was passed to Mr. Hilary Murphy, Free Press Representative in New Ross, on his promotion as Chief Reporter to the Free Press in Wexford.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the monthly Meeting held on 17th May, 1960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes Mr. Dunphy stated that it was fitting that a letter be sent by the Town Clerk to the New Ross Boat Club conveying the thanks of the Council to the Club for giving portion of the site at Rosbercon for the public gardens.

agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Closing of New Ross Railway Station.

Letter dated 26th May, 1960, was read from Coras Iompair Eireann stating that no decision had yet been taken regarding the possible closure of New Ross Station and of the Macmine/Waterford rail section in general.

Noted.

Valuation of premises at Waterford Road, Rosbercon.

Letter dated 27th May, 1960, was read from the Secretary, Valuation Office, Dublin, stating that the terms of the resolution adopted by the Council concerning the valuation of premises situated at Waterford Road had been noted.

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URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS I960/6I.

Letter R. 20I/6/8 dated 28th May, I960, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the minister had decided to make certain monies available from the income of the Road Fund for the improvement of Urban Roads in the current year. The Minister had allocated to New Ross a free improvement grant of £600.

The new improvement grant is intended to be additional to the provision already made in the current year by the local authority for expenditure on road works, and is not to be used as a grant in aid of the provision for roads expenditure being made from rates.

The primary object of the road improvement grant is to secure permanent improvement of urban roads by works of relaigment, widening and reconstruction. In appropriate cases the grant may also be used for surface-dressing work where urgently required.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that as responsibility for Urban Roads had been transferred to the County Council, the circular had been referred to them for appropriate action.

After a discussion it was agreed that Mr. Finnegan, Assistant County Engineer, prepare a scheme and submit proposals for consideration by the Council before submission to the Department.

MAINTENANCE OF GOAT HILL.

A letter dated 8th June, I960, was read from Messrs Colfer, Son & Poyntz, Solicitors, in connection with the following questions :-

I. Whether the Council is responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the surface of Goat Hill and

2. Whether the Council is obliged to repair and rebuild the retaining wall which Mr. Richard Bailey says has collapsed into his field.

The Solicitors stated that the answer to the second question was dependent on the answer to the first, as if the Council is not liable to maintain the passageway. they are not liable to repair the wall. He regretted, however, that in the absence of any records showing that the Council had at any time carried out repairs or maintained the passageway he could not at present express an opinion as to the legal liability of the Council. He pointed out, however, that should the Council accept liability for repairing the passageway, they would go a long way towards rendering themselves responsible for repairs to the retaining wall.

It was unanimously agreed that further consideration of the matter be deferred until the new Council had taken office and in the meantime the Solicitors be asked to advise the Council if they could successfully serve Notice under the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, I847, on Dr. T. Walsh requiring him to render safe the wall abounding part of Goat Hill.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 3Ist MARCH, I960.

The Abstract of Accounts relating to the financial year ended 3Ist March, I960, was placed before the Meeting.

INVESTMENTS - 2½% CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

The County Manager referred to the low market value of the Council's holding of 2½% Consolidated Stock and suggested that consideration be given to the sale of these holdings and their replacement by more recent stocks.

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After a discussion it was agreed to refer the matter to the incoming Council and to obtain information regarding the present day position of Consolidated Stock from the Brokers.

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Chairman stated that as it was the last Meeting before the Local Elections he wished to thank the members of the Council for the courtesy with which they treated him during his five years as Chairman and he also wished to thank the County Manager and all the members of the staff for the help and co-operation they had given him.

All the other members present joined in the tributes.

Councillor Donovan also stated that he had been asked by the teachers of a Waterford school,who with the pupils visited the historic places in New Ross recently, to convey their thanks to the Town Clerk who received them at The Tholsel and for the courtesy and kindness he had shown them.

The County Manager thanked the Chairman and members of the Council for the co-operation and assistance they had given him and the other officials during their term of office. He said he always admired the co-operative spirit which existed in the New Ross Urban Council.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Minihan

19-7-1960

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A N N U A L M E E T I N G

9th July I960

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Satuarday, 9th July, I960, at I2 o'clock noon.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors G. Donovan, P. O'Brien, H. Lauder, Senator E. Kissane, M. Reddy and M. Murphy.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Mr. G. Donovan was proposed by Councillor P. O'Brien.

There was no seconder to the proposal.

Councillor A. Minihan was proposed by Councillor M. Reddy and seconded by Senator E. Kissane.

There being no other proposal the Chairman declared himself elected, expressed his thanks to the Council, and signed the declaration accepting office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor G. Donovan was proposed by Councillor M. Murphy and seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan elected. Councillor Donovan thanked the members and signed the declaration accepting Office.

COUNTY OF WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The following two Councillors were elected as the Council's representatives on the County of Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

I. Senator E. Kissane - proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor M. Reddy.

2. Councillor G. Donovan - proposed by Councillor Reddy and seconded by Senator Kissane.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE.

Councillors M. Reddy, M. Murphy and P. O'Brien were elected as the Council's representatives on the St. Stephen's Joint Cemetery Committee.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

The Chairman and the Town Clerk were elected as the Council's delegates to the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities for the next five years.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SEEKING, RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS.

It was decided not to make regulations under Section I5 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, governing the seeking, reception and examination of tenders.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Minihan
24-6-1961

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TUESDAY 19th JULY, 1960

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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Murphy, M. Reddy, W. Stafford, J.J. Shortall Senator E. Kissane, P. O'Brien and H. Lauder.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. B. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Honayne, Town Clerk.

Before the business of the Meeting commenced the Chairman welcomed Councillor Wm. Stafford to his first meeting of the Council.

Councillor Stafford thanked the Chairman and apologised for being unable to attend the Annual Meeting.

A message was received from Councillor C. Donovan conveying his apologies to the meeting for his absence.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st June, 1960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

I. Revaluation of premises on the Waterford Road, Rosbercon.

In reply to a query by Councillor M. Murphy the Town Clerk stated that no application had been received from any resident on the Waterford Road, as a result of the letter dated 27/5/60 from the Commissioners of Valuation in which it was stated that the adverse effect due to flooding, on the letting value of premises on the Waterford Road would be fully considered if any such properties were listed for revaluation.

Goat Hill.

A Letter dated 8th June, 1960, from the Council's Solicitors, regarding the liability of the Council for the maintenance of Goat Hill and the adjoining walls, which was read at the previous Meeting, was again read.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Lauder
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed that the matter be adjourned pending the discovery of any records showing that the Council had at any time maintained the passageway.

COUNCIL'S HOLDING OF £1762. 11. 0 2½% CONSOLIDATED STOCK.

A letter dated 19th July, 1960, was read from Messrs Harvey & Son, Stock Brokers, Waterford, advising against the sale of the Council's holding of 2½% Consolidated Stock, in view of the present low price of Gilts.

It was agreed to accept the recommendations of the Brokers.

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REPAIRS TO COUNCIL HOUSE AT MARY STREET.

Arising from a report of the Engineer regarding the condition of the Council's house at Mary Street occupied by Miss Barron it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor O'Brien to carry out repairs to this property at an estimated cost of £20.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

Proposals for Road Improvements out of £600 allowed under the Urban Road Improvement Grant I960/6I were submitted by the Engineer for the following areas

I. Three Bullet Gate	£I40.
2. Jone's Hill	70
3. Rosbercon Hill	320
4. Creywell Road - Mountgarret Lane	280
Total	£8I0

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed

"That Improvement Work be carried out at Rosbercon Hill at a cost of £320, and at Creywell Road - Mountgarret Lane junction at a cost of £280."

OTHER BUSINESS

Footpath in front of Messrs Doyle's Coal Yard, The Quay.

The Engineer in reply to Councillor Shortall stated that Messrs Doyle's had agreed to bear the cost of restoring the footpath in front of their premises on the Quay.

Conduit Lane.

It was agreed that the Engineer investigate an allegation by Councillor Shortall that the surface of Conduit Lane had been damaged owing to a road opening operation.

Stop Signs.

Councillor P. O'Brien proposed that consideration should be given to the provision of Stop Signes at Priory Lane and Chapel Lane.

The matter was referred to the Engineer for his report.

PUBLIC LIGHTS.

Councillor Shortall proposed that the money allocated for extra public lighting be used for the erection of a lamp at Coopers Lane.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of Senator Kissane to defer the matter until the next Meeting to enable the members to ascertain if other parts of the town were in more urgent need of lighting.

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Cleaning of Irishtown after Fair Days.

Councillor P. O'Brien suggested that the services of the Fire Brigade be used for the cleaning of the Irishtown after Fairs.

The Engineer stated that a hose was available for this purpose.

Lights at Barrack Lane and Conduit Lane.

Councillor Reddy pointed out that the alterations of the public lights at Barrack Lane and Conduit Lane had not yet been carried out and asked that the E.S.B. be again approached concerning the matter.

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Whitaker
16 - Aug 1960

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TUESDAY 16th AUGUST, 1960.

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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors C. Donovan, P. O'Brien, J.J. Shortall, Senator E. Kissane and T. Stafford.

In attendance: S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, and J. Renayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th July, 1960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

Restoration of Roadway.

Councillor C. Donovan referred to the unsatisfactory manner in which roads and footpaths were often restored after the laying of pipes and cables and stated that action should be taken to ensure that this would not continue.

Councillor Shortall stated that this applied particularly to Conduit Lane.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Engineer for his report.

Light at Conduit Lane.

The Chairman informed the members that he had been speaking to the E.S.B. Engineer who informed him that the public light at Conduit Lane would be resited in accordance with the wishes of the Council.

Steps at Public Garden at the Rookery.

Councillor P. O'Brien said that the steps at the public garden at the Rookery were dangerous at night owing to the inadequate lighting of the area. He suggested that a light be erected there or a handrail provided.

Agreed to refer the matter to the Engineer for his report.

Revaluation of Premises at Waterford Road.

Councillor C. Donovan said that the statement which had been made at the previous Meeting that no application had been received from residents on the Waterford Road for the revaluation of their premises on account of the periodic flooding of this area was not

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correct,and that in fact one resident had made such an application prior to the receipt of the letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 27th May, 1960.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the statement made referred to the period subsequent to the receipt of the letter.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Association of Municipal Authorities.

A letter dated 15th August, 1960, from the Association of Municipal Authorities was read informing the Council that Motions for discussion at the forthcoming Conference should be submitted before the 26th August, 1960. A copy of reply of the Minister for Local Government to resolutions passed at the previous Annual Conference which was enclosed with the letter was also read.

It was agreed to submit the following Motions for discussion at the forthcoming Conference :-

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Reddy

That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make available subsidies of 60% towards the annual charges on loans raised to finance or assist the provision of Swimming Pools.

Proposed by Councillor Stafford
Seconded by The Chairman

That the Government be requested to omit from the proposed legislation revising the law governing Local Elections the provision requiring the payment of a deposit by candidates seeking election to Local Authorities.

DAMAGE TO WAYSIDE TREES AT NUNNERY LANE.

A report from the Engineer dated 19th July, 1960, stated that all the wayside trees planted under the E.S.V. Grant 1959/60 at Nunnery Lane were now destroyed by vandals. The Council were unanimous in condemning such outrages and they appealed to the public through the Press to report the perpetrators of such action to the Garda Authorities on every possible occasion.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT, 1960.

Resolution from Donegal County Council.

A letter dated 22nd July, 1960, enclosing a Resolution from Donegal County Council calling upon the Government to amend the Intoxication Liquor Act, 1960, was marked "read".

ERECTION OF EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHT.

Proposed by Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien

That the extra Public Light for which money had been provided in the Estimates be erected in the middle of Annefield Lane, Rosbercon.

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Councillor J.J. Shortall proposed that the light be erected at Coopers Lane.

There was no seconder to Councillor Shortall's proposal.

Some of the Councillors present expressed doubts as to the legality of Councillor Donovan's proposal in view of the fact that Annefield Lane is not being maintained by the Council.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the light be erected in Annefield Lane if this could legally be done.

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE NEW ROSS HARBOUR AUTHORITY.

Senator E. Kissane and Councillor W. Stafford were elected as the Council's representatives to the New Ross Harbour Authority on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor G. Donovan.

COMMISSION ON ITINERANTS.

Arising from a letter dated 20th July, 1960, from the Commission on Itinerancy, a copy of which had been circulated to the Members, it was agreed to recommend to the Commission

1. That steps be taken to put a stop to begging which is causing such inconvenience to the public at present.

2. That steps be taken to ensure that the children of Itinerants attend school and receive a proper education to help them to become useful citizens.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE OF £25 FOR ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY JOINT COMMITTEE.

On the proposal of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

It was agreed to contribute an extra £25 over the amount provided in the Estimates for the current year to St. Stephen's Cemetery Joint Committee being half the cost of renovating and painting the Entrance Gates to the Cemetery.

OTHER BUSINESS

Proposed Extension of St. Stephen's Cemetery.

The Deputy County Manager placed before the Meeting a map showing the land proposed to be acquired for the extension of St. Stephen's Cemetery.

The site was approved by the Council on the proposal of Councillor P. O'Brien, seconded by Senator E. Kissane.

Provision of Cover for Graves to expedite Burials.

With a view to alleviating the hardship caused to the public, particularly in inclement weather, Councillor W. Stafford suggested that a cover be provided to enable burial services to be completed with the minimum of delay. The provision of such a cover would do away with the need to fill in graves immediately after burial. This could be done at a later stage by the Cemetery staff.

The Council were divided in their views on the matter and the Deputy County Manager said that he would let them know at a later stage if any difficulties had been experienced when this system had been introduced in Wexford town some years ago.

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Councillor P. O'Brien also pointed out that the wages of the Cemetery Caretaker were not in par with the wages paid to Urban Council workers.

COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC REFUSE

Councillor G. Donovan referred to the collection of domestic refuse and stated that the present method employed was not at all suitable from a public health point of view. He pointed out that money had been provided in the estimates for the provision of a new cartage system.

It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting when the Engineer would be present to submit his proposals for the reorganisation of the service.

ROSBERCON HILL

Councillor G. Donovan stated that a footpath should be constructed on the Church side of Rosbercon Hill-from the bottom of the Hill to a point above the Church.

Some members considered that the roadway at this point was not wide enough to permit of the provision of a footpath.

It was agreed to obtain the Engineer's Report on the matter.

OFFICE OF HOME ASSISTANCE OFFICER.

Councillor P. O'Brien stated that the present office of the Home Assistance Officer was not suitable for dealing with the public.

The Chairman pointed out that this was a matter for the County Council and did not come within the ambit of the Urban Council's function.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A Mulhaw

27 Sep 1960

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TUESDAY, 23rd AUGUST, 1960.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock for the purpose of considering a letter received from the Department of Local Government in connection with the improvements to be carried out at Rosbercon Hill under the Road Improvement Grant, 1960/61.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors G. Donovan, P. O'Brien, P. Stafford and M. Reddy.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, and J. Monayne, Town Clerk.

The Chairman read the letter from the Department of Local Government in which it was pointed out that while approval was given to the proposedx work of grading and reshaping Rosbercon Hill it was considered that this road should also be resurfaced in order to complete the work satisfactorily. The Chairman stated that this would mean that the entire Urban Road Grant would have to be devoted to Rosbercon Hill.

It was unanimously agreed to comply with the requirements of the letter by the transfer of the sum of £280 intended for the widening of Creywell-Mountgarret corner to the Rosbercon work.

Councillor G. Donovan pointed out that a footpath was badly needed on the Southern side of Rosbercon Hill and suggested that this be now provided under the present scheme.

The Engineer pointed out that in view of the proximity of the houses to the roadway this would be extremely difficult but he undertook to examine what could be done within the scope of the resources available to widen the existing narrow footpath at this point.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan

27 Sep 1960

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TUESDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, I960

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 Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present:- A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors P. O'Brien, M. Murphy, G. Donovan, Senator A. Kissane, W. Stafford, H. Lauder and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th August, I960, and the Special Meeting held on 23rd August, I960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

LIGHT AT ANNEFIELD LANE.

Arising from a query by Councillor Donovan the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Manager had made an Order for the erection of an extra public light at Annefield Lane and that the E.S.B. had been instructed accordingly.

RESTORATION OF ROADWAY.

Councillor G. Donovan again referred to the unsatisfactory manner in which road openings were restored and pointed out that the position had worsened in the past month. He instanced thirteen places in Rosbercon alone between the Railway gates and the Church gates where such openings had not been restored.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the local Assistant County Engineer, together with a complaint from Councillor Shortall that the concrete roadway at the corner of Conduit Lane had been restored in tarred macadam.

COUNCIL'S MOTIONS AT CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

In reply to Councillor Stafford the Chairman stated that the Council's Motion asking the Minister for Local Government to grant increased assistance towards the provision of a swimming pool had been passed at the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities. The Council's second motion calling upon the Government to omit from the proposed legislation revising the law relating to Local Elections the provision whereby candidates be required to pay a deposit had been amended to the extent of asking the Minister to make such deposits nominal only.

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DANGEROUS STEPS AT ROOKERY GARDEN

Arising from a question by Councillor P. O'Brien, the Engineer stated that the danger to pedestrians using the pathway across the Rookery at night-time would be best met by the provision of an extra public light at this point.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Estimates Committee.

LIGHT AT BARRACK LANE.

Councillor Shortall stated that the light recently erected at Barrack Lane should be resited. The Town Clerk pointed out that the E.S.B. authorities considered that its present site was the most advantageous.

It was agreed that the members of the Council visit the area before making any decision in the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

The following resolution forwarded by the Arklow Urban District Council was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shortall seconded by Councillor Donovan :-

"That we request that the Government hold an inquiry into the prices of drugs and medicines as it is considered that at present the prices of these items are altogether too high in this country especially when compared with the prices elsewhere. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all other Local Authorities and to each Deputy of Dail Eireann".

DOMESTIC SCAVENGING SYSTEM.

The Town Clerk submitted a report giving particulars of the present scavenging system and also gave details of the costs of more modern methods that might be adopted as follows :-

	Present System £. s. d.	Electric Scavenging Vehicle £2000 8 Year Loan £. s. d	Pick-up Truck £700 5 Year Loan £. s. d	Hire of Tractor and Purchase of Trailer. Trailer - £230 IO year Loan £. s. d.
Ganger	369. I7. 0	369. I7. 0	369. I7. 0	369. I7. 0
Labourers (4)	I453. 8. 0	I453. 8. 0	I453. 8. 0	I453. 8. 0
Carter (I)	472. I9. 8			
Loan Charges		355. 0. 0	I76. I5. 0	35. 0. 0
Hire of Tractor				440. 0. 0
Tax		I5. 0. 0	34. 0. 0	
Insurance		20. 0. 0	I5. 0. 0	
Fuel			90. 0. 0	
Power		I00. 0. 0		
Depreciation of Batteries		40. 0. 0		
Lubrication			I0. 0. 0	
Repairs and Maintenance		50. 0. 0	I00. 0. 0	
	£2296. 4. 8	2403. 5. 0	2269. 0. 0	2298. 5. 0

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After considering the various methods it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed to purchase a trailor and seek tenders for the hire of a tractor for six half-days in the week for one year.

This system would be given one year's trial and if the method proved satisfactory consideration would be given to the purchase of a tractor at the end of that period.

It was proposed by Senator Kissane
Seconded by the Chairman

That before the system be put into operation the opinion of the Council's legal advisor be obtained regarding the need for a tractor hired for this purpose to be licensed under the Road Transport Acts.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE I960/6I.

A letter dated I6th August, I960, from the Minister for Local Government that a grant of £II50 would be made available in the current year for works under the above scheme, subject to a local contribution of £I55, was read.

The following proposals submitted by the Engineer were approved :-

(I) Charleton Hill - Hack up existing tar mac. surface. Lay concrete channel - halfround 360 lin. yds. Estd. cost £I7I.

(2) Cross Lane and Three Bullet Gate - Hack up existing unsurfaced roadway, prepare base; lay concrete channel I4" wide; halfround; Screed to pre-determined falls; concrete to be I : 2 : 4 mix.

Grade and clear up area from Jones's Hill junction to Cross Lane corner. Lay approx. 45 l. yds. aprox. of precast concrete kerbing. Back fill area with selected hardcore, blind and consolidate with vibratory hand-roller. Surface with I" thick macadam carpet. Estimated cost £203.

(3) Jones's Hill. Hack up and grade existing surface at Jones Hill. Prepare and level grounds. fill with selected hardcore. Lay concrete footpath, base course to be 3½" thick I : 2 : 4 : and top coat I½" thick I: I½ : 3 : mix. Stippled to present non skid surface. Lay concrete channel as before apecified. Generally clean up area surrounding pump. Lay concrete channel with footpath. Grade out lower region of Jones's Hill with premixed bituminious materials. Estimated cost £426.

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4. Creywell - Mountgarret Corner.

Remove rock face and existing wall. Grade shape and erect concrete post and chain link fencing. Provide for a minimum sight distance of 400 feet.

Estimated cost £350.

After a discussion it was agreed to devote the balance of £155 to the continuation of channels down Creywell Road.

On the suggestion of Councillor P. O'Brien it was decided that every effort be made to have the grants commenced well before Christmas.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Building of New Houses.

Councillor W. Stafford handed in Notice of Motion for the next Meeting that the Council give consideration to the erection of new houses.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A Meehan
18 Dec 1960

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TUESDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1960

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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors G. Donovan, M. Murphy, W.J. Stafford M. Reddy and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th September, 1960, were taken as read having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

Light at Annefield Lane.

Councillor Stafford asked if the E.S.B. had been instructed to erect a new public lamp at Annefield Lane.

The Town Clerk stated that the order had been issued but that the Council's Engineer required a direction from the Council as to where the lamp should be situated.

After a short discussion it was agreed to permit the Engineer to have the light erected at a point in the lane which he considered most suitable.

Lamp at Barrack Lane.

The Chairman stated that he had inspected the light at Barrack Lane and was satisfied that if it were removed from its present position to the opposite side of the lane a pole would have to be provided.

It was agreed to leave the lamp in its present position.

REORGANIZATION OF SCAVENGING SERVICE.

In reply to a query from Councillor Donovan, the County Manager informed the Meeting that the Engineer had been instructed to prepare a plan and specification of a suitable scavenging trailer and to draft conditions with which a successful tenderer for the hire of a tractor would be required to comply.

E.S.VOTE 1960/61

Councillor Donovan asked if the E.S.V. Grant for 1960/61 had been sanctioned by the Department.

The Engineer stated that while formal sanction had not yet been received the schemes had been examined by a Department Inspector and it was expected that approval would be received shortly.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

A letter dated 6th October, 1960, was received from Bord Failte enclosing details of the marking of the Tidy Town Competition. It was noted that New Ross was highly recommended with a total of 71 points as against 48 in previous years competition.

The Council extended congratulations to the Engineer and to the people of the town on this very successful result.

The Town Clerk informed the Members that he had been approached by representatives of the University Publishing Co. Ltd., Dublin, seeking the permission of the Council to canvas for advertisements for a Brochure covering County Wexford which that Company proposed to publish.

It was unanimously agreed that before any consideration could be given to the issue of a letter of introduction to the Traders of the town anW application should be made in writing giving details of the Brochure together with a Copy of the text of the information to be published regarding New Ross.

RENWEAL OF WATERMAIN FROM BALLYLEIGH TO CASTLEMOYLE.

A report dated 18th October, 1960, was received from the Engineer stating that the increased industrial consumption of water in the Urban Area coupled with the increase of unserviced houses which were being connected had placed a severe burden on the supply and recommending that the work of relaying the new 7" main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle be undertaken without delay.

The Town Clerk informed the members that the latest estimate of the Consulting Engineer which was dated December, 1957, for the carrying out of this work was £16,000.

A discussion ensued during the course of which all the members present expressed the opinion that in view of the increased industrial expansion it was essential that sufficient and reliable water supply be provided.

It was proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed

That a new 7" main be laid between Ballyleigh and Castlemoyle.

It was also agreed that a summary of the correspondence to date in connection with the filtration of the water be made available for next Meeting.

HOUSING

Arising out of Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Stafford at the previous Meeting a discussion took place on the desirability of erecting new houses.

Councillor Stafford stated that there were many people in town still living in unfit dwellings and that the Council should prepare a scheme of new houses right away.

The Chairman suggested that building sites be developed by

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the Council for letting at an economic rent to persons desirous of erecting their own houses.

Councillor Reddy favoured the erection of houses in pairs rather than in schemes.

Senator Kissane pointed out that the rents of new houses would have to be subsidised by the Council if tenants were to be obtained.

Finally it was agreed that a list of suitable sites for the erection of two houses be made available for the next Meeting.

ELECTION OF TWO FURTHER MEMBERS TO ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Senator E. Kissane and Councillor G. Donovan were elected members of the St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee in addition to the three members already elected at the Annual Meeting.

The following are now the Council's representatives on this Committee :-

Councillors M. Reddy, M. Murphy, P. O'Brien, G. Donovan and Senator E. Kissane.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Engineer informed Councillor M. Reddy that th water connection to Mrs. Hartley, The Bullawn, would be completed as soon as the services of a plumber could be obtained.

In reply to Councillor Reddy, Town Clerk stated that coal could not be supplied to recipients under the Cheap Fuel Scheme.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Before the Meeting concluded Councillor Reddy proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the late Laurence Malone, Mary Street, whose tragic death occurred recently.

The vote was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously all present standing.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Whelan

15 Nov. 1960

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TUESDAY I5th NOVEMBER, I960.

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 : Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors M. Reddy, M. Murphy, H. Lauder, W. Stafford, P. O'Brien, G. Donovan, J.J. Shortall and Senator E. Kissane.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I8th October, I960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall,
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and passed unanimously

That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the Irish Soldiers killed in the Congo.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall,
Seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously

That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the wife and family of Clement Boyle, South Street, who died recently.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Cheap Fuel Scheme I960/6I.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor M. Murphy and passed unanimously

That the Minister for Social Welfare be requested to give his approval to the inclusion of turf in the Cheap Fuel Scheme for the current year.

Scavenging Trailer.

In reply to Councillor G. Donovan the Town Clerk stated that the Engineer had prepared a Specification for a new scavenging trailer and that advertisements for the trailer would be inserted in the Press within the course of a few days.

Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote I960/6I.

Councillor G. Donovan was informed that the proposals submitted by the Engineer under Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote had now been sanctioned by the Minister.

In reply to Councillor O'Brien the Engineer stated that work on the schemes would commence in the last week in November and that I2 to I4 men would be employed. In selecting employees for the scheme preference would be given to suitable persons in receipt of Unemployment Assistance and any extra staff required would be recruited from those in receipt of Unemployment Benefit.

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Arising from Minutes (Contd.)

Light at Annefield Lane.

In reply to Councillor Reddy the Engineer informed the Meeting that the new lamp at Annefield Lane would be sited at a point just beyond the entrance to the Cattle Mart.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN J.K.L. PLACE AND THE BOSHEEN.

A letter dated 24th October, 1960, was received from Messrs T.J. Kelly & Son, Solicitors, acting for Mr. John Foley, who had offered portion of the field owned by him at Wexford Street to the Council for the sum of £50 for the purpose of making a passageway between J.K.L. Place and the Bosheen. It was stated in the letter that Mr. Foley considered that, if the Council did acquire the land, that all present and future expenses in connection with the passageway should be borne by the Council.

After a short discussion on the matter it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, to defer further consideration of the subject until the Estimates Meeting.

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SECTION 8.

A letter dated 14th November, 1960, was received from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, with regard to the Council's proposal to replace the existing 7" watermain from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

The Consulting Engineer recommended the use of an 8" diam. Asbestos Cement pipe instead of the 7" pipe previously proposed upon which an Import Duty of over £2,500 might have to be paid. He pointed out that in the event of this duty being payable the use of 8" pipes, which can be imported free of duty, would prove more economical as well as being more efficient.

The Town Clerk stated that if a licence could be obtained to import the 7" A.C. pipes duty free their use would involve a saving of £2,588.

It was agreed to submit proposals to the Department involving the use of 7" pipes if a licence can be obtained from the Department of Industry & Commerce to import the pipes free of duty.

HOUSING.

A letter dated 14th November, 1960, was received from the Council's Engineer setting out three derelict sites suitable for the erection of houses.

In reply to queries from the members the Engineer stated that two houses could be built on each site.

After a short discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien to have plans prepared for the erection of six houses.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

Goat Hill.

Arising from a query by Councillor Reddy, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that, after having received the Solicitors' opinion regarding the Council's liability for the maintenance of Coat Hill, the Council had at an earlier Meeting decided to defer the matter until such time that any records showing that the Council had at any time repaired this passageway became available. He stated that he had been unable to trace any such records.

In reply to a query from Councillor Shortall the County Manager stated that if the Engineer submitted a report regarding the existende of a dangerous structure Notice would be served on the owners requiring them to render it safe.

WATER SUPPLY.

Councillor Shortall stated that consideration should be given to improve the filtering system and to increase the capacity of the impounding area at Dranagh.

FOOTPATH AT WATERFORD ROAD.

On the proposal of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Shortall

It was agreed to ask the County Engineer to include in his proposals for Road Work for the coming year the provision a footpath on the Waterford Road from the Urban Boundary in towards the town.

Councillor Donovan pointed out that the Kilkenny County Council had provided a footpath just outside the boundary.

DANGEROUS E.S.B. POLE.

Councillor Shortall pointed out that the E.S.B. Pole at the Junction of Conduit Lane/Quay Street was in a dangerous condition owing to the fact that the base had rotted away.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the E.S.B.

THE MEETING ENDED

R. Mulhern
15. Dec 1960

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TUESDAY, I5th DECEMBER, I960

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: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, Councillors J.J. Shortall, P. O'Brien, G. Donovan and W. Stafford.

In Attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk, and H. Finnegan B.E.

An apology for his inability to be present was received from Mr. T.F. Brce, County Manager.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Council was extended to the family of the late Mr. Patrick Morris, North Street.

VOTE OF CONGRATULATION.

The Council extended its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Seamus Gallagher on his appointment as Secretary of the Wexford County Council.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th November, I960 were taken as read having been circulated to the Members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

Goat Hill

Councillor Shortall pointed out that a sum of £75 had been allocated for the repair of Goat Hill and that this work will have to be done unless the Council passed a resolution rescinding the earlier resolution deciding to do the work.

Councillor Stafford gave Notice to the Chairman that at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on I7th January, I96I, he would propose the following motion:-

"That the decision of the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on I9th April I960, allocating a sum of £75 for the repair of Goat Hill be and is hereby rescinded."

Water Supply Scheme

Councillor Shortall stated that the provision of new filters and the increase in the capacity of the reservoir were of the utmost importance and that these works should be carried out in conjunction with the laying of the new mains. The Engineer stated that he was in the course of preparing a report on the question of filters which he hoped to have available for the next Meeting.

The Town Clerk stated that a licence to import 8000 lin. yds. of Asbestos Cement pipes, free of duty, had been received from

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the Department of Industry & Commerce but that the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the work had not yet come to hand.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

A letter dated I3th December, I960, was received from the County Engineer informing the Council that proposals were at present under consideration for the reconstruction of the roadway on the southern entrance to the town and that any future improvement scheme for that area would incorporate a suitable footpath.

Councillor G. Donovan suggested that in the meantime something should be done by the Engineers to clean up the existing footpath.

On the proposal of Councillor Shortall
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

The thanks of the Council wase extended to the Kilkenny County Council and to Mr. William Cottrell, M.C.C. for providing a footpath at this point immediately outside the Urban boundary

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

A report was received from Bord Failte giveng the break-down of the marks received by New Ross in the I960 Tidy Towns Competition together with some comments of the judges which were calculated to be of assistance in future competitions.

NEW ROSS MINERAL WATER COMPANY

An application was received from the New Ross Mineral Water Company requesting permission to use the Arms of New Ross on their Mineral labels.

Permission was granted on the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Stafford.

GRANTS FOR CLEARING DERELICT SITES

Letter dated 7th December, I960, was received from the Minister for Local Government informing the Council that a scheme of grants for clearance of and provision of public amenieties on derelict sites had now been brought into operation. Details of the scheme were set out in a Memorandum which was enclosed in the letter. Grants of 50 % of the cost of such works subject to a maximum of £I00 are available to Local Authorities, Local Development Associations and to private persons. No grant will be payable where the approved cost of the works is less than £30.

RESOLUTIONS.

I. Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council.

The following resolution was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor O'Brien :-

"That the Government be requested to take action to control the sale of air guns to jumenides."

The following resolution was adopted on the proposal of Councillor Shortall, seconded by Councillor Stafford :-

"That we the members of Ceanannus Mor Urban District Council urge on the Government to introduce immediately legislation to enable householders and tenants holding property under expired or unexpired leases to purchase the freehold interest in their properties at a reasonable price."

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Thurles Urban District Council

A Resolution calling for the amendment of the Street Trading Act, 1926, was marked "read".

OTHER BUSINESS

Financial inducements to Industrial Developments.

On the proposal of Councillor P.O'Brien,
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

It was agreed to endorse the recent protest of the Wexford Corporation against the granting of more favourable terms by the Government to industrialists commencing factories West of the Shannon than to those commencing factories on the East Coast.

Councillor O'Brien also suggested that the Showgrounds might be made available as a factory site.

Councillor Stafford supported this suggestion.

The opinion of the Council was that this matter could be gone into should the occasion ever arise.

FLOODLIGHTING OF THOLSEL.

On the proposal of Councillor O'Brien
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

It was agreed to have the Tholsel floodlighted for the usual period of Christmas.

Improper Restoration of footpaths.

Councillor Shortall adverted to the improper restoration of footpath at the Rosbercon side of the Railway Gates.

Councillor Donovan suggested that inquires be made from the Manager regarding the proceedure adopted by the Post Office and E.S.B. authorities when requesting permission to open the roadway.

Letter from New York

Before the Meeting concluded the Chairman produced a Post Card from a Mr. Jimmy O'Reilly, New York, suggesting that the people of New Ross change the name of the town from "New Ross" to "Kennedy".

No action was taken on the matter but it was agreed to have the request inserted in the Minutes.

The Chairman having wished the Council and Staff a Happy Christmas

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

P. Minihan

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WEDNESDAY, IIth JANUARY, I96I

A Special Meeting of the Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock in connection with the celebrations to be held on 20th January to mark the inauguration of Mr. John F. Kennedy, whose grand-father hailed from New Ross, as President of the United States.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, Presiding,
Councillors G. Donovan, W. Stafford and P. O'Brien.

The Chairman gave a brief outline of the plans for the celebration which would consist of a torch-light parade, led by bands, from the Irishtown to the Quay, where the Irish and American flags would be raised and an address presented to the American Military Attache, Col. Francis O'Brien, on behalf of the President. This would be followed by open air dancing and later a dance in the Badminton Hall, the proceeds of which would go towards the payment of expenses. Any balance after paying expenses would be donated to Monsignor Browne for the purposes of the Parish.

It was proposed by Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien and agreed

That the Council take the initiative in sponsoring the celebrations and that Col. O'Brien be invited to attend.

The Meeting ended and the members then attended a public Meeting in the Large Room at which organising committees were elected.

A. Minihan

14-1-1961

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TUESDAY, I7th JANUARY, I96I

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, I7th January, I96I, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors P. O'Brien, G. Donovan, W. Stafford, Senator E. Kissane and J.J. Shortall.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Mathly Meeting held on I5th December, I960, were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman. The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on IIth January, I96I, in connection with the Kennedy Celebrations were also signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

Vacancy on Cleansing Staff caused by the retirement of Mr. Matthew Aspel.

Councillor P. O'Brien stated that he would like it to go on record that he objected strongly to the fact that no one had been appointed on the cleansing staff to replace Mr. Matthew Aspel who had retired recently. He felt that this should be done immediately without waiting until the proposed tractor and trailer had been provided.

Senator E. Kissane said that while the Council were not obliged to fill the position immediately, he would not like the impression to be given that the Council were in any way, whatsoever, antagonistic towards the workers. He considered it advisable, however, to wait until the tractor and trailer had been provided before making any appointment, which might subsequently prove unnecessary.

The Chairman pointed out that the appointment of staff was a function of the County Manager.

In reply to a query from Councillor Donovan the Town Clerk stated that the trailer should be available in about two months.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Filtration of Water Supply.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed that a report submitted by the Engineer, Mr. H. Finnegan, on the question of filtering the town water, be circulated to the Members.

Joint Committee to examine the question of financial adjustments between the Wexford Co. Council and the Urban Councils in the County

A letter dated 5th January, I960, from the Wexford County Council was read inviting the Council to send two delegates to a meeting to discuss the general question of financial adjustments between the County Council and the Urban Councils

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within the County.

The Chairman and Councillor P. O'Brien were appointed as the Council's representatives.

LOAN FOR PURCHASE OF SCAVENGING TRAILER.

Proposed by Councillor W. Stafford
Seconded by Senator E. Kissane and agreed

"That a loan of £360 be raised from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for a period of five years for the purpose of defraying the cost and incidental expenses of providing a trailer for Domestic Scavenging.

INCREASE IN SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO RETIRED OFFICERS.

It was proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Senator E. Kissane

"That we hereby authorise in accordance with Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, the incurring of excess expenditure of £37 over the current year's estimates for the purpose of implementing County Manager's Order dated 22nd December, I960, granting an increased pension to retired Officers of the Council in accordance with the Pensions (Increase) Act, I960."

Councillor P. O'Brien opposed the Motion and proposed that no increase be granted.

There was no seconder to Councillor O'Brien's proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan's Motion passed.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Councillor Shortall stated that the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Stafford proposing the recission of the Council's decision of I9th April, I960, allocating £75 towards the repair of Goat Hill, had not been served in accordance with Standing Orders and could not be considered.

The Motion was not discussed and Councillor Stafford handed the following Notice of Motion in writing to the Chairman who initialled it and handed it to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the Agenda of the February Monthly Meeting :-

"That the decision of the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on I9th April, I960, allocating a sum of £75 for the repair of Goat Hill be and is hereby rescinded."

OTHER BUSINESS.

Delegates to Meeting in Wexford re Undeveloped Areas Act.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had been invited to attend a Meetingin Wexford, together with one other member of the Council, to consider the inequitable effects of the Undeveloped Areas Act on the promotion of industries in areas outside the scope of the Act.

Councillor W. Stafford was selected to accompany the Chairman to the Meeting.

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Kennedy Celebrations

The Chairman informed the Members that the torch light procession to be held in connection with the Kennedy celebrations on 20th January would arrive at The Quay at 8 p.m., where the Urban Council and Harbour Board would be assembled for the formal ceremony of presenting an illuminated Address to the American Military Attache on behalf of President Kennedy. All the Members were invited to attend at that time.

Public Gardens at The Bullawn.

Councillor O'Brien referred to the difficulty experienced by old people in crossing the public garden at the top of the Bullawn. The Engineer pointed out that footpaths were provided across the garden.

Public Light between Mount Carmel Convent and Corner of Irishtown.

Councillor P. O'Brien gave notice that he would propose at the next Estimates Meeting that an extra public lamp be provided between Mount Carmel Convent and the courner of Irishtown.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following on the proposal of Councillor Shortall, seconded by the Chairman.

1. To the relatives of Mr. James Byrne, Quay Street, a former Member of the Council.

2. To the relatives of the late Mr. Thos. Lungley, Rosbercon, former Principal of the New Ross Technical School.

3. To Miss Kitty Ronan and family on the recent deaths of their father and mother.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P Whelan
21st Feb 1961

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TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1961.

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: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors H. Lauder, M. Murphy, J.J. Shortall, W. Stafford and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, BE. and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:-

1. Scavenging Trailer.

In reply to a query from Councillor Stafford, the Town Clerk informed the members that the order for the scavenging trailer had been placed and the Minister's approval sought to the raising of a loan of £360 to defray the cost and expenses.

2. Condition of domestic water supply after break in pipeline.

Councillor Lauder referred to the break which had recently occurred in the main, as a result of which the water in part of the town was dirty for some days, and asked if the pipes could be flushed out after such breakages so as to prevent this from happening.

The Engineer stated that the pipes were flushed out every month but that on the occasion in question the water had been cut off at the main five miles out and the force of the water when the flow was resumed was such as to loosen large quantities of the encrustation present in the pipes. This was difficult to avoid owing to the condition of the pipes.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of symnathy were passed with the relatives of the following who died recently, on the proposal of Councillor Shortall, seconded by the Chairman.

1. The late Mrs. Margaret Murphy, formerly of North Street, who died in Dublin.

2. The late Mr. James Gorden, Priory Street.

3. The late Mrs. Frizelle, Wexford, wife of a former Secretary of the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

TIDY TOWNS AND NATIONAL GARDEN COMPETITIONS.

Letters dated 18th January, 1961, were received from Bord Failte enclosing particulars of the 1961 Competitions for

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Tidy Towns and National Gardens Competitions.

On the proposal of Senator Kissane
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

It was agreed to enter the Tidy Towns Competition and to permit local organizations or groups to enter the public gardens for the National Garden Conpetition.

Arising from the letters Mr. Shortall suggested that litter baskets be provided so as to encourage the people to keep the streets free of litter which was very noticable at the week-ends.

Senator Kissane was of the opinion that people coming into town from the outlying districts on Saturday night scattered most of the papers around. He also stated that papers were blown from the dump and he suggested that some way be found to prevent this.

Councillor Lauder suggested that the dumping area be fenced with wire mesh.

It was agreed that quotations be obtained for litter baskets.

The Engineer also stated that owing to the state of the surface as a result of the recent bad weather the scavenging cart could not carry the rubbish to the dump face. He intimated that he would submit proposals at the coming Estimates Meeting to provide a hard road surface across the dump.

WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SECTION III.

A letter dated 25th January, 1961, was received from the Department of Local Government conveying the Minister's approval to the proposal to lay a 7" diameter main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

Councillor Shortall suggested that the provision of filters be undertaken with the laying of the new main. Councillor Lauder supported this view.

The Chairman pointed out that the preliminary work required before proposals regarding the filters could be submitted to the Department, would have the effect of delaying the work on the main, which he felt should be commenced without delay.

Councillor Shortall also proposed that the increasing of the impounding area should also be included in the scheme.

The County Manager stated that when the provision of filters was under discussion some time ago, the Department wanted Ballyleigh to be the site, while the Council favoured Castlemoyle. He suggested that the Consulting Engineer be asked to advise on the possibility of extending the existing filters at Dranagh, and that he be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Council to give his views on the matter.

This course was agreed upon.

On the proposal of Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Senator Kissane,

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that the Consultant be also asked to advise on the question of enlarging the present reservoir at Dranagh.

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REPORT ON CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER.

A report was received from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., giving his interpretation of the results of the Chemical and Bacteriological analysis carried out by the Dublin City Analyst on the water.

The following is a summary of Mr. Finnegan's report :-

(a) Suspended Matter: Very reasonable and no serious steps need be taken to extract suspended matter or decrease turbidity.

(b) Ammonia Content: Water considered suspect and contamination is from decaying vegetable matter in catchment area. This is not serious while bacteriological analysis is favourable, but if bacteriological analysis becomes unfavourable, manurial contamination from herds of sheep or cattle grazing on slopes of catchment area must be suspected.

(c) Chlorides: Water can be considered satisfactory as regards chloride content.

(d) Nitrates & Nitrites: Only a slight trace of each.

(e) Hardness: Water can be considered soft.

(f) Oxygen Absorved: Only small quantity of oxygen absorbed which indicates that water is free from sewage pollution.

(g) Colour: Very satisfactory.

(h) Odour: None.

(i) Iron: No trace.

(j) Fluorine: No trace.

Bacteriological Analysis.

Existing supply reasonably free of bacteriological contamination and water is of a fair potable quality, but to have a guaranteed bacteriological supply sterilisation is necessary and to render the water more potable other remedical measures are required.

Copies of the report were distributed to the members present.

ST. STEPHEN'S CEMETERY COMMITTEE - AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Auditor's report on the accounts of St, Stephen's Cemetery Committee for year ended 31st March, 1960, was read. The Abstract of Accounts showed that the expenditure for the period came to £475, while receipts came to £506, leaving a credit balance of £44.

FIELD AT WEXFORD STREET OWNED BY MR. J. FOLEY.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that Mr. John Foley had indicated that he no longer wished to sell portion of his field at Wexford Street to the Council for the purpose of making a road between J.K.L. Place and the Boshoen.

It was agreed to close the gap at present giving access to Mr. Foley's field at J.K.L. Place.

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Mr. Shortall suggested that the danger arising from a gate which opens outwards on to the roadway from Mr. Foley's field at Wexford Street North, be brought to Mr. Foley's attention.

ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES:

On the proposal of Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor Lauder

Preliminary Orders were made acquiring seven dereliet sites in the following areas :-

(I) William Street - 3 sites.

(2) High Hill - I site

(3) Nunnery Lane - I site

(4) Barrack Lane - 2 sites.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

RECISION OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING £75 FOR REPAIRS OF GOAT HILL.

The following motion, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Orders, was proposed by Councillor Stafford :-

"That the decision of the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on I9th April, I960, allocating a sum of £75 for the repair of Goat Hill be and is hereby rescinded."

In proposing the motion Councillor Stafford said that while he would like to see Goat Hill maintained, he felt that the Council had too many essential works to undertake at present.

Councillor Lauder seconded the motion and pointed out that there were other routes available to those who use Goat Hill. He was of the opinion that £75 would do little to improve Goat Hill and that the Council would have a big problem on their hands.

Councillor Shortall proposed that the motion be amended so as to provide for the expenditure of £30 this year in lieu of £75 and that this sum be expended in putting tarmacadam on top of the rock surface.

There was no seconder to Councillor Shortall's proposal and on a vote being taken, all present except Councillor Shortall voted in favour of Councillor Stafford's motion which was declared passed, Councillor Shortall dissenting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Housing Programme.

In reply to a query from Councillor Stafford the Town Clerk stated that the plans for the six new houses had not yet been received but that the work of acquiring the sites was on hands.

New Ross Bridge:

In reply to a query from Councillor Murphy, the Chairman stated that the Wexford County Council were the responsible authority for works being carried out in connection with the New Ross Bridge.

~~The Meeting ended~~

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AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED FOR MAINTENANCE OF URBAN ROADS 1961/62.

Mr. H. Finnegan submitted an estimate amounting to £982 for the maintenance and improvement of Urban Streets in the coming year.

After a discussion it was agreed, on the proposal of Senator Kissane, seconded by Councillor Lauder, to provide £672, this being the figure allowed in the estimates for the current year, for this purpose.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 2Ist MARCH, I96I

The following members of the New Ross Urban District Council met in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 2Ist March, I96I, at 7 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of holding the Monthly Meeting :-

A. Minihan, Chairman, and Councillors M. Reddy, M. Murphy and W. Stafford.

J. Ronayne, Town Clerk, was in attendance.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

For the purpose of enabling the Members to attend the Mission it was agreed to adjourn the Meeting on the proposal of Councillor Reddy, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

The Adjourned Meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 28th February, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

A Minihan

28. 3. 1961

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TUESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1961

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 Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman presiding.
Councillors S. Stafford, J.J. Shortall, M. Kissane, P. O'Brien and M. Murphy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, Engineer, J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Mr. T.J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, Dublin, also attended the Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were taken as read, having been circulated to the Members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

I. Housing.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stafford the Town Clerk stated that the site plan had been prepared for two of the proposed six houses. The first site to be built upon would be the one at Upper William Street, which was already the Council's property, and the house plans were in course of preparation. With regard to the remaining sites, the Act of 1940 under which it was hoped to acquire them had been repealed and replaced by the Derelict Sites Act, 1961, which did not permit of the expeditious taking over of sites, but they could be acquired under the Housing Acts.

Councillor Stafford stated that the question of housing was a very important matter at the moment and he urged that many more houses than the six already agreed on should be built.

Councillor O'Brien asked if houses could be built in front of Charleton Hill. He said that housing needs had become acute in the past year.

The County Manager explained that some years ago tenders had been invited for the erection of houses at Nolan's field. The lowest tender received was £1750 which was considered unduly costly, particularly as subsidy would only be received on a capital cost of £1500 leaving the loan charges on the balance to be borne entirely from the rates.

The Chairman suggested that a Special Meeting be held after the Estimates Meeting to consider the entire question of housing, and that Councillors should endeavour to obtain the names of people who required houses together with particulars of the rent they would be prepared to pay if at all possible.

This course was agreed upon as was the suggestion of Councillor Shortall that an advertisement seeking applicants be inserted in the local Press.

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Senator Kissane advised that the Council proceed cautiuosly in this matter as the erection of a large scheme of houses would involve the Council in great expense.

The Chairman also pointed out that there were people in the town, some of them Council tenants, who would be prepared to build their own houses if suitable sites could be made available.

2. Increase in Rent on appointment of a new tenant.

Councillor O'Brien asked why the rent of a house had recently been increased by 2/6d on reletting to the personal representatives of a deceased tenant.

The County Manager explained that this was the standard practice and pointed out that many of the older tenants had been appointed many years ago at rents which had not kept pace with the cost of living.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DERELICT SITES ACT 1961.

A letter dated 16th March, 1961 was received from the Department of Local Government enclosing a copy of the Dereliet Sites Act, 1961.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk prepare a synopsis of the Act and circulate it to the members.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

Tuesday the 11th April, 1961, was fixed as the date of the Estimates Meeting.

INCREASE IN WAGES - THOLSEL CARETAKER.

The Council, on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, agreed to the proposal of the Manager to grant an increase in wages of 5/- per week to the Tholsel Caretaker.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - SECTION III.

Mr. T.J. O'Connor, Dublin, the Council's Consulting Engineer, produced the plans for the new pipeline from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle. He informed the Meeting that the Specification would be prepared as soon as possible.

In reply to a query by Councillor Shortall, Mr. O'Connor stated that asbestos pipes would not become encrusted as happens with cast iron pipes.

On the proposal of the Chairman it was agreed that Mr. O'Connor be instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of laying a new 4" pipe from the service reservoir back to Mountgarret Castle to cater for existing premises and for future housing development.

It was also agreed to obtain an estimate for the replacement of the existing 3" pipe from the water tower to the Irishtown area by a new 3" pipe.

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Increasing the Available Supply.

The Consultant stated that if the supply to the town had to be increased at a later stage he considered that this could be done more economically by pumping from Poulmounty river than by increasing the existing impounding area at Dranagh. He pointed out that pumping would only be required in very dry seasons.

Filters.

The Consultant stated that Castlemoyle was the site most suitable for the erection of filters.

After a discussion it was agreed

1. That the Consulting Engineer submit definite proposals as soon as possible for the provision of filters and

2. That he should submit a report on the possibility of repairing and extending the existing Pennel Wylie filters at Dranagh.

3. That he should give consideration to the possibility of enlarging the existing reservoir at Dranagh as an alternative to pumping an auxiliary supply from Poulmounty should this become necessary.

URBAN ROADS GRANT 1961/62.

The proposals submitted by the Engineer for the resurfacing and improvement of William Street out of the Urban Roads Grant 1961/62 were approved.

NOMINEE TO ATTEND GENERAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Councillor W. Stafford was appointed the Council's representative to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

OFFICIAL GUIDE.

The Chairman proposed that discussion on this matter be adjourned until the next monthly Meeting.

Agreed.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor P. O'Brien pointed out that people living in New Ross, who wished to avail of the County Council dental services had to go to Wexford for attention and asked if a Dentist could visit the town.

The County Manager stated that the present position obtained because of the scarcity of Dentists who were mainly engaged in the treatment of children.

THE MEETING ENDED

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VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor Shortall
Seconded by the Chairman and passed

That the sympathy of the Council be extended to the relatives of the following people who died recently :-

Laurenee Furlong, Irishtown.

Mrs. Dunphy, High Hill.

Miss Hanlon, Ferrybank,

Mrs. Kielthy, Irishtown

Mrs. John Murphy, Ballykerogue.

The Chairman suggested that in future it might be a good plan to confine the votes of sympathy to the relatives of people with whom the Council in its official capacity would have contact, for example present and past members of the Council, employees, etc.

Councillor Shortall stated that there was nothing in Standing Orders restricting the passing of votes of sympathy in any way but after a short discussion the Chairman ruled that it appeared to be the wish of the majority of the Council to have votes of sympathy confined as already suggested.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Eamon O'Cléirigh. 18-4-'61.

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TUESDAY, IIth DAY OF APRIL, I96I.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, IIth April, I96I, at 7.30 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors M. Reddy, Senator E. Kissane, W. Stafford, M. Murphy, J.J. Shortall and H. Lauder.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

ROADS

Gross Expenditure of £2I27 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £I225 were adopted leaving the net amount to be levied at £902.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The Estimate of £I030 for sewers and water supply maintenance was reduced by £234 to £796 and the Estimate of £I32 for the upkeep of the Public Convenience was reduced by £36 to £96.

Gross Expenditure of £8938 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £2768 were adopted leaving the net amount to be levied at £6I70.

HOUSING.

The Estimate of £I000 for the maintenance of the Council houses was reduced by £I00 to £900.

Gross Expenditure of £I2,268 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £I0,756 were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £200 leaving the net amount to be levied at £I3I2.

GENERAL PURPOSES

Allotments: The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Minister had refused to sanction the allotments scheme for the coming year as only I2 people had applied for plots thereby causing the economic rent to be excessive. The provision of £I65 under receipts and expenditure for allotments would therefore have to be struck out.

Gross Expenditure of £I7792 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £275I were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £4I2 leaving the net amount to be levied at £I4629.

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SUMMARY

Net expenditure as per County Manager's Estimate		£23,383.
Reductions		
Sanitary Services	£270	
Housing	£I00	370
Net Expenditure allowed by Council		£23,0I3

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and resolved:

"That having considered the Estimates of Expenses and receipts, as prepared and submitted to us, the requirements of all relevant enactments relating to the giving of notices, deposit of Estimates for inspection, etc., having been complied with, we hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A.B. and C and determine in accordance with the said estimate a rate of £2 in the £ to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the services of the financial year ending 3Ist March, I962.

SALARIES OF COUNCIL OFFICIALS.

The following salary scales for Council Officials were approved by the Council in accordance with Section 6 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955, with effect from Ist August, I960.

Town Clerk: £790 x £30 to £I000.

Clerical Officer: £350 x £25 to £550 x £30 to £850

Before the Meeting concluded the members present expressed disappointment that the rates had been increased but it was the general feeling that this was inevitable if the services were to be maintained and improved to cater for expanding industrial activity and the needs of the people.

The Chairman on behalf of the members thanked the County Manager and officials for the manner in which the Estimates were prepared and for their supervision of the Council's business throughout the year.

The Meeting ended.

P Thornton
16. May 1961

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TUESDAY, 18th APRIL, 1961.

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: H. Lauder, Senator E. Kissane, W. Stafford, M. Murphy.

Chairman: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Senator E. Kissane was unanimously elected Chairman of the Meeting.

In attendance: H. Finnegan, B.E., and J. Honeyne, Town Clerk.

A message was received from the County Manager regretting his inability to be present.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the following whose deaths occurred recently, all of whom were prominent in public affairs in Wexford :-

Denis Allen, T.D., a former member of the Wexford County Council,
Martin Murphy, a member of Enniscorthy Urban Council and
Joseph Doris, County Engineer.

Minutes of March Monthly Meeting.

The Minutes of the March Monthly Meeting were taken as read, having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of Estimates Meeting.

It was agreed to have the Minutes of the Estimates Meeting circulated to the Members.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

I. National Bank - Loan of £360.

The draft mortgage in connection with the raising of a loan of £360 was received from the National Bank.

It was resolved :-

"That pursuant to the letter of sanction dated 27th day of March 1961 of the Minister for Local Government the sum of £360 be borrowed from the National Bank Ltd. for the purpose of defraying cost of expenditure on the purchase of a trailer for domestic refuse collection, to be repaid within five years with interest at the appropriate rate charged by the Bank from time to time for such advances as in the said letter of sanction provided the said loan and interest thereon to be secured by a Mortgage over the Rates and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Mortgage to the National Bank Ltd."

2. Resolutions.

Consideration of resolutions from the following bodies was deferred until the next Meeting :-

(a) From Corporation of Dunlaoghaire - re Health Charges.

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(b) Castlebar U.D.C. re discrimination against Urban Dwellers in granting of Government aid.

3. Resolution from Carlow U.D.C.

A Resolution from Carlow U.D.C. calling on the Minister for Social Welfare to make Grants available for the construction of buildings for School Meals was marked "read".

4. Auditor's Report and Abstract of Accounts.

The Abstract of Accounts and Auditor's Report for year ending 31st March, 1961 were presented to the Meeting.

GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

Consideration of the question of the publication of an Official Guide to New Ross by the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd., was deferred until the next Meeting.

SPECIAL HOUSING MEETING.

It was agreed that the Special Meeting to discuss the Housing Needs be held before the next Monthly Meeting on a date to be fixed by the Chairman and Town Clerk.

DATE OF RATES MEETING.

Tuesday, 16th May, at 7.30 was fixed as the date for holding the Rates Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Site of New Bridge.

In reply to a question by Councillor Murphy, the Engineer stated that the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny had reached agreement on the site of the New Bridge and on the question as to whether an opening span should be provided. A local Inquiry would now have to be held at which any ratepayer can be heard.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Minihan

16- May 1961

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A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Friday 12th May, 1961 at 7.30 p.m. o'clock to consider the housing requirements of the town.

PRESENT: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, Presiding and Councillors M. Murphy and W. Stafford.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. T.F. Broe, Co. Manager and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Council Housing:

Mr. Stafford stated that he had received applications from fourteen people for rehousing. In addition he had been informed that, when the new Albatross Factory was completed, housing accommodation would be required for a further sixty people.

The Chairman stated that all available derelict sites in the town should be examined and if found suitable, acquired as housing sites.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the area between Goat Hill and the Bullawn be inspected.

After a long discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Mr. Stafford and agreed that eight houses be erected in Nolans field, at the Charleton Hill side and that a further twelve houses be erected on the William St. side of the same field.

Private Housing Site Development:

It was agreed to ascertain from the owners of the following fields if they would be prepared to dispose of their interest to the Council should the demand for private building sites be forthcoming -

1. The field called the Bowling green,
2. The field adjoining the roadway at Creywell Mountgarret Cross.
3. Field opposite the Church at Rosbercon.

A Minihan

16 May 1961

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TUESDAY, 16th MAY, 1961

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross on Tuesday, 16th May, 1961 at 7.25 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1962.

PRESENT:- A. Minihan, Chairman presiding and Councillors H. Lauder, M. Reddy, W. Stafford and M. Murphy.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Making of Municipal Rate:

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr. Lauder and resolved -

"That we raise the sum of Twenty thousand, four hundred and nineteen pounds, thirteen shillings and six pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of Forty shillings in the Pound, for the financial year ending 31st March, 1962, on the property situate within the Urban District of New Ross, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1946 and the Acts and Orders incorporated therewith and subsequent thereto and the same to be collected in two moities: -

The first on or before 30th September, 1961, together with Arrears of Four hundred and forty two pounds twelve shillings and ten pence and the second on or before 31st March, 1962.

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Rate Book, which was signed by all members present.

A Minihan
20- June 1961

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TUESDAY, 16th MAY, 1961

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 16th May, 1961 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors H. Lauder, W. Stafford, M. Murphy and M. Reddy.

IN ATTENDANCE: H. Finnegan, B.E. Engineer and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Estimates Meeting held on the 11th April, 1961 and of the ordinary monthly meeting held on the 18th April, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and together with the minutes of the special housing meeting held on the 12th May, which were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minutes:

NEW ROSS BRIDGE:

Councillor M. Murphy stated that the Council should submit its views on the site of the New Bridge.

Mr. M. Reddy suggested that the Council propose that an opening span be provided.

The Chairman proposed that a special meeting of the Council be held, prior to the holding of the public inquiry in connection with the provision of the new bridge, at which the Council's proposals could be formulated for submission to the inquiry.

This was agreed.

Correspondence and Reports:

Resolution from Corporation of Dunlaoghaire - Health Charges

(1) A resolution dated 28th March, 1961 from the Corporation of DunLaoghaire, demanding that charges under the Health Act be paid wholly out of Government Central funds was again discussed, having been deferred from the previous meeting.

The Chairman pointed out that in order to ensure that the farming community paid its share of the Health Charges it was necessary that portion of the cost fall on the ratepayer rather than on the tax payers.

After further discussion it was agreed to defer the matter again until the next meeting when more particulars of the incidence of cost would be available.

(2) A resolution from Castlebar Urban District Council, dated 22nd March, 1961, discussion on which had been deferred from the previous meeting, was again considered. The resolution called on the Minister for Local Government to take steps to remedy the discrimmination against Urban areas in the granting of State assistances to Local authorities, and also to indicate if it was considered advisable that Urban authorities be abolished.

The resolution was adopted, with the ommission of the part dealing with the abolition of Urban Authorities. It was also

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agreed to introduce the question of State financial assistance at the Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities.

(3) Rate Collection - Year Ending 31st March, 1961

The Town Clerk reported that the rate collection for the year amounting to £19,240. 17.6. out of a Warrant of £19,924. 16. 2. represented a percentage collection of 97½% and was considered very satisfactory.

The Arrears Sheets for the year, which showed a sum of £442. 12. 10. carried forward for subsequent collection and an amount of £38. 15. 3. written off as irrecoverable, were before the meeting.

OFFICIAL GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

An application from the Irish and Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd., Dublin for permission to publish an Official Guide to New Ross was again considered.

It was agreed to invite the Harbour Board, the Chamber of Commerce to nominate a member each to form, with a representative of the Council, a committee to examine the matter. The Chairman was appointed the Council's representative.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Visit of United States Ambassador:

The Chairman informed the meeting that the American Ambassador would like to meet the members of the Urban Council in the Royal Hotel on the occasion of his visit to the ancestral home of President Kennedy in Dunganstown. All were requested to be present.

Repair and Renovation of Tholsel

The Chairman drew attention to the dilapidated condition of the Tholsel internally and externally and pointed out that in its present state it was not suitable for the performance of official duties.

It was agreed to get an estimate for repairs, from the Engineer for the next meeting, and if necessary to raise a loan for the work.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P Meenehan
20 June 1961

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TUESDAY 20th DAY OF JUNE I96I

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 20th day of June I96I, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the Ordinary business of the Council.

Present: A Minihan, Chairman, presiding and
Councillors G. Donovan, M. Reddy, M. Murphy,
Senator E. Kissane and W. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, Engineer, and J. Honayne, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes:-

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th May, I96I, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Rates Meeting were read, approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:

NEW ROSS BRIDGE

In reply to a question by Councillor Donovan, the County Manager stated the Council would not be required to contribute directly to the cost of the new bridge, but that portion of the loan charges would fall on the Urban Area as part of the County at large charge.

It was agreed to notify the County Secretary that the Council wished to submit its views at the Local Enquiry.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

I. Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Acts.

A letter dated 8th June, I96I, was received from the Department of Local Government indicating that issues from the Local Loans Fund would in future be available for the purpose of making advances to persons having incomes up to £I,040. This maximum replaces the former limit of £832 a year.

2. Swimming Pools.

A letter dated 6th June, I96I, was received from the Department of Local Government encouraging Sanitary Authorities to provide or assist in the provision of swimming pools. It was indicated that loans for this purpose would be available from the Local Loans fund, and that State financial assistance to approved projects would normally amount to 50% of the Loan Charges.

All the members present agreed that a swimming pool was highly desirable both for recreation and training in life-saving.

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It was agreed to bring the terms of the letter to the notice of the local Swimming Pool Committee and to nominate Senator Kissane, Councillor Donovan and Councillor Stafford to represent the Council on the Committee.

3. Resolution from Dun Laoghaire Corporation - Incidence of Health Charges.

A letter dated 28th March, 1961, containing a Resolution demanding that Health Charges be paid wholly out of Government Funds were marked "read".

4. Resolution from Castlebar Urban Council.

A Resolution dated 23rd May, 1961, was read from Castlebar Urban Council calling on the Government to set up a commission to enquire into the rating system and Local Government finance generally.

The Council agreed that no action need be taken on the resolution as the Government had recently appointed financial experts to examine the whole question of Local Taxation.

5. Improvements to Tholsel.

A report dated 14th June, 1961 was received from the Engineer enclosing specification for the carrying out of improvements to the Tholsel at an estimated cost of £1283.

It was agreed to execute the improvements specified by the Engineer.

It was proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Councillor Donovan and resolved:

"That a loan of £1300 be raised from the Council's Treasurer, The National Bank Ltd., for a period of ten years for the purpose of defraying the cost and incidental expenses of carrying out improvements to the Tholsel building and that the approval of the Minister for Local Government to the raising of the said loan be and is hereby requested."

It was also agreed that Mr. Finnegan and Councillor Donovan design a suitable mozaic for the hallway.

OFFICIAL GUIDE

A letter dated 8th June, 1961, was received from the Harbour Board stating that Mr. P.J. Dolan would represent the Harbour Board on the Official Guide Committee.

The Town Clerk stated that the Chamber of Commerce would be represented by Mr. P.A. Brennan.

Mr. G. Donovan was appointed to the Committee, with the Chairman, who had been appointed at the previous Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman stated that sign posts to Dunganstown was required at the Tholsel, Duncannon, Stokestown and Ballykelly.

On the suggestion of Councillor Donovan it was agreed that the Engineer prepare a map which would be displayed in front of the Tholsel indicating the route to Dunganstown.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday, 27th June, 1961, at 7.30 p.m., was fixed as the date and time for holding the Annual Meeting.

HOUSING.

1. Artizan's Dwellings - Proposed new houses at Nolan's Field (20), and Windmill Lane/William Street (6).

A letter dated 15th June was received from the County Engineer recommending that a Quantity Surveyor be appointed for the proposed scheme of 20 houses at Nolan's Field.

After a discussion it was agreed not to appoint a Quantity Surveyor.

2. Provision of Site for Private House Building.

As instructed at the previous meeting the Engineer submitted a report dated 14th June on a few possible sites for private house building in the Urban Area.

Two of the sites were owned by Mr. William O'Shea, Tinakilly, who has indicated his willingness to sell either.

One of the sites was owned by the Tottenham Estate and held under lease by Mr. Richard Bailey, Irishtown, who was willing to dispose of his interest to the Council.

The remaining site was also owned by the Tottenham Estate and held under lease by Mr. J. Stafford, Irishtown, who was also willing to dispose of his interest if a price could be agreed.

Before proceeding any further with the matter it was agreed on the suggestion of Senator Kissane to get a report on the field owned by Mr. W. Ronan at Charleton Hill.

At the outset of the discussion, Councillor Donovan apologised for his absence at earlier Meetings, at which housing problems were discussed, owing to illness and other circumstances beyond his control.

OTHER BUSINESS.

1. The Chairman referred to the case of a house at Wexford Street, where sanitary facilities had been installed but which could not get a supply of water as it was over 50 yards from the main, and he asked if it would be possible to extend the main at this point to facilitate the occupier of the house in question and others in the street who would be anxious to connect.

It was agreed that the Engineer investigate the possibility of connecting the house to the supply of the nearest neighbouring pipe, as a temporary expedient, pending the improvement of the supply position.

2. In reply to Councillors Reddy, the County Manager stated that a lawn mower had been purchased and would be made available to Mrs. Merrigan, High Hill, for maintaining the Council Garden there.

In reply to Councillor Reddy, the Town Clerk stated that half a dozen litter baskets were ordered and permission sought from the E.S.B. and Post Office for their erection on poles throughout the town.

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HOTEL CORNER.

Councillor Reddy stated that he did not wish to see the widened corner opposite the Royal Hotel used as a car park and he suggested that barriers be erected.

It was agreed to write to the Garda authorities to have excessive parking prevented.

USE OF DUMP AS PLAYGROUND.

Councillor Reddy suggested that a gate be provided at the dump to provide an entrance to children who used the dump for playing owing to the absence of a suitable playing ground.

The Council agreed that while they were sympathetic with the proposal, it would not be advisable to encourage the use of any portion of the dump as a playground for children, in its present state owing to the danger from broken glass and from the point of view of public health.

THE MEETING ENDED.

Gerard O'Gorman

20-7-'01.

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ANNUAL MEETING

27th JUNE I96I

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday, 27th June, I96I, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors G. Donovan, H. Lauder, Senator E. Kissane, M. Reddy, P. O'Brien and M. Murphy.

In attendance: J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor A. Minihan was proposed by Senator Kissane and seconded by Councillor H. Lauder.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared himself elected and signed the declaration accepting office. The Chairman thanked the members for re-electing him and for their co-operation and help throughout the year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor G. Donovan was proposed by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Reddy.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan elected.

Councillor Donovan thanked the members, and signed the declaration accepting office.

ILLNESS OF COUNCILLOR STAFFORD.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a message had been received from Councillor Stafford regretting his inability to be present owing to illness.

The Council asked the Town Clerk to convey their best wishes to Councillor Stafford and to wish him a speedy return to health.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan.
26-6-1962

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TUESDAY, 18th JULY, 1961.

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: Senator E. Kissane, Councillors P. O'Brien, W. Stafford and H. Lauder.

In attendance: S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, H. Finnegan, Engineer and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

Presiding Chairman:

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Senator E. Kissane was moved to the Chair, on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Lauder.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th June, 1961, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and after the correction of a typographical error were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minutes :

Councillor R. O'Brien referred to the employment of Leaving Certificate students on the Traffic Census which had recently been taken by the County Council in connection with the provision of the new bridge and stated that local men registered at the Unemployment Exchange should have been employed instead of students.

The Chairman ruled that as the matter in question was a matter for the County Council it could not be properly discussed at the Urban Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

1. Association of Municipal Authorities.

A letter dated 30th June was read from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, stating that the annual Conference of the Association would be held on 19th, 20th and 21st September. The Council were requested to have motions they wished to have on the agenda submitted before 19th August.

It was agreed to wait until the next Meeting before discussing the submission of Motions.

2. Public Conveniences

A letter dated 28th June, 1961, was received from the Department of Local Government urging Sanitary Authorities to provide Sanitary Conveniences where necessary. It was indicated that a subsidy on loan charges amounting to 60% would be payable in Urban Districts whose valuations are under £25,000.

As a public convenience had been provided by the Council in recent years it was decided to take no action in the matter.

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3. Visit of American Naval Vessel.

Arising from a Communication from the Department of External Affairs in connection with efforts being made locally to secure the visit of an American Naval Vessel to New Ross Harbour, it was agreed that the Council send a formal invitation to His Excellency the American Ambassador, to arrange the visit.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1961, was placed before the Meeting.

HOUSING.

PROPOSED TWENTY SIX NEW HOUSES.

A letter dated 7th July, 1961, from the County Engineer stated that the preparation of the specification for the new houses at New Ross would be delayed somewhat owing to the volume of work on which the Council's Architect was at present engaged.

The Town Clerk undertook to request the Architect to submit the documents as soon as possible.

SITES FOR PRIVATE HOUSES.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that he had interviewed Mr. Tom Ronan, Charleton Hill, who had expressed his willingness to dispose of his field at Charleton Hill to the Council as a site for private housing.

The Town Clerk asked the members to submit the names of any persons they knew to be interested in the erection of a private house if a developed site were available.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Change of Date of Meeting.

As the August Monthly Meeting was due to be held on a Church Holiday, it was agreed to hold it on Tuesday, August 8th, a week earlier than usual.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKMEN.

In reply to a question by Councillor O'Brien, the Engineer stated that County Council workers were paid the town rate of wages when employed in the town.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Meehan
8-8-1961

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