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TUESDAY, 8th AUGUST, 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 and Councillors J. J. Shortall, H. Lauder, G. Donovan, Senator A. Kisanne, W. Stafford and M. Murphy.

In Attendance: Mr. T. F, Broe, County Manager and J. Ronayne, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The minutes of monthly meeting held on 18th July, 1961, were taken as read, having being circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes.

On the proposal of Councillor Shortall, seconded by Councillor Donovan the Council expressed its appreciation to Mr. George Flannery for permitting portion of the yard at the junction of Bridge St. /North St., to be used to widen the road at this point.

RESIGNATION OF TOWN CLERK.

The County Manager informed the meeting that he had received the resignation of Mr. J. Ronayne as Town Clerk, with effect from 31st August, 1961, consequent on Mr. Ronayne's appointment as County Accountant to Kerry County Council. The Chairman and other members present joined with the Manager in thanking Mr. Ronayne for his services and in wishing him every sucess in his new appointment.

In his reply, Mr. Ronayne thanked the County Manager and staff, the Chairman and Council for their kindness and assistance at all times.

LATE MR. T. C. COURTNEY

Councillor Shortall referred to the recent death of Mr. T. C. Courtney former Chief Engineering Inspecter, Department of Local Government, and said that he would like to record his appreciation of Mr. Courtney's services for New Ross.

OFFICIAL GUIDE.

In reply to a question by Councillor Donovan, the Town Clerk stated that the draft editorial for the proposed New Ross Guide would be ready shortly.

EMPLOYMENT AND EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1961/62.

Notification was received from the Department of Local Government that a grant of £1,000 would be made available in the current year in New Ross under the Employment and Emergency Schemes Vote, subject to a local contribution of £135.

It was agreed that Councillors would submit proposals at the September meeting.

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MOTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

It was agreed to submit the following motions to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland.

1. "That we request the Local Appointments Commissioners to include the Chairman of an Urban District Council or the Manager of a Borough Corperation on selection Boards set up to recommend persons for appointment to the office of Town Clerk."

2. Industrial Grants Act 1959.

"That we call upon the government to amend the Industrial Grants Act 1959, so as to allow grants to be paid to the promoters of industries in areas, other than the undeveloped areas, irrespective of whether or not the industry concerned could be located in an undeveloped area."

3. "That we call on the Minister for Local Government to increase the present capital limit of £1,500 on which subsidy towards the loan charges incurred on the erection of houses under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts are paid."

4. "That the Post Office and E.S.B. authorities be required to submit to the local authority concerned, particulars and plans of any operations involving the disturbance of roads and footpaths, and that they be required to pay a deposit to ensure that the road or footpath is restored in a satisfactory manner within two months after the completion of these operations.

5. "That the Post Office and E.S.B. authorities ensure that all poles erected by them do not lean over the roadway in such a manner as to prevent vehicles from parking close to the kerbside."

HOUSING.

Proposed 26 New Council Houses.

The Town Clerk stated that he had been informed by the Councils Architect that plans and specifications for the new houses would be available for the September meeting.

SITES FOR PRIVATE HOUSES.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that four persons had indicated that they would consider erecting houses if sites were provided. No definite commitments could, however, be entered into at this stage.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Lauder that a brochure be prepared giving details of the financial assistance available by way of grants and loans, to persons erecting houses.

It was also agreed to write to the Urban Councils of Birr and Tullamore to ascertain when they had built houses for letting at an economic rent to persons who would not normally be housed by a local authority.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Donovan referred to a house at Cockpit Lane, the end wall of which had not been plastered after the demolition of the adjoining building, and asked if the Council could remedy the defects. The County Manager, stated that as the Council had not carried out the demolition, they had no power to repair the wall.

THE MEETING ENDED.

E Donovan
19th September '61

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TUESDAY 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1961

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Tuesday 19th day of September, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., to transact the ordinary business of the Council.

Present: Councillors G. Donovan, H. Lauder, W. Stafford M. Reddy and Senator E. Kisane.

IN Attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Donovan, presided.

Confirmation of Minutes:-

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 8th August, 1961 were taken as read, having been circulated to the member, and being approved, were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Stafford enquired if the Plans and Specifications for the six houses proposed to be erected at William Street and Windmill Lane had been received.

The Deputy County Manager informed Councillor Stafford that the Plans and Specifications were available for the Meeting.

Councillor Lauder asked if the Brochure giving information to persons interested in building their own houses was available.

The Acting Town Clerk stated that copies of the Brochure would be available at the office within a week. Copies would also be posted to persons interested, who had previously called at the office making enquiries in connection with this matter.

Letter dated 13th September 1961, was read, from Birr Urban District Council, stating that no houses were built by them for letting at an economic rent to persons who would not normally be housed by a local authority.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a similar reply had been received by telephone from Tullamore Urban District Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

TIDY TOWNS COMETITION 1961

Letter dated 15adh Mean Fomhair, 1961, was read, from the Secretary, Wexford County Council congratulating the Council on their creditable record in the Tidy Towns Competition 1961.

The Chairman suggested that the Council should appeal to the citizens of New Ross to take more interest in the amenities of the town. If people living in the vicinity of the gardens took more interest in them there would be no vandalism.

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The Engineer produced one of the 12 plaques depicting the Battle of Ross which had been damaged. He stated that three other plaques had been badly damaged also and in his opinion the damage could not be done by children.

After a discussion it was agreed that an appeal be made to the school children. Mr. Finnegan agreed to ask one of the local Clergy to go around to the schools with him.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1961/62

Mr. Finnegan submitted the following proposals under above scheme:-

1. Corner Widening: Creywell/Mountgarret Road, Estimated cost £554. 0. 0

2. Area in the Vicinity of St. Stephen's Cemetery: Grade mechanically area from Bungalows to St. Stephen's Cemetery. Alter drainage system. Estimated cost.

£120. 0. 0

Sheet area with rubble, consolidate by rolling surface with broken stone and surface dress. Estimated cost.

£300. 0. 0

Provide concrete channels and kerbs. Estimated cost.

£ 60. 0. 0

Provide masonery flower strips at both sides of Cemetery entrance. Estimated cost. £ 36. 0. 0

Remove two electric poles. Estimated cost.

£ 40. 0. 0

Provide ornamental trees and guards. Estimated cost.

£ 25. 0. 0

Total £581. 0. 0

Councillor Lauder stated that the cost of widening Creywell corner seemed pretty high and suggested that some of the money should be used to improve the drainage system at the lower end of Creywell Road.

Councillor Stafford suggested that the Councillors submit their proposals before they decide on schemes submitted by the Engineer.

Councillor Reddy suggested:-

1. that the area from the Bosheen to St. Stephen's Cemetery be filled in with tar macadam instead of rubble,

2. the carriageway at High Hill.

The Engineer stated that the carriageway at High Hill would be done under maintenance.

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Councillor Lauder suggested laying of footpath from John Street to Royal Hotel as this was in a very bad condition.

Councillor Stafford suggested that something should be done about the present Dump at Priory Street. He also stated that the passageway from St. Mary's Terrace to South Street was in a very bad condition, also the footpath at South Quay.

The Engineer stated that it was proposed to include that passageway under the Amenity Grant Scheme for Barrack Lane, and the footpaths at South Quay would be done under ordinary maintenance as it was only a matter of lifting the flags and resetting them.

After a discussion it was unanimously decided to carry out the following works:-

1. The work proposed by Mr. Finnegan, B.E. for area in vicinity of St. Stephen's Cemetery.

2. Laying of footpath at John Street to Royal Hotel.

3. Filling in of area from Bosheen to St. Stephen's Cemetery with tar macadam and providing concrete channels and kerbs.

AMENITY GRANTS

Letter P. 5/61 dated 31st August, 1961, was read from the Department of Local Government, giving particulars of a new scheme of grants for works of Public Amenity. The main object of the grants is to facilitate works in areas where adequate grants for amenity development are not available.

It was agreed that the Engineer submit a scheme for the Council's consideration at next Meeting.

Letter dated 5th September, 1961, was read, from Messrs T.J. Kelly & Son, Solicitors, for the Sisters of Mercy, New Ross, complaining of constant nuisance being committed by the dumping of refuse and waste materials of every kind on a plot of ground at Barrack Lane adjoining the Community's property and requesting the permission of the Council to enclose this plot so as to prevent further trespass or nuisance.

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter pending the submission by the Engineer of a scheme to include Barrack Lane under Amenity Grants.

CORNER WIDENING: Mountgarret Lane.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a sum of £5 was due to Mr. Richard Bailey, Irishtown, New Ross, as compensation for piece of land acquired by the Council from him for corner widening at Creywell/Mountgarret Road, and requesting authority for the payment.

Prpposed by Councillor Stafford
Soconded by The Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to pay the sum of £5 as compensation to Mr. Richard Bailey.

LITTER BASKETS

Letter dated 22nd August, 1961, was read, from the

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Electricity Supply Board, stating that they will have no objection to granting permission for the erection of Litter Baskets on the Board's Poles in New Ross provided the Council complies with the conditions set out in the licence.

It was unanimously agreed to comply with the conditions set out in the Licence.

Proposed by Senator Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

The Seal of the Council was embossed on the Licence and witnessed by the Chairman.

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SECTION 3

Letter dated 5th August, 1961, was read, from the Consulting Engineer recommending:-

1. the laying of a 4" diam. P.V.C. pipe from the Water Tower to Irishtown to replace existing 3" main at estimated cost of £2131. 0. 0

2. the laying of a 4" diam. P.V.C. pipe from Castlemoyle Service Reservoir to Mountgarret Castle to service existing premises on the line and to facilitate future housing development at estimated cost of £2403. 0. 0

After a discussion and on the recommendations of the County Manager and Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, it was

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Senator Kissane

and agreed to accept the consultants recommendation for the laying of 4" diam. P.V.C. pipe from the Water Tower to Irishtown at estimated cost of £2131. 0. 0

As regards the laying of 4" main from the Castlemoyle Service Reservoir to Mountgarret Castle the Council considered this to be a matter for the Wexford County Council, as the connections are outside the Urban Boundary. The estimated cost of £2403. 0. 0 would need to be considered in relation to the number of connections.

It was unanimously agreed to adjourn consideration of this proposal until the views of the Wexford County Council are ascertained.

PROPOSED 7" MAIN FROM BALLYLEIGH TO CASTLEMOYLE.

Proposed by Senator Kissane
Soconded by Councillor Reddy

It was unanimously agreed to authorise the Consultants to proceed with the preparation of contract documents for the laying of a 7" main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle as already agreed on by the Council.

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REVISION OF SALARY OF RATE AND RENT COLLECTOR

The County Manager's proposal to increase salary of Mr. T, Kirwan, Rate and Rent Collector, with effect as from 1st August, 1960, was submitted to the Council for their approval as follows:-

Present Remuneration:

Rent £215
Rates £375

£590 plus bonus £185.

Proposal for Submission for Sanction:

Rent £240
Rates £400

£640 plus bonus £185 as at present.

Proposed by Councillor Stafford
Siconded by Senator Kissane

It was unanimously agreed to grant an increase in salary of £50 per annum to the Rate and Rent Collector as proposed by the County Manager.

ERECTION OF 6 HOUSES AT WINDMILL LANE AND WILLIAM STREET.

The Deputy County Manager submitted Plans and Specification for the erection of 4 houses at William Street and two at Windmill Lane. The houses have three bedrooms, one large livingroom, scullery, bathroom and store.

The members having examined the plans with Mr. Finnegan, Engineer,

Proposed by Senator Kissane
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

The plans for the erection of 6 houses at Windmill Lane and William Street as submitted were approved.

ITINERANTS

Councillor M. Reddy stated that itinerants were a public nuisance to the people of New Ross and that the Council should use their powers to have them removed.

The Deputy County Manager stated that it was almost impossible to enforce the Law, as if the itinerants moved into the next County they would be outside the jurisdiction.

It was decided to ask the County Council to take action to have them removed.

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ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE 1960

Letter dated 21st August, 1961, from the Honorary Secretary, Association of Municipal Authorities, enclosing letter from the Secretary, Department of Local Government replying to the various resolutions passed at the 1960 Conference, was read.

Noted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Reddy referred to the unsightly and dangerous shore at the Mary Street end of Chapel Lane and also a gully trap at Mr. Corcorans at Irishtown need replacement. He also stated that two trees at Irishtown, outside the bungalows, needed clipping as they threw a shadow on the steps at night.

Referred to Engineer.

The Chairman drew attention to the condition of shores at old Dispensary at Mary Street and at Rosbercon.

Senator Kissane also drew attention to condition of a shore at Priory Street.

Referred to Engineer.

THE MEETING ENDED

17 Oct 1961

P. Minihan

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TUESDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 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: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding and Councillors G. Donovan, W. Stafford, M. Murphy H. Lauder and Senator E. Kissane.

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

Confirmation of Minutes:-

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th September, 1961, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 4th October, 1961, was read from the Electricity Supply Board concerning malicious damage to public lights in New Ross. In the upper portion of the town lamps and glass shades have been broken in William Street, Jones Hill, Nunnery Lane, Harvey Place, Wexford Road, and Barrack Lane. The place where damage has occurred most frequently are Barrack Lane, Jones Hill and William Street.

It was decided to appeal to the citizens of the town, through the Press, to report damage to public property.

TIDY TOWN COMPETITION 1961

Letter dater 4th September, 1961, was read from Bord Failte giving results and classification of the 1961 Tidy Towns competition and also a breakdown of the marks scored by New Ross with the adjudicator's comments as follows:-

Maximum Marks	100
Actual Marks	72

Adjudicators Remarks:

This town provides a very bright cheerful appearance in the main commercial centre including the quay side. Domestic housing is very well and cheerfully painted. It is a great pity that the main bridge mars the whole effect and that so many railings and gates are neglected. The careful painting of the neat metal protective railingsto the new trees was noted but the failure to replace the trees destroyed is surprising. Trees on the path outside the District Hospital should be replaced. The trespass notice boards in the District and Fever Hospitals are grubby. At the area around the '98 Monument is unkempt. There was much litter around the outskirts of the town and many rusty gates. Many public buildings such as the Garda Station and Town Hall were excellent but the Court House requires attention.

Councillor Donovan suggested that a sub-committee be appointed at the beginning of the year to look after all small items and get places cleaned up.

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Councillor Lauder stated that the bridge was bad and that bits and pieces were hanging out of it.

The County Manager stated he would look into the matter of the general cleaning up of the bridge and also the other matters affecting the County Council.

BARRACK LANE AMENITY SCHEME

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., submitted a report and estimate for the widening of Barrack Lane and the provision of a central car park under the Amenity Grants Scheme, as Follows:-

A rational road widening scheme for Barrack Lane would open up a new traffic line in the town. This has obvious advantages:-

1. It would relieve the peak traffic loads on South Street, Quay Street, and North Street.

2. It would provide a central car parking site convenient to all commercial, business and administrative centres.

3. It would facilitate the introduction of parking bye-laws.

4. It might open sites for further development in the area.

The scheme, however, has the following disadvantages:-

1. It will be expensive to carry out.

2. The siting of the two Convent Schools at the Michael St., end of the proposed throughfare raises certain pedestrian haxards for young people. A statutory zebra crossing would be the minimum requirement in any future scheme.

It should also be borne in mind that Barrack Lane serves the back entrances to most business premises on one side of South St. - this factor would further help to relieve unloading and loading on the South St., carriageway.

DEMOLITION WORK

Demolish approximately 450 l. yds. of walling and dwelling-house at the junction of Mary Street and Barrack Lanes. Remove all surplus filling to dump. Widen entire length of carriage to a minimum overall width of 30' 0. inclusive of 2 no 6' path-ways. Erect 8' 0 high concrete wall -	£1,800. 0. 0
Central Car Park	600. 0. 0
Resurfacing	1,200. 0. 0
Pathways	1,400. 0. 0
Services:	
Provide for alteration to public lighting system, sewers and water services and any other features -	500. 0. 0
Total	£ 5,500. 0. 0

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This figure does not include compensation figures for:

(1) Demolition of house at Mary Street junction,
(2) Replacement of playsheds on convent grounds.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the work could be spread over a period of years and with the permission of the Minister they could utilise the Amenity and E.S.V. Grants.

After a discussion it was agreed to adopt the proposal in principle and that Mr. Finnegan prepare a comprehensive scheme for submission to the Department so as to ascertain how much of the work could be done under the Amenity Grant and how much under the E.S.V. Grant.

Letter dated 5th September, 1961, from Messrs T. J. Kelly & Son, Solicitors for the Sisters of Mercy, requesting permission to enclose a plot of ground at Barrack Lane was again before the Meeting.

It was unanimously decided that in view of the scheme already agreed on by the Council for Barrack Lane, it would not be possible to give permission to the Sisters of Mercy to enclose the plot.

It was agreed that Mr. Finnegan, B.E., interview the Rev. Mother in connection with the matter.

HOUSING

William Street and Windmill Lane Scheme.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the extimated all-in-cost of erection of the proposed 6 houses at William St. and Windmill Lane would be £1,632. The Loan Charges would be £107. 3. 5, administration £12. 0. 0. Allowing for 2/3rds subsidy the rent would be approximately 20/7d exclusive of rates.

Noted.

Councillor Lauder considered that the Council should not be asked to build houses out of the ratepayers money for people who could well afford to build their own houses.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that houses in New Ross were now subsidised to a very small extent out of the rates. Up to 31st of March last the average cost on the rates per house was £1. 9. 9. Whereas up to a few years ago the average cost was up to £8 per house.

THE MEETING ENDED

E. Donovan
21st November 61

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TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER, 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:- G. Donovan, Vice-Chairman, presiding.
Councillors M. Murphy, H. Lauder, P. O'Brien, W. Stafford and M. Reddy.

In Attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th October, 1961 were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Councillor Reddy inquired the present position as regards the car park at Barrack Lane.

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., informed Councillor Reddy that a comprehensive survey was being prepared and the owners of property were being approached with a view to ascertaining the amount of compensation.

CORRESPONDENCE

New Ross Bridge Letter dated 14th November, 1961, was read from the Department of Local Government stating that Mr. John Lee, B.E., Senior Engineering Inspector had been instructed to hold a public local inquiry into the application of the Wexford County Council for a Bridge Order in respect of the construction of a Bridge to replace the existing bridge at New Ross. The inquiry would commence at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 29th November, 1961, at the Courthouse New Ross.

Letter dated 13th November, 1961, was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, requesting to be informed whether members of the New Ross Urban District Council would wish to give evidence at the inquiry in support of the application.

Councillor Reddy stated that in his opinion the Council should be represented at the inquiry.

Councillor Stafford requested to be informed of the Council's opinion with regard to the fixed span.

The Chairman stated that in his opinion all the members were in favour of the open-span bridge.

After a discussion it was decided that Mr. A. Minihan and Mr. M. Murphy be appointed to represent the Council at the inquiry.

LAND AT CREYWELL
Sealing of Deed of Transfer.

Proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Councillor Stafford, and agreed

That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Transfer of the field at Creywell from the Land Commission to the Council.

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PLOT OF GROUND AT BARRACK LAND

Letter dated 18th November, 1961, from C. Daly, South Street, and James Cullen, Corner House, was read applying for a plot of ground in Barrack Lane, adjacent to the new Telephone Exchange, on which they propose to erect a garage.

Councillor Reddy suggested that the application be granted.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stated he would not recommend the erection of garages in Barrack Lane at present and suggested that pending the submission of a comprehensive scheme for a car park at Barrack Lane the matter be defered.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Lauder

it was unanimously agreed to defer consideration of the application until the comprehensive scheme for Barrack Lane was submitted by the Engineer.

HOUSING

Erection of 6 Houses at William Street, and Windmill Lane and 20 Houses at Nolan's Field, Charleton Hill.

Councillor Stafford requested to be informed of the present position regarding the erection of the six houses on derelict sites at William Street and Windmill Lane,

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Compulsory Purchase Order for two of the derelict sites had not yet been approved by the Department. The house plans etc., had been submitted to the Department and approval was awaited.

As regards the 20 houses at Charleton Hill, the Acting Town Clerk stated that the layout plan had been approved by the Department and house plans and specifications were being prepared by the archetect for submission to the Department.

HOUSING REPAIRS

Councillor Lauder asked if necessary housing repairs were being carried out to Council Houses.

Councillor O'Brien stated that a house at Ard-na-Greine had been damaged before the present tenant went into occupation but nothing had been done about it.

Councillor Reddy suggested that as the amount of money allocated for repairs each year was not sufficient, a loan be obtained for this purpose.

After a discussion

Peoposed by Councillor Lauder,
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

it was agreed that the Engineer submit a report on the condition of the houses together with an estimate of the cost of repairs.

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Councillor O'Brien stated that John Maddock tenant of a house at Bullaun, adjacent to the Councils two new houses, complained that the gable wall of his house became excessively damp since the erection of these two houses.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stated that he inspected the house of John Maddock and found that the sitting-room and Kitchen gable walls were extremely damp. He examined the exterior of the premises and found that the Southern gable had two cracks extending from the gable base upwards. The quality of the external plaster-work was poor. The ground area of the gable just above the foundation is not plastered in any way. The chimney stack required repointing as its present condition would contribute to the down damp.

In his opinion the construction of the two houses by the Council could not have contributed to this dampness in any way.

Noted.

INCREASE OF WAGES TO COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

Proposed by Councillor O'Brien
Seconded by Councillor Reddy, and passed unanimously

"That we hereby consent in accordance with Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the Order of the County Manager dated 9th November, 1961, granting an increase of 16/- per week to the Scavenging Staff and Waterworks Caretaker employed by the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Stafford stated that he noticed refuse was being dumped in the garden at Ard-na-Greine and on the proposed building site at Windmill Lane.

Referred to Health Inspector.

The Chairman suggested that the Council should do something about the road at Rosbercon leading from Shanbough to the Town Boundary, as it was in a very bad condition.

Mr. Finnegan stated that he would include this road for surface dressing in next years extimates.

The Chairman also drew attention to the condition of the surface of laneway from South Street to St. Mary's Terrace and the necessity for a light in this lane.

The matter was referred to Mr. Finnegan for his proposal for improvement of the lighting system in this area.

The Chairman referred to the report of the judges of the Tidy Town Competition regarding the replacement of ornamental trees which had been destroyed and suggested that the Council should consider the replanting of these trees.

After a discussion it was agreed that Mr. Finnegan, replant a few large trees.

The Chairman asked if something could be done with the old quarry site on the Enniscorthy road a short distance from the town as it was only a camping place for tinkers, and it was very unsightly. He suggested that the County Council be asked to clean up this site.

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Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, agreed to look into this matter.

Councillor Reddy referred to the unsightly condition of the garden at St. Joseph's Square. Something should be done about it or else remove it altogether. Water was seeping through the garden to some of the houses there. If this garden was removed it would be a very suitable place for parking cars on Sundays.

Councillor O'Brien agreed with Councillor Reddy's suggestion and stated that this would relieve the conjestion of traffic in Chapel Lane on Sundays.

No action.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Whitmore
19-12-1961

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TUESDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 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 W. Stafford, M. Reddy, P. O'Brien, E. Kissane and G. Donovan.

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

Confirmation of Minutes:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st November, 1961 were taken as read having been circulated to the members and being approved were signed by the Chairman.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENATOR KISSANE

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

A vote of congratulations was passed to Senator Kissane on his re-election to Seanad Eireann.

Senator Kissane returning thanks to the members stated that he would be only too glad to do his best for the town as a member of the Council.

Letter dated 19th December, 1961, was read from Councillor J. J. Shortall stating that owing to illness he was unable to attend the Meeting. He wished the Councillors, officials of the Council and the outdoor staff a very happy Christmas. He also wished to be associated with the vote of congratulation to Senator Kissane.

The Chairman proposed that the Council send their best wishes to Mr. Shortall for a happy Christmas and a speedy recovery from illness.

All the members, and the County Manager, on behalf of the staff, joined in the good wishes to Mr. Shortall.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

Letter dated 29th November, 1961, was read from the residents of Lower Maiden Lane stating that this street is constantly being used as a public convenience and requesting the Council to have a public light erected in the street.

Letter dated 14th December, 1961, was read from Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stating that he inspected this area and found the nuisance committed appalling. He recommended that a public light be erected on a new pole at the corner of the public garden and at the junction of High Hill cross-link carriageway.

He also reported that the situation in Brennan's Lane was similar to that at Lower Maiden Lane and he recommended that a public light be erected opposite the present telephone pole.

Mr. Finnegan suggested that in view of the nuisance committed in these areas pilot lights should be erected.

It was unanimously agreed to obtain quotations from the E.S.B. for the provision of public lights in these areas.

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HOUSING REPAIRS

The following report dated 19th December, 1961, was read from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E..

"As indicated by me at the last Urban Council Meeting there is no staff employed by the Urban Council to carry out Housing repairs. Repairs to Urban Houses are listed in chronclogical order in the office and if the type of complaint warrants, it is inspected by the Engineer. Usually this is not necessary. Any serious complaints are inspected by the County Council foreman, who reports back to the Engineer. If this complaint involves waterworks and sewerage the matter is investigated by the Waterworks Inspector and he reports back to the Engineer. Instruction are then given to what extent the works are to be carried out and when they are to be carried out. As the U.D.C. do not employ any skilled staff it is impossible to carry out this work expeditiously and consequently there is some times a considerable delay before the work is put in hands. This is understandable as County Council employees cannot be diverted from urgent cottage repairs or other priority Public Health works. I would like to point out that these skilled tradesmen were primarly employed by the County Council to complete their five year cottage repair and vesting programme.

The present system is, in my opinion, uneconomical and unwieldy and does not give good workmanlike results. Frequently County Council employees are diverted into the Urban area to carry out Urban work and leave other important work unfinished in the rural area. This practice is obviously not satisfactory.

I have already recommended that the U.D.C. employ on their staff a working foreman. I would recommend that this man be adaptable enough to carry out the hetrogenius repairs that crop up from time to time. This foreman's duties would include the actual carring out of certain housing repairs and the supervision of the scavenging service, the waterworks department, sewerage service and the various other services that comes within the jurisdiction of the local authority. He would also be required to furnish reports to the Engineer on any matters requeste His salary could be proportioned between -

(1) Housing Repairs
(2) Scavenging service, and other health charges
(3) As he would also be required to supervise Relief Grants, a proportion of his time should be included under this heading.

Under this system it would also be necessary to employ a mate or handyman to assist the foreman whenever he would be carrying out repair work. It might be possible to have this man employed on the Dump during his off periods. I think this type of system should be given a trial and I think it would give a better public service all round in the Urban area.

At the last meeting it was alleged that certain Urban houses appear to be in danger of collapse due to lack of repairs. I think this statement is rather fantastic. There is only one house that I know of that has a structural defect and at the moment I cannot say how serious the settlement crack in this particular house is, but the matter is under observation. It was also mentioned that a fire-place has fallen out of a house and it was not replaced. I inspected this house and must state that this report is completely incorrect, as the tenant could not show me any fireplace which had fallen out. The area round the fireplace, which was wallpapered, had evidently an area of defective plastering. The house is listed for repair work, when the plasterer is available, and I think that this complaint is really trivial".

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After a discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the County Manager, that the Engineer draw up a list of duties and conditions of employment for a general foreman to be employed by the Council and submit same for consideration by the Council at their next Meeting.

Councillor O8Brien referred to the condition of the fence at house at Town Wall, occupied by James Holden, which was damaged before the tenant went into occupation.

Referred to Engineer.

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Report dated 15th December, 1961, was read from Mr. H. Finnegan B.E., stating that he had completed a survey of the Barrack land area. There are ten owners, lessees and tenants involved, and it will be necessary to have a separate map prepared for each property. The area offers unlimited scope for central planned development and the provision of a car park could be considered as a final consideration. This area would prove eminently suitable for:

1. Central Fire and Training Station.
2. Public Convenience and Morgue.
3. The Proposed Public Health Clinic.
4. Public Library and Museum.
5. Premises and training ground for Civil Defence and rescue units.
6. Public Pound.

When the New Bridge will be erected it will be necessary to remove the existing fire Station , Public Convenience and Morgue, and this area would be most central and suitable for their siting.

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Engineers proposals together with plans etc., be submitted to the Department for approval.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the Engineer had reported that the Chimneys of seven houses at Irishtown, the property of the O'Brien Estate, where structurally dangerous. He also reported that an unoccupied house, the property of Mrs. K. Gibbons at Maiden Lane, was structurally dangerous and should be demolished.

Notices under the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847 requiring the owners to render the buildings structurally safe had been duly served on the owners.

Letter dated 3rd November, 1961, was read from Messrs T. J. Kelly & Son, Solicitors, Agents for O'Brien Estate, stating that they were unable to comply with the Notices for the reason that they had no money to the credit of the account of the O'Brien Estate. The rents received from the Estate was not sufficient to pay the outgoing and that there was a considerable deficit in the rent account at present.

Letter dated 13th December, 1961, was read from Mrs. K. Gibbons, owner of house at Maiden Lane, stating that her financial circumstances would not permit her to carry out the work of demolition of this house. She stated that the Council has her full authority to have the work of demolition carried out and to dispose of any salvage material.

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After a discussion it was agreed

(1) that legal advice be obtained as to the Council's responsibility should one of the defective chimneys on the O'Brien Estate collapse and cause injury to passengers.

(2) That the demolition of the house at Maiden Lane, owned by Mrs. K. Gibbons, be referred to the Engineer for inclusion under the E.S.V. Grant if sufficient money is available to carry out this work.

WILLIAM ST/WINDMILL LANE HOUSING SCHEME.

Compulsory Purchase Order

Letter dated 30th November, 1961, was read from the Department of Local Government in connection with above as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to refer to your letters of 30th ultimo and 22nd September, 1961 with enclosure, regarding the proposed erection of 4 houses at William Street and 2 houses at Windmill Lane, and to state that since a Compulsory Purchase Order has been submitted for the acquisition of the site of the proposed houses it is not open to the Minister to offer any comment at this stage on the documents submitted, which might prejudice the exercise of any functions he may have to perform in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order".

Councillor Stafford expressed disappointment at the delay by the Department in confirming the Compulsory Purchase Order.

After a discussion it was agreed that Senator Kissane would call to the Department on his next visit to Dublin with a view to having this matter expedited.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME - NOLANS FIELD (20 houses)

The Acting Town Clerk submitted a house plan for 20 houses at Charleton Hill.

Councillor Reddy suggested that the ornamental mullions be removed so that the windows would bemore compact and give more light.

After a discussion and on the recommendation of the Engineer it was agreed not to alter the plan but to submit them to the Department for approval.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK

The County Manager informed the Council of the appointment of Mr. R. V. Fitzpatrick, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, as Town Clerk of New Ross.

Noted.

PLOT OF GROUND AT CHAMBERSLAND

Sealing of Deed of Transfer

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan, and agreed

That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Transfer of the Plot at Chambersland to the Electricity Supply Board.

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ST. STEPHENS JOINT CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Auditors Report

The County Manager submitted the Auditor's Report on the accounts of the St. Stephen's Joint Cemetery Committee to the Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman referred to the resignation of Mr. Lynch who was part-time Veterinary Inspector with the Council for almost 50 years, and that in appreciation of his services he thought the Council should make a recommendation to the Minister to grant Mr. Lynch a gratuity for his services.

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by the Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to grant a gratuity to Mr. Lynch subject to the sanction of the Minister.

The Chairman having wished the Council and officials a happy Christmas,

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY I6th DAY OF JANUARY I962.

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, pre siding, and Councillors J.J. Shortall, H. Lauder, G. Donovan, W. Stafford and M. Murphy.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th December, I96I, 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 Stafford

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. William Cottrell, Shanbough, on the death of his aunt.

A vote of sympathy was also passed with the relatives of the late Miss Johanna Barron, Mary Street.

Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Stafford requested to be informed of the present position regarding the Compulsory Purchase Order for derelict sites.

The Acting Clerk informed Mr. Stafford that an offer had been made to the Tottenham Estate for the site at Windmill Lane and if this was agreed to the Compulsory Purchase Order would be withdrawn.

Council Lauder referred to the matter of housing repairs and stated that he had received complaints from four or five tenants about necessary repairs.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that as the present method of having housing repairs carried out by County Council workmen was not a satisfactory one, the Engineer would submit his proposals for the coming year to the Estimates Meeting and the Council could then implement any proposals put forward.

It was agreed that all necessary roof repairs be carried out in the meantime.

SCAVENGING.

Councillor Donovan stated that each time the tide came in at Rosbercon it brought in a lot of silt. This silt was lying in heaps on the roadside and no attempt was made to have it removed.

It was agreed that in future this silt be removed immediately after flooding had abated.

WATERWORKS.

Councillor Donovan requested the reason for turning off the water at night over the past week.

The Engineer informed Mr. Donovan that as a result of recent heavy frost there were a large number of leaks and in order to build up supplies it was

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necessary to turn off the water at night. They had now reached the stage where there was only one major leak and as soon as that was repaired the supply would be back to normal in two or three days.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - SECTION 3.

Letter dated I2th January, I962, was read from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, stating that the detailed plans and sections for this work was complete and specifications were being printed. They had discussed the matter with the Engineering Inspector of the Department of Local Government before submitting the documents and in their opinion the Contract would be ready for advertising in about one month.

Considered satisfactory.

The Chairman referred to the laying of the 4" main from Castlemoyle Reservoir to Mountgarret Castle and stated that the County Council were willing to go a head with the proposal.

Councillor Lauder asked what charges the Council would make to consumers in the rural area.

The County Manager agreed to submit particulars to the next Meeting.

HOUSE AT MARY STREET FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY MISS BARRON.

Mr. Finnegan referred to the condition of this house and stated that the chimney was structurally dangerous.

It was agreed that, pending the handing over of this house by the representatives of Miss Barron, the Engineer carry out whatever work was necessary to render the chimney safe.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Provision of additional lights at Maiden Lane and Brennan's Lane.

Letter dated I2th January, I962, was read from the Electricity Supply Board giving quotations for the two proposed additional lights as follows :-

Lower Maiden Lane.

(a) Dusk-to-midnight Light.	Contribution payable on completion of work. £23.
(b) Pilot Light.	Contribution payable on completion of work. £35.

(a) Involves erection of pole in rock surface and also a switchwire extension.

(b) Involves erection of pole in rock surface, a shorter switchwire extension, and a solar dial timeswitch.

Brennan's Lane.

(a) Dusk-to-midnight Light	Contribution £I2.
(b) Pilot Light	Contribution £27.

(a) Involves erection of pole

(b) Involves erection of pole and solar dial timeswitch.

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The annual charge for operation, maintenance and supply of electricity to a 200 watt dusk-to-midnight public light is £5. I6. 0 (I9/4d per two months). This annual charge covers all-night lighting on seven successive nights at Christmas as per the Contract.

The annual charge applicable to a 200 watt pilot light is £8. 3. 0 (£I? 7. 2 per two months).

It was unanimously agreed that both lights were very essential but in view of the amount of money involved it was decided to defer consideration until the Estimates Meeting.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE I96I/62.

Councillor Lauder inquired if the footpath in John Street would be carried out under the present scheme.

The Engineer informed the Meeting that work on the footpath in John Street would commence within a week as practically all the pre-cast concrete slabs were now available in the County Council store.

The Chairman referred to the condition of the pavement on the Penguin side of Charles Street.

The Engineer stated that this footpath would be included in a future scheme.

The Meeting Ended.

E Donovan
Vice-chairman
20th February '62

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TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 1962.

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: In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman, G. O'Donovan, took the Chair.

Other Councillors present were W. Stafford, H. Lauder, M. Reddy.

The Chairman, Mr. A. Minihan, arrived at 7.45 p.m. and took the Chair.

In attendance. Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer, R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and resolved

"That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor James J. Shortall on the death of his brother, Mr. Robert Shortall."

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, I6th January, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes.

It was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Lauder, that the Engineer should submit a list of repairs needed to Council Houses at the Estimates Meeting.

2. CORRESPONDENCE.

I. An application from Mr. M. O'Currain for the use of the Large Room on the ground floor of the Tholsel on Saturday afternoons for the purpose of teaching Irish Dancing was allowed.

2. A report from the Council's Solicitors regarding the dangerous condition of houses at Irishtown owned by the representatives of Miss M. O'Brien was considered.

The Manager explained that action could be taken under the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, I847, by erecting a hoarding or service of a Repair Notice under Section I9 of the 1931 Housing Act.

It was decided to consider the feasibility of serving a Repair Notice with a view to having the houses rendered safe.

3. A Report from the Engineer re the proposed Barrack Lane Development Scheme was read and it was decided that a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors O'Donovan and Stafford ne appointed to consult with the Engineer on the matter and that reports be made to the Council from time to time regarding progress.

4. The Engineer reported on the scavenging service and stated

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that difficulties were being caused by the failure of householders to provide proper bins and also by the large quantities of paper included in the refuse.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of circularising all householders and to ask for their co-operation in the matter.

Councillor Reddy was informed that protective clothing is reissued to the Council scavenging staff every two years.

5. Resolution from Athlone U.D.C. re E?S.B. charges and from Fermoy U.D.C. re Combined Purchasing Lists were adopted.

6. Consideration of a Memorandum from the Ratepayers of North Street, John Street, Bridge Street and The Quay asking for a public light at Cooper's Lane was deferred to the Estimates Meeting.

7. It was decided to enter for the 1962 Tidy Towns Competition.

8. A Circular was read from Cumann Na Sagart giving notice of a Competition to be held in 1962 entitled Comortas Glor na nGael which is intended to stimulate interest in Irish activities. As there is an entrance fee it was suggested that some Irish group in the town might be prepared to take an interest in the matter.

The Manager reported that he had received a report from the Engineer regarding the proposal to appoint a Town Foreman but that he had not examined the matter and would circularise the Councillors regarding the proposal in due course.

3. The Auditor's Report on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1962, which had been circulated to the members, was considered to be satisfactory.

4. ENGINEER'S PROPOSALS FOR MAINTENANCE OF URBAN ROADS IN 1962/63.

The following proposals submitted by the Engineer were adopted for consideration in the year 1962/63.

Surface dressing	£187
Ordinary Maintenance	£400
Total	£587

Improvement Schemes

Continuation of Nunnery Lane Scheme	£1146
Greywell Corner	£ 640
Total	£1786

5. It was decided to forward the following recommendations for consideration by the Ground Rents Commission.

(a) That Leaseholders should be given the right to purchase compulsorily the freehold interest in their property.

(b) That the creation of further Ground Rents should be restricted.

(c) That any further Ground Rents that are created should be for a fixed period of years.

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6. OTHER BUSINESS

The Manager notified the Meeting that the contract documents in connection with the relaying of the 7" water main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle were not yet to hand.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the Consultants and express the dissatisfaction of the Council at the delay in submitting the documents and to request that the matter be finalised and that the documents be submitted for consideration at the April Meeting.

It was also agreed that the laying of a 4" diameter main from the Castlemoyle Service Reservoir to Mountgarret Castle should be carried out by the County Council and that water would be supplied from the Urban Council mains and that Water Rents would be collected by the Urban Council.

THE MEETING ENDED

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FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1962.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

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

Councillors:- W. Stafford, H. Lauder, M. Reddy, P. O'Brien, M. Murphy.

In attendance: R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting had been convened to discuss the visit of Mr. Edward Kennedy, Brother of the President of America, to New Ross, on Sunday, 25th February. He stated that the visit had been intended as a purely private visit but that as the matter had become known generally there was a distinct possibility that a large section of the public would turn out for the occasion.

Councillor Lauder proposed that the Council should not arrange a reception of any kind since they had ~~not been officially notified~~ been requested to keep the matter secret and since the visit was not intended to be public.

After a discussion it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that any Councillor who thought fit should attend at the Royal Hotel at 4 o'clock on Sunday when it was expected that Mr. Kennedy would arrive.

It would be explained to Mr. Kennedy that a civic reception was not arranged due to the fact that the visit was not being made by him in a private capacity.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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MONDAY 20th MARCH 1962.

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: G. Donovan, M. Murphy, H. Lauder, W. Stafford, M. Reddy and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th February, 1962, and the Special Meeting held on 23rd February, 1962, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Lauder that the Minutes of the Special Meeting should be amended as follows :-

"Councillor Lauder proposed that the Council should not arrange a reception of any kind since they had been requested to keep the matter secret and since the visit was not intended to be public."

Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Donovan asked if the Consultant had yet submitted the documents in connection with the laying of the 7" watermain from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

It was decided to notify the Consultant that if these documents were not submitted for consideration at the May Meeting a different Consultant would be employed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

1. The Engineer reported that the 1798 Plaques at High Hill and Irishtown Cross were smashed and that two others were severely damaged.

It was decided that arrangements should be made for the replacement of these plaques.

2. The Engineer reported that the derelict site at High Hill - Maiden Lane Corner should be acquired and used for widening of the corner.

It was decided on the proposition of Senator Kissane to take action under the Derelict Sites Act 1960 in respect of this site.

3. The Council considered a report from the Town Engineer regarding the proppsal to appoint a Town Foreman and labourer. The report stated that the two appointments would result in an increase of approximately £200 in the annual expenditure of the Council, the balance being met out of monies which are at present paid to Wexford County Council in respect of

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skilled labour on Housing Repairs, etc. The conditions of appointment of the foreman which had been circulated to the members were also considered.

After a long discussion it was decided that arrangements should be made for the appointment of the Town Foreman and a labourer to assist him in carrying out skilled work such as Housing Repairs.

The County Manager explained that the Foreman would be selected by interview and that the labourer would be selected by the Town Engineer.

3. Appointment of nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

Councillor William J. Stafford was appointed to represent the Council on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Senator Kissane.

4. Estimates Meeting.

It was decided that the Meeting to consider the County Manager's Estimate of Expenditure and Receipts for the year 1962/63 would be held on Monday, 9th April, 1962 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

5. Other Business.

It was decided on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford to extend to Councillor Shortall the good wishes of the Council for a speedy recovery from his illness.

It was unanimously decided on the proposition of the Chairman to recommend to the Minister for Local Government that consideration should be given to the granting of a gratuity to the retired Veterinary Inspector, Mr. Joseph Lynch, who retired from the service of the Council on 1st December, 1960, having carried out his duties in a satisfactory manner since his appointment on 27th May, 1900.

Councillor Reddy stated that nuisance was being caused by itinerants who had their encampment at Irishtown.

It was decided to request the Health Inspector to carry out an inspection of the area with a view to having the nuisance abated.

A complaint was made by Councillor Lauder that horses which were allowed to wander freely on the streets in the Urban Area were a source of danger to motorists as well as a nuisance to householders.

It was decided to write to the Superintendent of the Garda Siochana and to suggest that these animals be impounded.

Councillor Stafford mentioned that land at Pondfields was at present for sale and might be considered suitable as a Housing site.

It was decided not to take any action in the matter.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 3rd APRIL 1962

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to pass a vote of sympathy with the relative of the late Councillor James J. Shortall.

Present:- A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors H. Lauder, W. Stafford, Senator E. Kissane.

An apology for inability to be present was received from Councillor G. Donovan.

Also present: H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer, and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting was called as a result of the death of Councillor James J. Shortall who had been a member of the Council for seven years and Town Surveyor to the Council for a period of 37 years.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

That the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Shortall and family in their bereavement.

The Town Clerk, on behalf of the County Manager and the officials of the Council, and Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, on behalf of the Engineering Staff, associated themselves with the vote.

It was decided that the Council would attend the funeral officially and that the Mace would be borne.

THE MEETING ENDED

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MONDAY 9th APRIL, I962

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.45 o'clock pursuant to the provisions of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, I955.

Present: Councillor A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors G. Donovan, M. Murphy, M. Reddy, W. Stafford, H. Lauder and Senator E. Kissane.

In Attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer.

ROADS.

Gross Expenditure of £2950 was approved

Receipts amounting to £I660 were adopted leaving the net amount to be levied at £I290.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The Estimated Expenditure of £I089 for maintenance of sewers and Watermains was reduced by £50 to £I039.

The Estimated Expenditure of £2980 in respect of Scavenging was reduced by £200 which represented the Engineer's estimate of the additional cost of proposed Town Foreman and labourer. It was then decided that the appointment of a Town Foreman and an additional labourer would not be made.

Gross Expenditure of £9612 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £2716 were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £330 leaving the net amount to be levied at £6566.

HOUSING.

Gross Expenditure of £.2709 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £I089 were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward a credit balance of £500 leaving the net amount to be levied at £I3I9.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Gross Estimated Expenditure amounted to £I8825. The sum estimated under Superannuation Allowances was reduced by £292 leaving the net expenditure allowed at £I8533.

Receipts amounting to £3II3 were adopted.

The Deputy Manager informed the Meeting that the increase in the productivity of Id rate from £48. 0. 7 to £49. 6. 7 would result in a debit balance in the County Demand for I963/64 since the Demand for I962/63 had been calculated at the lower rate.

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It was decided that the credit balance on the General Purposes Account would be reduced from £210 to £30 in order to make provision for a minimum credit of £180 to be carried forward to 1963/64 as a reserve against portion of the anticipated increase in County Demand for that year.

The net amount to be levied was fixed at £15390.

Summary

Net Expenditure as per County Manager's Estimate £25007.

Reductions

Sanitary Services	£330	
General Urban Purposes	£292	
Total	£622	622
		£24385
Add Reduction in Credit Balance in General Urban Purposes		100
Net Expenditure allowed by Council		£24565.

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Lauder

"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 the Estimate of Expenses set forth in Tables A. B. and C and determin in accordance with the said Estimate a rate of Forty one shillings and six pence in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the services of the financial year ending 31st March, 1963.

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.

Councillor Roddy also complimented the County Manager and staff on the manner in which the Estimates were prepared and presented.

Councillor Donovan stated that he felt that provision should have been made for the appointment of a Town Foreman in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Engineer.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, I7th APRIL, I962

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, W. Stafford, G. Donovan, M. Murphy, and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

I. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th March, I962, the Special Meeting held on 3rd April, I962, and the Estimates Meeting held on 9th April, I962, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Lauder stated that he wished to make it clear that he was not opposed to the appointment of a Town Foreman but that he felt that the terms of appointment as suggested were not satisfactory and that the appointment should be deferred.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

A letter dated 28th March, I962, from the County Secretary was read stating that a Technical Committee consisting of the County Engineer, Town Surveyors for the Urban Areas and representatives of the Garda Siochana had recommended that a speed limit of 30 miles per hour should be fixed, under the provisions of Section 45 of the Road Traffic Act, I96I, for the Urban Area of New Ross.

After a discussion on the matter it was decided to recommend that a speed limit of 25 miles per hour be fixed for the Urban Area of New Ross.

3. URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT. I962/63.

A notification from the Department of Local Government was read which stated that there would be a grant of £660 available for the improvement of Urban Roads during I962/63.

It was decided on the proposition of Councillor Stafford that the grant should be expended on the continuation of the Nunnery Lane Improvement Scheme as previously suggested by the Engineer.

4. OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman suggested that in order to expedite the carrying out of Housing Repairs a schedule of repairs might be compiled and the work carried out on a contract basis.

Councillor Lauder remarked that people who would not normally qualify were at present living in Council houses in New Ross.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Senator Kissane

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that the question of raising the rents with a view to making the housing service more economic should be discussed with the County Manager.

Councillor Stafford proposed that the Council should consider the purchase of land at Pondfields which was for sale with a view to developing it as a site for a future Council Housing Scheme.

It was not decided to take any action in the matter.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Councillor Murphy gave notice of the following Motion for consideration at the next Meeting.

"That the weekly Half-Holiday for the closing of business premises in New Ross be changed from Wednesday to Thursday."

THE MEETING ENDED

A Murphy

15 May 1962

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TUESDAY 15th MAY 1962.

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: G. Donovan, M. Murphy, P. O'Brien, M. Reddy, H. Lauder, W. Stafford and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.,

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th April, 1962, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes the Deputy County Manager assured the members that the Specification for the 20 houses scheme at Charleton Hill would be ready for submission to the Department within fourteen days.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

It was decided on the proposition of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Senator Kissane, that permission be granted to Mr. James Flannery to alter the Arms of Ross for incorporation in a proposed Royal Hotel Crest provided that Mr. Flannery submitted sketches of the proposed Crest for examination at the June Meeting.

An application from Very Rev. William Murphy, P.P., Rosbercon, to erect a statue on the ground adjoining the public garden at Rosbercon about 12 feet South of the Sewer Pumping Station was granted on the proposition of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Senator Kissane.

Mr. Finnegan stated that there was a main sewer in this area and that a Wexford County Council road sign was located directly in front of the site proposed for the statue.

It was agreed that Fr. Murphy should contact Mr. Finnegan before proceeding with the erection of the statue.

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY.

The Chairman explained to Councillor Murphy, by whom the Notice of Motion to change the weekly half-holiday had been submitted, that under the terms of the Shops Act, 1912, as amended by the Shops (Hours of Trading) Act, 1938, the fixing of the weekly half-holiday was not the function of the Local Authority.

Councillor Murphy then agreed to withdraw the Motion.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

Complaints were made by the members to the effect that certain streets were not being cleaned regularly and that domestic seavenging in the principal streets was being carried out at times when traffic was heaviest thereby causing obstruction. It was also mentioned that domestic refuse was not being collected as regularly as had been expected following the introduction of the new system. A suggestion was made that the Engineer should submit an estimate of the cost of having the principal streets swept on Sunday morning particularly those on which the markets are held.

Mr. Finnegan stated that he would have a report on the matter for submission to the next Meeting.

PARKING BYELAWS.

It was proposed by Councillor Kissane and Seconded by Councillor Lauder that the Council recommend to the Garda Authorities that Parking Byelaws be made under Section 90 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, to regulate parking of vehicles in the principal streets of the town and that parking should be confined to one side of the street only and that parking be changed from side to side on alternate days.

Councillor Donovan proposed that the introduction of Parking Byelaws should not be recommended.

This proposal was seconded by the Chairman.

A vote was taken on the amendment which resulted in five against and two in favour with one abstention.

Senator Kissane's proposal was declared passed on the same voting.

HOUSING

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, that the Engineer be requested to submit a report on sites in the town suitable for further Council Housing Schemes.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I5th MAY I962.

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, I963.

Present: A Minihanm Chairman, presiding and Councillors G. Donovan, M. Murphy, P. O'Brien, M. Reddy, H. Lauder, W. Stafford and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

Proposed by Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Senator Kissane and resolved -

"That we raise the sum of Twenty one thousand, Eight hundred and Sixteen pounds, one shilling and five pense as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of Forty One Shillings and six pence in the pound, for the financial year ending 3Ist March, I963, 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, I962, together with arrears of Three Hundred and Eighty Nine Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and eight pence, and the Second on or before 3Ist March, I963."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Rate Book, which was signed by all Members present.

G. Donovan
Chairman
19th June '62

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TUESDAY, I9th JUNE I962.

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: In the Chair: Mr. G. Donovan, Vice-Chairman.

Councillors: M. Murphy, Senator E. Kissane and P. O'Brien.

In attendance: Mr. T. F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of I5th May, and the Special Meeting of I5th May, I962, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - SECTION 3.

The County Manager opened the following six tenders for the New Ross Water Supply Scheme - Section 3.

I. Matthias Shanahan, The Grange, Waterford.

2. Mahon & McPhilips Ltd., Dublin Road, Kilkenny.

3. Patrick J. Walsh, St. Declan's, Tramore, Co. Waterford.

4. Thomas McGuire Monragh, Blacklion, Co. Cavan.

5. Maurice Blake, Mount Saville, Terenore, Dublin.

6. William Carroll & Son, (Wexford) Ltd., Taghmon.

The tender forms were initialled by the Chairman and the Manager informed the Council that the documents would be forwarded to the Consultants for his recommendations.

The Manager then asked the Chairman to excuse him as he had another urgent appointment. He then left the Meeting.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the Augustinian Order and to the Magee family, Begerin and the Sutton family Shallows Park on the death of Rev. P.N. Magee, O.S.A.

Senator Kissane seconded the vote and the members associated themselves with the remarks.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

PARKING BYE-LAWS.

A letter dated 29th May, I962, from the Superimtendent of the Garda Siochana was read and noted. The Superintendent stated that he was giving the traffic problem in New Ross considerable attention and conveyed that he did not consider the time opportune for the imposition of byelaws under the Road Traffic Act.

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A letter from John Flanagan, No. IO Bungalow, Irishtown, in connection with Housing repairs was referred to the Engineer.

An application from Mr. J. Brooks, Jeweller, Charles Street, for permission to use the Arms of Ross on souveniers, silver and enamel ware was granted.

A Resolution from Kerry County Council in connection with the release of Republican prisioners in Belfast and England was adopted on the proposal of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

An application from the Association of Municipal Authorities for an increase in the Council's Annual Subscription was deferred to the next Meeting.

Consideration of a letter from the County Secretary regarding the adoption of the Town and Regional Planning Acts was deferred to the July Meeting.

SCAVENGING.

Mr. Finnegan submitted a report on the Scavenging Service and stated that the additional cost of cleaning the streets on Sunday mornings would ampunt to approximately £208 per annum.

Regarding the domestic refuse collection Mr. Finnegan stated that at present collections were made in all areas, except Rosbercon, on three days each week - Rosbercon one day only - and he suggested that the collections be reorganised and that the public be requested to provide suitable bins.

It was agreed that the question of Sunday street cleaning be deferred and that steps should be taken to reorganise the refuse collection on the lines suggested.

It was also decided to ask shopkeepers, particularly those in the sweets, confectionery, Cafe and Allied Trades to appeal to their customers to refrain from scattering papers on thee streets.

VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL.

It was decided, on the proposition of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Senator Kissane, that the vacancy on the Council, occasioned by the death of the late Councillor Shortall, be filled by the Council at the Monthly Meeting to be held on Tuesday 2Ist August, I962.

ANNUAL MEETING.

It was decided that the Annual Meeting be held on Tuesday, 26th June, I962, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES?

A request from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland for the submission of motions for consideration at the Annual Conference to be held in Courtown on I8th to 20th September was deferred for consideration at the July Meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS.

It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the Council authorise in accordance with Section II of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, expenditure of £45 in excess of the estimate for Sanitary Services for the year ending 31st March, 1963, for the purpose of carrying out super chlorination of the water supply in accordance with the Engineer's recommendations.

It was agreed , on the proposition of Senator Kissane, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to sanction over-expenditure of £540 on Urban Road Account for the year ended 31st March, 1962, in respect of Urban Road Improvement Grant 1961/62.

The Engineer was asked to consider the possibility of carrying out some improvements to Chapel Lane and Annefield Lane out of the current year's allocation for Urban Road Maintenance.

PROPOSED GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

Consideration was given to the submission of the Draft Editorial to the Irish and Overseas Publishing Co. for inclusion in the proposed Guide to New Ross.

It was decided to leave same open for inspection by any Councillor who wished to examine same and to discuss the matter at the next Meeting.

HOUSING SITES.

The Engineer submitted a detailed report on Housing Sites in the Urban Area and It was decided that a Special Meeting should be held to discuss the matter. This Special Meeting was fixed for Tuesday, 26th June, 1962, at 8 o'clock.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 26th JUNE, 1962.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 8.0 o'clock.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors: G. Donovan, H. Lauder, M. Reddy, W. Stafford and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

Before the Meeting commenced the Chairman asked if the Council would consider holding the Meeting in Committee.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Stafford, that the Press would be admitted.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting was called to consider a report submitted by Mr. Finnegan, B.E., on sites in the Urban Area which would be suitable for Housing.

The sites in question are as follows :-

1. Site of 3.75 acres at Rosbercon owned by Mr. William O'Shea, Tinnakilly.

2. Site of 2 acres 1 rood 20 pers. at Rosbercon owned by Mr. William O'Shea.

3. Site of 2 acres 3 roods 24 pers. at Mountgarret Lane held by Mr. Richard Bailey, Irishtown.

4. Site of 4 acres 2 roods 16 pers. at Mountgarret Lane held by Mr. J. Stafford, Irishtown.

5. Site of 11 acres 3 roods 37 pers at Pondfields owned by Mr. Thomas Ronan.

6. Site of 1 acre 1 rood at Bishopsland owned by New Ross Urban District Council and adjoining J.K.L. Place.

7. Barrack Lane Site.

After a long discussion on the matter the following decisions were taken in respect of each of the proposed sites.

Sites 1 and 2. It was agreed that steps should be taken to acquire these sites for Council Housing.

Site 3. This site was not considered suitable as site development would be expensive and Housing potential limited.

Site 4. It was agreed that steps should be taken to acquire this site and that consideration should be given to the development of same for private building.

Site 5. It was considered that while this site would be suitable for Housing it would not be desirable to concentrate all Council Housing in one area in the town.

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Site 6. It was considered that there would not be a demand for Housing in this area at this stage.

Site 7. It was considered that it would be desirable to develop this area in the lines suggested by the Engineer but since it would be a slow process due to the fact that there were a number of interests involved it was felt that the development of sites I, 2 and 4 should be given priority.

The Meeting ended.

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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 26th JUNE I962.

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

Present: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors G. O'Donovan, H. Lauder, Wm. Stafford, M. Murphy, M. Reddy and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 27th June I96I were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor A. Minihan was proposed by Senator Kissane and seconded by Councillor W. Stafford

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared himself elected and signed the Declaration Accepting Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor G. Donovan was proposed by Councillor Stafford and seconded by Councillor H. Lauder.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan elected.

The Chairman thanked the Members for re-electing him and for their co-operation and help throughout the year.

Councillor Donovan also thanked the members for electing him.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I7th JULY I962

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 H. Lauder, W. Stafford and P. O'Brien.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor Stafford was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Councillor Lauder seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th June, I962, and the Special Meeting of 26th June, I962, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and signed.

Arising from the Minutes the Town Clerk informed Councillor O'Brien that it was expected that the Council should be in a position to advertise for Housing tenders at an early date.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Mr. James Flannery submitted for the Council's approval sketches of the proposed Royal Hotel Crest which incorporated a slightly modified version of the Arms of Ross.

It was agreed that permission be granted to the proposal.

A letter from Mr. Joseph Lynch, retired Veterinary Inspector, in connection with his application for a gratuity was read and noted.

Mr. Finnegan reported that further vandalism had taken place in the town and that valve and manhole covers at the Castlemoyle Reservoir had been tampered with.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lauder, seconded by Councillor Stafford that the annual contribution to the Association be increased from £3. 3. 0 to £5. 5. 0 per annum.

It was agreed that the question of Resolutions for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland should be deferred to the August Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Abstract of Accounts for the year ended 3Ist March, I962 was placed before the Meeting.

GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

It was decided to postpone consideration of the Draft Editorial until the following Meeting so that examples of some Guides published by the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd., might be made available for inspection.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

Councillor O'Brien asked for details of Annual Holidays granted to the Council workmen - details to be available for the next Meeting.

SWIMMING POOL.

It was decided on the suggestion of Councillor O'Brien that details of any grants available towards the provision of swimming pools should be submitted to the next Council Meeting.

CLOSING OF RAILWAY BRANCH LINE BY C.I.E.

It was decided on the proposition of Councillor Stafford that the following resolution be forwarded for the attention of the Minister for Transport and Power :-

"That this Council hereby requests the Minister for Transport and Power to hold a Public Inquiry into the economics of the Waterford - Macmine Junction Railway Line in view of the recent statements to the effect that Coras Iompair Eireann proposes to discontinue services on that line."

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 21st AUGUST 1962.

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: Chairman: A. Minihan.

Councillors: H. Lauder, W. Stafford, P. O'Brien, and Senator Kissane.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

At the commencement of the Meeting the Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford, passed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Austin A. Butler, South Street.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th July, 1962, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and signed.

Arising from the Minutes the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that advertisements inviting tenders for the erection of 26 Houses would be issued in the near future.

SWIMMING POOL.

The County Manager explained to the members that a subsidy of 50% of the Loan Charges on the Capital cost of providing or assisting an outside body in providing a Swimming Pool would be obtained from central funds. The Council would be obliged to defray any maintenance costs from Revenue.

It was agreed that the matter should be deferred.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLOSING OF WATERFORD/NEW ROSS MACMINE JUNCTION RAILWAY LINE.

A letter dated w 2nd August 1962, from the Department of Transport & Power referring to the Resolution passed by the Council at the July Meeting in connection with the possible closure of the Waterford - New Ross - Macmine Junction Railway line was read and noted.

WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - PART III

The Manager explained to the members that it was proposed to finance the work by means of an advance from the Local Loans Fund and that the loan could be raised for a period of up to fifty years at the Current Rate of Interest.

The following Resolution was proposed by Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Kissane and resolved :-

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"That the New Ross Urban District Council hereby applies to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £28,000 to be repaid over a period of thirty years at the current rate of interest as set out in the Local Loans Fund Acts for the purpose of carrying out Section III of the New Ross Water Supply Improvement Scheme."

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

Councillor Stafford proposed and Councillor Lauder seconded the co-option of Mr. Patrick J. Fleming of Creywell Road, New Ross, to the Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor James J. Shortall.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Mr. Patrick J. Fleming to be coopted as a member of the New Ross Urban District Council.

EMPLOYMENT & EMERGENCY SCHEMES VOTE 1962/63.

A report dated 20th August, 1962, was read from Mr. Finnegan giving a number of suggestions for the spending of the 1962/63 Employment & Emergency Schemes Vote which amounts to £910 including £110 local contribution.

It was agreed that the following works should be given priority:-

"Scarify, regrade and resurface High Hill area opposite Augustinian Church and Lower Maiden Lane."

"Repair flagged footpaths at Charles Street and the Quay and replace all broken or defective flags."

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE.

It was agreed after a long discussion that the following resolution should be forwarded for consideration at Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland :-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to increase the limit of the subsidisable cost of Urban Houses from £1500 to £1850."

OTHER BUSINESS.

GUIDE TO NEW ROSS.

It was agreed on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford that the Draft Editorial for the New Ross Guide as examined by Councillor Donovan and Mr. Finnegan be approved for publication by the Irish & Overseas Publishing Co. Ltd.

HOUSING WAITING LIST?

The County Manager agreed to consider the suggestion of the Chairman that a Housing Waiting List be prepared and that tenants should be appointed from that list in preference to the present system of advertising for applicants as each house becomes vacant.

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HOUSING REPAIRS.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that a Monthly report should be made by the Engineer giving the following particulars in connection with the repair of Council houses;- Details of all complaints received during the month, details of the various repairs carried out during the month and the cost in respect of each house where repairs were carried out.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that a scheme for the payment of wages to County Council workers during periods of illness was at present under consideration and that when such a scheme was finally drawn up he would submit details to the Urban Council for consideration in relation to the Urban Outdoor Staff.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 1962.

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: Chairman:- A Minihan
Councillors:- H. Lauder, W. Stafford, G. Donovan, and P. Fleming.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Members welcomed Mr. P.J. Fleming who had been co-opted to the Council at the previous Meeting and who had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Votes of sympathy were passed to Most Reverend James Staunton, D.D., Bishop of Ferns, and to Senator E. Kissane in their recent bereavements.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st August, 1962, having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Donovan asked that consideration be given to the improvement of the pathway in front of the houses on Rosbercon Hill in conjunction with with the current years E.S.V. Grant. The Engineer stated that the roadway was particularly narrow at this point but that he would try to improve the position somewhat if there was any balance left when the official E.S.V. Scheme would be completed. He estimated that the cost of a reasonable job would amount to £76. 0. 0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

(I) The Engineer reported on the suggestion that the open space opposite St. Mary's Church should be made suitable for car parking and stated that the estimated cost would be £140. 10. 0.

It was agreed that the matter should be deferred to the Estimates Meeting.

(2) The question of clearing a number of unfit houses on the opposite side was considered and it was agreed that a report be obtained in the matter.

(3) A petition was submitted from a number of ratepayers asking that the surface of Annefield Lane be improved.

The Engineer stated that this road had not been maintained by the Council and that he understood that it was not a public road. He agreed to investigate the matter further.

(4) The report from the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland on resolutions forwarded from this Council for consideration at the 1961 Annual Conference was read and noted.

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TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1962.

The report from Bord Failte on the 1962 Tidy Towns Competition was read in full. A total of 72 marks out of a possible total of 100 were secured by New Ross.

The Members expressed satisfaction with the result particularly in view of the amount of vandalism that had taken place during the past year.

OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) It was agreed that a suggestion be made to the Electricity Supply Board that in future when the replacement of standards in the Urban Area became necessary the use of steel standards might be considered as the present wooden ones are rather unsightly.

(b) Councillor Lauder complained that sediment was appearing in the water supply to the town.

Mr. Finnegan stated that it was hoped that the matter would be rectified to a great extent when the present Improvement Scheme was carried out.

(c) Housing Repairs. The monthly report which showed that a total of £140 had been expended during the month was considered and since there appeared to be some question of the order in which houses were selected for repair it was agreed that the complaint book should be left on the Council table at each Meeting for the information of the Members.

(d) The County Manager agreed that he would consider compiling a list of those people who had applied unsuccessfully for Housing Accommodation during the past year or thereabouts with a view to filling some future vacant houses from amongst these applicants.

The Council then went into Committee at the request of the County Manager in order to consider a letter from Mr. Thomas Walsh in connection with a house at Priory Street, the property of the Council, and which is occupied by him.

The Manager explained the history of the case from the file and stated that he proposed to engage a Valuer and to have the house valued as a vacant house. It could then be decided whether or not the house would be sold to Mr. Walsh at that price.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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16th Oct 62

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TUESDAY, I6th OCTOBER, I962.

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, H.H. Lauder, P.J. Fleming.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Donovan, Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I8th September, I962 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes :-

Mr. Donovan stated that the general opinion was that the maintenance of Annefield Lane was the responsibility of the Council. Mr. Finnegan confirmed that it had not been maintained by the Council and consequently could not be regarded as a Public Road.

It was agreed,on the Engineer's suggestion, that details of Grants for the improvement of private roads should be obtained from the Special Employment Schemes office.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Letters of acknowledgement of Votes of Sympathy were read from Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Bishop of Ferns and from Senator E. Kissane.

The Commanding Officer of the I.E."Maev" wrote in appreciation of the kindness shown to the Officers and Ships Company on the occasion of their visit to New Ross.

WATER SUPPLY

Mr. Finnegan in a report stated that there was a distinct possibility that frequent chlorination of the Water Supply would have to be undertaken. At present when the occasion arose, as happened recently, temporary plant was hired. The difficulty arose when it was found necessary to cut off the supply at night in order to maintain an adequate supply of water during the daytime. The shortage of water could be attrubuted to some extent to leakages, which were being attended to but the principal reason was due to the great increase recently in the use of water for industrial purposes. He wished to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that increased domestic consumption in the Urban Area could be anticipated in the future.

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RESOLUTION FROM CARRICKMACROSS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

On the proposition of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Fleming

The following Resolution from Carrickmacross Urban District Council was adopted :-

"That we recommend to the Minister for Education that he take immediate steps to ensure that the results of the Secondary Schools Intermediate Examination are made available not later than the third week in August each year, as the present system causes considerable hardship to parents, pupils and teachers alike."

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Town Clerk reported that it had been found necessary to extend the latest date for receiving tenders for the proposed Housing Scheme and asked if the Council would agree to a proposal that, in order to eliminate any delay, the tenders would be opened in the presence of the Chairman during the month and that a report on the matter would be made at the November Meeting.

The Council agreed to authorise this proceedure in the circumstances.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20th November I962

TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER I962

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 Ordimary Business of the Council.

Present: Chairman A. Minihan

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, M. Reddy, M. Murphy, Senator E. Kissane, G. Donovan.

In attendance: T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Fimegan, B.E. and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. P.A. Brennan, Secretary, New Ross Harbour Board, on the death of his brother, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th October I962, having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:-

HOUSING TENDERS. The Town Clerk reported that tenders had been received for erection of houses as follows :-

A. 20 Houses at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field)

(I) Messrs W.K. Cleere & Son Ltd., Kilkenny. £I987. I6. 8 per house.

(2) Mr. Patrick Kent, New Ross. £2493. 0. 0 per house.

B. 6 Houses on sites at Windmill Lane and William Street

(I) Thomas Lawler, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

2 Houses at Windmill Lane £I774. 0. 0 each
4 Houses at William Street £I7I6. I0. 0 each

(2) Peter Purcell, 54 Irishtown, New Ross.

6 houses at cost of £I743. 6. 8 each

(3) Edward Hayden, Adamstown.

4 houses at William Street £I84I. I2. 6 each.

The County Manager stated that he proposed, on the recommendation of the County Engineer, to forward to the Minister for Local Government for approval a proposal to accept the tender of Messrs W.K. Cleere & Son Ltd., for the erection of the 20 houses, the tender of Thomas Lawler for the four houses at William Street and that of Peter Purcell for two houses at Windmill Lane.

The estimated rents, inclusive of rates, based on these tenders would be as follows :-

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Scheme	Estimated Cost per house	Inclusive Rents I/3rd Subsidy	Inclusive Rents 2/3rd Subsidy
Charleton Hill (20)	£2080	£2. 9. 7	£I. I5. 9
William St. Uppr. & Lr.	£I727	£2. 0.I0	£I. 6.I0
Windmill Lane	£I789	£2. 2. 3	£I. 8. 5

It was agreed that the proposal should be forwarded to the Minister for sanction.

REPAIRS TO ANNEFIELD LANE

The Town Clerk gave details of grants available from the Special Employments Schemes Office for the repair of private roadways. The grants ranged from 50% to 90% of the cost depending on the average rateable valuation of land holdings served by the road.

It was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Lauder, Seconded by Councillor Reddy, that the persons concerned should avail of any Grant that might be available for the improvement of the road and that a proposal to declare the road to be a public road would then be considered by the Council

CORRESPONDENCE.

Junction at Three Bullet Gate.

The Engineer submitted a report on the dangerous junction at Three Bullet Gate and suggested that a "roundabout" which would cost approximately £600 would assist in solving the problem.

It was agreed that no action be taken in the matter.

HOUSING WAITING LISTS

A List showing the names of all persons who had applied unsuccessfully for Housing since September I96I was presented to the Meeting. A total of Thirty Three names remained of persons who had not been accommodated in Council Houses and who still appeared to be in need of accommodation.

It was agreed that applications should be invited from all persons desiring to obtain accommodation in the Council's Housing Estates and in the proposed Twenty Six Houses at present under consideration in order that an estimate of the Housing requirements in the town might be made available.

SEALING OF MORTGAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - SECTION 3.

It was moved by Councillor Martin Reddy
Seconded by Councillor William Stafford and Resolved:

" "That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts I878 - I962."

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OTHER BUSINESS

The County Manager reported that he had the following matters under consideration :-

Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Manager stated that the Council had under consideration the purchase of land for Housing at Mountgarret and Rosbercon and that as the owners in question were unwilling to sell same to the Council it would be necessary to resort to Compulsory Acquisition.

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford that arrangements be made for the Compulsory Acquisition of the site at Rosbercon owned by Mr. William O'Shea as reported on by the Engineer in his survey of suitable sites.

Site at Bishopsland.

It was agreed that an effort should be made to obtain the necessary ground to enable an alternative lay-out to be made for development of the Council's site at Bishopsland adjoining J.K.L. Place.

Mr. Alex. Nolan's site at Charleton Hill.

The Manager stated that Mr. Nolan had now offered the site of the old forge and the strip of ground at the rere of the existing houses to the Council and that a price of £100 (Council to pay COSTS) has been agreed with Mr. Nolan. The site would accommodate two additional houses as part of the proposed 20 house scheme.

It was agreed that the purchase should be made at the terms proposed by the Manager.

Field at Chambersland.

The Manager reported that an enquiry had been received from a person interested in purchasing the site at Chambersland, formerly used as a Council Dump.

The Engineer had reported that he was not aware of any use to which the Council could put this site but mentioned that at least one other landowner in the area was interested in it.

It was decided that tenders should be invited by Public Notice for the purchase of the site.

Road at Albatros-Windmill Factory Site.

An application had been made by Messrs Albatros-Windmill Fertilizer Co. Ltd., requesting that the Council improve the Urban Road on the North of their Factory Site.

A report had been made by the County Engineer stating that the estimated cost of the work would be approximately £2,200. The Matter had been referred to the Department of Local Government with a request for a Special Grant in view of the Industrial Development in the area.

It was decided to await the reply of the Minister before giving the matter further consideration.

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Sick Pay Scheme for Council Employees.

Details of a "Sick Pay" Scheme which the Manager proposed to introduce for the Council's outdoor staff were circulated for the information of the Members.

It was decided to discuss the matter at the December Meeting.

NEW 7" WATER MAIN.

The Chairman stated that he understood that the old water main was being taken up and that he considered that it should be cleaned and maintained as a reserve to be used in case of emergency.

It was decided that a request be made to the Consultants for their opinion on the suggestion.

Rates on Tannery Premises.

Councillor Lauder raised the question of the payment of rates on the Tannery premises which were at present being used as a hide store.

It was decided that the Commissioner of Valuation should again be requested to review the matter in view of the fact that it was understood that the Circuit Court decision to strike out the valuation was based on the contention that the premises could not be used for any purpose other than that of a Tannery. The premises were now in fact being used as a store only and should be subject to assessment of Municipal Rate.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME SECTION III

On the application of the Town Clerk the following resolution was passed, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford :-

"That the New Ross Urban District Council hereby applies to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to the borrowing from the National Bank Ltd,, Treasurer to the Council, by means of temporary overdraft on Municipal Account to 31st January 1962 of a sum not to exceed £8000 (Eight Thousand Pounds) for the purposes of defraying expenses under the Water Supply Improvement Scheme - Section III pending the issue of an advance from the Local Loans Fund on foot of Loan No. 47. Ref. L.75/7/3."

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Murphy
18. Dec 1962.

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TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 1962

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: Chairman:- A. Minihan
Councillors:- H.H. Lauder, W. Stafford, G. Donovan.

In attendance: R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, H. Finnegan, B.E.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th November, 1962, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

ARISING FROM THE MINUTES :-

Water Supply Improvement Scheme

The Chairman stated that he understood that the new 7" main which had been laid had in fact a bore of approximately 6½" only.

Councillor Lauder remarked that it may be in accordance with the general apecification for such items.

It was decided that a question be put to the Consultants regarding the bore of the new main and also to give his reason why the new 4" main at Irishtown was being laid at the South side of the road and then brought across to the North side in the vicinity of the Good Shepherd Convent.

A letter dated 17th December 1962 from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co. in connection with a query raised at the November Meeting was read.

Councillor Lauder submitted a portion of water pipe which he stated was badly corroded due to lack of adequate filtration of the water supply.

It was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Lauder, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that the question of the installation of a new filtration system be included on the Agenda for the January Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rates on Tannery Premises.

(a) A letter from the Commissioner of Valuation dated 13th December, 1962, was read in connection with the valuation of the Tannery Premises stating that the re-valuation could not be undertaken in the current year.

It was decided to write to the Company concerned and point out that while their legal position regarding payment of rates was understood that observations on their moral obligation to contribute to the costs of the Council's Services would be welcomed.

Housing

(b) Circular dated 1st November regarding increase in subsidisable cost of Housing from £1500 to £1650 was read.

(c) Circular dated 10th December, 1962, from the Minister for Local Government regarding the provision of developed sites for private building was read.

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MEMORANDUM FROM CONRADH NA GAEILGE REGARDING USE OF IRISH BY TELEFIS EIREANN.

The Chairman stated that as this Memorandum referred to the activities of an outside Body it would not be proper for the Council to discuss the matter.

It was agreed that the Memorandum would not be read or discussed.

PROPOSED SICK PAY SCHEME FOR COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.

On the proposal of Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

It was agreed to adopt the following Sick Pay Scheme for members of the Council's outdoor staff with effect as from Ist April I963:-

I. The Scheme is applicable to all employees whose names are entered on the Register of Established Servants under Part III of the Local Government (Superannuation) Acts I948 to I956 who are not covered by any alternative scheme.

2. The Council will allow sick pay to servants to whom the scheme applies subject to the following conditions :-

(a) Sick pay will not be allowed to servants for a period or periods exceeding in the aggregate 4 weeks in any period of one year.

(b) Subject to the provisions of Clause 3 the rate of sick pay will be

(I) for the first two weeks the servants weekly rate of wages less Social Welfare Benefit to be taken as £3. I2. 6 per week until certificate of actual payment is submitted.

(2) for servants who are entitled to Workmen's Compensation the weekly rate of wages less the weekly rate of compensation,

(3) for the next two weeks 50% of the rate for the first two weeks.

(c) No payment will be made in respect of the first three days of any illness.

(d) The servant will be required to submit a medical certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner indicating the nature and likely duration of the illness.

(e) Before granting sick pay the Council may at its discretion arrange for an independent medical examination of the applicant.

(f) Sick pay will not be allowed unless there is reasonable prospect that the applicant is likely to resume duty within a reasonable period.

(g) Sick pay will not be allowed where the illness is the result of an accident or other cause which would render a third party liable for loss of wages suffered by the employee as a result.

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(h) The Council reserves the right in any case of reasonable doubt to withold sick pay until the employee has submitted satisfactory evidence that the payment comes within the scope of the scheme.

(i) In no case shall the amount of sick pay exceed the difference between the employee's normal rate of wages and the total income received from any source by reason of the illness.

IMPROVEMENT TO URBAN ROAD ADJOINING ALBATROS & WINDMILL FERTILIZER FACTORY.

A letter dated 20th November 1962 from the Minister for Local Government was read in which it was stated that the Council might finance the work by means of borrowing or by utilising the Urban Road Improvement and/or E.S.V. Grants.

It was decided that the Council could not afford to use the Grants mentioned for this purpose but that every assistance would be given to the Albatros-Windmill Fertilizer Co. Ltd., in any effort they might make to obtain a Special Grant from the funds available for such work.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The Engineer agreed to the suggestion by Councillor Stafford the he should inspect the site at Rosbercon where quarrying was being carried out in order to define the limits of such quarrying with a view to ensuring that the public road would not be endangered.

The Chairman wished the Members, Staff and Press Representative a Happy Christmas.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan
15 Jan 1963.

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TUESDAY I5th JANUARY I963

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: Chairman:- Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors:- H.H. Lauder W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien Senator E. Kissane, P.J. Fleming, G. Donovan.

IN ATTENDANCE: T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

I. MINUTES :- The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I8th December I962 having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:-

A report dated 7th January, I963, from Messrs Thos. J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers was read in reply to the Council's query regarding the internal diameter of the new 7" water main. It stated that the mains consisted of standard 7" diameter Asbestos Cement pressure mains and that the outside diameter remained constant but that the inside diameter varied with the thickness of the pipes which were designed to suit the static pressures of the various sections of the mains.

It was decided, after a long discussion that the Consultant be asked to state how the volume of water which the new main was expected to deliver would compare with that supplied by the old main when it was originally laid in the early years of this Century.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

A report dated I5th January from Mr. Finnegan was read which stated that wholesale pilfering of timber had taken place at the Old Dispensary at Nunnery Lane. The matter had been reported to the Gardai.

3. INSTALLATION OF NEW FILTRATION PLANT ON WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

The County Manager gave the Members details of the discussions to date on the question of a filtration system. The alternatives were as follows :-

(a) Construction of slow sand Filters at Dranagh which would be able to supply the Town without pumping. There would be high expenditure entailed in the provision of a full-time Caretaker so far from the town.

(b) Provision of slow sand filters at Ballyleigh which would simplify to some extent the supervision of the plant. This method would supply a gravity aupply to the present service reservoir but would entail pumping to the higher areas of the town.

(c) The provision of Rapid Gravity Filters or Pressure Filters at Castlemoyle. The Council's Consultant had recommended this method which would be near the supply of electricity.

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Caretaking would be simplified and the works would be under the constant supervision of the Engineer. Pumping would be necessary to supply the area at present served by the Water Tower.

It was decided, on the proposition of Senator Kissane, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that the Consultant be requested to submit a report on the provision of adequate filtration plant of the slow sand type at Dranagh

The Manager informed the Meeting that work of this type would be financed by means of a loan and that under the present Department regulations a Subsidy of 60% of the loan charges would be paid by the Minister for Local Government.

The Council asked that in future Mr. Finnegan should be in a position to obtain all the technical details of the various proposals from the Consultant in order that he could explain them to the members when such matters are being discussed.

4. HOUSE AT PRIORY STREET.

The County Manager explained that a house the property of the Council was let to a Mr. Martin Cullen. It was at present occupied by Mr. Thomas M. Walsh who had made an offer to purchase same from the Council for £800. The offer was subsequently increased to £1000 with costs and expenses.

The Council agreed that the price offered was a fair one and the Manager stated that the proposal would be put formally to the Council at the February Meeting.

5. PROPOSAL TO BORROW £11,000 FOR WILLIAM STREET AND WINDMILL LANE HOUSING SCHEME

The following Resolution was proposed by Senator Kissane, seconded by Councillor Stafford and resolved :-

"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to borrow from the Commissioners of Public Works a sum of Eleven Thousand Pounds (£11,000) to be repaid by the Annuity System over a period of Fifty Years at the current rate of interest as set out in the Local Loans Fund Acts for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the erection of Six Serviced Houses at Windmill Lane and William Street under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 to 1958.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Pensions(Increase)Bill 1962.

On the proposition of Councillor Lauder
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

A Manager's Order dated 10th January 1963 was approved granting an increase of 6% in the pension of James S. Barry and Elizabeth A. Finn with effect as from 1st August 1962 and approving the overexpenditure of £25. 9. 4 on General Purposes Account in the current year to cover this increase.

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(b) Tidy Towns Competition 1963.

It was agreed that New Ross should be entered in the 1963 Tidy Towns Competition sponsored by Bord Failte Eireann.

(c) Clearance of Snow from Streets.

Councillor O'Brien stated that in his opinion the efforts made by the Council to clear the snow from the Streets during the recent snowfall were completely inadequate.

A long discussion took place on the matter and it was agreed that while certain inconvenience was caused, traffic in general was able to move reasonably freely and as it would be extremely costly to clear snow from the streets and footpaths either mechanically or by hand the expenditure of money which would be raised by means of an increase in the Municipal Rate would not be justified.

It was agreed, on the suggestion of Mr. Finnegan, that one solution to the problem of clearing streets blocked by show falls would be to have a blade which could be attached to a high-powered tractor and to make an arrangement with some owner of a suitable tractor to have same available for him in case of emergency.

It was decided that the question of the provision of such a blade would be considered at the Estimates Meeting.

Councillor Fleming suggested that an appeal might be made for volunteers in times of such emergency and that the Council could make shovels etc. available. He also suggested enquiries should be made regarding Insurance to indemnify the Council against claims by any such volunteers who might be injured while carrying out voluntary snow clearance.

(d) TRIBUTE TO E.S.B.

Arising out of the discussion on Snow Clearance it was decided on the proposition of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Stafford that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Management and Staff of the E.S.B. on the speed with which the supply of electricity was restored to the area following the very extensive storm damage.

(e) Engineering Services :-

On the suggestion of Councillor Stafford it was decided to ask the County Manager to make a report to the February Meeting giving details of the Engineering Services provided by the County Council in return for the annual contribution made by the Urban Council for such services.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Minihan

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TUESDAY, I9th FEBRUARY I963.

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: Chairman:- Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors:- H.H. Lauder, W. J. Stafford
P.J. Fleming, M. Murphy, G. Donovan.

In attendance: S. Gallagher, Duputy County Manager
H. Finnegan, B.E.
R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

I. MINUTES:- The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th January I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

(a) Engineering Services.

The Deputy County Manager made a report on the organization of the Urban Engineering Services as requested by Councillor Stafford. He stated that an Agreement existed between the County Council and the Urban Council whereby the County Council provided the normal services of Town Engineer plus the Architect's services at a figure of £450 per annum - technically speaking the County Engineer was the Town Engineer for New Ross. The County Engineer as Chief Engineering Officer controlled the service but Mr. Finnegan, as his Deputy in the area, controlled the day to day working of the various services in addition to his normal duties of Assistant County Engineer to the County Council.

(b) Water Supply Improvement Scheme - Filtration.

Consideration of a detailed report dated I8th February I963 from Messrs Thomas J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, regarding the proposal to install Filtration Plant was deferred in order that Mr. Finnegan might be in a position to give the problem his consideration and be in a position to explain the technical details to the Council at the March Meeting.

A letter dated I5th January I963 from the Consultants was also read

(c) Glor na NGael Competition organised by Cumann na Sagart.

It was agreed that as there was an entrance fee of £I. O. O payable and as the Council was not authorised to expend funds on such matters that no action be taken.

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3. DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AT PRIORY STREET.

The Statutory Notice in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 having been forwarded to each member of the Council by post on Friday, 8th February 1963, regarding the proposed disposal of the house at Priory Street it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and resolved

"That the fee simple interest in the house, offices and yard at Priory Street, New Ross, at present let to Mr. Martin Cullen and occupied by Mr. Thomas M. Walsh be sold to the said Thomas M. Walsh for the sum of £1000 (One Thousand pounds) - the purchaser to pay all costs and expenses of sale."

4. RESOLUTION FROM LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL.

A resolution from Laois County Council calling on the Minister for Local Government to provide money, free of interest, for all future Housing Schemes was taken as read.

5. ROAD EXPENDITURE - 1963/64.

The Engineer's proposals for road expenditure in 1963/64 which were contained in a report dated 15th February 1963, copies of which had been circulated to the members, were considered at length and it was agreed that the following expenditure be included in the Estimates :-

Ordinary Maintenance	£600
Provision of Statutory Road Signs	£ 69
Surface dressing of Schoolhouse Road	£174
Provision for accumulated Debit Balance (as notified by Deputy County Manager as having been spent by Wexford County Council).	£270
Total	£1113

Councillor Fleming suggested that consideration might be given to the formulation of a long term plan for road expenditure.

Mr. Finnegan's report included a suggestion to devote all Urban Road Improvement and E.S.V. Grants over the next four years to the financing of the Barrack Lane Development Project and the Council agreed that this should be done. The Council also recommended that the plans for this scheme be prepared and submitted for consideration as soon as possible.

The report also contained an estimate for approximately £350 to provide for what he considered to be the minimum provision for an emergency such as existed during the recent heavy snowfall. This would include the cost of providing special blades for attachment to high powered tractors for use as snow ploughs.

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the Estimates Meeting.

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6. OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Houses at Maiden Lane. The Town Clerk reported that negotiations were in progress for the purchase of the vacant unfit houses at Maiden Lane with a view to having the site cleared. This work would qualify for a 50% recoupment by way of grant.

(b) Road at Albatros Factory. Following a discussion on the state of the Urban Road leading to the Albatros-Windmill Fertilizer Co. Factory at Rosbercon, it was decided that as the damage appeared to have been done by the exceptionally heavy traffic and as a Special Grant had been obtained by Kilkenny County Council for similar work at "The Stripe" that enquiries should be made as to the methods adopted by Kilkenny County Council to obtain that Special Grant and that similar action be taken in this case.

(c) Obstruction at Schoolhouse Road. The Town Clerk stated that notice had been served on the owner of the wall which had collapsed at Schoolhouse Road and that a request had been made to have the obstruction removed.

(d) Drain at Mary Street. Councillor Donovan mentioned that a drain at Mary Street, the property of Mr. Michael Kelly appeared to need attention. The matter was referred to Mr. Finnegan for his attention.

(e) Superannuation Payment - Walter North, deceased.

The Deputy County Manager notified the Meeting that a member of the staff, Walter North, whose name was entered on the Register of Pensionable servants had died and that his Legal Personal Representative would be entitled to payment of a Gratuity equivalent to fifty-two weeks wages.

It was proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Fleming and resolved:

"That we hereby approve of the expenditure of £398 in excess of the estimate for General Urban Purposes for the year ended 31st March 1963 for the purpose of making a payment to the Legal Personal Representative of the late Walter North in accordance with the County Manager's Order dated 19th day of February, 1963.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Meehan

19 March 1963

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TUESDAY I9th MARCH I963

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors - H. H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, Senator E. Kissane and P.J. O'Brien.

In attendance: Mr. T. F. Broe, County Manager, R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

I. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I9th February I963, were taken as read, having been circulated to the members, and signed.

Arising from the Minutes.

Complaints were again made regarding an obstruction at Schoolhouse Road and it was agreed that notice be served on the owner stating that the work would be carried out by the Council and the cost charged to her.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

(a) Tenders for Land.

Tenders in response to the Public Notice regarding the sale of public property at Lower William Street and Chambersland were opened by the Chairman and referred to the County Manager for his attention.

(b) A letter was read from Dr. Richard Stokes A.C.M.O. giving details of a special voluntary medical test carried out in New Ross and expressing his appreciation for the co-operation given.

The members thanked Dr. Stokes and expressed their appreciation to him for his diligence in carrying out his duties, a great portion of which was carried out outside normal working hours.

3. DATE OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was agreed that the Annual Estimates Meeting be held on Tuesday, 9th April I963, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO ATTEND THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Councillor William J. Stafford as the Council's representative at the Thirty Seventh General Meeting of the "Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd." to be held in the near future.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Purchase of Derelict Houses at Lower Maiden Lane.

The Council agreed to the Manager's proposal to purchase four derelict houses at Lower Maiden Lane from Mrs. C. Gibbons

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for the sum of £IO (Ten Pounds) and costs - the site to be cleared and rendered safe at the earliest possible date.

Housing Site at Bishopsland (J.K.L. Place).

The County Manager informed the Meeting that efforts were being made to obtain an alternative access to the site at Bishopsland at present owned by the Council. It would be necessary to obtain some land from the Carmelite Order in order to provide this access.

The Council agreed that the development of this site should be pursued as quickly as possible.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 9th APRIL I963

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 and County Management (Amendment) Act, I955.

Present: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors: - H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, M. Reddy, G. Donovan and Senator E. Kissane.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor P.J. Fleming.

In attendance:

Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan B.E. and R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

ROADS

Gross Expenditure amounting to £I923 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £749 were adopted leaving a balance of £II74 to be levied.

When Roads Expenditure was being considered the County Manager submitted a letter dated 9th April which had been received from Messrs Albatros-Windmill Fertilizer Co. Ltd., in connection with repairs to an Urban Road, serving their premises.

The Council considered the matter and decided not to allow any expenditure in respect of this work as it was considered that the cost should properly be met by Government Grant.

A deputation consisting of the Chairman, Senator Kissane and Mr. Finnegan was appointed to discuss the matter with the Factory Management.

SANITARY SERVICES.

The estimated Expenditure of £2835 in respect of Scavenging was reduced by £I35 which represented the amount included to cover the cost of street scavenging on Sunday mornings.

A sum of £50 included under the heading of Loan Charges in respect of the provision of Filtration Plant was struck out as it was felt that expenditure would not accrue on this item in the current year.

Gross Expenditure of £II,926 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £4202 were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward a Credit Balance of £330 leaving a balance of £7394 to be levied.

It was suggested that an effort should be made to encourage shopkeepers, particularly those who sold ice cream, sweets, etc., to provide receptacle on their premises in order to reduce the amount of papers being scattered by their customers.

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Regret was expressed at the amount of damage being caused to the Public Convenience through vandalism and it was decided that arrangements should be made to ensure that persons would not gain access to the premises after the gates are closed at night.

HOUSING

The Estimated Expenditure for Housing Repairs was reduced by £I5.

Gross Expenditure of £I3,856 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £I2,768 were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward an unexpended balance of £775 leaving a nett sum of £3I3 to be levied.

Arising from this item the County Manager notified the Council that the Minister has reluctantly agreed to the proposal to accept a tender for £39,757 for the erection of twenty houses at Charleton Hill. Negotiations had taken place with the Contractors regarding the price tendered for rock excavation and a reduction of I0/- per cubic yard had been agreed.

On the basis of the estimated cost of £2082 per house the following would be the economic weekly rent - inclusive of 6/5d per week in respect of rates :-

If one-third subsidy granted - £2. 8. 4 per week.

If two-thirds subsidy granted - £I.I4.II per week.

On the proposal of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

It was decided to proceed with the scheme on the basis of the price tendered by Messrs William Cleere & Son, Kilkenny.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES

Gross Expenditure of £20,670 was approved.

Receipts amounting to £3948 were adopted and it was agreed to carry forward an unexpended balance of £350 together with a reserve of £I80 which was provided in the estimate for I962/63 leaving a net sum of £I6I92 to be levied.

School Meals.

Councillor Donovan remarked that this scheme had become somewhat less important in latter years following the improvement in general living standards resulting from increased employment in the town and from increases in rates of wages being paid generally.

Tholsel Improvements.

The Council agreed that application should be made for the Minister's approval to the raising of a Loan for the carrying out of improvements to the Tholsel and that a Committee of the Council be formed to advise in the choice of floor covering, new table, etc.

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SUMMARY.

Nett Expenditure as per County Manager's Estimate £25,273

Reductions:

Street Scavenging on Sunday	£135	
Loan Charges - Filtration Plant	£ 50	
Housing - Repairs	£ 15	200
Nett Expenditure allowed by Council		£25,073

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
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 revelant 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 Forty One Shillings and Six Pence in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said Estimate for the services of the financial year ending 31st March 1964.

Before the Meeting concluded the members expressed satisfaction that it had been found possible to keep the rate at the 1962/63 level while not in any way curtailing the services to the general public.

The Chairman, one behalf of the members present 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

A. Minihan
16 April 1963.

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TUESDAY I6th APRIL I963

The Monthly Meeting of theNew 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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.
Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien, Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance:
Mr. R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.

I. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I9th March I963 and the Estimates Meeting held on 9th April I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

The Chairman reported that a deputation consisting of The Chairman himself, Senator Kissane, Mr. Finnegan and The Town Clerk had met the Managing Director and Secretary of Messrs Albatros on Thursday, IIth April in connection with the repairs to the Urban Road leading to the factory.

At that Meeting it had been agreed, subject to the approval of the Council, that a temporary job, pending the carrying out of the prepared major re-alignment work on the main Waterford Road, would be carried out and that Messrs Albatros would supply all the materials needed through Messrs Roadstone Ltd. The Council would provide the necessary plant and labour to carry out the work.

It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Stafford, Seconded by Councillor O'Brien to carry out the work as agreed by the deputation.

Councillor Lauder dissented stating that other roads in the Urban Area were also in need of attention.

PROPOSAL TO BORROW £42,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT A SCHEME FOR THE ERECTION OF TWENTY SERVICED HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL.

The following resolution was proposed by Councillor Stafford, seconded by the Chairman and resolved:

"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to borrow from the Commissioners of Public Works a sum of Forty Two Thousand Pounds (£42,000) to be repaid by the Annuity System over a period of Fifty years at the current Rate of Interest as set out in the Local Loans Fumd Acts for the purpose of carrying out a scheme for the erection of Twenty Serviced Houses at Charleton Hill (Nolan's Field) under the Housing of the Working Classes Acts I890 to I958."

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the estimated inclusive rents of three houses based on the tendered price would, assuming no subsidy from the Rates, be as follows :-

Where subsidy of two-thirds is paid	£I. I4. 7
Where subsidy of one-third is paid	£2. 8. 4

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PROVISION OF FILTRATION PLANT.

Mr. Finnegan's report on the technical aspects of the Consultant's report dated I8th February I963 was read in which he stated that the total estimated delivery to the low-level area and high-level reservoir would, on completion of the present scheme amount to 450,000 gallons per day as compared with 200,000 gallons which the present main is capable of delivering.

The Consultant's report stated that the installation of Filtration Plant at Dranagh would not be feasible in view of the fact that it might eventually be necessary to augment the supply by pumping from Poulmounty River, particularly in an exceptionally dry year.

He recommended that the filtration works be sited at Ballyleigh and that they be the slow sand type.

The estimated cost of this work would be £2I,000 with an annual running cost of £800. These figures do not include the cost of installing a pump house at Poulmounty or the running cost of such an installation.

It was decided that the members should arrange a visit to Ballyleigh with Mr. Finnegan and then to invite the Consultant to attend a Special Meeting of the Council to discuss the matter in detail.

The Chairman also asked that final drawings of all the schemes carried out to date be shown to the Council.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Watermain at Wexford Street.

The Council agreed that arrangements should be made for the provision of a 3" Water Main at Wexford Street as suggested by Mr. Finnegan in his annual report and that the cost be included in the Water Supply Improvement Scheme Loan as recommended by the County Manager in his report on the Estimates for I963/64.

Sale of Land at Chambersland.

The Town Clerk informed Councillor O'Brien that the County Manager was not prepared to accept the highest tender submitted for the purchase of the Council's land (old dumping ground) at Chambersland.

Resolution from Carlow Urban District Council.

A resolution from Carlow Urban District Council regarding the collection of funds for the Freedom from hunger Campaigne was marked "read".

THE MEETING ENDED

E. Donovan

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FRIDAY 3rd MAY 1963.

A Special Committee Meeting of New Ross Urban District Council was held in the Tholsel on Friday 3rd May, 1963 at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present:- Chairman:- Mr. A. Minihan
Councillor W. J. Stafford.

In Attendance:- Mr. Thos. F. Broe, County Manager.
Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. Engineer.
Mr. R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.
Mr. Thos. J. O'Connor, Consulting Engineer.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting was held in order that the Water Supply Improvement Scheme might be discussed with particular reference to the proposal to instal Filtration Plant as covered in Reports by the Consulting Engineer, the latest being that dated 18th February, 1963.

GENERAL DISCUSSION.

The Chairman drew Mr. O'Connor's attention to the fact that final Drawings of the Schemes completed to date were not available and that the Council required them.

Mr. O' Connor promised to forward these documents at an early date.

Mr. O'Connor referred to the recent controversy regarding the size of the pipes being used in the present scheme and explained that they were in accordance with the British Standard Specification. He further confirmed that he would guarantee that the quantity of water stated in the table attached to his report of the 18th February, 1963 would be delivered by the main when the present job (Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle) would be completed.

Mr. Finnegan asked that consideration be given to the installation of a reflux valve on the main serving the Water Tower and also to the possibility of installing an automatically controlled valve to control the supply of Water to The Tower and to the Service Reservoir at Castlemoyle.

Mr. O'Connor stated that he would investigate these matters.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. O'Connor stated that the Hydrostat (Booster) at the Irishtown could not be installed at the intake to the Reservoir in order to provide a supply of water to the Water Tower. He stated that when this Hydrostat was installed there was no service reservoir and in addition to driving water to the Water Tower, it also reduced the pressure on the service mains in the Town. If it were installed on the intake at Castlemoyle it would restrict the flow of water in the main to a considerable extent. Mr. O'Connor emphasised the necessity for closing the valves on the mains very slowly in order to avoid the risk of fracturing the pipes through "Water Hammer" - the new main would also need great care in this respect.

Questioned as to the possibility of utilising the old delivery main as a "reserve" Mr. O'Connor stated that he had intended to isolate this main but that he would now arrange to have it connected to the supply by means of a system of valves whereby it could be brought into use if needed. He could not give any guarantee as to the possible life of the old main and stated that the question of "Flushing" out in an effort to reduce encrustation could be considered by the Council's Engineers.

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Additional Supply from Poulmounty River.

Mr. O'Connor advised that consideration should be given to the question of obtaining water Rights on the Poulmounty River as it might eventually be necessary with increased demand for water, to augment the Dranagh Supply. The Poulmounty River provided the most convenient second source available to New Ross.

The Council agreed that steps should be taken to obtain these Water Rightd by Agreement - if Compulsory Acquisition were to be resorted to, it would be necessary to know the amount of water needed from the River.

FILTRATION.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the suggestion to instal the Filtration Plant at Dranagh would not be feasible. The two sites available were Ballyleigh and Castlemoyle.

Ballyleigh Site:

Advantages of this site were as follows:-

(a) Slow Sand Filtration which was the cheapest method of treating water could be installed here.

(b) It would give a supply by gravitation to the Water Tower.

(c) It was a short distance from The Poulmounty River, if that source should ever be utilised.

(d) Filtered water would be available if required for rural Consumers.

A possible disadvantage of this site might be the difficulty of providing supervision four miles from the town. The services of a Caretaker would be required on an average of three days per week.

Castlemoyle Site;

Pressure type filters would have to be installed here. Capital cost would be lower but running costs would be much higher.

The only advantage of this site would be convenience for supervision and Caretaking, due to proximity to the Town.

In reply to the Chairman's question as to the possibility of extending and repairing the disused filters at Ballyleigh, Mr. O'Connor - supported by Mr. Finnegan - stated that the present site was not large enough and that the cost of repairing and extending the old filters would not be an economic proposition. It was also proposed to site the new filters at a slightly higher level, a short distance from the old site. Mr. O'Connor stressed the importance of making use of the most advantageous site available for these works.

Mr. O'Connor stated that it would be advisable to have some chemical treatment for the water such as P.H. correction etc., and he estimated that with this treatment and the possible provision of a small residence for a Caretaker the capital cost of Filtration Works at Ballyleigh should not exceed £25,000. He recommended

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the selection of the Ballyleigh site.

It was agreed that this proposal should be recommended to the Council at the May Monthly Meeting.

TOURIST BOARD.

When the discussion on the Water Supply Improvement Scheme ended the County Manager stated that he had recently received a communication from Bord Failte Eireann regarding the formation of a Regional Tourism Organisation to replace the Irish Tourist Board which is now about to be dissolved. It is intended that each region would have it's own organisation to compliment locally the Work of the National tourist authority (Bord Failte Eireann). The proposed region to include County Wexford would consist of the Counties of Wexford, Waterford, Kilkenny and South Tipperary.

A Special inaugural meeting of all interested bodies is to be held in the Talbot Hotel, Wexford on Tuesday 14th May, 1963 at 8.00 p.m. and the Manager stated that the Council was invited to nominate delegates to this meeting.

It was decided that the following delegates be appointed:-

The Chairman:- Mr. A. Minihan.
Councillor W.J. Stafford.
Mr. R. V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.
Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.

PROPOSED VISIT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO IRELAND.

The following resolution was passed on the proposition of the Chairman:-

"That we the Members of the New Ross Urban District Council cordially offer a hearty Cead Mile Failte to President John F. Kennedy to come to New Ross on the occasion of his forthcoming visit to Ireland".

The Town Clerk was instructed to convey the Council's invitation to President Kennedy through the U.S. Ambassader in Dublin.

The Meeting Ended.

E. Donovan

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WEDNESDAY I5th MAY I963

A Special Meeting of New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, on Wednesday, I5th May I963, at 7.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. Fleming M. Murphy, G. Donovan. P J O'Brien

An apology for his inability to attend was received from Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was convened in order to discuss the proposed visit of President John F. Kennedy to New Ross. He stated that the President's itinery was not yet published but that it was certain he would visit New Ross.

The issue of a special invitation to President Kennedy was unanimously approved on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Donovan.

The Chairman submitted a tentative plan of the form which the arrangements for President Kennedy's visit might take. The various points were as follows :-

I. Form of Reception.

2. Finance.

3. Entertainment

4. Decorations

5. Invitations

6. Press Relations.

7. Restrictions

8. Accommodation

9. Presentation.

The Council adopted the plan as set out in principle and agreed that a Public Meeting be convened on Wednesday, 22nd May at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of forming Committees to look after the various arrangements and that members of the Council be assigned to Committees as follows :-

Finance: Councillors H.H. Lauder and ~~Senator E. Kissane~~ Councillor Mr Murphy.

~~Decorations~~ Entertainment: Councillors G. Donovan and Senator E. Kissane.

Press Relations: ~~Decoration~~ :- Councillors P. J. Fleming, Mr Reddy, P J O'Brien

On the proposition of Councillor Fleming
Seconded by Councillor Murphy

Councillor W.J. Stafford was unanimously appointed Press Officer with the responsibility of looking after Press arrangements.

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On the question of finance it was agreed that a door to door collection should not be made.

The Town Clerk was directed to send communications to the Department of External Affairs and Bord Failte Eireann asking that one or both of these Bodies contribute towards or underwrite the cost of organizing a reception particularly in view of the fact that this visit could be regarded more of National rather than Local interest - both bodies to be notified that every effort would be made to collect the necessary funds locally.

Councillor Fleming suggested that the considerable expense which the President's relations in Dunganstown would be caused should also be financed by one of these bodies.

The Council agreed on the proposition of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Fleming that the most suitable type of presentation which could be made by the Council Members would be some small object, preferably of Old Irish Silver.

The Council also agreed to the suggestion of Councillor Donovan that the traders and employers in the town should grant facilities for a local public holiday on the occasion of President Kennedy's visit.

THE MEETING ENDED.

S. Donovan

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TUESDAY 2Ist MAY· I963

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: Chairman:- In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. G. Donovan, Vice Chairman, took the Chair.

Councillors:- W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien, M. O'Murchada.

In attendance:- Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th April I963, the Special Committee Meeting held on 3rd May I963 and the Special Meeting held on I5th May I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

The County Manager notified the Council of his intention to make orders disposihg of houses to the following tenants under the Tenant Purchase Scheme :-

(a) Patrick Maddock, 8 Ard Mhicil.

(b) Mrs. Annie Bolger, 3 Cockpit Lane.

The Council approved of the disposal.

Councillor O'Brien stated that he fel$ that with the disposal of the cheaper houses Under the Tenant Purchase Scheme the time would come when there would not be any cheap houses available for letting to lower paid workers. He also suggested that the whole question of Tenant Purchase should be reviewed.

Councillor Donovan stated that he felt that it was desirable that tenants should become owners of their houses.

The County Manager informed the members that he would in future inform the Council of his intention to dispose of any house under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION - HOUSING.

It was proposed by Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien and resolved:-

"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for approval to borrow by means of temporary overdraft on Municipal account from the National Bank Ltd., Council's Treasurer, a sum not exceeding £3000 (Three Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of meeting commitments in respect of the Housing Scheme at Windmill Lane and William Street pending issue of the loan by the Commissioners of Public Works."

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PROVISION OF FILTRATION PLANT - WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

It was decided on the proposition of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Stafford, that the Council proceed with the proposal to provide a new slow sand filtration system at Ballyleigh a short distance from the site of the disused filters in accordance with the recommendation of the Consulting Engineers as discussed at the Committee Meeting held on 3rd May 1963 which was attended by Messrs Thomas J. O'Connor. The Capital cost of this work was estimated at approximately £25,000 with an additional annual maintenance cost of approximately £800.

The County Manager stated that it was his opinion that the Council should proceed with the scheme as recommended by the Consulting Engineers.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions from Corporation of Dunlaoghaire re cost of Health Services and from Skibbereen U.D.C. re Super Markets and Trading Combines were marked "read".

OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Housing Scheme. The Council requested that the Contractor for the proposed twenty house scheme at Charleton Hill be requested to employ local labour as far as possible.

(b) Rosbercon Footpath. The Chairman asked that attention be given to the footpath at Rosbercon Hill.

Mr. Finnegan promised to attend to this matter as early as possible but he stated that it would not be possible to carry out a satisfactory job due to the narrowness of the Street at this point and to the fact that the houses practically opened on to the roadway.

(c) Manhole cover at Waterford Road: The Chairman drew the Engineer's attention to the fact that a manhole cover at Waterford Road appeared to be in a dangerous condition.

(d) Stop-cock Covers: Councillor O'Brien stated that a considerable number of defective stopcock-covers existed in the town.

(e) Mortgage re Loan of £10,700 in respect of Housing Scheme at William Street and Windmill Lane.

It was moved by Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien and resolved:-

"That Our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the provisions of the Local Government (No. 2) Act 1960."

THE MEETING ENDED

A Meehan
18. June 1963

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TUESDAY, 2Ist MAY I963.

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 ended 3Ist March I963.

Present: Chairman :- In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. G. Donovan, Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Councillors:- W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien, M. O'Murchada.

In attendance:- Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

Proposed by Councillor Murphy
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien and resolved

"That we raise the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and One Penny as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of Forty One Shillings and Six Pence in the Pound for the financial year ended 3Ist day of March I964, 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 I963, together with arrears of Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds, Twelve Shillings and the Second on or before the 3Ist March I964.

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Rate Book which was signed by all members present.

P. Murphy
18 June 1963

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TUESDAY 4th JUNE, 1963.

A Special Meeting Of New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 4th June, 1963.

The Meeting was convened in order to discuss preparations in connection with the proposed visit of President John F. Kennedy to New Ross.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J.Stafford, Sen. E. Kissane, G. Donovan, P.J. Fleming, M. Murphy.

In attendance: Mr. R. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.
Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer.

The Meeting was also attended by:- Mr. Patrick Dolan, Chairman, and Mr. P.A. Brennan, Secretary of New Ross Harbour Commissioners. Supt. Walsh, Garda Siochana, New Ross.

The Chairman notified the Meeting that two Officials of the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Gaynor and Mr. Kirwan, would call at The Tholsel on Wednesday 5th June at 10.30 a.m. to discuss preparations for the President's visit and that all members of the Council actively engaged in making preparations would be most welcome to take part in the discussion.

It was also suggested that the Secretary and Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners and the Garda Supt. would also attend.

Mr. Fleming, Chairman of the Decorations Committee reported as follows:-

(1) The Committee would require approximately £50 to meet their expenses.

(2) He suggested that provision might be made at O'Kennedy Park for the Children.

(3) He stated that it was intended that decorations would commence at John Street, and follow the anticipated route, North Street, Quay Street, The Quay and the route to Dunganstown, The Quay, Charles Street, South Street, Priory Street.

(4) He expressed the hope that the Council truck would be available if required.

The Meeting agreed that if possible accomodation for the large numbers of children that were expected should be provided at O'Kennedy Park.

The Chairman stated that it was proposed to erect the Reception Platform at a point about 50 yards south of the Harbour Office and slightly forward of the office. The American advance party had expressed satisfaction at this site.

Regarding the route from O'Kennedy Park, Supt. Walsh stated it would be very unlikely that any departure would be made from that which had been decided i.e. Mountgarrett, College Rd. (Creywell) John St., North St., Quay St., The Quay.

The Chairman suggested that the possibility of using a Landau pulled by twelve men to convey President Kennedy from John St., to The Quay should be investigated.

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This was agreed although Superintendant Walsh stated that it would be very improbable.

Senator Kissane and Councillor Donovan both stated that they considered that the hiring of a Marquee and engagement of a Band by the Entertainments Committee would be very risky from the financial point of view.

Mr. P.A. Brennan stated that he had ascertained that The Artane Boys Band could be obtained on payment of expenses only and that this might possibly be covered by receipts from a Concert to be held in St. Michael's Theatre in the Afternoon of June 27th. It was agreed that the Band should be obtained if possible.

Councillor Stafford stated that it would be possible to obtain accomodation for the Car Park at the Premises of the Livestock Sales Co., at Rosbercon.

Councillors Lauder and Murphy, on behalf of the Finance Committee, requested an estimate of the possible expenditure.

Councillor Stafford stated that a special Stand would be required to accomodate Press and Television Personell and that he had obtained a quotation from a reputable firm to provide and erect a suitable stand at a cost of £330.

A Total expenditure of £1,000 was estimated as follows:-

Decorations Committee:-		£50-0-0.
Entertainments Committee:-		
Hire of Marquee, Erection of protecting barrier, Advertising.	£200.	
Hire of Band for two nights, (First night free)	£50.	
Expenses of Artane Boys Band.	£50.	£300-0-0.
Press Accomodation:-		
Cost of Hiring and erection of Special Stand.		£400-0-0.
Erection of Reception Platform. (Material to be supplied by Graves & Co.)		£100-0-0.
Public Address System.		£20-0-0.
Presentation:-		
Small piece of Mount Carmel Lace.	£10.	
Small piece of Old Irish Silver.	£50.	£60-0-0.
Contingencies.		£70-0-0.
Total.....		£1000-0-0.

It was agreed not to allow for possible receipts from the proposed Dance at this stage, in view of the uncertainty of same.

The Meeting agreed that the Finance Committee should make an effort to obtain guarantees of £10 from each of one hundred traders and other interested persons in the town as a safeguard against the possibility of subscriptions and other receipts not being sufficient to meet the necessary expense to be incurred.

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The question of the allocation of seats on the reception platform was then discussed and the list was agreed on as follows - wives being included in all cases where appropriate:-

Members of New Ross Urban District Council	18
Staff of the Tholsel	14
New Ross Harbour Commissioners	16
Staff of New Ross Harbour Commissioners	2
Kilkenny County Council (to be nominated)	4
The Mayor of Waterford	2
City Manager, Waterford	2
The Mayor of Clonmel	2
Town Clerk of Clonmel	2
The Mayor of Kilkenny	2
Town Clerk of Kilkenny	2
Chairman Enniscorthy U.D.C.	2
Town Clerk of Enniscorthy	2
Chairman Gorgy Town Commissioners.	2
Town Clerk of Gorey	2
Parish Priest, New Ross	1
Parish Priest, Rosbercon	1
Rev. Fr. Power, O.S.A.	1
Principal Christian Brothers	1
Rev. Mr. Mills. Rector St. Mary's, New Ross.	2.
Dr. McAdoo, Protestent Bishop of Ferns and Ossory.	2
Bishop of Ferns.	1
Bishop of Ossory	1
Old I.R.A. Messrs Patk. Murphy and Thos. O'Hanlon	4
F.C.A.	2
State Solicitor. (Mr. Coghlan)	2
Mr. Gus O'Kennedy	2
James S. Barry, Retired Town Clerk	2
Garda Superintendant Walsh (New Ross)	2
Former Chairman of New Ross U.D.C.	
Mr. Thomas Redmond	1
Mrs Bridget Lalor	2
Mr. Thomas Clerkin.	2
Total	103

It was agreed that there should be a small guard of Honour consisting of members of the Old I.R. A. drawn up at the platform.

It was agreed that the Vice-Chairman Councillor Donovan should meet President Kennedy at O'Kennedy Park and that he would accompany The President to the Official reception platform.

It was agreed to call another special Meeting of the Council for Tuesday 11th June, 1963 at The Tholsel to discuss the matter further.

THE MEETING ENDED.

R. Meehan

18. June 1963

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TUESDAY 28th JUNE I963

DEATH OF THE LORD BISHOP OF FERNS.

The Chairman arranged to have a notice issued calling a Special Meeting of the Council at 7.30 6'clock p.m. on Friday, 28th June I963, as he considered it fitting that the Council should pass a vote of sympathy on behalf of the Council and the people of New Ross to the Vicar General and Clergy of the Dioceses of Ferns on the death of His Lordship Most Rev. James Staunton, D.D., Lord Bishop of Ferns.

Present: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors - G. Donovan, M. Murphy, W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

"That we tender the sympathy of the Council and people of New Ross to the Vicar General and Clergy of the Diocese of Ferns on the death of the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. James Staunton, D.D."

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 18th JUNE 1963

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien and G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

County Manager's Order.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's proposal to make an order selling No. 70 Charleton Hill to the tenant Mr. Patrick Roche under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Mr. Roche is to pay the full purchase price of £585 in one payment.

Councillor O'Brien objected to the proposal stating that he understood that Mr. Roche intended to leave the house in the near future.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st May 1963, the Special Meeting held on 21st May 1963 for the purpose of making a Municipal Rate and the Special Meeting held on 4th June 1963 in connection with the proposed visit of President John F. Kennedy to New Ross having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

An invitation from the Chairman and Committee of the '98 Commemoration Association to the Council to attend the unveiling of a plaque on the new Wexford Bridge on Sunday, 23rd June was read.

It was agreed that any members of the Council who found it possible would attend and also the Town Clerk and Town Engineer.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND.

It was agreed that the following resolutions be forwarded for consideration at the Annual Conference to be held in Skibbereen, Co. Cork on 24th to 26th September 1963:-

(a) "That the Minister be requested to extend the provisions of the Education (Provision of Meals) Acts 1914 to 1930 to enable County Councils to contribute towards the net cost of providing School Meals in National Schools in Urban Areas."

(b) "That Urban Authorities be empowered to incur limited expenditure in entertainment of visiting dignitaries."

(c) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested again to introduce Grants under the Local Authorities (Works) Act 1949."

(d) "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to make Special Grants available to cover the cost of emergency snow clearance."

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PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Housing Acts contained provisions which enabled the Local Authority to make additional grants available to certain persons who were erecting houses for their own occupation. These grants would be in addition to the grant paid by the Minister for Local Government and would be confined to persons whose total annual income did not exceed £832.

It was agreed that the Council would consider this matter at the next Monthly Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Annual Meeting. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting be held at 7.30 o'clock p.m., on Monday Ist July I963.

(b) Councillor O'Brien stated that he considered that the person who recently saved a young boy from drowning in the River Barrow should be recommended for the highest award possible.

(c) It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor Lauder that a letter be sent to the Garda Superintendent asking if he now thought the time oppertune to introduce Parking Byelaws for the more conjested streets such as John Street.

THE MEETING ENDED

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ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY Ist JULY I963

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

Present: A Minihan, Chairman.

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, G. Donovan, M. Murphy, Senator E. Kissane, M. Reddy and P.J. Fleming.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 26th June I962 were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor A. Minihan was proposed by Senator Kissane and seconded by Councillor Stafford.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared himself elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Donovan was proposed by Councillor Reddy and seconded by Councillor Lauder.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan elected.

The Chairman thanked the members for re-electing him and for their co-operation and help throughout the past year.

Councillor Donovan also thanked the members for re-electing him.

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Minihan

30 June 1964

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TUESDAY I6th JULY I963

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 W.J. Stafford, H.H. Lauder, P.J. Fleming.

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor W.J. Stafford was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Lauder.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I8th June I963 and the Special Meeting held on 28th June I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by Councillor Fleming
Seconded by Councillor Lauder

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. M.B. Quigley and family, Priory Street, on the death of her husband.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Letter dated IIth July I963 was received from Right Rev. James Kavanagh Browne, Vicar Capitular, thanking the Council for their kind message of sympathy on the death of their beloved Bishop Most Reverend Dr. Staunton.

MORTGAGE RE LOAN OF £42,000 FOR THE ERECTION OF 20 HOUSES AT CHARLETON HILL (NOLAN'S FIELD).

Proposed by Councillor P.J. Fleming
Seconded by Councillor H.H. Lauder and resolved :-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Forty two thousand pounds, proposed to be advanced by them to us under the provisions of the Local Government (No.2) Act I960."

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's proposal to make an Order disposing of house No. 9 Irishtown, to the tenant Mr. Stephen L. Brennan under the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

The Chairman requested to be informed of the present position of the Barrack Lane Scheme.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., stated he hoped to be in a position to submit draft of the scheme to the next Meeting.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Minihan
20 Aug 1963

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TUESDAY, 20th AUGUST I963.

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, M. Reddy, P.J. O'Brien, Senator E. Kissane, P.J. Fleming.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th July I963, having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant leases of the following houses to tenants under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme :-

(a) No. I4 Ard Mhicil to Michael J. O'Brien.
(b) No. 5 Ard Mhicil to Sylvester J. McGarr.
(c) No. 6 Harvey Place to Bernard P. McGuinness.
(d) No. I4 Town Wall (Ard na Greine) to Matthew K. Fennell.
(e) No. 5I Charleton Hill to Martin Dowling.

TRANSFER OF TENANT PURCHASE LEASE - R. McELHINNEY.

The Town Clerk, on the instructions of the County Manager, informed the Meeting that an application had been received on behalf of Mr. Raymond McElhinney, who holds a lease of No. 22 Ard Mhicil under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme for permission to transfer his interest to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Quay Street, and that the Manager proposed to make an Order refusing permission on the grounds that he felt that Mr. O'Brien was not a qualified person for the purpose of the Housing of the Working Classes Acts.

It was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman (Councillor O'Brien dissenting) that this matter be discussed in Committee.

After a long discussion the Council agreed that permission should not be granted to the proposed transfer.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Question of the advisability of continuing the Tenant Purchase Scheme was discussed at length and it was agreed that a scheme whereby individual tenants could become owners of the houses occupied by them was desirable but that every effort should be made to eliminate abuses as far as possible.

Arising out of this item it was agreed that the following resolution should be forwarded for consideration at the Municipal Authorities Conference:-

"That we request the Minister for Local Government to define the term "Member of the Working Classes" for the purpose of deciding the eligibility of persons to purchase leases held under Tenant Purchase Schemes."

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Turnover Tax.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had been in contact with the Inspector of Taxes in Wexford who had informed him that he would be agreeable to attend a Meeting in New Ross with a view to explaining the operation of the proposed Turnover Tax to interested persons.

The Council agreed on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Lauder, that a notice be published in the New Ross Standard stating that the Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 27th August, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Councillor O'Brien asked when the plans for the proposed watermain extension to Wexford Street would be available.

The Chairman suggested that arrangements might be made for the attendance of an official of C.I.E. at a Meeting to discuss the bus service to Wexford.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I7th SEPTEMBER I963.

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien M. Murphy, Senator E. Kissane, and G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer, and R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th August I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant leases of the following houses to tenants under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme :-

Thomas Butler, 3 Irishtown.
Patrick J. Barrett, 54 Charleton Hill
James Grace, IO Cockpit Lane.

Transfer of Tenant Purchase Lease.

The Manager informed the Meeting that he had received an application on behalf of Mr. Patrick M. Roche for permission to transfer his interest in No. 70 Charleton Hill to Mr. James O'Shea, Irishtown. Mr. O'Shea was employed as Accountant by Messrs Staffords, New Ross. He further stated that in view of the Council's concern that these houses should not pass out of the hands of persons for whom they were intended i.e."Members of the Working Classes "and as he considered that Mr. O'Shea might not be strictly described as a "Member of the Working Classes" - which term was not fully defined - he proposed to refuse permission to the transfer. The Manager also stated that he could not see any great distinction between this application and that which was refused in respect of No. 22 Ard Mhicil which was also refused.

In answer to a question by Councillor Lauder the Manager informed the Meeting that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act I955 the Council could direct him to carry out their instructions regarding certain executive functions including the granting or refusal of permission under the Tenant Purchase Scheme. Certain legal formalities, including Notice of Motion signed by three members of the Council and Special Notices to each member of the Council followed possibly by a Special Meeting of the Council, must be observed if Section 4 were to be invoked.

The Council agreed with the Manager's decision in this case.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

(a) A Circular from Sinn Fein regarding the purchase of Irish manufactured goods were read and noted.

(b) The result of the I963 Tidy Towns Competition in which New Ross scored a total of 7I marks out of a possible I00 was read and noted.

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(c) Amenity Scheme - Church Lane. Mr. Finnegan requested that the owner of the property adjoining the open space opposite St. Mary's Church was objecting to the proposal to clear and surface the square for use as a car park.

It was agreed that the work be proceed with as planned.

(d) Wexford Street Water Main. Mr. Finnegan submitted his plan and Bill of Quantities for the laying of 120 yards of 3" P.V.C. Wavin Water Main in Wexford Street to replace the old 1" main. The total estimated cost amounted to £661. 0. 0.

It was agreed that the proposal be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for approval and that the cost be defrayed, if possible, from the present Waterworks Improvement Scheme Loan of £28,000.

(e) Barrack Lane Scheme. Mr. Finnegan informed the Meeting that he had prepared the draft plan of this scheme.

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee of The Chairman with Councillors Donovan and Stafford should inspect the plans and report back to the Council in due course.

OTHER BUSINESS.

An Official from the Waterford C.I.E. office attended the Meeting on the invitation of the Chairman. He gave details of the various bus services and proposed bus services serving New Ross and assured the members that the fears experienced at the previous meeting regarding the Board's plans for the future of the New Ross bus service were groundless.

The Council expressed appreciation for the information given.

THE MEETING ENDED

A Murphy

15 Oct 1963

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WEDNESDAY, 9th OCTOBER I963.

A Special Meeting was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, at 8 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 9th October I963.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors: G. Donovan, Miceal O'Murcada, P.J. Fleming, W.J. Stafford. H. H. LAUDER

Also present were: Mrs. R. O'Grady, Mrs. Hickey, Messrs P.J. Dolan, P.A. Brennan, A.H. French, R. Rochford, W. Bennett, Harry Wilson, R. O'Grady and Charles McCann.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of winding up affairs in connection with the visit of President Kennedy to New Ross in June last.

Councillor M. Murcada submitted the accounts of the Finance Committee a summary of which is as follows :-

Total Subscription received		£268. I3. 0
Receipts from two dances on The Quay	£494. 5.I0	
" from Ceilide less rent of Hall	23.I0. 0	5I7. I5.I0
Total Receipts		£786. 8.I0
Total nett Expenditure		£484. II. 5
Balance on Hands		£30I. I7. 5

The Financial statement was adopted on the proposition of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Mr. McCann.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor Fleming that a sum of £7. 0. 9 which was paid by the F.C.A. Pipe Band Fund to cover a deficit which arose on the occasion of the celebrations to mark the inauguration of President Kennedy should be refunded to that fund.

It was also agreed that a suitable presentation should be made to Band Leader Mick Delahunty in appreciation of his gesture in providing his services free of charge. The cost of this presentation which was to be selected by Messrs P.A. Brennan and R.A. O'Grady was not to exceed £20.

Applications from Mrs. Ellen Brazil, 27 Michael Street and Mr. Joseph Furlong, I5 Bewley Street, for compensation for garments lost at the Marquee Dance were refused on the grounds that the Committee could not accept responsibility for such losses.

The Chairman stated that as there would be a cash surplus of approximately £275 after meeting all expenses it would be necessary to come to a decision regarding the disposal of this sum. He stated that the following suggestions had been made to him :-

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Chairman.....

(a) The erection of a suitable plaque to commemorate the occasion.

(b) A portrait of President Kennedy, suitably inscribed to be purchased and hung in the Council Chamber.

(c) A Chain of Office for the Chairman of the Urban Council to be entitled the"Kennedy Memorial Chain of Office !

(d) A suitable Memorial to be erected in the new Civic Centre at Barrack Lane.

(e) A contribution to be made towards the cost of improvements at the Trinity Hospital such as electric power plugs and kettles and the installation of toilet facilities.

It was agreed that a suitable Commemorative Plaque be erected on The Quay. The cost of this plaque to be kept reasonably low. The general opinion was that it should be possible to obtain and erect an ~~enamelled~~ plaque for less than £100. CAST BRONZE AM.

It was also agreed on the proposition of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Stafford, that the surplus remaining after all expenses, including the cost of plaque, were paid should be expended on improvements to the Trinity Hospital with emphasis on water heating and indoor sanitary facilities.

A Committee consisting of the Chairman, Councillors Donovan, Lauder and Murphy was appointed to discuss this matter with the Governers of the Trinity Hospital.

In concluding the Meeting the Chairman thanked all the people who attended and he suggested that it would be desirable if the Committee would meet on other occasions in order to assist in furthering the interests of the town in such things as the Tidy Towns Competition.

THE MEETING ENDED

R. Murphy
15 Oct 1963.

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Chairman.....

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TUESDAY I5th OCTOBER I963

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o8clock to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan
Councillors - H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer, and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I7th September I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Lauder asked if approval had been granted to the transfer of the Tenant Purchase Lease of No. 70 Charleton Hill to Mr. James O'Shea.

The Town Clerk stated that the approval had not been granted and that a letter had been addressed to the Lessee's Solicitor in the matter.

The Chairman stated that the matter now rested between the County Manager, the Lessee and the Legal Advisors.

MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant leases to the following houses under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme :-

John O'Brien, 73 Charleton Hill
Mrs. Elizabeth Walsh, 23 Charleton Hill.

OVER EXPENDITURE.

(a) It was agreed, on the proposal of Senator Kissane, seconded by Councillor Donovan that expenditure of £84. I3. 9 in excess of the Estimates for the year ended 3Ist March I964 be incurred on General Purposes Account to cover a payment due to Messrs Snowcream Ltd., Waterford.

The Town Clerk explained that the account was due in respect of milk supplied under the School Meals Scheme during the period I0th April I959 to 26th June I959 and that £42. 6. I0. would be recouped from the Department of Social Welfare. This account had been outstanding due to the failure of Messrs Snowcream to furnish the account at the time.

(b) It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lauder, seconded by Councillor Donovan that expenditure of £I638 in excess of the estimates for the year ending 3Ist March I964 be incurred in respect of loan repayment under the Housing and Sanitary Services Accounts.

The Town Clerk explained that the money had been received from the following Tenant Purchasers who had paid the

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consideration money for their leases in full and that it was proposed to redeem part of outstanding unsubsidised loans with it :-

Miss Cody, 16 Upper William Street	£75
Mrs. Peare, 6 Buneen Lane	£78
Mr. Patrick Roche, 70 Charleton Hill	£585
Mr. Thomas Butler, Irishtown	£900
Total	£1638

OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Housing Contract - Nolan's Field.

The Town Clerk reported that he had requested Messrs Cleere & Co. to commence work on the site at an early date but that work had not yet been started.

It was agreed that the Contractor be notified that unless he had started work on the site within fourteen days the Council would make such other arrangmenets as would be advised by their Solicitor.

(b) Site of Forge on Charleton Hill.

It was agreed that the Architect be requested to prepare documents for the erection of two houses on this site. It was also agreed that since the old houses adjoining this site had been acquired by private interests and reconstructed with the aid of Department Grants it would be some very considerable time before the remainder of the area would be available for redevelopment.

(c) Right-of-way at Town Wall.

Councillor Donovan stated that he had a complaint from some of the tenants of the town Wall houses to the effect that the right-of-way at the rear of Nos 1 to 8 could not be used. The Town Clerk stated that there had been correspondence in this matter and that it had been referred to the Council's Solicitors for his advise.

(d) Cash Deposit by New Tenants.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lauder
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

That new tenants of Council houses be required to deposit a sum of £5 to be held until such time as the tenancy might be terminated. It was considered that a deposit of this type would discourage tenants from causing wilful damage to the houses. Any tenant who was unable to pay the deposit in full should be allowed to lodge same by means of weekly payments.

(e) Seavenging of Streets.

Councillor O'Brien stated that there was a certain amount of dissatisfaction in connection with the street seavenging service and that the upper portion of the town had not been

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swept for some weeks.

Mr. Finnegan was requested to make a general report on Street and Domestic Seavenging for consideration at the next Meeting.

Councillor Lauder suggested that Sodium Chloride might be used to control the weeds that grow on the footpaths and at the kerbs in some parts of the town.

(f) Association of Municipal Authorities.

The Chairman reported on the Annual Conference and informed the members that the resolutions forwarded by New Ross Urban District Council were adopted.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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19 Nov: 1963

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TUESDAY, 5th NOVEMBER 1963

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 Scheme of Graded Rents to be applied to the Six Houses at William Street and Windmill Lane.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Miniham
Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. Fleming, P.J. O'Brien, M. Murchada, G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

The following documents had been circulated with the Notice of the Meeting :-

(a) A Schedule setting out a proposed Scheme of Graded Rents for the six houses at William Street and Windmill Lane. The estimated all-in-cost per house amounted to £1748 and rent ranged from the economic rent of £2. 7. 2 per week plus rates - estimated at 6/5d per week - to be charged to families whose total weekly income exceeded £12. 0. 0 to 12/6d per week plus rates for families whose total weekly income does not exceed £6. 10. 0. In exceptional circumstances a rent of 5/- per week plus rates might be charged.

(b) A Schedule showing rents graded in a similar manner for the twenty houses to be built on Nolan's Field but based on the estimated all-in-cost of £2082 per house. The maximum economic rent in this case would be £2. 15. 4 per week plus rates estimated at 6/5d per week. This table was circulated in order to give the members a basis for comparison.

(c) A Table giving the various subsidies which would be required from rates in conjunction with the rents in the proposed scheme and taking into account the two rates of subsidy which could be paid by the Minister.

The County Manager explained that Graded rents were introduced in order to ensure that persons who were not in need of subsidisation would not enjoy the benefit of subsidised rents. He further stated that the applicant's ability to pay high rents would not be considered in the letting of houses - the applicant's need for rehousing would be considered.

Councillor Lauder asked if it was intended to decide a Graded Rent Scheme for 26 (including 20 to be built at Nolan's Field) or to confine the decision to the Scheme for Six Houses only.

He proposed that "Consideration be given to Six Houses only."

Councillor Murphy seconded this proposal.

Councillor Stafford proposed that " Consideration be given to Graded Rent Schemes for both the Six House Scheme and the Twenty House Scheme at Nolan's Field.

Councillor Fleming seconded this proposal.

The Chairman decided to put Councillor's Stafford's Motion to the Meeting as this was in the nature of an amendment to the Agenda.

Councillors Stafford, Donovan, O'Brien, Fleming and the Chairman voted for the motion which was declared carried.

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Councillor Lauder noted that the Press Representative was not present at the Meeting. He stated that when matters of Major Policy were being discussed the Press should be present at the Meeting.

The Chairman informed Councillor Lauder that the Press Representative had been notified of the Meeting.

Councillor Lauder then asked to be exeused and withdrew from the Meeting.

After a long discussion it was decided that the Graded Rent Scheme as proposed by the County Manager be adopted for the six houses at William Street and Windmill Lane with the following amendments :-

I. It was agreed that the economic rent of £2. 7. 2 per week plus rates would be charged to families whose income exceeds £I4 per week - paragraph 4,(a).

2. It was agreed that the minimum rent be increased from 5/- per week to 7/6d per week plus rates - paragraph 3.

The Council also agreed to apply the Graded Rent Scheme as set out for the twenty houses to be built on Nolan's Field provided that the total all-in-cost per house did not exceed £2082.

It was also suggested that a Graded Rent Scheme be introduced for all future letting of houses - both old and new.

The County Manager then informed the Meeting that he intended to allocate tenancies of the six new houses to applicants who were on the Current Housing Waiting List which was compiled early in I963.

THE MEETING ENDED

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19 Nov 1963.

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TUESDAY, I9th NOVEMBER I963.

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien, M. Murphy G. Donovan

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B?E., and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th October I963 and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th November I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

(a) Tenant Purchase Scheme: The Council approved of the Manager's proposal to grant a lease of No. I Harvey Place to Mr. William J. Stafford.

(b) Over Expenditure: The Manager explained that he had made an Order directing that the sum of £I000 which had been obtained from the sale of the house at Priory Street to Mr. Thomas M. Walsh should be invested in the purchase of 5¾% Exchequer Stock I984-I989. The following resulution was then passed on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by Councillor O'Brien :-

"That we approve of the purchase of £I000 - 5¾% Exchequer Stock I984 - I989 and that we further approve of the over expenditure of £I000 on Capital Account for the year ending 3Ist March I964 for that purpose."

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

(a) Laneway at Town Wall.

A letter was received from Mrs. B. O'Shea, Mrs. M.A. Poyntz and Mr. D. Fitzgibbon, Tenant Purchasers of houses at Town Wall stating that the tenant purchaser of No. I Town Wall had interfered with their right-of-way over the service laneway at the rear of these houses.

The Council's Solicitors had advised that the Council as owners of the laneway in question could arrange to have the obstructions removed or alternatively could disclaim ownership and responsibility and let the Tenant Purchasers settle the matter between themselves.

It was decided that notice should be given calling on Mrs. Heffernan to remove the obstructions and failing that the Council should arrange to have the gate opened and the obstructions removed.

It was also decided that the Tenant Purchasers rights to use the laneway should be stated in their respective Leases.

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(b) Patrol of Junctions in the vicinity of the Schools.

Arising out of a discussion on a resolution submitted by Killarney Urban District Council it was decided, on the suggestion of Councillor Donovan, to draw the attention of the Garda Superintendent to the necessity for Gardai to control traffic at Street Junctions in the vicinity of schools at times when the children are leaving the schools. The Michael Street/ Neville Street/Bewley Street Junction was stated to be particularly dangerous.

(c) Tenant Purchase Scheme.

An application was received from Messrs James P. Coghlan & Co., Solicitors, requesting the Council's approval to the transfer of Mr. Raymond McElhinney's interest as Tenant Purchaser in No. 22 Ard Mhicil to Sergeant Patrick O'Brien, Garda Siochana, who is about to retire from the force.

The County Manager stated that he had no objection to the proposal and it was agreed to give consent to the transfer.

A letter dated I9th November I963, addressed to the Chairman by Mr. Patrick O'Brien, ~~Emit~~ Quay Street, who previously had not been approved as purchaser of No. 22 Ard Mhicil, was read. Mr. O'Brien applied to the Council for tenancy of the house. A discussion on this case took place and it was agreed with the County Manager's consent that no objection would be made to any further application to transfer a Tenant Purchaser's interest to Mr. O'Brien.

Councillor O'Brien raised the question of a previous application on behalf of Mr. Patrick M. Roche to transfer his interest in No 70 Charleton Hill to Mr. James O'Shea, Irishtown, and stated that he felt that permission should also be granted for this transfer.

After a discussion it was agreed with the County Manager's approval to approve of the transfer of No. 70 Charleton Hill to Mr. James O'Shea.

E.S.V. AND URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS I963/64

The Council considered alternative proposals for the expenditure of the above mentioned grants which had been set out in Circular dated I5th November. It was felt that the original proposals to expend these grants on part of the Barrack Lane Scheme could not be carried out in the current year.

After a discussion the following proposals were approved :-

E.S.V. Grant - £800. "Lay concrete channels at Buneen Lane, Nunnery Lane, Town Wall, Windmill Lane, grade and resurface square at Buneen Lane."

Urban Road Improvement Grant. £660. "Continue widening of Nunnery Lane to Ard-na-Greine Junction."

Mr. Finnegan stated that he would endeavour to construct a footpath on Rosbercon Hill as part of the Road Grant.

APPLICATION FROM NEW ROSS HANDBALL CLUB FOR SITE.

New Ross Handball club made application for a site at the Old Showgrounds on which to erect a Handball Alley.

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Mr. Finnegan submitted a report in which he stated that it would be inadvisable to dispose of any portion of the old Showgrounds until such time as there would be a plan prepared for the development of this area. He suggested that a site might be made available at William Street or on the Fair Green at Irishtown.

It was agreed not to grant a site at the Showgrounds and to recommend to the Handball Club that they consider one of the other two sites mentioned.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Public Light at Chapel Lane.

The Chairman stated that the E.S.B. had moved a public light from one point in Mary Street to another with the result that Chapel Lane was not properly lighted.

It was agreed to bring this matter to the notice of the E.S.B.. It was also agreed to draw the attention of the E.S.B. District Manager to the fact that Steel Poles were to replace Wooden Poles as replacements became necessary and that this had not been done.

Traffic Signs.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor O'Brien that a sign showing "Town Centre" should be erected at the Fair Gate in order that traffic might be directed via Haughton Place to Mary Street rather than Bullawn via the narrow Chapel Lane or Church Lane to Mary Street. He stated that large vehicles were unable to negotiate the narrow intersections in this area. It was also decided to erect "Yield Right-of-way" signs at the Mary Street junction.

FLOODING AT ROSBERCON.

Councillor Donovan mentioned the periodic flooding which occurs at Waterford Road due to exceptionally high tides and he suggested that the following suggestions might be considered :-

(a) Diversion of traffic via Schoolhouse Road by the Gardai in order to obviate the setting up of "waves" by passing traffic.

(b) A warning system on the lines of that operated by Cork Corporation.

It was agreed to investigate the feasibility of these proposals.

THE MEETING ENDED

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SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 1963.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A Special Joint Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council and the New Ross Harbour Commissioners was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, 23rd November 1963.

Present: In the Chair Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors :- P.J. Fleming, M. Murphy, P.J. O'Brien, W.J. Stafford G. Donovan, Senator E. Kissane.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor H.H. Lauder.

Members of New Ross Harbour Commissioners :-

P.J. Dolan, P.J. Roche, W. Cottrell James Kelly (Glenmore) T.J. Whyte, James Ryan (The Rower) and Harbour Secretary P.A. Brennan.

Also present were Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, and and Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer.

The Chairman stated that he had arranged to have this Meeting called as he considered it fitting that both Bodies should jointly pass a vote of sympathy on behalf of the people of New Ross to the American People on the untimely death of their illustrious President the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

"That we tender the sympathy of the Council and people of New Ross to the American people on the untimely death of their President the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy."

Passed unanimously.

It was agreed that an appropriate telegram be sent to the American Ambassador to Ireland and that arrangements be made to have a Special Requiem Mass celebrated in New Ross Parish Church on Monday morning, 25th November at 10 o'clock a.m.

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER 1963

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock at the request of Councillors Kissane, Murphy and Stafford for the purpose of discussing the operation of the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Present: Councillors G. Donovan, P.J. O'Brien, P.J. Fleming, H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, Senator E. Kissane and M. Murphy.

In attendance: Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Donovan, Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

Senator Kissane stated that he had suggested that the Meeting be called to consider in particular the question of the sale of No. 22 Ard Mhicil. He felt that the purchaser originally proposed by Mr. McElhinney, namely Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Quay Street, should be enabled to renew his offer on equal terms with the second purchaser proposed by Mr. McElhinney, namely Sergeant Patrick O'Brien, G.S. He also suggested that no Tenant Purchaser should enter into a Contract without the prior consent of the Council.

After a long discussion the following Resolution was passed on the proposal of Senator Kissane :-

"It is the unanimous wish of this Council that the purchase of this house at No. 22 Ard Mhicil be reconsidered by the County Manager as we believe that the first Purchaser namely, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Quay Street, Secondry Teacher, was not given the consideration that we now feel he was entitled to. In view of this we would ask that the matter be reopened."

It was also suggested that the opinion of the Council's Solicitors be obtained regarding this proposal.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Councillor Stafford handed in the following Notice of Motion to the Chairman :-

"I hereby give notice that I will move or cause to be moved for me at the next available meeting the following motion :-

That the Tenant Purchase Scheme be amended to allow for a restriction in the sale of houses within five years of the date of original purchase and that any tenant wishing to sell within that period be reimbursed to the extent of the increased rent paid and ownership be restored to the Council."

THE MEETING ENDED

G. Donovan
17 Dec 1963

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TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER, 1963.

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, M.H. Lauder and W.J. Stafford.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor P.J. Fleming.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Donovan took the chair.

In attendance:- Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the following Meetings had been circulated to the members and were taken as read:-

(a) The Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 19th November 1963, were approved and signed after the following correction was made in item No. 2 (a) (Laneway at Town Wall).

"It was also decided that the Tenant Purchaser's rights to use the laneway should be stated in their respective Leases."

(b) The Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the Urban Council and Harbour Commissioners which was held on Saturday, 23rd November 1963 were signed with Councillor Lauder dissenting. Councillor Lauder stated that a Joint Meeting of that type could not be regarded as an Urban Council Meeting and accordingly should not be recorded in the Council's Official Records.

(c) The Minutes of the Special Housing Meeting which was held on Tuesday 28th November 1963, were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:

Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The County Manager stated that it would not be feasible to take action on the lines suggested by the Council at their Special Meeting which was held on 28th November 1963.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council approved of the Manager's proposal to grant Leases under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme in the following cases:

Joseph Carroll, 16 Ard Mhicill.

Gerard Patrick Ryan, 4 Ard Mhicil.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

(a) Wexford Street Watermain. The Meeting was informed that the Mininter's santion to the proposed scheme had been received. The County Manager stated that it might be possible to finance the scheme from the existing loan and if not that a short term loan might be obtained from the Treasurer, (National Bank Ltd.)

It was agreed to proceed with the work as proposed.

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(b) Mountgarret Watermain Extension. The Manager stated that it was proposed to charge Wexford County Council on a metered basis for water supplied to the Mountgarret extension - the meter to be supplied and maintained by the Urban Council and installed by the County Council as part of the scheme. The charge suggested on behalf of the Urban Council was 2/6d per thousand gallons and an annual meter rent of £IO. The County Council had replied stating that a charge of I/6d per thousand gallons would be more reasonable.

The Council agreed that a charge of 2/6d plus annual meter rent of £IO should be made as proposed.

(c) Traffic Control by Gardai near Schools. A reply by the Superintendent to the Council's request for Gardai to control traffic at junctions in the vicinity of schools while children are leaving school at midday and in the afternoon was read in which the superintendent suggested that the Council might consider the employment of Traffic Wardens as authorised under the I96I Road Traffic Act.

The County Manager explained that the cost of such wardens would be met in full by the Council.

It was decided not to take action in the matter but to ask the Superintendent to attend to the matter as far as possible.

Councillor Donovan suggested that Gardai should be complimented on the manner in which lectures on Road Safety were being conducted by members of the Force in the Schools and that the continuation of these lectures be encouraged.

(d) Flooding At Rosbercon. Letters from Cork Corporation regarding the flood warning system in operation in Cork and from the Garda Superintendent, New Ross regarding measures suggested by the Council in respect of periodic flooding at Waterford Road were read and considered.

The Superintendent stated that while the Gardai were anxious to assist in every way he would not guarantee that Gardai would be available on every occasion to divert traffic via Schoolhouse Road.

After a discussion it was decided that the following suggestions made by the Superintendent would be adopted :-

I. That two traffic signs be provided for use at Albatros Factory and Schoolhouse Road and that these signs be kept at a fixed, convenient and easily accessable place ready for placement in position by a Council employee or local resident at time of flooding.

2. The Gardai be informed as flooding takes place

3. The traffic signs to be pprtable, reflecborised and sufficiently heavy to stand in a strong wind. They should show clearly the word "Diversion".

It was decided also to enquire if the Harbour

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Commissioners, as the Authority with information available regarding tides and winds, would be prepared to notify the Council officials of any very high tide which might be accompanied by a following wind.

3. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR STAFFORD RE TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

Councillor Stafford proposed the following motion of which he gave notice at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 28th November 1963 :-

"I hereby give Notice that I willm move or cause to be moved for me at the next available Meeting the following motion :-

That the Tenant Purchase Scheme be amended to allow for a restriction in the sale of houses within five years of the date of original purchase and that any tenant wishing to sell within that period be reimbursed to the extent of the increased rent paid and ownership restored to the Council."

The matter was discussed at length and the County Manager read an extract from the form of lease at present being used by Dublin Corporation. This imposed a five year limit on the transfer of a leaseholder's interest. He stated that the suggestion that the Council purchase back the house from any leaseholder who was obliged to leave within the five year limit might be very difficult to administer and might lead to legal difficulties.

The Council decided to apply for the approval of the Minister to the inclusion of the following clause in any Tenant Purchase Lease to be granted after 17th December 1963 :-

"That after a period of five years from the date hereof has elapsed the lessee shall be at liberty with the consent of the lessors (which assent shall not be unreasonably withheld) to assign his interest in the premises to any person who is a member of the Working Classes and who will enter into an express covenant with the lessors to comply with all the covenants herein contained."

It was also decided to ask for the opinion of the Department on the proposal to purchase back the interest of any leaseholder who wished to leave the house within the five year period.

4. OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Councillor Donovan asked that some attention be given to a broken fence and gate post at the house occupied by James Holden at Town Wall.

(b) Councillor Donovan paid tribute to the manner in which the Council workmen cleaned the garden at Rosbercon following the replanting of flowers by the interested citizens.

Memorial to President Kennedy.

Councillor Donovan stated that he felt that steps should be taken to have a worthy memorial established in New Ross to commemorate the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Councillor Stafford and Lauder supported this proposal.

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Clearance of Snow.

Mr. Finnegan stated that he had been considering the question of snow clearance in the event of a snowfall such as had occured in January 1963. He stated that he hoped to have a grader available but this would only clear the streets sufficiently to allow traffic to pass. If it was desired to spread salt on the streets the cost of salt would be approximately £240 (30 tons at £8) plus the cost of spreading. The minimum cost of de-icing and snow clearance would be approximately £700.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Lauder, seconded by Councillor Stafford, that a total expenditure of £200 in excess of the estimates for 1963/64 be authorised in the event of an emergency and that if expenditure in excess of that figure were considered necessary a Special Meeting of the Council would be called to consider what further steps should be taken.

Councillor Donovan stated that he felt that the principle streets to the upper portion of the town should be passable to motor traffic in the event of heavy frost.

The Chairman wished the Members, Staff and Press Representatives a Happy Charistmas.

The Meeting Ended

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TUESDAY, 2Ist JANUARY I964.

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan
Councillors: M. Murphy, W.J. Stafford and H.H. Lauder.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Councillors G. Donovan and P.J. Fleming.

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, Wexford County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

I. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, I7th December I963 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

2. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

(a) Tenant Purchase Scheme - I3 Harvey Place.

The Council agreed to the Manager's proposal to grant permission to Mr. Edmond T. Lalor to transfer his interest as Tenant Purchaser in No. I3 Harvey Place to Mr. Martin Geoghegan, a linesman on the employment of the E.S.B. in New Ross.

(b) Wages of Charge Hand.

The following resolution was passed on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Stafford :-

"That we hereby approve of the County Manager's Order dated 2Ist January I964 granting an increase in the differential paid to Nicholas Furness, Charge Hand from 2/6d to I5/- per week with effect as from I4th November I963 and that we further approve expenditure of £I2. I0. 0 in excess of the estimates for I963/64 for this purpose."

(c) Tenant purchase Scheme - Three Houses at Fairgate.

The Council approved on the proposal of Councillor Stafford, seconded by the Chairman, the Manager's proposal to revise the Tenant Purchase Scheme in respect of the three houses at Fair Gate. The rents had been revised in I959/60 following the renewal of the roofs at a cost of £259 and the Sale Price was now being revised having regard to the increased rent. The proposed Scheme is as follows :-

Tenant	Present Basic Rent.	Sale Price	Weekly Annuity	Fire Insurance	Total
Bernard Ryan	5/8d	£I47.6.8	7/2d	2d	7/4d
Kathleen Kehoe	4/3d	£II0.I0.0	5/5d	2d	5/7d
Thomas McEvoy	4/3	£II0.I0.0	5/5d	2d	5/7d

The rate of interest to be charged will be 4½% and the repayment period I0 years.

The disposal to be by way of lease for 99 years subject to a rent of I0/- per annum.

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3. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

(a) A Resolution passed by Ballyanne Guild I.C.A. suggesting that any Memorial which might be erected in memory of the late President John F. Kennedy should take the form of a Swimmimg Pool and Children's Playground was read.

The Chairman stated that he understood that a Committee intended to build a Swimming Pool.

(b) Flooding at Rosbercon.

The Harbour Commissioners wrote and stated that they would be prepared to co-operate in the working of the proposed flood warning system at Rosbercon and that the Harbour Master would give notice to the Council Officials when any flooding might be expected.

It was agreed that Mr. Finnegan would proceed with the preparation of the necessary "Diversion" signs.

Councillor Lauder suggested that the Harbour Master might contact the Gardai directly in addition to notifying the Council.

4. OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) Acquisition of Land - Bishopsland Site (Nunnery Lane)

The County Manager notified the Council that efforts were being made to purchase the old houses at Nunnery Lane from Mr. William Donovan in order to provide an alternative access to the vacant building site. An offer of £250 had been rejected by the owner's Auctioneer who stated that Mr. Donovan was asking a price of £1000. The Council recommended to the Manager that arrangements should be made to make a Compulsory Purchase Order in this case.

(b) Site at Charleton Hill.

The County Manager referred to a report from Mr. Finnegan in which he stated that he would not recommend the building of two houses on the forge site at Charleton Hill which has been purchased from Mr. Alex. Nolan. He recommended that the site be retained until such time as the adjoining old houses could be acquired for demolition and the whole site be developed in accordance with the lay-out which had already been prepared.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of building a smaller type house which would be suitable for old people and which would leave access to the plot at the rear of the houses.

(c) Barrack Lane.

The Manager reported on the question of land acquisition in connection with the Barrack Lane Development Scheme. Negotiations were being carried out with Messrs James P. Coghlan & Co., Solicitors as Agents for the Deane Estate for the purchase of the site adjoining the new Telephone Exchange and a small site on the other side of the Lane. Agreement had almost been reached with the Tottenham Estate and the Sisters of Mercy for the transfer of portion of the Convent Grounds in exchange for the site at the rear of St. Mary's Terrace.

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Negotiations were also being carried out with the Tottenham Estate Agent for the purchase of a site adjoining the open space on Barrack Lane. This site is the subject of short lease at present.

The Manager stated that it would be more satisfactory to make every effort to acquire the land by Agreement and suggested that the services of an Auctioneer might be obtained with a view to having the land in question valued.

The Council agreed to this procedure.

5. ENGINEERING SERVICES.

The Manager informed the Council that the County Engineer had suggested that the Urban Councils should make new arrangements regarding the provision of Engineering Services. It was expected that the matter would be raised in official form in the near future.

New Ross Urban District Council at present makes a contribution of £450 per annum to the County Council for Engineering services.

Sewer at St. Joseph's Square.

Councillor Stafford stated that the drain serving some Tottenham Estate houses at St. Joseph's Square was again causing a nuisance.

It was decided that consideration should be given to the issuing of legal proceedings in this case or alternatively that the Council might carry out the work at the owner's expense.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Senator Kissane on the death of his sister. The County Manager also expressed his sympathy and that of the Staff of the Council.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 1964

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors H.H. Lauder, P.J. Fleming, M. Reddy, W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, Wexford County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

I. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the ~~Annual~~ Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st January 1964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

2. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

(a) The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant a Tenant Purchase Lease of No. 8 Harvey Place, to the tenant Garda Anthony Flynn.

(b) Resignation of Town Clerk. The County Manager notified the Council that he had accepted the resignation of Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk, with effect as from 1st May 1964 and he proposed requesting the Local Appointments Commissioners to recommend a person for appointment to the Office of Town Clerk.

(c) Increase in Pensions. The following resolution was passed on the proposal of Councillor Lauder, seconded by Councillor Stafford, "That we hereby approve of the terms of the County Manager's Order dated 18th February 1964 granting pension increases to retired officers James S. Barry and Miss E.A. Finn in accordance with Circular E.L. 2/64 dated 29th January 1964 from the Department of Local Government and that we further approve of expenditure of £41. 2. 4 in General Purposes Account, in excess of the estimate allowed for year ended 31st March 1964 for that purpose."

(d) Mrs. Bridget O'Shea, 2 Town Wall, applied for permission to assign her interest in her garage at Three Bullet Gate to Mr. James O'Shea, Charleton Hill. The Manager explained that the site was the property of the Council held on a tenancy from year to year at a yearly rent of £2. He stated that he had no objection to the proposed transfer.

The Council agreed to allow Mr. O'Shea to transfer her interest to Mr. James O'Shea.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

(a) Letting of Old Showgrounds. One tender which had been received in response to a public advertisement was opened at the Meeting. It was from Mr. William Hanlon, Ballykelly, Campile and offered £30 for the eleven months letting.

The tender was accepted.

(b) A letter from Mr. Boyd, Tottenham Estate Agent, was read

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stating that he intended having a new drain laid from his property at St. Joseph's Square.

The members expressed dissatisfaction with the great delay involved in having this work done and suggestions were made that legal action might be taken.

The Manager stated that while legal action could be taken he would be slow to recommend it in view of the co-operation normally forthcoming from the Tottenham Estate in matters pertaining to water and sewer connections and also as he felt that such action might result in certain delays also.

Councillor Reddy stated that the work carried out by the Council in constructing a garden at St. Joseph's Square might have affected the drain originally.

(c) Tidy Town Competition 1964. Arising from a Circular dated 24th February 1964 from Bord Failte Eireann the Council agreed that New Ross should be entered in the Board's 1964 Tidy Towns Competition.

(d) Garden at The Rookery. The Secretary, Legion of Mary, Good Counsel College wrote asking the Council's permission for his branch to cultivate and maintain the public garden at the Rookery.

The Council agreed to grant approval as sought and the members voiced their appreciation of the offer which was regarded as a rather welcome change from the usual reports of vandalism in connection with gardens of this type. The Council also agreed that any assistance possible should be given to the boys in carrying out their project.

(e) Trespass and damage to Council property. The Chairman read a letter which he had received from the Prioress, Mount Carmel Monastery, in which she complained of vandalism and trespass on Convent property by children from the Council Housing Schemes at J.K.L. Place and Ard-na-Greine.

The members expressed grave dissatisfaction and as the Council had no authority in the matter it was agreed to forward the letter to the Garda Superintendent.

(f) Arboretum at Sliabh Coilte. A letter containing suggestions in connection with the proposed Arboretum in memory of the Late President Kennedy which was addressed to the Chairman by Captain D.J. McKeon, Cellbridge, Co. Kildare, was read and it was decided to forward same to the Department of Lands for their consideration.

(g) Water Main at Robert Street: A letter signed by a number of residents of Robert Street was read in which they made application to have improvements carried out to the water service to their houses.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of replacing the existing 1" service with a new 2" main.

4. DATE OF MARCH MEETING.

It was agreed that the March Meeting be held on Monday, 16th March at 7.30 o'clock in view of the fact that the normal Meeting date would fall on St. Patrick's Day.

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5. OTHER BUSINESS. The Chairman stated that the boundary wall at Creywell Lodge which had collapsed was in a dangerous condition and he suggested that the owner be written to and warned that the Council would carry out the necessary work at his expense.

Mr. Finnegan stated that the County Council had erected warning signs and also served the necessary notice on the owners. The Council's statutory duty had been fulfilled in the matter.

It was agreed to write to the owner's Agent drawing his attention to the condition of the wall and requesting immediate action.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. Donovan
Dec Chairman
16th March '64

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MONDAY 16th March 1964

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, H.H. Lauder, Senator E. Kissane P.J. O'Brien, W. Stafford.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Donovan, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

(Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, attended at 8.45 p.m.)

In attendance: Mr. R. Fitzpatrik, Town Clerk, and Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer.

I. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 18th February 1964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes.

Sewer at St. Joseph's Square. A letter from the Tottenham Estate Agent was read in which he stated that he intended to have a new drain laid and that he was making application for the appropriate Grant.

Complaint re vandalism at J.K.L. Place. Councillors O'Brien stated that the Council should pass a vote of apology to the residents of J.K.L. Place following the remarks made at the February Meeting which led people to believe that "hooligans" lived in this area.

2. COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Tenant Purchase Scheme. The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant a lease of No. I Ard Mhicil to the tenant, Mr. Colm Feeney, in accordance with the terms of the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS.

(a) Rosbercon Compulsory Purchase Order. The Manager informed the Meeting that the Minister had confirmed the Rosbercon Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Council expressed satisfaction and recommended that steps should be taken to have this site developed as soon as possible.

(b) E.S.B. Houses. The E.S.B. wrote stating that it was the Board's intention to erect eight houses on a site at the Bowling Green and Twenty Four houses at Chambersland. It

It was agreed that permission be given to the Bowling Green proposal and that as the other site was outside the Urban Area to refer the matter to the County Council.

Arising from this item Mr. Finnegan stated that he would be including a proposal in his Estimates for the renewal of a

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of a box drain on part of College Road to facilitate this development.

(c) Erection of Petrol Pumps at Charles Street. An application was read from Messrs James P. Coghlan & Co. Solicitors, on behalf of Messrs Patrick and George Phelan requesting the Council's permission to erect petrol pumps at their premises at Charles Street.

In referring the matter to the Engineer for his attention the Council recommended that the applicants be facilitated as far as possible while at the same time full consideration be given to the question of possible traffic conjestion at this point.

(d) A Circular from Bord Failte was read giving details of the I964 National Roadside Garden Competition.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was agreed that Councillor W.J. Stafford would represent the Council at the thirthy-eight General Meeting to be held in the near future.

4. DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was agreed that the I964/65 Estimates Meeting be held on Wednesday 8th April I964 at the usual time.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Resolution on Restoration of Irish Language.

Councillor Donovan referred to the following resolution which had been passed by the Corporation of Kilkenny and he understood would be circulated to all localn authorities :-

"Now that the Report of the Commissioners on the Restoration of the Irish Language is available, we call on the Government to implement a positive policy which will extend the use of the national language in all spheres of Irish Life; we urge all bodies throughout the country to co-operate in bringing Irish into more general use and we pledge the support of our own body to the cause of restoring the language"..

The Council passed the Resolution after a very full discussion.

(b) Wages of Caretaker of St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Councillor O'Brien requested that arrangements be made for the payment of the "9th Round" wage increase to the Caretaker of the St. Stephen's Cemetery.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the appropriate authority.

(c) Road at Ferry Mountgarret.

Councillor O'Brien stated that representations should be made to Wexford County Council to have this road repaired.

THE MEETING ENDED

P. McMahon 21 - April 1964

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WEDNESDAY 8th APRIL I964

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 and County Management (Amendment) Act I955.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. Fleming, Senator E. Kissane and G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. T. F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer and Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

At the commencement of the Meeting the County Manager submitted proposals for the payment of the "9th Round" Wage and Salary Increases and for salary revisions for the offices of Town Clerk and Clerical Officer in accordance with the system of Conciliation and Arbitration which has been established for such purposes. The Manager informed the Council that provision had been made in the Estimates submitted for the payment of these proposed increases.

The following Salary and Wage increases were provided for in County Manager's Orders dated 8th April I964 :-

Town Clerk: Revised salary scale of £865 x £37. I0. 0 to £II65 per annum with effect as from Ist October I963 together with an additional I2% with effect as from Ist February I964.

Clerical Officer:

Revised salary scale of £350 x £30 - £500 x £50 - £550 x £35 - £I005 per annum with effect as from Ist April I963 together with an additional I2% with effect as from Ist February I964.

Rate & Rent Collector:

I2% on present basic salary of £400 per annum as Rate Collector and £240 as Rent Collector to take effect as from Ist February I964 - present rate of bonus payments to continue in each case.

General Labourers and Water Inspector:

An increase of I2% on basic wages subject to a minimum of £I. 0. 0 per week to be paid with effect as from I4th January I964 i.e. the date agreed locally between the private employers and Trade Unions - new basic weekly wage £8. I3. 0.

Tholsel Caretaker:

An increase of I2% or six shillings per week to be paid with effect as from I4th January I964 bringing the weekly wage to £2. I6. 0.

Tradesmen and Building Workers:

An increase of 8d per hour to Craftsmen and 6d per hour to Labourers as agreed for this area by the Federation of Builders, Contractors and Allied Employers of Ireland to take effect as from 28th February I964 -

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operatives employed on that date to be paid retrospectively at the new rates for standard hours worked during the five weeks previous to 28th February I964. This increase to bring the hourly rate to 5/IId in the case of Craftsmen and 4/5d in the case of Labourers in respect of a 48 hour working week.

The Council agreed on the proposition of Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Lauder

"That the salary and wage increases as granted in the County Manager's Order of 8th April I964 be allowed and that the necessary provision be made in the I964/65 Estimates to be considered at this Meeting."

The Council then considered the estimates of Expenditure and Receipts as submitted by the Manager.

ROADS.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £I8I0 was approved and receipts amounting to £749 were adopted leaving a balance of £I06I to be levied.

Contingencies: It was agreed not to include the sum of £200 as suggested by the Engineer to cover emergency snow clearance but that arrangements could be made at short notice to make provision for over-expenditure in the event of a heavy snow fall.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £I29I8 was approved and Receipts amounting to £44I0 were adopted. A total credit of £628 was carried forward from I963/64 being £338 unexpended Loan Charges and £290 unexpended balance under the heading of Sewer and Water Supply Maintenance leaving a balance of £7880 to be levied.

New Capital Works: The Council agreed to include provision for Loan Charges in respect of the following Capital Works :-

(a) Laying of new 3" Watermain at Wexford Street - Cost £660.
(b) Laying of new 2" Watermain at Robert Street - Cost £225.
(c) Improvements to Sewer at College Road - Cost £950.

HOUSING SERVICES.

Gross Expenditure of £I5003 was approved and receipts amounting to £I3804 were adopted. A total Credit Balance of £559 was carried forward from I963/64 in respect of Loan Charges leaving a balance of £640 to be levied.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £24333 (including £I5044 in respect of County Council Demand) was approved and Receipts amounting to £4362 were adopted. An unexpended balance of £803 was carried forward from I963/64 leaving a net total of £I9I68 to be levied.

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Tourist Development:

It was agreed to include the usual contribution of £IO which had been paid for a number of years to the Irish Tourist Board and it was also agreed to pay the contribution in the coming year to the newly formed South Eastern Regional Tourism Organization Ltd., the recently formed Tourist Body which has been formed to promote the Tourist Industry in the Counties of Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary, (South Riding), Water and Wexford.

SUMMARY

Service	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Credit Balance	Net Expenditure
Roads	£I8I0	£749	-	£I06I
Sanitary Services	£I29I8	£4I0	£628	£7880
Housing	£I5003	£I3804	£559	£640
General Urban Purposes	£24292	£4362	£803	£I9I68
		Net Expenditure allowed by Council		£28749

Net effective Valuation £I2452. II. II.

The following resolution was proposed by Councillor Lauder, seconded by Councillor Donovan :-

"That having considered the Estimates of Expenses and Receipts, as prepared and submitted to us the requirements of all revelant 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 Forty Six Shillings and Two Pence in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the services of the financial year ending 3Ist March I965."

The Chairman, on behalf of the members present, 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

A Minihan
21 April 1964

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TUESDAY 21st APRIL 1964

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:- Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan.
Councillors - H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, Senator E. Kissane, M. Murphy, G. Donovan.

In Attendance: Mr. Thomas F. Broe, County Manager.
Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Engineer.
Mr. R.V. Fitzpatrick, Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday 16th March, 1964 and the Estimates Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April, 1964 having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:

Councillor Donovan was informed that the application from Messrs Patrick and George Phelan for permission to erect Petrol Pumps at Charles Street had been referred to the County Engineer. The Councillors asked that the matter be attended to as soon as possible.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

(a) Garage at Three Bullet Gate.
The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant permission to Mrs Bridget O'Shea to transfer the Tenancy of her Garage at Three Bullet Gate to Mr. William Rochford.

Tenancy of No. 40 Charleton Hill.

(b) The County Manager informed the Council that an application had been received from Mrs Ann Timlin for the Tenancy of No. 40 Charleton Hill. She claimed that she was daughter of the previous tenant Bridget Gaul and that she wished to return from England with her family and to live permanently in New Ross. The Council agreed that she should be granted the tenancy of the house.

(c) Rate and Rent Collection, Year ended 31st March, 1964.
The returns which were submitted to the Council were considered to be very satisfactory.

Rate Collection:- Total for Collection £22,973-11-9.

Amount collected and lodged £22,654-5-4	---	98.62%
Amount carried forward to 64/65 £260-19-5	---	1.13%
Amount written off as irrecoverable £58-7-0	---	0.25%

Rent Collection:- The percentage collected amounted to approximately 99.60%

(d) Rosbercon Compulsory Purchase Order:-
The Manager reported that the owner had not lodged anAppeal in Court against the Minister's Order confirming the Rosbercon Compulsory Purchase Order and that the Council could now proceed with the preparation of plans for the development of the site. He suggested that in view of the fact that preparation of plans by the County Architect would take considerable time due to pressure of work the Council might consider engaging a firm of Architects to prepare plans. He also suggested that Messrs Downes and Meehan who had previously been engaged by the Council and who had given satisfaction might be approached and also that a house plan which had originally been prepared for Nolan's Field by Messrs Downes & Meehan might be used with a consequent reduction in Fees, payment having already been made. The Council agreed to the proposal to engage Messrs Downes and Meehan.

The Council also recommended that house design might be varied if possible and also that a small number of larger type houses might be incorporated in the Scheme.

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CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

Car Parking at Rosbercon: Tullogher Branch of Muintir-Na-Tire wrote asking that provision be made in the proposed Housing Scheme for car parking space to accommodate the increased number of cars being used by persons attending Mass at Rosbercon on Sundays. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Architect when plans were being prepared.

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The following letter was received from the Assistant Secretary of the President Kennedy Memorial Committee:-

"At a Meeting of the above Committee it was proposed that the most suitable position in the town to erect the Recreation centre to the Late President Kennedy was the Show grounds. My Committee would like to know if the show grounds is available and if so would the Council let us have their permission to erect the Centre on this site."

The County Manager explained that the Council could agree in principle with the proposal and that in doing so the Council would not be committed in any way to giving formal sanction if the plans which would have to be submitted in due course did not meet with approval. He also explained the legal proceedure to be followed in disposal of land. The Council would be involved in two ways - as a Planning Authority and as a Sanitary Authority. The Sanitary Authority is empowered to make a contribution towards the cost of providing a Swimming Pool in certain cases. Councillor Lauder advised caution in this matter in view of possible maintenance charges which could eventually become the responsibility of the Council After a discussion the Council agreed in principle to provide a site at the Old Showgrounds to accommodate the proposed RecreationCentre provided that the plans to be submitted prove acceptable.

The Chairman then stated that he understood that the Council's permission would be sought for the erection of a Notice Board on the site in order to publicise the fact that the site was reserved for the establishment of the President Kennedy Memorial Park and that the Committee was establishing a Fund into which subscriptions could be paid.

RE-ORGANISATION OF URBAN COUNCIL STAFF.

The Council considered three reports which had been circulated with the Agenda and agreed that the matter would be dealt with in Committee.

(a) Report by Mr. Finnegan in which he recommended complete re-organisation of the Council services and an increase in the Labour Force to enable all work to be carried out by Employees of the Council rather than by the drafting of County Council employees into the area from time to time. The scheme also embraced the appointment of a Town Foreman.

The report included a proposal to bring the total Outdoor Staff of the Council up to eleven men as follows:-

1 Foreman @	Total cost of	£15-13-11 per week.
7 Labourers @	total cost of	£62-12- 5 " "
1 Plasterer @	total cost of	£14-11- 4 " "
1 Builders'Labourer @	cost of	£10-19- 2 " "
1 Carpenter(Half time) @	total cost of	£7- 0- 0 " "
	Total weekly Cost.	£110-16-10 per week.

(b) Table setting out the total cost of Staffing as proposed by

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Mr. Finnegan - £5772 per annum - and also the total expenditure on wages for the financial year 1963/64 with an addition of 12% to enable a comparison to be made with the cost of proposed Staff. This amounted to £4198-5-5. The total increase amounted to £1574 per annum. This however did not allow for the labour content included in the total of £1503 estimated expenditure on Urban Roads by the County Council - it was suggested that the proposed re-organisation of Staff would enable the Urban Council to carry out road maintenance at present carried out by the County Council

(c) Report by Mr. Finnegan on the Domestic Scavenging services including proposals to reduce the number of collections and to regulate the type of Bins being used.

The Council considered reports (a) and (b) at length and agreed that while the proposal would probably cost more than the present arrangement an improvement in the services extended to the ratepayers would be desirable even at a slightly increased cost.

Mr. Finnegan informed the meeting that he did not visualise the Foreman as a "working" foreman in the true sense.

The County Manager stated in reply to the Chairman that the post of Foreman would be filled on the recommendation of an impartial interview board and that the appointment would be made by him. He expected that the Board would consist of the Town Engineer and two impartial persons from outside the Council. He agreed to inform the Council of the Board's reccommendations before making the appointment. The Manager also stated that he proposed to impose a lower age limit of 25 years and an upper age limit of 45 years in respect of the post and to take the age of the applicants as that on the date of application. The Council adopted the Scheme on the proposal of Councillor Donovan seconded by Councillor Stafford with the amendment that the number of Labourers be reduced from seven to six and that the possibility of ommiting the Builder's Labourer be investigated as it was felt that a general Labourer might be employed instead who could be assigned to that duty from time to time and be paid at the appropriate rate of wages as required.

The Council also agreed that in the event of the proposed foreman being from outside the area and being unable to obtain suitable living accommodation if married a Council house should be made available for him.

Scavenging Service: It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next Meeting in order to allow the question of Litter Bye-Laws to be investigated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Donovan raised the following points:

(a) Housing Scheme:- He stated that he understood that Roofing Felt which was manufactured outside the County was being used on the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme.

(b) Housing Repairs: He asked if attention would be given to the fence surrounding a house at 27 Town Wall which had been damaged by a Lorry.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Minihan
19 - May 1964

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TUESDAY 19th MAY, 1964.

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: H. Lauder, M. Reddy, W.J. Stafford, P. O'Brien and P. Fleming.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, 21st April, 1964, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

MANAGERS ORDERS.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's proposal to grant permission to Mr. James J. Stacey to transfer his interest as Tenant Purchaser in No. 66 Charleton Hill, to Mr. Hugh O'Connor, Cross Street, a motor mechanic.

CORRESPONDENCE

In reply to a query by Councillor Donovan at Last Meeting in connection with Roofing Felt used by Contractor on the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme, a letter was read from Messrs. W.K. Cleere & Son Ltd., Contractors, stating that as yet no felt has been used in the construction of these houses and also that when felt is delivered to the site its source of manufacture will be within the terms of the specification.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Traffic Signs.

Councillor O'Brien referred to the necessity for School Signs at Rosbercon and also a "Yield Right-of-Way" Sign at the Junction of the Waterford Road.

Referred to Mr. Finnegan for his inspection and report.

Pumps at Chapel Lane.

Councillor Stafford referred to the condition of the roadway and drain at the Public fountain at the Mary Street end of Chapel Lane and stated that rats were now coming up at the old pump.

Referred to the Engineer.

Light at Chapel Lane.

The Chairman stated that the E.S.B. had not yet restored the light at the end of Chapel Lane where they had moved a pole further up Mary Street.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that a letter had been received from the E.S.B. stating that the light at Chapel Lane would be restored.

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Footpath at Irishtown.

Councillor Reddy referred to the condition of the footpath at Irishtown, from the corner of Mountgarret Lane to the Good Shepherd Convent, where a channell had been cut by the Department of Posts & Telegraphs for the purpose of laying cables, and stated that the footpath should be properly restored when this work is completed.

It was agreed that Mr. Finnegan get in touch with Mr. Ryan, District Engineer, Department of Posts & Telegraphs, in connection with this matter.

Housing Waiting List.

Councillor O'Brien stated that some people who were in need of housing accommodation were not on the Council's Waiting List.

The County Manager stated an advertisement would be issued within the next few weeks inviting applications for houses.

VISIT OF SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY TO IRELAND

The Chairman stated that as Senator Kennedy was coming to Ireland at the end of the month he thought it fitting that the Council should invite him to New Ross.

After a discussion it was agreed to invite Senator Kennedy to New Ross.

THE MEETING ENDED.

S Donovan
16th June 1964

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TUESDAY 19th MAY, 1964.

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 31st March, 1965.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding, and Councillors: H. Lauder, M. Reddy, W.J. Stafford, P. O'Brien and P. Fleming.

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

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

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

"That we raise the sum of Twenty Six Thousand and Forty Five Pounds, One shilling and ten pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purpose aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of Forty Six Shillings and Two pence in the Pound for the financial year ending 31st March, 1965, 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, 1964, together with arrears of Two Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence and the second on or before 31st March, 1965."

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Rate Book which was signed by all Members present.

S. Donovan
16th June 1964

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TUESDAY, 16th JUNE, 1964.

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 P. O'Brien, M. Murphy, H. Lauder and G. Donovan.

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

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. G. Donovan, Vice-Chairman Presided.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th May, 1964 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes:

Councillor P. O'Brien stated that the E.S.B. had moved back the pole from Mary Street to the entrance to Chapel Lane but becaude of the angle at which the light was placed, the lane was not being lighted. A slight adjustment in the light was necessary to light Chapel Lane.

The matter was referred to Mr. Finnegan.

The Chairman referred to the footpath at the Irishtown and asked if it had been restored.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer informed the Meeting that he was in communication with the District Engineer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs in connection with the matter.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

An application dated 15th June, 1964 from Mr. P.J. O'Brien, Joint Honorary Secretary, New Ross C.B.S. Past Pupils' Union requesting permission to use the Crest of New Ross on the Membership card of the Union was granted.

A Letter dated 15th June, 1964 was read from Mr. P.A. Brennan, Honorary Secretary, Kennedy Memorial Committee inviting the Council to attend an Anniversary Mass for the late President Kennedy in the Parish Church on the 27th June.

It was agreed that as many members of the Council as possible attend the Mass.

A letter dated 21st May, 1964, from the Association of Municipal Authorities requesting that any motions the Council wished to have placed on the Agenda for the Annual Conference to be held in Bundoran on 22nd to 24th September be forwarded before the end of July, was deferred until the July Meeting.

A letter dated 25th May, 1964 was read from South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organization Ltd., stating that since the Council had agreed to contribute to the Organization they were entitled to nominate a representative to attend General Meetings.

It was agreed to adjourn nomination of representative to the Annual Meeting.

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EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE OUTSIDE URBAN BOUNDARY

Letter dated 11th June, 1964 was read from Mr. S. O'Neill, Priory Street, New Ross, stating that he and three others intended building 4 houses on a field outside the Urban Boundary at Charleton Hill and asked if the Council would consider extending sewerage and water facilities to this site.

After a discussion on a proposal to extend the Urban Boundary it was unanimously agreed to call a special meeting of the Council early in September to consider this matter and in the meantime that Mr. Finnegan, Engineer carry out a survey of the areas outside the Urban Boundary and submit his report together with maps for consideration by the Council at the Special Meeting.

It was decided to refer Mr. O'Neill's letter to Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, for his report on the possibility of extending the necessary water and sewer services to this site outside the Urban Area.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS 1964/'65.

Letter dated 21st April, 1964 was read from the Department of Local Government stating that a sum of £660 has been allocated for Urban Road Improvement Grant for New Ross for 1964/'65.

It was agreed that Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, submit proposals for consideration at the next Meeting of the Council.

PARKING BYELAWS

Letter dated 10th June, 1964 was read from the Assistant Commissioner, An Garda Siochana, Dublin, stating that proposals for the Byelaws for control of traffic in New Ross have now been received from the local Garda Officer and will be examined as soon as possible.

Noted.

ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT AND USE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1963.

The acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that in accordance with Article 35 of above Regulations, any person using a vehicle while there is attached to it a public address system incorporating a loudspeaker or similar device must apply to the local authority for a special permit authorising the use of a loudspeaker on a public road in the functional area of such authority and that such local authority may issue such permit subject to such conditions, limitations and restrictions as they consider necessary or desirable.

Noted

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BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

County Manager informed the Meeting that Mr. D. O'Toole, Town Planning Consultant had made an inspection of Barrack Lane and examined the proposals outlined by Mr. Finnegan. His report was favourable and a copy would be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

WATERWORKS - WEXFORD ST. & ROBERT ST. EXTENSION

Councillor O'Brien requested to be informed of the reason for the delay in commencing work on the extension of the water supply to Wexford Street.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, stated that all the Materials for the work was now available for Wexford Street, but there was a delay in getting the necessary labour from the County Council.

It was agreed that Mr. Finnegan ask the County Engineer if it is possible for the County Council to carry out this work for The Urban Counnil, and if not that Mr. Finnegan have the work carried out by direct labour.

ERECTION OF PETROL PUMPS AT CHARLES ST.

APPLICATION FROM MESSRS. P. & G. PHENAN.

The County Manager read the following reports from Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, the County Engineer, and the Chief Fire Officer:-

"The Garage is situated at the Junction of Conduit Lane and Charles Street. Charles Street is normally a busy thoroughfare, and is the location of the calf market on Saturdays. The operation of petrol pumps at this junction will tend to increase the concentration of vehicles in the immediate neighbourhood and hamper the free flow of traffic.

The use of overhead swing delivery tubes may tend to cause an obstruction to pedestrians using the footpath and the danger from spillage may also create a hazard.

It is noted that it is proposed to site tanks within the Garage. It is desirable to have tanks whether overground or underground in the open air and removed from buildings.

It is not clear from the drawings submitted whether the sand filling around the tank is enclosed in concrete. The usual regulation is that metal tank should be enclosed in concrete tank with spaces filled with dry sand.

The vent pipe outlet location in relation to any windows is not shown.

The construction of garage in location shown is not disirable."

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The County Manager informed the Meeting that on the basis of the reports he would have to refuse permission for the erection of the Petrol Pumps. The applicants would be informed of their right to appeal to the Minister for Local Govemnment against his decision.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. P. O'Brien referred to the number of unemployed in the town at present and stressed the necessity for an industry in the town.

It was decided to write to the Industrial Development Association in the matter.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING

It was unanimously agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 30th June, 1964 at 7.30. o'clock p.m.

THE MEETING ENDED

J Stafford
21/7/64

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ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 30th JUNE, 1964.

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

Present: A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors W. Stafford, P. O'Brien, H. Lauder, M. Murphy, G. Donovan, Senator E. Kissane and M. Reddy.

M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday, 1st July, 1963 were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor A. Minihan was proposed by Senator E. Kissane and seconded by Councillor Stafford.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared himself elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Donovan was proposed by Councillor Reddy and seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan elected.

The Chairman thanked the Members for re-electing him and for their co-operation and help throughout the year.

Councillor Donovan also thanked the Members for electing him.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTH-EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION LTD.

Proposed by Councillor Kissane
Seconded by Councillor Stafford

It was unanimously agreed to nominate Mr. G. Donovan as a representative to attend General Meetings of the Organization.

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Minihan
25 June 1964.

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THURSDAY, 2nd JULY, 1964.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council, duly called by the Chairman, was held in The Tholsel, New Ross at 11. a.m., to pass a vote of sympathy on behalf of the Council and the people of New Ross on the death of Right Rev. Monsignor James Canon Browne, P.P., Vicar Capitular of the Diocese.

PRESENT: Councillors G. Donovan, M. Murphy, W. Stafford, M. Reddy, H. Lauder and P.O'Brien.

M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor G. Donovan, Vice-Chairman, presided.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed, all members standing

That the sympathy of the Council and the people of New Ross be extended to the Clergy of the Diocese and to the sister and relations of Monsignor Browne, Vicar Capitular of the Diocese on the loss sustained by them on his death which occurred after a short illness.

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 Friday.

THE MEETING ENDED

W Stafford 21/7/64

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TUESDAY 21st JULY 1964.

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 P.J. Fleming, P.J. O'Brien and W.J. Stafford.

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Mr. W.J. Stafford was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor O'Brien.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16th June 1964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

URBAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1964/65.

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., submitted the following proposals for the carrying out of work under above scheme :-

Scheme No. 1.

Provide concrete water channels to the following streets :- Irishtown Upper, Haughton Place, Chapel Lane, Bewley Street and Wexford St. Estimated Cost £660. 0. 0.

Scheme No. 2.

Surface dress complete Irishtown area from Urban Boundary at St. Stephen's to Irishtown Cross. Estimated Cost £660. 0. 0.

Scheme No. 3.

Provide pathways and grout in wall base from Robbet Street (middle) area to Michael Street Junction.

140 lineal yds. of pathway and channels etc., and providing for alterations to services. £300. 0. 0

Continue with corner widening programme from Nunnery Lane to Harvey Place junction. £360. 0. 0

Total £660. 0. 0

Scheme No. 4.

Provide concrete footpath to the following areas :-

(1) Charleton Hill

(2) William Street.

Proposed by Councillor Fleming
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

It was unanimously agreed to carry out Scheme No. 3 - Robert Street Area - at an estimated cost of £660.

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TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

House No. 73 Charleton Hill.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant a Tenant Purchase Lease of No. 73 Charleton Hill to tenant John Breen.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Stafford complained about the condition of portion of the area at Maiden Lane where the houses had been cleared due to water or sewerage flowing on the surface.

Mr. Finnegan stated that this was due to the defective drain at St. Joseph's Square the property of the Tottenham Estate.

Councillors Fleming and O'Brien stated that the landlords of all houses at Chapel lane, High Hill, St. Joseph's Square and Bullawn, where sanitary accommodation had not been installed, should be compelled to carry out this work now that grants were available.

ROAD SIGNS.

Councillor O'Brien stated that the School Signs at Schoolhouse Road were covered with growths and should be cleared. He also referred to the necessity for a "Narrow Road" Sign at Chapel Lane.

Referred to Engineer.

THE MEETING ENDED

15/8/64

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TUESDAY 18th AUGUST 1964

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 W.J. Stafford, P.J. Fleming, E. Kissane and H.H. Lauder.

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

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Councillor W.J. Stafford was moved to the Chair on the proposition of Councillor Fleming, seconded by Councillor Kissane.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18th August 1964 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

AUDITORS REPORT

The Auditor's report for the year ended 31st March 1963 was taken as read having been circulated to the members.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT LOWER WILLIAM STREET.

The Statutory Notice in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 having been given to the members on 5th August 1964, regarding the proposed disposal of a plot of land situate at the Northern side of Lower William Street, New Ross, it was

Proposed by Councillor Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor Fleming and agreed

That the fee simple interest in the plot of land situate at the Northern side of Lower William Street, New Ross, with a road frontage of approximately 85 feet, be sold to Mr. Norman Jacob, Priory Street, New Ross, for the sum of £75.

WATER SUPPLY - FILTRATION.

Councillor Lauder requested to be informed of the present position as regards the Filtration Scheme.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that approval had been received from the Department of Local Government to a scheme for the construction of slow sand filters at Ballyleigh. The Consulting Engineers, Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., were instructed to proceed with the preparation of the Contract Documents for the approval of the Minister some months ago but they had not been received at date.

Councillor Lauder asked if samples of water had been tested and Mr. Finnegan informed him that samples had been taken on various dates and the tests showed that the water was free from bacteria.

After a discussion it was agreed that the Consultants be asked to submit the Contract Documents before the next Meeting of the Council.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The Chairman handed in a letter during the Meeting which was signed by seven residents of Ard Mhicil complaining of the shortage of water in that area.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, informed the Meeting that this area was on the top of the low level zone. There was a burst in the main in that area which had been repaired during the week and the supply should now be back to normal.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman referred to the condition of High Hill with grass.

Referred to Engineer.

Councillors Lauder and Fleming referred to the whining noise from Albatros Factory and suggested that the Company be asked to reduce the noise as it was very irritating.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A Minihan

15th Sept 1964.

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TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 1964.

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors W.J. Stafford, H. Lauder, E. Kissane, M. Reddy, P.J. Fleming and G. Donovan.

In attendance: M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk.
Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 18th August 1964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes Councillor Stafford inquired if any report had been received from the Consultants on the Filtration Scheme.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that she had only received the drawings together with Preliminary Estimate of Cost of the proposed Slow Sand Filters at Ballyleigh from the Consultants on the previous day and so Mr. Finnegan had not had an opportunity of examining them.

It was unanimously agreed to defer this matter for discussion at the Special Meeting to be held in connection with the extension of the Urban Boundary.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

Tenant Purchase Scheme.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposals to grant leases to the following tenants under the above Scheme:-

1. Garret Bolger, 75 Charleton Hill.
2. Frank Gormley, 76 Charleton Hill.
3. Martin J. Kennedy, 63 Charleton Hill.

The Chairman asked if application had been received from John Shannon for permission to transfer his interest as Tenant Purchaser in his house at 19 Ard Mhicil to Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Quay Street.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the application was just received and had not been considered by the County Manager.

The Council unanimously agreed to the transfer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT) ACT 1963.

The Deputy County Manager read a letter from the Department of Local Government Ref. No. PI 202/6/14 dated 9th September 1964 which stated that the Minister for Local Government has made an Order fixing 1st October 1964 as the appointed day for the bringing into operation of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963 in all parts of the country.

Noted.

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NEW ROSS PARKING BYELAWS.

The following letter dated 18th August 1964 and Schedule attached from the Assistant Commissioner of An Garda Siochana giving notice of his intention to make Parking Bye-Laws for New Ross under Section 90 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, was circulated to each member of the Council before the Meeting:-

"New Ross Parking Bye-Laws

I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to Section 6(5) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961, and to give you notice of his intention to make bye-laws entitled as above under Section 90 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961.

Copies of draft schedule are enclosed.

The restrictions on parking mentioned in the schedule will apply from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on weekdays excluding Wednesday, and from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday. The restrictions on parking will not apply on Sundays or Church Holidays.

The bye-laws will provide that carriage entrances to premises must be kept clear.

Any representations which your Council may wish to make should be made at your earliest convenience."

S C H E D U L E.

STREETS OR PORTIONS OF STREETS IN WHICH PARKING IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT WHILE TAKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

Part 1 - All Weekdays.

Ref. No.	Name of Street	Portion of Street.
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Mary Street.	South side between its junction with Barrack Lane and its junction with South Street.
2.	Bridge Street	Both sides.
3.	John Street	Both sides.
4.	Priory Street.	East side, between its junction with William Street and a point opposite the Southern boundary wall of the Courthouse grounds.
5.	Quay Street.	Both sides, between its junction with Conduit Lane and its junction with the Quay.

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Part 11 - Alternative Weekdays.

Ref.No. (1)	Name of Street (2)	Portion of Street (3)	Dates when Prohibition Applies. (4)
1.	Charles Street	North Side	Even dates.
2.	Charles Street	South Side	Odd dates.
3.	North Street	West side, from its junction with Mary Street to a point 84 yards from its junction with Bridge Street	Even dates.
4.	North Street	East side, from its junction with Mary Street to a point 84 yards from its junction with Bridge Street.	Odd dates
5.	South Street	West side, between its junction with Quay Street and its junction with Robert Street.	Even dates
6.	South Street	East side,between its junction with Quay Street and its junction with Robert Street.	Odd dates

Councillor Kissane asked who was responsible for the making of the making of the Bye-Laws and was informed by the Deputy County Manager that in accordance with Section 90 of the Road Traffic Act, I96I, the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana was empowered to make the Bye-Laws.

Councillor Donovan stated that he was not in favour of the proposal re parking in Charles Street as it would interfere with the Calf Market for which a Bye-Law was in force for Charles Street.

After a lengthy discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Lauder,
Seconded by Councillor Kissane and unanimously agreed

That the Parking Bye-Laws as submitted by the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana for New Ross be accepted with a recommendation that they be reviewed after three months in operation and that the Commissioner be requested to amend the Bye-Laws as regards Charles Street to allow the Calf Traders only to park on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of II a.m. and 7. p.m. in accordance with the Market Bye-Laws.

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At this stage of the Meeting a letter was handed in to the Council Chamber signed by the Ratepayers of John Street, Bridge Street, North Street and Mary Street protesting against no parking in John Street, Bridge Street, North Street, and Mary Street and suggested that parking on one side only on alternate days in each street would be for the betterment of local business.

It was agreed that if the Bye-Laws were reviewed at the end of three months in operation all traders would have an opportunity of submitting their views.

ROSBERCON HOUSING SCHEME.

Councillor Stafford inquired the present position of the Rosbercon Housing Scheme.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that the Architects, Messrs Downes & Meehan, Dublin, were working on the contour drawings at present and they would later have a discussion with the County Manager and Mr. Finnegan in connection with house plans

The Chairman suggested that provision should be made for a playground for children on the site when plans were being drawn.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Light at Priory Lane.

Senator Kissane stated that the lamp on the pole at Priory St. end of Priory Lane had not been lighting for some time and requested that the E.S.B. be informed.

DUMPING GROUND AT PRIORY STREET.

The Chairman drew attention to the condition of the Dump and stated that children were lighting fires there daily and suggested that an incinerator be used to burn the papers.

Councillor Reddy stated that in fairness to the residents of the area something should be done.

After a discussion it was agreed that Mr. Finnegan submit a report on the matter for the next Meeting.

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 1964.

The report of the Adjudicators on the above competition was read.

The Chairman and Councillor Donovan suggested that as the Council now had a foreman Mr. Finnegan should draw up a scheme for improvements and particularly to keep in mind the remarks of the Adjudicor on the various places mentioned in the report and that shopkeepers be asked to co-operate in the matter of litter.

It was agreed to extend congratulations to Gorey, Enniscorthy, Bunclody, and Courtown on their success in the Competition.

THE MEETING ENDED

R. Munhan
20 Oct 196

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TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER I964

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council convened at the request of Councillors W. Stafford, M. Murphy, P. O'Brien, G. Donovan and E. Kissane was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock in connection with the Parking Byelaws.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors: W.J. Stafford, P.J. Fleming, P.J. O'Brien, G. Donovan, H.H. Lauder, M. Murphy, M. Reddy and Senator E. Kissane.

In attendance: M. O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk and Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager.

The Chairman explained that the Meeting was called following representations by traders and ratepayers in John Street and Bridge Street who maintained that the Parking Byelaws permitting no parking in John Street and Bridge Street would have an adverse effect on their businesses.

After a discussion on the matter during which all the members agreed that the bye-laws should be amended to allow one side parking in John Street and Bridge Street, Councillor W.J. Stafford handed in the following Notice of Motion to rescind the resolution passed at the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on I5th September I964, in connection with the Parking Bye-Laws :-

" I hereby give notice that I, or some other member on my behalf, will at the October Monthly Meeting of the Council move that the decision of the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on I5th September I964 accepting the Parking Bye-Laws for New Ross as submitted by the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana, with an amendment for Charles Street, be rescinded, and that I will propose a Resolution that the Parking Byelaws as submitted by the Commissioner be accepted with amendments to allow one side parking in John Street and Bridge Street and also the amendment for Charles Street as agreed on at the last Monthly Meeting."

A letter dated 25th September I964, signed by the traders and ratepayers of John Street, requesting the Council to receive a deputation at the next Meeting of the Council to present their views on the adverse effect of the Parking Byelaws on their businesses was read.

The Council considered that in view of the attitude of all the members of the Council in the matter it would not be necessary to receive a deputation.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that he had received notification of the appointment of Mr. Leo Friel, Lifford, Co. Donegal, as Town Clerk of New Ross.

Noted.

A Minihan
20 Oct 1964

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER I964

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: Chairman - A Minihan

Councillors H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, M. Murphy, G. Donovan.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th September I964 and the Special Meeting held on 29th September I964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read, and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Extension of Urban Boundary.

Councillor Donovan asked if a date had been arranged for the holding of the Special Meeting to discuss proposals for the extension of the Urban Boundary.

Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, stated that he would be in a position to submit the necessary maps, etc., within two weeks.

It was agreed to hold the Special Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd November I964, to consider the extension of the Urban Boundary and also the Waterworks Filtration Scheme.

Rosbercon Housing Scheme.

Councillor Stafford enquired the present position of the Rosbercon Housing Scheme.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that survey drawings with contours had been received and the Architects were now preparing the lay-out plan.

Charleton Hill Housing Scheme.

The Chairman inquired if the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme was nearing completion and was informed by Mr. Finnegan that eight houses should be ready for occupation before Christmas.

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.

The Council approved of the Deputy County Manager's Orders as follows :-

I. Tenant Purchase Scheme. The granting of leases to the following tenants under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme :-

I. James N. Craig, 7I Charleton Hill.
2. Kieran Maloney, I4 Harvey Place.
3. Patrick Bennett, I2 Irishtown.
4. James Holden, 27 Town Wall.
5. Michael Hammond, I Haughton Place.

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Five Day Week for Council's Officials.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's proposal to introduce the five day week with consequent adjustment in working hours for the Council's Officials.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS.

ROAD SAFETY.

Letter dated 29th September 1964, was read from Mr. N.T.Blaney, Minister for Local Government stating that he had decided to conduct a Road Safety Fortnight starting on Friday, 4th December next covering the period leading up to the Christmas rush.

The Minister requested Councils to organise, each in their own area, activities to coincide and tie in with the Road Safety Fortnight. This is particularly desirable in an area where up to now the Road Safety First Association or other voluntary body has not developed local interest in road safety.

It was unanimously agreed to give wholehearted support to the Minister's proposals and recommended

(1) that the Gardai be asked to give more lectures in the schools during the Road Safety Fortnight and that each time a different Guard or Sergeant be selected to give the lectures,

(2) that the Automobile Association be invited to New Ross to give lectures and to co-operate with the Gardai in the giving of lectures in the schools during the fortnight,

(3) that an appeal be made to pedestrians to wear light clothes at night.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that there would be a Film Show in each area during the fortnight.

SCAVENGING.

Report dated 20th October 1964 was read from Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, stating that he considered it essential that standard galvanised covered bins complete with lifting handles be provided by every householder as the vast majority of the present containers are unhealthy, dangerous and economically wasteful from the collection point of view.

The collection of refuse is carried out on the following days :-

Zone 1. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Creywell, John Street, Bridge Street, North Street, Quay Street, South Street, Priory Street, Charles Street, North Quay, Conduit Lane, Post Office Lane, Marsh Lane, Mary Street Lower, South Quay, Lady Lane, Trinity Place, Priory Street, Victoria Place, Newtown.

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Zone 2. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Neville Street, Bewley Street, Mary Street, Upper Abbey View, Bullawn, Follyhouse, Monk's Lane, High Hill, Chapel Lane, Church Lane, Irishtown, Mountgarret, Haughton Place, Nunnery Lane, Robert Street, Michael Street, Windmill Lane, Harvey Place, Town Wall, Ard-na-Greine, J.K.L. Place, Three Bullet Gate, Wexford Street, Charleston Hill, Ard Mhicil.

Zone 3. Thursday evening.

Rosbercon, Schoolhouse Road, Waterford Road.

Mr. Finnegan also reported that the dump area is reasonably satisfactory. The greatest trouble appears to be the unauthorised burning of paper and paper packaging by trespassers. To completely seal off the dump the berm at the river bank would have to be fenced with concrete posts and chain link fencing wire. A battery of rough incinerators could be constructed from concrete blocks and tar barrels which would help to dispose of the paper problem. This might involve the full time services of a dump caretaker. The dump has yet to be levelled and arrangements have been made to carry out this work - the immediate dump area is now sealed off and no papers can blow up to the road area.

Mr. Finnegan recommended that the following regulations be generally adopted :-

1. Domestic refuse collection in each Zone to be limited to one collection weekly.

2. That no trade wastes be carried by Scavenging Unit.

3. That standard scavenging or thrash bins complete with covers be provided by each householder.

4. That all main roads and shopping areas by cleared before 9 a.m.

5. That householders be supplied with separate bags for waste paper which can be controlled commercially.

6. That 24 extra litter baskets be provided.

7. That fines be introduced for disposing of litter on the highway or pavement.

After a lengthy discussion on each of the suggestions by Mr. Finnegan it was agreed

(a) That collection of refuse on all main roads and shopping areas be cleared before 9 a.m.

(b) That domestic refuse collections in each zone be limited to two collections weekly.

(c) That information be obtained from other Urban Areas as to how the system was worked and the cost of same.

(d) That the Engineer have a consultation with the Christian Brothers, who already collect waste paper from the shops, and Granagh Waste Paper Co., with a view to finding a solution for the disposal of waste paper as economically as possible.

(e) That heavy type litter bins be erected on the streets outside Ice Cream and Sweet Shops and that an advertisement appealing

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to the public to use the litter bins be inserted in the local Press.

(f) That a litter bin with suitable notice be erected in the public gardens in Rosbercon.

(g) That two months notice be given to traders notifying them that domestic refuse only will be collected by the Council and that they will be required to dispose of their own trade refuse.

(h) That an appeal be made to all householders to provide standard bins.

WATER SUPPLY.

Letter dated I3th October I964 was read from Albatros-Windmill Fertilizer Co. Ltd., notifying the Council that within eighteen months they will require 600,000 gallons of water per week and within four weeks the figure will exceed one million gallons per week.

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 3rd November I964.

NEW ROSS PARKING BYE-LAWS.

The following Motion, notice of which had been given in accordance with Standing Orders, was moved by Councillor Stafford :-

That the decision of the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on I5th September I964 accepting the Parking Byelaws for New Ross as submitted by the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana, with an amendment for Charles Street, be and is hereby rescinded.

The Motion was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

Councillor Stafford then proposed the following Resolution :-

"That the Parking Bye-Laws as submitted by the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana for New Ross be accepted with the following amendments :-

1. That one side parking be allowed in John Street and Bridge Street.

2. That Calf Traders only be allowed to park in Charles Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of II. A.M. and 7 P.M. in accordance with the Market Bye-Laws

3. That the Byelaws be reviewed after three months in operation."

The Resolution was seconded by the Chairman and passed unanimously.

It was also agreed that the Commissioner be requested to clarify Item No. 8, Part II of the Schedule which states that parking is prohibited on alternate weekdays "West side, from its junction with Mary Street to a

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point 84 yds. from its junction with Bridge Street."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMED VOTE I964/65.

Notification dated I3th Lugnasa I964 was read from the Department of Local Government of a Grant of £750 subject to a Local Contribution of £I05 under the E.S.V. Scheme for I964/65.

Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer submitted proposals as follows :-

Improvement work at Irishtown.

(a) Lay concrete channel from Irishtown corner, along Haughton Place to Nunnery Lane Junction. I60 lin. yds. £80. 0. 0

(b) Provide all ornamental roadside trees in area with cast stone surrounding wall and precast concrete coping.

24 trees at £5. 6. 0 £I27. 0. 0

Rosbercon Hill.

(a) Lay pathway consisting of precast concrete kerbs and premixed macadam carpet 6' wide wide over all £300. 0. 0

(b) Lay insitue concrete channel ffom Urban Boundary, past Church and Convent to railway level crossing.

580 Lin. yds @ I2/- £348. 0. 0

Include for alteration to path near houses opposite pump site. £855. 0. 0

The Council unanimously agreed to carry out the work as submitted in Mr. Finnegan's proposal.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor Murphy suggested that the overhanging ivy on the boundary wall at Creywell Road should be cut down.

Referred to Mr. Finnegan.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Murphy
17 Nov 1964

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TUESDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER I964.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock in accordance with the decision of the Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 20th October I964, to consider

I. Proposal to extend the Urban Boundary.

2. Waterworks Filtration Scheme.

Present: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors: H.H. Lauder, M. Murphy, E. Kissane G. Donovan and W.J. Stafford.

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

APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP OF FERNS.

On the proposal of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by the Chairman

A vote of congratulations was passed to Right Rev. Monsignor D.J. Herlihy, Rector of the Irish College in Rome on his appointment to the See of Ferns.

EX TENSION OF URBAN BOUNDARY.

The members of the Council examined the map which had been prepared by Mr. Finnegan, Engineer, showing the existing boundary line and the areas outside the boundary where it was likely that future development would be carried out.

After a discussion on the matter it was

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and unanimously agreed that the necessary steps be taken to have the following areas outside the Urban Boundary brought into the Urban Area of New Ross :-

I. Southknock, Co. Wexford, as marked on map.

2. Part of Chambersland, Co. Wexford, as marked on the map.

3. Part of Raheen, Co. Kilkenny, as marked on the map

4. Portion of field at Rosbercon, Co. Kilkenny, acquired by the Council for housing and which is outside the Urban Boundary.

WATERSUPPLY TO ALBATROS-WINDMILL FERTILIZER CO.

Letter dated 30th October I964 was read from Albatros-Windmill Fertilizer Co. notifying the Council that within eighteen months they will require 600,000 gallons of water per week and within four years the figure will probably exceed one million gallons per week.

The Council agreed to meet the demand as far as possible.

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WATERWORKS FILTRATION SCHEME.

Letter dated IIth September I964 was read from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consultants, enclosing drawing showing details of the proposed Slow Sand Filters at Ballyleigh and giving the Preliminary Estimate of the cost of the Filters as £23,2I0. 0. 0. and requesting Mr. Finnegan's observations on same.

Mr. Finnegan stated that he had examined the plan and report of the Consultants and before recommending acceptance of the Scheme to the Council he would like the Consultants to make the following points clear :-

I. What will be the discharge from Ballyleigh to the Tower through the new pipeline?

2. Will post filtration chlorination be provided ?

3. Would it not be advisable to incorporate flouridation of the supply in the present proposals ?

4. Is it advisable that chlorination, flouridation planrs be cited at Ballyleigh. There are consumers on the line from Dranagh to Ballyleigh.

5. If the loss in head involved in siting the works in Ballyleigh will curtail the supply to the tower, and that as a consequent of this that it will be necessary to augment the supply with pumping, would it not be more economical to site the entire scheme at Dranagh ?

6. If chlorination, flouridation and alum dosing have to be carried out at Ballyleigh it will mean that eventually the U.D.C. will have to face the problem of providing two full time caretakers. Id dranagh were selected it would eliminate this.

The Council unanimously agreed that the Consultants be asked to reply to the queries submitted by Mr. Finnegan before the next Meeting of the Council.

Mr. Finnegan suggested the scraping of the old main from ballyleigh to New Ross and stated that he would have tests carried out before the next Meeting.

Councillor Stafford asked that a survey be carried out to ascertain the number of houses in the town without water or sewerage facilities and that a report on the matter be submitted to the Council at the December Meeting.

Agreed.

HOUSING REPAIRS.

Councillor Lauder suggested that a quarterly report be submitted to the Council on Housing Repairs giving (I) list of complaints received from tenants, (2) Number dealt with and (3) number outstanding.

Agreed.

THE MEETING ENDED.

R. Wallace

17 Nov 1964

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TUESDAY, I7th NOVEMBER I964.

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: Chairman - A. Minihan.

Councillors H.H. Lauder, G. Donovan, M. Murphy, W.J. Stafford and P.J. O'Brien.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th October I964, and the Special Meeting held on 3rd November I964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Letting of Council houses.

Councillor O'Brien referred to the letting of Council houses and stated that in his opinion persons living in very old houses should get priority over persons living in good flats.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that on the recommendation of the Council a Priority List of applicants for houses had been drawn up about two years ago and all vacancies in Council houses since that date had been filled from the Priority List. The Councillors received due notice of the County Manager's proposals before each letting.

Councillor O'Brien requested that the priority list together with the names of the persons rehoused from the list be submitted to the next Council Meeting.

Agreed.

ROAD SAFETY.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Meeting that it was the intention to set up local Committees to assist in advising on and publicising Road Safety in County Wexford. There would be one Committee in each of the four local Electoral Areas and he asked the Council to appoint two members to the Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien

It was agreed to appoint Councillors G. Donovan and W.J. Stafford to the Committee.

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TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

County Manager's Order.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant a Tenant Purchase lease of No. I6 Harvey Place to the tenant Bernard Stacey.

CHANGE OF DATE OF DECEMBER FAIR.

The Acting Clerk informed the Meeting that as the December Fair falls on 8th December which is a Church Holyday it would be necessary to change the date of the Fair and give due notice of the change in the Press.

It was agreed to hold the Fair on Wednesday, 9th December.

PUBLIC GARDEN AT THREE BULLET GATE.

Letter dated I6th November I964 was read from the Honorary Secretary, Three Bullet Gate Social Club, suggesting that improvements be carried out to the historical Monument Garden at Three Bullet Gate and offering to take a general interest in it and maintain it as far as possible.

The Council agreed to co-operate in every way with the Club and voiced their appreciation of the offer which was regarded as a welcome change from the usual reports of vandalism in connection with gardens of this type.

It was unanimously agreed to erect railings at the garden, as suggested by Mr. H. Finnegan, Engineer, to prevent trespass.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON ITINERANCY.

Circular No. L.I4/64 dated 4th November I964 was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the Government had under consideration the report of the Commission on Itinerancy. The first and most essential step in the settlement of itinerants will be the provision of serviced camping sites and halting places and requesting the early attention of all local authorities, in whose area of jurisdiction large numbers of itinerants tend to congregate, in the provision of these sites.

It was agreed to inform the Department of Local Government that the itinerancy problem is non-existent in New Ross.

HOUSING - PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS.

Letter dated 9th November I964 Ref. N.263/I3 was read from the Department of Local Government enclosing copies of White Paper - Housing-Progress and Prosbects which described briefly housing progress since I948 and contains an estimate of the output of houses required and outlines the Government's proposals for housing legislation to replace as far as possible, all existing Housing Acts. The letter also stated that any observations the local authority wish to make on the details of the proposals will be carefully considered by the Minister.

A copy of the White Paper was handed to each Councillor during the Meeting.

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NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORGANIZATION.

Letter dated October 1964 from above Organization requesting support in the formation of a Waterford Regional Industrial Safety Health and Welfare Group was marked "read".

WATERWORKS - FILTRATION SCHEME.

Letter dated 13th November 1964 was read from Messrs T.J. O'Connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, replying to queries arising from their report to the Council of 11th September 1964.

At the request of Mr. Finnegan, who had not an opportunity of considering the replies received, the matter was adjourned to the December Monthly Meeting.

ROSBERCON HOUSING SCHEME.

Letter dated 9th November 1964 was read from Messrs Downes & Meehan, Architects, enclosing lay-out plan for 60 houses for O'Shea's Field, Rosbercon. Of these 16 would be bungalows for people with no family or old people and 44 would be two storey houses. The Architects suggested that the lay-out be submitted to the Department of Local Government for approval in principle of the lay-out and the density which is approximately 10 houses per acre.

After examining the lay-out the members suggested some alterations to the plans and after a discussion it was unanimously agreed to invite a representative of the Firm of Messrs Downes & Meehan to the December Monthly Meeting to discuss the lay-out plan and also to ask the Architect to bring with him sketch plans of the different house types and if available, architectural photographs of modern houses suitable for the site.

OTHER BUSINESS.

BUY IRISH CAMPAIGN.

Councillor Donovan stated that the Council should give a lead to the townspeople in the campaign and should encourage them to buy only Irish made goods and that shopkeepers should be asked to display in their shops articles of Irish Manufacture.

Noted.

THE MEETING ENDED.

R. Meehan

15th Dec 1964.

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TUESDAY, 16th DECEMBER 1964.

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors - H.H. Lauder, W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Bri and G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th November 1964, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:-

Councillor O'Brien stated that a few years ago the County Manager in co-operation with the members of the Council drew up a Waiting List of applicants for housing accommodation. Many of these applicants had not yet been housed.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Lauder it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the County Manager be asked to submit a list of those persons whose names appeared on the former Waiting List and who have not yet been rehoused, specifying the date of application in each case."

UNFIT HOUSES.

Councillor Donovan, supported by Councillor Stafford referred to the Council's request at their October Monthly Meeting for the submission of a list of the houses in New Ross which were unfit for human habitation because of lack of water supply or sewerage facilities and enquired when this list would be available.

When the list was placed before the Council at a later stage of the Meeting it was agreed that it be reconsidered at the January Monthly Meeting.

ROAD SAFETY.

Councillor O'Brien requested that the Council consider the erection of a protective barrier at Cross Lane.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Donovan
Seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously resolved :-

"That the C.I.E. be requested to erect a "Concealed Entrance" sign at the Goods Entrance to the Railway Yard."

ROSBERCON HOUSING SCHEME.

Mr. J. O'Donnell, Architect of the firm of Messrs Downes and Meehan, came before the Meeting and explained the draft lay-out for Rosbercon Housing Scheme. He invited suggestions from the

members of the Council for incorporation in the final comtract documents.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter Mr. O'Donnell agreed to amend his plans to include a few four bedroomed houses and fifteen smaller houses for old people. He agreed to consider the cost of providing dormer windows in some of the houses. He further agreed to provide sufficient free space at the rere of some house to permit further extensions. He was instructed to make provision for car parking facilities along the front of the site, to provide adequate open space and to bear in mind the question of refuse disposal in the siting of roads. He was further instructed to make provision for one entrance to the scheme for vehicular traffic and a separate entrance for pedestrians.

Mr. O'Donnell stated that he would submit the revised lay-out to the Council for approval as soon as it was prepared.

WHITE PAPER - HOUSING PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS.

Consideration of the Government's White Paper, Housing - Progress and Prospects was deferred, on the suggestion of Councillor Lauder, who stated that in the absence of sufficient information they were not in a position to pass comments on the proposals.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

Purchase of Council House at Haughton Place - Tenant Purchaser James Somers.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Brien
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and unanimously resolved :-

"That the application of Mr. James Somers for the purchase for the sum of £I26I of the house at Haughton Place of which he is tenant be and is hereby approved".

Transfer of Leases to Tenant Purchasers.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Brien the Town Clerk was instructed to request Messrs Colfer, Son & Poyntz, Solicitors, to expedite the transfer of Leases to Tenant Purchasers.

WATERMAIN RENEWAL AT CHARLETON HILL.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Brien
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and unanimously resolved :-

"That approval is hereby given to the Manager's proposal to renew the 4" main at Charleton Hill, New Ross, at an estimated cost of £663 in accordance with the recommendation dated 20th December, I964, of Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer.

CHOKED COMBINED DRAIN.

Councillor Stafford referred to a choked combined drain at St. Joseph's Square, New Ross, the property of the Tottenham Estate, and requested that the Council take immediate action in the matter.

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PROPOSED AIRPORT FOR COUNTY WEXFORD.

A letter dated 3rd December 1964 from the temporary County Secretary in connection with the proposed County Wexford Airport was marked "read".

WATERWORKS FILTRATION SCHEME.

Consideration of report dated 15th December 1964 from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, was deferred to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

THE MEETING ENDED

19th January 65

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TUESDAY I9th JANUARY I965.

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: Chairman - G. Donovan.

Councillors - W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien, E. Kissane and M. Murphy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I5th December I964, having been circuleted to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes :

E.S.V. Grant.

Councillor O'Brien complained that workmen employed on the E.S.V. Grant work at Rosbercon had not been paid for Christmas Day, St. Stephen's Day or 6th January I965.

The Town Clerk explained that these men had not worked the requisite number of hours prior to Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day in order to qualify for payment on those days. The 6th January was not a Bank Holiday and workmen were accordingly not entitled to be paid for that day unless they worked.

On the proposition of Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien it was unanimously resolved :-

"That in future E.S.V. Grant Works be commenced in sufficient time to qualify workmen for payment in respect of Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day.

The Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain the practices in Wexford and Enniscorthy with regard to the commencement of E.S.V. Grant work. He was also instructed to investigate the right of Mr. Patrick Purcell, Town Wall, a semi-skilled employee on E.S.V. Grant, to Wet-Time payment.

Thanks to C.I.E.

It was proposed by Councillor Donovan,
Seconded by Councillor Stafford and unanimously resolved

"That the thanks of the Council be conveyed to C.I.E. for agreeing to erect "Concealed Entrance" Signs at the Goods Entrance to the Railway Yard."

Protective Barrier.

Mr. H. Finnegan stated that the estimated cost of erecting a protective barrier at Cross Lane was £28.

The Council decided to defer further consideration of the matter until the I965/66 Estimates Meeting.

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CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

Recommendation of Applicants for tenancy of houses.

It was decided to consider in Committee the applications for tenancy of houses in Charleton Hill Housing Scheme. A list of 55 applicants was then placed before the Council. From this list members of the Council nominated twenty persons whom they recommended for tenancies.

HOUSES WITHOUT SANITARY FACILITIES.

The Council considered the District Health Inspector's report dated 27th November 1964 setting out a list of 35 tenanted houses which are situate within the New Ross Urban District and which are without adequate sanitary facilities.

It was decided to ask the Health Inspector for an additional list of those owner/occupied houses in the Urban Area which are not properly serviced with water and sewage facilities before considering what further action should be taken.

The County Manager suggested that when the complete lists are available the Council might consider dealing with the town in sections when securing the connections of houses to water and sewerage mains..

NEW ROSS WATER SUPPLY.

FILTRATION SCHEME.

The Council considered the report dated 15th December 1964 from Mr. H. Finnegan B.E., on the proposed Filtration Scheme for New Ross Water Supply.

Mr. Finnegan explained that he favoured siting the plant at Dranagh in preference to Ballyleigh, because the existing reservoir was sited at Dranagh. It would appear from report dated 13th November, 1964 from Messrs T.J. O'connor & Co., Consulting Engineers, 65 Adelaide Road, Dublin, that this firm was in favour of having the Filtration Works at Ballyleigh.

It was decided that Mr. Finnegan should meet Mr. J.D. Tighe of Messrs O'Connor & Co. for a discussion in order to reach agreement as to the best location for the filter works.

It was further decided to refer the question of including Post Chlorination in the proposed Filtration Scheme to the County Medical Officer for her recommendation.

Grant of Easement at Follyhouse Lane.

It was proposed by Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Senator E. Kissane and unanimously resolved :

"That the application of Mr. B. Ryan, Fairgate for an easement across waste ground the property of the Council at Follyhouse Lane be and is hereby approved in principle subject to payment by Mr. Ryan of a nominal rent of 1/- per annum.

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PROPOSED HOUSING LEGISLATION.

On the proposition of Senator E. Kissane
Seconded by Councillor M. Murphy it was unanimously resolved
that the following resolution from the
Corporation of Drogheda be adopted :-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to include in the forthcoming Housing Legislation (a) Provision for the payment of subsidy on the actual cost of houses provided by local authorities for persons in need of rehousing and (b) Increase the income limits for applicants to qualify for loans and grants where the present loan is drawn from the Local Loans Fund.

BARRACK LANE SCHEME.

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., was requested to submit a comprehensive report on the proposed Barrack Lane Development scheme for consideration at the February Monthly Meeting of the Council.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Councillor P. O'Brien complained that there were potholes in the footpaths at the Railway Bridge and Town Bridge.

Senator E. Kissane stated that there was also a pothole near the Parish Church.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E. was instructed to attend to these complaints.

On the proposition of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Murphy it was unanimously resolved

"That a Meeting of the President Kennedy Reception Committee be held in The Tholsel, on Tuesday, 2nd February, 1965 at 7.30 p.m."

Change in position of E.S.B. Pole.

On Councillor O'Brien's suggestion it was decided to inform the E.S.B. that the public light at the corner of Chapel Lane was not giving satisfaction in its new location.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Minihan

16 Feb. 1965.

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TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 1965

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: Chairman - A Minihan.

Councillors - W.J. Stafford, P.J. O'Brien, E. Kissane, H. Lauder, M. Reddy, P.J. Fleming and G. Donovan.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

Sympathy.

Before the Commencement of the Meeting, on the proposition of the Chairman, Seconded by Senator E. Kissane, it was unanimously resolved :

That a Special vote of sympathy be extended to Miss Mary O'Brien, Tintime, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny, on the death of her aunt.

Good Wishes for Speedy Recovery

It was proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Donovan and unamiously resolved:

That good wishes for a speedy recovery to health be conveyed to Councillor M. Murphy who is a patient in hospital.

Welcome to Very Rev. Hugh Byrne, P.P.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was unanimously decided to bid Very Rev. Hugh Byrne welcome to New Ross as Parish Priest.

Welcome to His Lordship the Bishop.

It was decided to write to His Lordship the Bishop of Ferns, Most Rev. Dr. D. Herlihy enquiring if and when he would receive a Civic Welcome in New Ross.

MEETING PROPER.

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th January 1965, having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising from the Minutes:

Future E.S.V. Grant Schemes.

The Town Clerk informed the Meeting that the County Manager had issued instructions to the effect that future E.S.V. Grant Schemes were to be prepared and submitted for Departmental approval in sufficient time to ensure that work would commence early enough to qualify workmen for payment in respect of Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day.

E.S.V. GRANT WORK NOT INSURABLE FOR WET TIME PURPOSES.

The Council considered a letter dated the 3rd February 1965

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from the Department of Social Welfare from which it appeared that E.S.V. Grant work carried out at Rosbercon was not insurable for Wet-time purposes.

PROPOSED NEW ROSS PARKING BYE-LAWS.

The Council considered a letter dated 3rd February I965 from the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana, setting out proposals for inclusion in Parking Bye-Laws for the town of New Ross. The Assistant Commissioner's proposals includes, inter alia, for the prohibition on all week days parking on both sides of John Street and Bridge Street.

On the proposition of Councillor G. Donovan,
Seconded by Councillor W.J. Stafford it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana be informed that the members of New Ross Urban District Council are still of the opinion that one side parking should be permitted in John Street and Bridge Street."

It was further decided that Wexford County Council be requested to ask Messrs Roches, Malsters, John Street to permit the removal of a loading ramp from John Street and thus facilitate the free flowing of traffic through this street.

PUBLIC LIGHT IN MARY STREET.

The Town Clerk was instructed to inform the E.S.B. that the public light erected in Chapel Lane, near the junction with Mary Street, was causing a shadow on Mary Street. He was further instructed to request that this light be put back in its original position provided no extra cost to the Council was involved.

PUBLIC LIGHT AT HAUGHTON PLACE.

It was decided to defer until the I965/66 Estimates Meeting consideration of a request from Councillor O'Brien that public lighting be provided at Haughton Place, New Ross.

ANTIQUATED PUBLIC LIGHTING.

On the proposition of Councillor A. Minihan
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan it was unanimously resolved:

"That the E.S.B. be requested to engage in research with a view to modernising public lighting in the towns and villages of Ireland."

USE OF CREST OF NEW ROSS ON MEDALLION.

It was proposed by Senator E. Kissane
Seconded by Councillor W. Stafford and unanimously resolved:

"That permission is hereby granted to the New Ross C.B.S. Past Pupilss Union to use the Crest of New Ross on a Medallion for the President of the Union."

HOUSES WITHOUT WATER OR SEWERAGE FACILITIES.

The Council considered a list of 69 houses within the New Ross Urban District which are unfit for human habitation because of the lack of either water or sewerage facilities. It would appear that 62 of these houses are capable of being rendered fit at reasonable cost.

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On the proposition of Councillor H. Lauder
Seconded by Councillor Reddy it was unanimously resolved :-

"That the Council proceed to secure the provision and installation of water supply and sewerage facilities in every dwellinghouse within the New Ross Urban Boundary where practicable."

It was further decided to zone the town for the purpose of securing connections and it was agreed that a period of eighteen months be allowed to effect connections.

The Town Clerk was instructed to prepare a report for the March Monthly Meeting of the Council, incorporating, for the approval of the members of the Council, a draft of a letter which would be sent to each house owner. It was suggested that this letter give details of grants, loans and other facilities available for carrying out the work.

LOAN FOR WATERWORKS.

On the proposition of Councillor W. Stafford
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien it was unanimously resolved:

"That we hereby apply to the Minister for Local Government for sanction to borrow from the Commissioners of Public Works a loan of One Thousand, eight hundred and seventy pounds(£1870) to be repaid on the annuity system over a period of fifty years at the current rate of interest as set out in the Local Loans Fund Acts for the purpose of carrying out the following schemes :-

Wexford Street Watermain Extension	(£660)
Robert Street Watermain Extension	(£547)
Charleton Hill Watermain renewal	(£663)."

It was proposed by Councillor W. Stafford,
Seconded by Councillor E. Kissane and unanimously resolved :-

"That a supplementary Estimate for an expenditure of £128 on the recoupment of superannuation contributions to a servant of the Council, who has made application for same, be and is hereby authorised"

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy it was unanimously resolved:

"That the town of New Ross be entered for the 1965 Tidy Towns Competition."

It was agreed that each member of the Council submit suggestions for consideration at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council and the Town Clerk was instructed to furnish each member with a copy of Board Failte's Report for 1964.

BRENNAN'S LANE.

Councillor P. O'Brien complained that Brennan's Lane was badly in need of being cleaned and the Council's Engineer, Mr. H. Finnegan, was instructed to investigate the complaint.

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REFUSE BINS.

The Town Clerk referred to the type of refuse bins which the Council's Scavenging Staff were expected to empty and stated that they would not be tolerated anywhere else.

Councillor Donovan pointed out that the Council had already decided that proper bins only be emptied.

Mr. O'Brien Complained that Domestic Scavenging had not been carried out in part of the town for some time.

Mr. Lauder added that his own refuse bin had not been emptied for over a week.

Mr. Finnegan, B.E., agreed to investigate these allegations.

EXTENTION OF URBAN SEWER TO SERVE SOUTHKNOCK HOUSING SCHEME.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Reddy,
Seconded by Councillor W. Stafford it was unanimously resolved:-

"That approval in principle is hereby given to co-operation with Wexford County Council in extending the New Ross Urban Water and Sewer Mains to serve a proposed private Housing Scheme at Southknock, New Ross, adjacent to the Urban Boundary."

RECREATION CENTRE.

On the proposition of Councillor E. Kissane,
Seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously resolved

"That the Council's Engineer, Mr. H. Finnegan, be instructed to meet the Architect to the President Kennedy Memorial Committee for the purpose of selecting the best possible site for the proposed New Ross Recreation Centre - Swimming Pool, etc."

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

The Council's Engineer, Mr. H. Finnegan, submitted a model of recommended development for the Barrack Lane Area of New Ross. He explained that an area of almost 10 acres at Barrack Lane, right in the centre of the town had become obsolete and was badly in need of revitalisation. He outlined proposals for the development of this area and suggested that advice be sought from An Forbas Forbartha before submitting the proposed development plan for the consideration of the Minister for Local Government.

On the proposition of Councillor G. Donovan,
Seconded by Councillor W. Stafford it was unanimously resolved

"That An Forbas Forbartha Teoranta be invited to send a Planning Expert to New Ross for the purpose

(a) of considering Mr. Finnegan's plan for the development of Barrack Lane

(b) of advising on how best to present this plan, and

(c) or advising on the preparation of a plan for the entire Urban Area."

Councillor Donovan complimented Mr. Finnegan on the excellance of his report.

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GRADED RENT SCHEME FOR CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

On the proposition of Senator Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor Stafford it was unanimously resolved:

"That approval is hereby given to the Graded Rent Scheme proposed by the County Manager for Charleton Hill Housing Scheme on condition that weekly rent exclusive of rates be fixed at £2. 7. 6 where family income exceeds £I4 but does not exceed £I8 per week and that it be fixed at £2. I9. 6 where the family income exceeds £I8 per week.

FIVE DAY WEEK FOR OUTDOOR STAFF.

It was proposed by Councillor G. Donovan
Seconded by Councillor W. Stafford and unanimously resolved

"That approval is hereby given to the County Manager's proposal to grant a five day week to members of the Council's outdoor staff."

THE MEETING ENDED

G Donovan
16th March '65

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TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH I965.

A Special Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the proposed Rosbercon Housing Scheme.

PRESENT: Chairman: A. Minihan

Councillors: E. Kissane and W. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

Also present was Mr. O'Donnell of the firm of Messrs Downes and Meehan, Architects, 37 Leeson Park, Dublin.

LAYOUT.

Lay-out plans, a model of the layout and house plans for a scheme of 60 houses prepared by Messrs Downes & Meehan, Architects, 37 Leeson Park, Dublin, were placed before the Council by Mr. O'Donnell. He explained that the lay-out was on the "Radburn" style with pavements and footpaths sited away from the roadworks thus segregating vehicular from pedestrian traffic. Every house would be served by a road. Provision was made for two car parks which would accommodate some 50 vehicles.

A novel idea in the lay-out was the siting of open spaces in the centre of the scheme. The success of this idea depended on the maintenance of these open spaces either on a comunity basis by the tenants themselves or on an agency basis by the Council.

NEED FOR 60 HOUSES.

The Town Clerk informed the Council that he had been instructed by the County Manager to point out that the 20 house scheme at Charleton Hill would meet the Housing needs of most persons now living in unfit or overcrowded conditions in the Urban District of New Ross. He added that the County Manager was of the opinion that if the Council proceeded with the proposed scheme of 60 houses at Rosbercon a number of these houses would have to be let to persons the housing of whom was not the primary responsibility of the Council. The Town Clerk then enquired from Mr. O'Donnell if the lay-out could be arranged so that houses would be erected in three lots of 20 rather than one scheme of 60.

Mr. O'Donnell confirmed that this could be done but added that it would be much more economical to build 60 houses together. He suggested that provision be made for a contract for 60 houses, but instead of the usual time limit for completion of the scheme, an output of 20 houses per annum over a three year period be stipulated.

On the proposition of Councillor Stafford,
Seconded by Senator E. Kissane it was unanimously resolved:

"That we the members of New Ross Urban District Council being satisfied that a need exists for 60 houses do hereby decide

(I) that 60 houses for persons of the Working Classes be erected at Rosbercon, New Ross, in one contract,

(2) that I2 of these houses shall be of a type suitable for

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old people and shall contain either I or 2 bedrooms; the proportion of single bedroomed houses as against two bedroomed houses to be decided on receipt of a further report from Messrs Downes & Meehan,

(3) that 24 three bedroomed houses be erected.

(4) that 24 four bedroomed houses be erected and

(5) that all water, sewer and electricity mains be provided in underground ducts.

THE MEETING ENDED.

J Donovan
16 March '65

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TUESDAY I6th MARCH I965.

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: Chairman - G. Donovan.

Councillors - P.J. Fleming, H. Lauder, Mr. Murphy, P.J. O'Brien and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

Councillor H. Lauder enquired whether the number of Councillors present at the Special Housing Meeting held on 2nd March I965 was sufficient to form a quorum. He felt that the decision to erect 60 houses at the one time was hasty and enquired whether the financial implications involved has been considered. He added that it was not too late to rescind the resolution in question.

The Town Clerk replied to the effect that the three members present at the Special Meeting of 2nd March I964 formed a quorum. The Chairman added that the Meeting was properly convened.

On the proposition of Mr. W.J. Stafford
Seconded by Councillor P.J. Fleming it was resolved:-

"That the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th February I965 and of the Special Housing Meeting held on 2nd March I965, having been circulated to the members, be taken as read and be adopted.

The Chairman then signed the Minutes.

ACCEPTANCE BY PLANNING EXPERTS OF COUNCIL'S INVITATION TO VISIT NEW ROSS.

The Council considered a letter dated 5th March I965 from Mr. Padraig Uas OHuiginn, Managing Director of an Foras Forbartha Teoranta to the effect that his Institute had agreed to accept the Council's invitation to send planning experts to New Ross to consider the proposed Barrack Lane Development Scheme and to advise on the preparation of a Development Plan for the town generally.

The County Manager explained that there was a statutory obligation on the Council to prepare a Development Plan for the town within a period of three years from Ist October I964. An Foras Forbartha Teoranta (or the National Institute for Physical Planning and Construction Research) was a body set up with the aid of funds from the United Nationa. One of its functions was to give advice on the preparation of Development Plans. The work of preparing a plan was a matter for the Council's officials but the adoption of a plan was a reserved function and as such was the responsibility of the members of the Council.

WATER SUPPLY FOR BALLYWILLIAM AREA.

The Town Clerk was instructed to write to the County Engineer and to enquire whether the survey to ascertain the demand for a public water supply in the Ballywilliam/Ballyanne

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area had been completed and if so whether the County Council had decided to go ahead with a regional water scheme for the area.

RETAINING WALL AT JOHN STREET.

Councillor Lauder complained that the retaining wall at his premises in John Street had been driven in and was in a dangerous condition.

It was decided to ask Wexford County Council to have this wall repaired.

PUBLIC LIGHT AT WILLIAM STREET.

Councillor Stafford, supported by Councillor P.J. O'Brien, drew the Council's attention to the fact that the E.S.B. had changed the position of a public light at William Street, thus leaving a large area in darkness.

It was decided to request the E.S.B. to consult the Council before shifting any further public lights.

Councillor Lauder suggested that when it was necessary to shift an E.S.B. Pole a bracket should be provided in the original position for the light.

CONNECTION OF HOUSES TO WATER AND SEWER MAINS.

On the proposition of Councillor W. Stafford,
Seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien it was unanimously resolved :-

"That the Council proceed at once to secure the provision of sewer and water facilities in all houses in the following areas :-

Chapel Lane, Church Lane, Bullawn, Mountgarret, Buneen, Irishtown and Cockpit Lane.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO ATTEND GENERAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was proposed by Councillor P.J. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien and unanimously resolved:-

"That Councillor W. Stafford be nominated to represent the Council at the Thirty-ninth General Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Council fixed Tuesday, 20th April 1965, at the conclusion of the April Monthly Meeting, as the date and time of the Annual Estimates Meeting for 1965/66.

SALE OF NO. 37 CHARLETON HILL TO MR. JAMES WHELAN.

On the proposition of Councillor W. Stafford,
Seconded by Mr. P.J. Fleming it was unanimously resolved:-

"That approval is hereby given to the County Manager's proposal to grant the application of Mr. James Whelan for the purchase of No. 37 Charleton Hill, New Ross."

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TOURIST BOARD.

The Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether the Tourist Board or Association to which Mr. Donovan was appointed was now functioning or whether any meeting of that body had been held.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PRESS.

Councillor H. Lauder enquired why information relating to the proposed visit of officials of an Foras Forbartha to New Ross had been released to the press before being considered by the Council.

The Town Clerk replied to the effect that the information in question had been released by him as he considered advance publicity for planning proposals desirable.

Councillor Lauder said that a a decision should be taken by the Council as to what should be released to the press in future.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be left to the Town Clerk's discretion.

THE MEETING ENDED.

A. Minihan

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TUESDAY 20th APRIL I965

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors P.J. Fleming, Senator E. Kissane, H. Lauder, M. Murphy, M. Reddy, W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I6th March I965, having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFER BY AN FORAS FORBARTHA IN RESPECT OF BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

The Council considered a letter dated I4th April I965 from Mr. Padraig O hUiginn, Managing Director, An Foran Forbartha to the effect that the Board of Directors of the Institute has agreed to make available to the Council for two months the advice and assistance of Mr. Geoffrey Copcutt, United Nations Adviser on Urban Design, for the purpose of preparing the Barrack Lane Development Scheme. These services would be provided free of charge but the Council would have to provide certain facilities and services to enable the Institute to achieve the results envisaged within the time available.

On the proposition of Councillor P.J. Fleming
Seconded by Councillor W.J. Stafford it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the advice and assistance offered by an Foras Forbartha for the preparation of the Barrack Lane Development Scheme be accepted; that the services requested by the Institute be provided by the Council and that the County Manager be authorised to arrange with Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., for the employment of a student Engineer or an Engineering Agency for the purpose of taking contour levels of the Barrack Lane site."

The Town Clerk was instructed to convey the thanks and appreciation of the members of the Council to Mr. O hUiginn.

It was agreed that preliminary negotiations for the acquisition of land on the site be opened.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor W.J. Stafford it was unanimously resolved:

"That the application of Mr. Michael Rossiter, p.p. James Rossiter, Priory Street, New Ross, for the provision of water services to the proposed scheme of 46 houses at Charleton Hill, New Ross, be and is hereby granted."

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It was further resolved :-

"That Mr. Rossiter be congratulated on his initiative in embarking on such an enterprising project."

BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

The County Manager stated that he would like to re-examine the Council's proposals with regard to the extension of the Urban Boundary. He pointed out that since this was likely to be the only extension effected for a long time to come it was desirable that all areas required be brought in now.

The Chairman explained that it was the Council's intention to take in that area bounded by a line from the Hospital to the Wexford Road down as far as the river.

The County Manager suggested that the Council might consider the inclusion of the Albatros Factory area within the boundary. He added that he would look into the matter and submit a report for consideration at the May Monthly Meeting.

URBAN ROAD (IMPROVEMENT) GRANT I965/66. £726.

On the proposition of Councillor W.J. Stafford
Seconded by Senator E. Kissane it was unanimously resolved:

"That approval is hereby given to the surface dressing of the following roads with the aid of the I965/66 Urban Road Improvement Grant of £726 plus a contribution of £26 from Municipal Rates :-

Street	Area in sq. yds.	Estimated Cost.
Charleton Hill	3200	£240
College Road	2304	£I49
Church Lane	600	£ 45
Wexford Street	5I00	£3I8
	Total	£752 "

INCREASE IN REMUNERATION OF RATE/RENT COLLECTOR.

On the proposition of P.J. Fleming
Seconded by Councillor W. Stafford it was unanimously resolved:-

"That approval is hereby given to the terms of County Manager's Order dated 9th April I965 authorising the following remuneration for the Council's Rate/Rent Collector with effect from Ist October I963 :-

Rate Collection: Basic Salary of £486 per annum plus ½d bonus for compliance with each of the conditions specified in paragraph 63 of Circular E.L.7/52.

Rent Collection: Basic salary of £279 per annum plus a bonus of I% provided the collection is 99% in any year.

The aforementioned basic salaries for Rate and Rent Collection to carry the "9th round" salary increase of I2% with effect as from Ist February I964."

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CONTRIBUTION TO CONFRATERNITY BAND.

Mr. M. Reddy recommended that the Council give an annual contribution to the Confraternity Brass Band.

On the proposition of Councillor P.J. Fleming
Seconded by Councillor W.J. Stafford it was unanimously resolved:

"That an annual contribution of £IO (ten pounds) be given to the NewRoss Confraternity Brass Band, under Section 75 of the Local Government Act, I946."

ADJOURNMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Senator E. Kissane
Seconded by Councillor M. Reddy and unanimously resolved :-

"That the Annual Meeting of the Council for the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman be adjourned until after the election of the next Council and that in the meantim the existing Chairman and Vice Chairman shall remain in office."

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 20th APRIL I965.

The Estimates Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at the conclusion of the Monthly Meeting of the Council pursuant to the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act I955.

Present:- Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors P.J. Fleming, Senator E. Kissane, H.H. Lauder, M. Murphy, M. Reddy and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

The Council considered the Estimates of Expenditure and Receipts as submitted by the County Manager.

ROADS.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £20I2 was approved and Receipts amounting to £8I5 were adopted leaving a balance of £II97 to be levied.

SANITARY SERVICES.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £I3270 was approved. The County Manager's Estimate of £I200 for Receipts from Water Rents was amended to read £I284 and an estimate of £4459 from gross receipts on Sanitary Services was adopted. A total credit of £208 was carried forward from I964/65 being unexpended Loan Charges leaving a balance of £8603 to be levied.

New Capital Works.

The estimate adopted included provision for loan charges in respect of the following

(a) Improvement of Sewer at College Road	Cost	£950
(b) Replacement of I60 lineal yards of sewer at Conduit Lane and Cook's Lane	Cost	£480
(c) Replacement of 80 lin. yds. sewer at Nunnery Lane	Cost	£I60
(d) Erection of pump and other at Poulmounty to improve water supply	Cost	£500

Councillor H. Lauder stated that although the new Charleton Hill houses were supposed to be completed before Christmas they were not yet occupied. Subsequently the Council was suffering a loss in revenue.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor H. Lauder it was unanimously resolved:

"That the Architect for Wexford County Council be requested to state how often he inspected the Charleton Hill Scheme during the course of erection of the houses and that he be asked to specify the dates of such inspections."

The Council then proceeded to consider the Housing Estimates in detail.

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HOUSING SERVICES.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £I623I was approved and Receipts amounting to £I4972 were adopted leaving a balance of £I259 to be levied.

GENERAL URBAN PURPOSES.

The Chairman referred to the County Demand of £20400 which included a sum of £I3345 in respect of Health Charges, and steted that it was about time that all sections of the community paid an equal share of the cost of Health Services.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor P.J. Fleming it was unanimously resolved:-

> "That, in an effort to relieve local rates of the crippling burden of Health Charges, the Government be requested to introduce a Comprehensive Insurance Scheme, towards which everyone would pay according to his income."

It was agreed that the sum of £50 provided under the heading of "Town Planning" was sufficient to cover any costs which might be incurred in surveying the Barrack Lane site and that it was unlikely that development of the site would take place in I965/66.

It was accordingly decided to reduce by £200 the amount provided for expenditure under the heading "Derelict Sites and Amenity Schemes." Estimated receipts under the same heading were reduced by £I00.

A sum of £I0 was provided for the making of a contribution to the New Ross Confraternity Brass Band.

Gross Expenditure amounting to £304I4 (including £20400 in respect of County Council Demand) was approved and receipts amounting to £4546 were adopted. An unexpended balance of £900 was carried forward from I964/65 leaving a net total of £24968 to be levied.

SUMMARY

Service	Gross Expenditure	Receipts	Credit Balance	Net Expenditure
Roads	£ 20I2	£ 8I5		£ II97
Sanitary Services	£I3270	£ 4459	£208	£ 8603
Housing	£I623I	£I4972		£2I259
General Urban Purposes	£304I4	£ 4546	£900	£24968
				———
			Net Expenditure allowed by Council	£36027

Net Effective Valuation £I2530. I8. 3.

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On the proposition of Councillor H.H. Lauder
Seconded by Councillor P.J. Fleming it was unanimously 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 Fifty Seven Shillings and Six Pence in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the said estimate for the service of the financial year ending 31st March 1966."

The Chairman, on behalf of the memebrs present 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.

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FRIDAY 30th April 1965.

A Special Meeting of New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to receive a Deputation from the Residents of Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross, in connection with the proposed New Ross Parking Byelaws.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors P.J. Fleming, H.H. Lauder and M. Reddy, P.C.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor G. Donovan.

In attendance: L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

The following persons formed the Deputation which was received :-

Mrs. K. Scully, Miss N. Doyle, Messrs D.J. Nolan, D. Cleary, J. Murphy and T.R. Colfer, Solicitor.

The Chairman gave a resume of events leading up to the proposal of the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana to make Parking Byelaws for New Ross, which would provide, inter alia, for "No Parking" in either Bridge Street or John Street. He told the Deputation that the Garda Commissioner had been informed that the Council disapproved any proposal for the complete prohibition of parking in either of these two streets.

Miss Doyle suggested that the footpaths of John Street could be made narrower. She added that if that roadway were a few inches wider traffic would flow freely. Even with vehicles parked on either side the road could take single line traffic if it were just a little wider.

Mrs. Scully pointed out that if the proposed byelaws were introduced the traders of John Street would go out of business. She added that the bus which used to stop in John Street no longer did so and as a result the traders of the town were loosing business. She suggested that if Roche's corn loading ramp were removed the situation might be eased somewhat.

Mr. Lauder suggested that the advice of Mr. Geoffrey Copcutt, United Nations Specialist on Urban Renewal, be sought with a view to finding an acceptable solution to the traffic problem in both Bridge Street and John Street.

Miss Doyle pointed out that within three months of the introduction of "No Parking" Regulations in Dublin Street, Carlow, three shops were compelled to close down.

It was proposed by Councillor H. Lauder
Seconded by Councillor Fleming and unanimously resolved :-

"That the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana be requested (I) to reconsider the Council's suggestions that one side only parking permitted in Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross and that Mountgarret bound heavy traffic from the Bridge be rerouted along the Quay via the Irishtown, (2) to defer the making of Byelaws pending receipt by the Council of advice on traffic problems in Bridge Street and John Street from Mr. Geoffrey Copcutt, United Nations Adviser or Urban Renewal to an Foras Forbartha Teoranta

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That Mr. Copcutt, the County Engineer and Mr. H. Finnegan be requested to submit their recommendations on how to solve traffic problems in the two streets in question without the imposition of "No Parking" Regulations and in particular that they consider the feasibility of widening the roads by narrowing the footpaths and removal of Roche's Corn Loading Ramp from John Street.

That Deputies Sir Anthony Esmonde, Brendan Corish, Lorcan Allen and James Kennedy be asked to make representations to the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana requesting that the Council's wishes in the matter be respected."

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY I8th MAY I965

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: Chairman - G. Donovan.

Councillors - Senator E. Kissane, H. Lauder, M. Murphy P.J. O'Brien, M. Reddy and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 20th April I965, of the Estimates Meeting held on the same date and of the Special Meeting held on 30th April I965, having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Arising out of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of 30th April I965 in connection with proposed New Ross Parking Byelaws, the Chairman stated that while excellent work was done at the Special Meeting of the Council held on 30th April I965 the minutes of that Meeting read badly in so far as only four Councillors has been present. After a lengthy discussion on parking problems in Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross,

It was proposed by Senator E. Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan and unanimously resolved :-

" That the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana be requested to permit 'one side only' oarking on alternate days in both Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross."

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The Chairman then adjourned the Monthly Meeting for the purpose of holding the Meeting for the making of the Rate.

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TUESDAY I8th MAY I965

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 I966.

Present: Chairman - G. Donovan.
Councillors - Senator E. Kissane, H. Lauder, M. Murphy, P.J. O'Brien, M. Reddy and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

MAKING OF MUNICIPAL RATE.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Reddy,
Seconded by Senator E. Kissane and unanimously resolved :-

"That we raise the sum of Thirty two thousand, nine hundred and sixty one pounds, one shilling and four pence as and for the Municipal Rate and for the purposes aforesaid make a Municipal Rate of Fifty seven shillings and six pence in the Pound for the financial year ending the 3Ist day of March I966 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 immediately after the publication of Notice of Rate having been made together with arrears of two hundred and eighty nine pounds, six shillings and nine pence and the second on or before the Ist October I965"

The Seal of the Council was then affixed to the Rate Book which was signed by all members present.

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Murphy
15 June 1965

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TUESDAY I8th MAY I965.

The Adjourned Monthly Meeting of the Council was resumed at the conclusion of the Meeting for the Making of the Rate.

Present: Chairman - G. Donovan.

Councillors - Senator E. Kissane, H. Lauder, M. Murphy, P.J. O'Brien, M. Reddy, and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

DEFECTS IN CHARLETON HILL HOUSES.

Councillor W.J. Stafford informed the members that he had received complaints from some of the newly appointed tenants in Charleton Hill that their houses were defective in certain respects.

The Clerk informed him that the carrying out of repairs during the maintenance period was the responsibility of the Contractor.

It was decided to instruct the Architect to carry out the necessary inspections and to ensure that all defects are made good by the Contractor before the expiration of the maintenance period..

OFFERS FOR LAND AT CHAMBERSLAND.

The Chairman opened two sealed envelopes containing offers for the purchase from the Council of approximately I acre I rood and q 22 sq. perches of land at Chambersland, New Ross, The first envelope which the Chairman marked No. I contained an offer in the sum of £I00. The second envelope, which he marked No. 2, contained an offer in the sum of £3I0.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Reddy,
Seconded by Councillor W.J. Stafford it was unanimously resolved

"That a recommendation be submitted to the County Manager for the acceptance of offer No. 2 in the sum of £3I0 for approximately I acre one rood and 22 perches of land at Chambersland, being the highest offer received.

RE-OCCUPATION OF CONDEMNED HOUSES.

In reply to a question by Councillor M. Reddy, the Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. A.J.B. Boyd, Agent for the Tottenham Estate had undertaken to repair No. 7 Sugarhouse Lane. The County Manager had agreed to allow that house to be reoccupied under a Caretaker's Agreement pending the carrying out of the necessary repair.

On the proposition of Councillor Stafford
Seconded by Councillor Reddy it was resolved:

"That Mr. A.J.B. Boyd, Agent, Tottenham Estate, be requested to submit for the County Manager's inspection the Caretaker's Agreement relating to No. 9 Sugarhouse Lane, New Ross."

It was further resolved that the Tottenham Estate be given a period of six months within which to put No. 7 Sugarhouse Lane in a proper state of repair.

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OVERGROWN BRIARS.

Councillor P.J. O'Brien complained that briars along Lover's Lane, Rosbercon, had become overgrown.

Mr. Finnegan stated that he hoped to have the matter attended to shortly.

POT HOLES AT ANNEFIELD.

When Councillor P.J. O'Brien enquired whether the Council could repair pot holes in the road at Annefield he was informed that this was the responsibility of the local residents.

LIGHT AT THE MAUDLINS.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Reddy, seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien it was unanimously resolved:-

"That Wexford County Council be requested to have a public light erected at the Maudlins."

CONDITION OF FOOTPATH AT IRISHTOWN.

Cpuncillor M. Reddy stated that the condition of the footpath at Irishtown was in need of repair.

Mr. Finnegan agreed to attend to it.

TREES HARBOURING FLIES.

It was ascertained that trees planted by Mr. Kennedy at Jones's Hill harboured flies which were a cause of annoyance to the local residents.

It was decided to ask Mr. Kennedy to trim these trees.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Whelan

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TUESDAY 1st JUNE 1965.

At the request of Councillors M. O'Murchu, M. Reddy, G. Donovan, P. O'Brien and Senator E. Kissane a Special Meeting of New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider the proposed New Ross Parking Bye-Laws.

Present: Chairman - Mr. G. Donovan.

Councillors P.J. Fleming, Senator E. Kissane, H.H. Lauder, M. Murphy, P.J. O'Brien, M. Reddy and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

The Council considered a letter dated the 3rd May 1965 addressed to Mr. James J. Kennedy, T.D., by the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana. The last paragraph of this letter read as follows :-

"If road widening or any other alterations effecting the movement of traffic in New Ross are carried out subsequent to the introduction of the proposed bye-laws the Commissioner will be prepared to consider amendment of the bye-laws in the light of these alterations."

Correspondence received from Mr. Lorcan Allen, T.D., Sir Anthony Esmonde, T.D., the Department of Local Government, Mrs. Catherine Scully and Miss Helen Doyle was also considered.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to consider widening the carriageways in Bridge Street and John Street by narrowing the footpaths and by removing the Corn Loading Ramp from John Street.

In reply to a question by Councillor W.J. Stafford the Town Clerk stated that both Bridge Street and John Street were County Council roads and the carrying out of road widening operations in those streets was the responsibility of Wexford County Council.

Councillor H. Lauder drew attention to a letter dated the 13th May 1965 from the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana to the effect that the making of bye-laws for New Ross would be deferred pending receipt of a further communication from the Urban Council.

On the proposition of Senator Kissane
Seconded by Councillor P.J. Fleming it was unanimously resolved :-

"That an assurance be sought from the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana that he would defer the making of Parking Byelaws for Bridge Street and John Street pending receipt of a further communication from the Urban Council following consideration by them of reports requested from the County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer.

That the Assistant County Engineer and County Engineer be requested to submit reports on the feasibility of widening the carriageways in both Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross by narrowing the footpaths in these two streets and by removing the corn loading ramp.

That when reports are received from the County Engineer and Assistant County Engineer they first be considered by the Urban Council and then submitted to the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana.

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That the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana be asked to confirm that in the event of works recommended by the Engineers being carried out he would permit one side parking on alternative days in both Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross.

That on receipt of this assurance from the Garda Commissioner Wexford County Council be asked to carry out the necessary work."

THE MEETING ENDED

P. McGuinness
15 June 1965.

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TUESDAY I5th JUNE I965

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan.
Councillors G. Donovan, P.J. Fleming, H.H. Lauder, P.J. O'Brien and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Messrs T.F. Broe, County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

Votes of Sympathy.

Before the commencement of the Meeting on the proposition of the Chairman votes of sympathy were unanimously passed to the relatives of the late T.D. Sinnott, former County Manager, on their sad bereavement, and to Dr. Donal Herlihy, Bishop of Ferns, on the death of his brother.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on I8th May I965, the Special Meeting for the making of the Rate held on I8th May, I965 and the Special Meeting held on Ist June I965, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

PARKING BYE-LAWS

The Chairman referred to the Special Meeting of the Council held on Ist June I965 to consider the proposed New Ross Parking Bye-laws and explained that when asked by one of the traders in John Street to call a Special Meeting he refused to do so because he mistakenly thought that he was being asked to call a Meeting of traders. He was surprised when a Special Meeting of the Council was called.

Mr. Donovan stated that he had been approached by traders from John Street who were very worried about the Commissioner's proposals and he felt that everything possible should be done to facilitate them.

The Council then considered a letter dated 3rd June I965 from Mr. P. O'hUiginn, Managing Director of an Foras Forbartha Teoranta, stating that from the United Nations viewpoint it would be undesirable for Mr. Copcutt to give advice in a specific case where there is a statutory process involved. Mr. O'hUiginn pointed out that Mr. Copcutt's assignment as regards the Barrack Lane Urban Renewal Project would probably raise traffic implications but it would be premature at this stage to anticipate these.

The Council also considered a letter dated I4th June I965 from The County Engineer in which he stated that he could not see his way to recommend the narrowing of the footpaths or any section thereof in either Bridge Street or John Street, New Ross. Neither could he consider the removal of the corn ramp from John Street a solution to the problem.

On the proposition of Councillor H. Lauder,
Seconded by Councillor G. Donovan it was unanimously resolved :-

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"That the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana be requested to defer the making of Bye-Laws in respect of Bridge Street and John Street, New Ross, until the Barrack Lane Project and related traffic implications have been examined and and determined."

REFERENCE TO CONDEMNED HOUSES.

The County Manager warned members of the Council against referring publicly to "Condemned Houses" when discussing houses from which persons have been rehoused by the Council. References of this nature in respect of non-condemned houses might leave the Council open to ~~libel~~ action by property owners.

CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME.

In reply to a question by the Chairman as to why the Contractor had not fitted gates nor laid footpaths at Charleton Hill Housing Scheme, Mr. Finnegan stated that these items were not included in the Contract for the scheme. Mr. Finnegan added that he had sought quotations for gates and that footpaths were being laid by direct labour.

Mr. P.J. O'Brien complained that coal sheds had not been provided for the Charleton Hill houses.

Mr. Finnegan informed the members that one of the internal rooms was intended for use as a coal store.

Councillor W.J. Stafford remarked that the Council should ensure that the same mistake is not made in planning the Rosbercon houses.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

The County Manager informed the members that he had not yet received the report requested from the County Architect.

It was decided to ask the Architect to submit that report before the July Monthly Meeting of the Council.

ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT.

The County Manager expressed the opinion that the Council should acquire land for future development.

The Chairman, supported by Councillor Donovan, agreed with the Manager's suggestion.

Councillor Lauder suggested that derelict sites in town could be utilised for the purpose.

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer agreed to submit a report on available suitable building sites for consideration at the July Monthly Meeting of the Council.

Gerald Kilkathy, 18 Michael Street, New Ross, Applicant for housing accommodation.

Councillor P.J. O'Brien recommended that the Council rehouse Mr. Gerald Kielthy from 18 Michael Street as soon as possible. He added that Mr. Kielthy's name was on the waiting list for a considerable length of time.

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TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE FOR NEW ROSS.

The Council considered a copy of the address of Mr. P.J. Breen, Chairman to the second Annual General Meeting ofthe South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organization Ltd.

Councillor Donovan informed the members of the Council that he had been appointed a director of that body. He had attended Meetings of the Board and had voiced criticism of the lack of publicity given to tourist attractions in the New Ross District.

The Chairman informed the members that the Board were considering the provision of a caravan for use as a tourist information office either at Dunganstown or at the proposed New Ross Bridge.

It was agreed that the new bridge would be the most suitable site for the Information Office.

WATER SUPPLY TO BALLYWILLIAM AREA.

The Council considered a letter dated IIth June I965 from the Acting Secretary, Wexford County Council, to the effect that no proposals have been formulated for the provision of a regional water supply for the Ballyanne Area but that a group scheme is at present in progress in the Templeudigan/Ballywilliam district.

It was decided to ask Mr. Finnegan, B.E., to submit a report on the possibility of allowing persons from outlying districts to tap off old Urban Council water mains.

FLUORIDATION.

The Chairman referred to the proposal to fluoridate the New Ross Water Supply and stated that Mr. Barry Foley of Messrs Albatros Fertilizer Co. Ltd., was an expert on the subject of fluoridation.

SWIMMING POOL.

The Chairman read a Circular Letter dated Ist June I965 Ref. No. L. 8/65 from the Department of Local Government from which it appeared that plans for a low cost swimming pool are now available from the Department of Local Government for a fee of £I0.

Councillor W. Stafford informed the Council that the President Kennedy Memorial Committee had decided to site their swimming pool in Barrack Lane. He added that the Committee would still require the Showgrounds as a pitch and putt course and requested confirmation that this field would be reserved for them.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillors G. Donovan

It was unanimously resolved :-

"That the Show Field, New Ross, be reserved for the President Kennedy Memorial Committee's proposed pitch and putt course."

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DISPOSAL OF LAND AT CHAMBERSLAND.

It was proposed by Councillor W. Stafford
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien and unanimously resolved:

"That approval is hereby given to the disposal of I acre I rood and I2 perches of land at Chambersland, New Ross, to Messrs Michael Fleming, Coolnacon, Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Eamonn Somers, Haighton Place, New Ross, and Edward Rowe, Cushinstown, Ballinaboola, Co. Wexford, for the sum of £3I0 subject to a condition that the purchasers shall pay both purchasers' and vendors' Solicitors' costs together with all incidental expenses involved in the transfer."

ANNUAL MEETING.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was unanimously decided that the Annual Meeting of the Council for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman be held on Friday the 25th June I965 at 7.30 p.m.

PURCHASE OF 47 CHARLETON HILL.
TENANT MARTIN DOYLE.

It was proposed by Councillor W.J. Stafford
Seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien and unanimously resolved :

" That the application of Matthew Doyle, tenant, for the purchase of 47 Charleton Hill be and is hereby approved."

ROSBERCON HOUSING SCHEME.

The members of the Council unanimously approved of site and lay-out plans for a scheme of 60 houses at Rosbercon, New Ross, prepared by Messrs Downes, Meehan and Robson, Architects, 37 Leeson Park, Dublin 6.

THE MEETING ENDED

R. Meehan
20 July 1965.

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TUESDAY, 29th JUNE 1965

A Special Committee Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock to consider an offer by Messrs James P. Coghlan & Co., Solicitors, New Ross, on behalf of unnamed clients for the purchase from the Council of the Showgrounds, New Ross.

Present: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors G. Donovan, P.J. Fleming, E. Kissane, M. Murphy, P.J. O'Brien and M. Reddy.

In attendance: Mr. T.F. Broe, County Manager, Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E?, and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

REASON FOR CALLING SPECIAL MEETING.

The Chairman explained that at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 25th June 1965, he and other members of the Council had met Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, Mr. Doyle, member of a Dublin Firm of Solicitors and Mr. James, an executive of an unnamed Company.

The members of the Council present at that informal meeting were informed by Messrs Doyle and Names that the Company which they represented was interested in acquiring the Showgrounds, New Ross, as a site for a Storage Depot for an unnamed product. They required access to the riverside jetty and their project was such that one ship per week or ten days would unload at the jetty. About eight lorries would be employed at the Depot, all personnel would be Irish and the wage bill would amount to approximately £I2,000 per annum. The Company in question had an annual turnover of eight million pounds. An offer of £500 (five hundred pounds) was suggested for the purchase of the Showgrounds. The Company might be prepared to increase this offer but there was a limit to the amount available for land purchase.

The Chairman stated that when Messrs Doyle and James outlined their proposals to him the idea of increased employment appealed to him; hence his decision to convene a Special Meeting of the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Council considered letters dated 2Ist and 29th June I965 from Messrs James P. Coghlan & Co., Solicitors, New Ross. In their letter dated 2Ist June I965 Messrs Coghlan & Co., suggested an offer of £500 (five hundred pounds) for the freehold interest of the Showgrounds. These two letters together gave a brief account of the proposed project and substantiated what the Chairman had said.

The members of the Council then went on to consider letters of protest against any proposal to develop the Showgrounds otherwise than as a Public Park from the following :-

Thomas J. Kelly & Son., Solicitors, New Ross, on behalf of the residents of Newtown and Victoria Place.

Mrs. Kathryn O'Grady, 34 South Street, New Ross, Mr. P.A. Brennan, Secretary to the President Kennedy Memorial Committee, New Ross.

In a letter dated 28th June I965, Messrs Staffords, New Ross, stated that if the Showgrounds was for sale they would be interested in acquiring it.

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DISPOSAL OF LAND AN EXECUTIVE FUNCTION.

The County Manager pointed out that the disposal of land was an executive function and as such was his responsibility. He added that in order to sell Council land he must follow the proceedure laid down in Section 83 of the Local Government Act, I946. He added that the Showgrounds had originally been acquired as a site for a Public Park and successive Councils down the years had endorsed the decision to provide a public park there. No later than June I965 the members of the present Council had assured the President Kennedy Memorial Committee that the field would be available as a pitch and putt course. If they now wished to sell the field for industrial purposes, they should first inform the public accordingly by publicatio in local newspapers of a Policy Statement with regard to the field. In any case other people who might be interested in acquiring the Showfield should be given the opportunity of submitting offers.

DECISION NOT TO SELL.

The Chairman stated that he had originally favoured the suggestio that this Storage Depot be permitted in the Showgrounds. However, on thinking over the matter and weighing up the pros. and cons., he had since changed his mind. He pointed out that a clear site was available further down river, where water in the river was deeper. By comparison with a rental of I/- per sq. foot or £2I78 per acre per annum, paid by the Sugar Company to the Harbour Board for tank sites and by allowing a capital value of ten years purchase, the 2½ acres at the Showfield should fetch £54450.

Councillor O'Brien stated that he had never been very much in favour of public parks until he had seen how the public appreciated the public gardens at Rosbercon. It was his opinion that the Showgrounds should be reserved as a Public Park.

Councillor Kissane stated that he had taken the opportunity of obtaining the views of the residents of Priory Place on the proposal to sell the Showgrounds. There appeared to be considerable opposition by the general public to this proposal. He added that he considered the price offered to be rediculously low and he was not in favour of selling the field.

Councillor Reddy stated that the Council should abide by the original decision to develope the showgrounds as a public park and the work of development should be put in hands immediately.

Councillor Donovan agreed that the price offered was unrealistic but a project which would give employment to eight men earning £I2,000 per annum was worthy of consideration.

Councillor P.J. Fleming stated that at £500 the site would be almost a free gift. He was not in favour of selling the field.

When questioned by the Chairman, Councillor Donovan stated that, with certain reservations, he was not in favour of selling the Showfield.

All other members present agreed that the field should not be sold.

DEVELOPMENT OF SHOWFIELD AS A PUBLIC PARK.

On the proposition of Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor Reddy it was unanimously resolved:

"That Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., be requested to submit plans for the immediate development of the Showfield as a Public Park."

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Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, New Ross, then came before the Council and was informed by the Chairman of the decision not to sell the showfield.

Mr. Coghlan thanked the Chairman and members of the Council for receiving him and stated that he did not want to be the cause of bringing the town something which the people of New Ross did not want.

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Minihan
20 July 1965.

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ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, 25th JUNE 1965

The Annual Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 9 o'clock.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman, presiding.
Councillors W. Stafford, H.H. Lauder, P.J. Fleming, G. Donovan, E. Kissane and M. Reddy.

In attendance: L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th June 1964 were read and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor A. Minihan was proposed by Councillor E. Kissane and seconded by Councillor W. Stafford.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared himself elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Donovan was proposed by Councillor Fleming and seconded by Councillor Lauder.

There was no other proposal and the Chairman declared Councillor Donovan elected.

The Chairman thanked the members for re-electing him and for their co-operation and help throughout the year.

Councillor Donovan also thanked the members for electing him.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO SOUTH-EASTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION LTD.

It was proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Kissane and unanimously resolved:

"That Mr. G. Donovan be nominated as a representative to attend General Meetings of the South-Eastern Regional Tourism Organization Ltd."

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Minihan
28 June 1966

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TUESDAY 20th JULY 1965

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: Chairman: Mr. A. Minihan.

Councillors H.H. Lauder, E. Kissane and W.J. Stafford.

In attendance: Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

Before commencing the business of the Meeting proper, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kissane it was unanimously resolved :-

"That a Special vote of sympathy be passed to Councillor P.J. Fleming on the tragic death of his brother, Michael"

Councillors H.H. Lauder and W.J. Stafford associated themselves with this vote of sympathy. The Town Clerk, Mr. L.V. Friel, also associated himself with the vote of sympathy on behalf of the County Manager, Council Staff and on his own behalf.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 15th June 1965 and of the Special Committee Meeting held on 29th June 1965, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Scraping of Old Water Main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle.

The Chairman stated that the Council's old watermains were valuable assets which should be preserved. He suggested that samples of corrosive matter be taken from the Ballyleigh/Castlemoyle watermain and sent to Messrs I.C.I. for analysis.

Councillor H.H. Lauder said that he understood that Dublin Corporation used some process for cleaning watermains. He suggested that enquiries be made from that authority as to whether their method was satisfactory.

Mr. H. Finnegan suggested that firms which engage in scraping watermains be asked to quote for the hire of the necessary machinery. If the machinery required were available the Council might be able to carry out the work by direct labour.

Mr. Finnegan agreed to make the necessary enquiries and to examine the various methods of scraping watermains in order to ascertain which method would be best suited to New Ross.

SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT.

The Council considered a report dated 20th July 1965 from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., Assistant County Engineer, in which he suggested that the following five sites, situate within the New Ross Urban District might be suitable for housing purposes :-

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Site No. I.	4 acres at Rosbercon Hill owned by Mr. T. Walsh, Rosbercon.
Site No. 2.	4½ acres at Annefield owned by Mr. T. Walsh, Rosbercon.
Site No. 3.	3 acres at Mill Banks owned by Mr. M. Foley, Cross Lane, New Ross.
Site No. 4.	3¾ acres at Bishopsland, Irishtown, owned by Mr. P. Kielthy, Irishtown, and others.
Site No. 5.	3 acres at St. Mary's, New Ross, owned by the Tottenham Estate and leased by Mrs. Mary Whelan, Mary Street.

It was decided to ask Mr. Finnegan to submit a further report on the cost of servicing sites numbered I, 2, 4 and 5 above.

ACQUISITION OF DERELICT SITES.

The Council considered a report dated 20th July 1965 from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E.,Assistant County Engineer, listing fourteen derelict sites situate within the New Ross Urban District.

On the proposition of the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor W. Stafford it was unanimously resolved :-

"That the County Manager be requested to proceed with the immediate acquisition of all fourteen derelict sites listed in Mr. Finnegan's report of 20th July 1965."

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND.

On the proposition of Councillor H.H. Lauder
Seconded by Councillor W.J. Stafford it was unanimously resolved :-

"That the following motions be submitted for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:-

I. "That in our effort to relieve local rates of the crippling burden of Health Charges, the Government be requested to introduce a Comprehensive Insurance Scheme towards which everyone would pay according to his income."

2. That each Urban District Council be paid an annual Supplementary Urban Roads (Improvement) Grant to be devoted solely to road improvement works. This Supplementary Grant shall be in addition to the normal annual Urban Roads (Improvement) Grant which is paid to Urban District Councils but which is used mainly for surface dressing work."

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL HOUSES.

The members of the Council endorsed the County Manager's decision to grant applications for leases of the following Urban Council houses :-

House No.	Name of Tenant Purchaser.
64 Charleton Hill	Mrs. Mary McCauley.
9 Town Wall	Maurice Hayes
II Harvey Place	Timothy Hayes.

THE MEETING ENDED

A. Whelan
17 Aug 1965.

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TUESDAY, 17th AUGUST 1965.

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan

Councillors - P.J Fleming, H.H. Lauder, E. Kissane, P.J. O'Brien and M. Reddy.

In attendance: Messrs S. Gallagher, Deputy County Manager, H. Finnegan, B.E., and L.V. Friel, Town Clerk.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 20th July 1965, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

Thanks to Members of the Council.

Councillor P.J. Fleming thanked the Chairman and members of the Council for their vote of sympathy on the death of his brother.

Thanks to townspeople.

The Chairman, on behalf of the members of the Council, expressed sincere thanks to the people of New Ross for the magnificent manner in which the town was decorated at very short notice for the visit of His Eminence, Cardinal Cushing to New Ross. The Chairman also thanked the employers of members of the two New Ross Bands for allowing their employees time off to play for His Eminence. He thanked the Bridge Contractors for erecting the platform and the County Manager and County Secretary for coming to New Ross for the occasion.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman referred to a notification of refusal of an application for planning permission issued to a resident of New Ross and stated that this notice gave the impression that the application was refused by the members of the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Reddy, ~~seconn~~
Seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the following motion be submitted for consideration at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland:-

"That all notifications of decisions of local authorities be so worded as to specify clearly which are the decisions of the members of the Council and which are the decisions of the County Manager."

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CHARLETON HILL HOUSING SCHEME

The members of the Council considered a report, dated the 4th August 1965 from the County Manager, setting out the duties of the County Architect and of Mr. H. Finnegan B.E., Assistant County Engineer, in relation to the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme. The report stated that "in the matter of general inspection and supervision, officials concerned appear to have carried out their duties in an adequate manner." It would appear that the laying of floor tiling finish to the ground floor rooms of houses was not completed until the 9th April 1965. The scheme was not completed in accordance with the contract agreement until that date so that it could not have been taken over before then despite allegations to the contrary.

The members of the Council noted that the County Engineer had been asked to ensure that in future specification and conditions of contract provision is made for all ancillary works or alternatively that the local authority is given adequate notice where it is expected to arrange for such works itself.

SPECIAL MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

It was unanimously agreed that a Special Meeting of New Ross Urban District Council be held in the Tholsel, New Ross on Tuesday, the 7th September 1965 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a report on the Barrack Lane Development Scheme from officers of An Foras Forbartha Teoranta.

GOOD WISHES TO TOWN CLERK.

The Chairman, supported by Councillors E. Kissane, P. O'Brien, H.H. Lauder, M. Reddy, P. Fleming, S. Gallagher and H. Finnegan extended good wishes to the Town Clerk, Mr. L.V. Friel on his promotion as Staff Officer under Donegas County Council. Mr. Friel replied suitably.

It was proposed by the Chairman,
Seconded by Councillor P.J. Fleming, and unanimously resolved:

> "That in order to entice a town clerk to stay in New Ross, the Minister for Local Government be requested to do something to improve the lot of the New Ross Town Clerk."

E.S.V. Grant

On the proposition of Councillor M. Reddy,
Seconded by Councillor P. O'Brien, it was unanimously resolved

> "That footpaths and water channels be laid on the the High Hill, Wexford Street and Creywell Road, New Ross, with the aid of the 1965/66 E.S.V. Grant of £850 plus local contribution of £120.

PROVISION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1965/66 E.S.V. GRANT WORK

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor M. Reddy and unanimously resolved:

> "That a Supplementary Estimate for additional receipts of £100 and additional expenditure of £115 on the E.S.V. Grant 1965/66 be and is hereby provided.

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APPLICATION FOR OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

On the proposition of Councillor E. Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien, it was unanimously resolved:-

"That, subject to the prior approval of the Minister for Local Government, application be made to the National Bank, New Ross, for overdraft accommodation for a sum of £3000 (three thousand pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on Charleton Hill and William Street Housing Schemes and on Waterworks Improvement Schemes at Robert Street and Wexford Street, New Ross, pending receipt of capital monies."

SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN FOR COMPLETION OF CHARLETON HISS HOUSING SCHEME

It was proposed by Councillor E. Kissane,
Seconded by Councillor P.J. O'Brien, and unanimously resolved:-

"That, subject to the prior approval of the Minister for Local Government, application be made to the Commissioners of Public Works for a supplementary loan of £3000 (three thousand pounds) for the purpose of completing the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme. This Supplementary Loan shall be repayable on the annuity system over the same period as the original loan of £42000 borrowed for the purpose of the Charleton Hill Housing Scheme."

ROAD SIGNS

Councillor P. O'Brien complained that the Direction Sign at the Tholsel was misleading and that a sign at the Irishtown was covered with trees.

Mr. H. Finnegan B.E. stated that new direction signs were on order.

It was suggested that consideration be given to shifting forward the sign at the premises of Messrs Graves and Co. on the Quay; that a clearer sign indicating the direction of the Town Centre be provided at the top of the town and that "Yield Right of Way" signs be provided at the Technical School and at Haughton Place.

50th Anniversary of 1916 Rising

The Chairman, Mr. A. Minihan stated that the Council should await details of the Government's National Commemoration Ceremonies before arranging their own local commemorations. ~~It was~~

It was agreed that all memorials and plaques in town be cleaned.

PUBLIC LIGHTING

On the suggestion of Councillor M. Reddy it was decided to request the E.S.B. to replace in its original position the public light which was shifted from Cross Street. It was also decided to request the E.S.B. to replace the public light, shifted from Mary Street. The Town Clerk was instructed to draw the attention of the E.S.B. to the fact that public lights all over town went out too early.

A. Minihan
21st Sep 1965

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NOMINATION OF DELEGATE TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF IRELAND

The Town Clerk, Mr. L.V. Friel, stated that since he would be unable to attend the forthcoming Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in Cobh, he nominated Mr. H. Finnegan B.E., Assistant County Engineer, as Substitute Delegate in his stead.

It was proposed by Councillor P.J. Fleming,
Seconded by Councillor M. Reddy and unanimously resolved:-

"That the nomination by the Town Clerk of Mr. H. Finnegan B.E., Assistant County Engineer as Substitute Delegate to the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland in Cobh, be and is hereby endorsed."

THE MEETING ENDED

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TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 1965.

The Monthly Meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council was held in The Tholsel, New Ross, this evening at 7.30 o'clock p.m. to transact the Ordinary Business of the Council.

Present: Mr. A. Minihan, Chairman,
Councillors M. Murphy, W. Stafford, M. Reddy,
G. Donovan and E. Kissane.

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

Messrs G. Copcutt, P. O'hUiginn and J. Eustace of An Foras Forbartha attended to present proposals re Barrack Lane Development Scheme.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 17th August 1965, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

MANAGER'S ORDERS

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant leases to tenants of the following houses under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme:-

Cornelius Lynch, 17 Harvey Place,
Gerald Corcoran, 69 Charleton Hill,
Patrick Power, 54 J.K.L. Place.

ROSBERCON HOUSING SCHEME

Letter dated 2nd September was read from the Department of Local Government approving of the sketch plans submitted for 60 houses at Rosbercon.

Letter dated 20th September 1965 was read from Messrs Downes & Meehan, Architects for above scheme, stating that they were proceeding with the preparation of house plans, draft specification and estimate of cost of the proposed 60 houses for submission to the Department.

Noted.

PETROL PUMPS AT CHARLES STREET

The County Manager informed the Meeting that Messrs Patrick & George Phelan had erected Petrol Pumps at Charles St., with permission, maintained same without a licence and stored petroleum in the premises without a licence. Having obtained the advice of the Council's Solicitors and Counsel, he had decided that action be taken under the Storage of Petroleum Acts 1871 and the Fire Brigades Act 1940.

In order to institute proceedings under the Fire Brigades Act, the entire premises should be inspected by an officer specifically authorised, in writing, under Seal of the Council, to enter upon and inspect the premises. It would also be necessary under the Petroleum Act 1871 for the Council to authorise and officer of the Council to purchase or take samples of the petrol being sold.

After a discussion during which the County Manager explained to the Council the reason for taking action in this case it was

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and agreed

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the forms

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authorizing and empowering Mr. Gerard Forde, Chief Fire Officer, to inspect the premises as required under the Fire Brigades Act 1940 and take samples of petroleum as required under the Petroleum Act 1871,"

RESIGNATION OF MR. M. CORCORAN, SECRETARY, ST. STEPHEN'S JOINT CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had accepted, with regret the resignation of Mr. Michael Corcoran, from the position of Secretary to St. Stephen's Cemetery Committee from 30th September 1965.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Corcoran's long and faithful service with the Committee. He thought it fitting that the Council's appreciation of his service should be recorded.

Councillors G. Donovan, M. Reddy, E. Kissane also paid tribute to Mr. Corcoran.

Increase of Wages to Caretaker of Public Convenience.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that subject to the approval of the Council, he had made an order increasing the wages of the Caretaker of the public convenience from £1-2-6 per week to £2 per week with effect as from the 1st July 1965.

Proposed by the Chairman
Seconded by Councillor Reddy and passed unanimously

"That we hereby approve of the County Manager's Order dated 21st September 1965 granting an increase of 17s 6d. per week to the Caretaker of the Public Convenience with effect as from 1st July 1965, and we further approve expenditure of £33-5-0 in excess of the estimates for 1965/66 for this purpose".

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

Mr. Padraig O'hUiginn, Managing Director of An Foras Forbartha submitted a report by Mr. Geoffrey Copcutt, United Nations Adviser and Mr. James Eustace, M.A. (Econ.), on the redevelopment proposed for the Barrack Lane Area. Each Councillor present at the Meeting was presented with a copy of the report.

Mr. Geoffrey Copcutt submitted drawings, sketches and models, illustrated by slides, covering a general survey of the urban area, and a study of conditions in and around Barrack Lane site and its relationship to the area.

Mr. O'hUiginn on behalf of Mr. Copcutt and Mr. Eustace thanked all officers of the Council, members of Chamber of Commerce, Local Technical Instructors and many others for their help and co-operation in the preparation of the report.

The Chairman, members of the Council and the County Manager, congratulated Messrs O'hUiginn, Copcutt and Eustace and An Foras Forbartha on the comprehensive report and illustrated lecture. It was a major work of planning and general assembly of a number of functional buildings.

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On the proposition of Councillor Reddy
Seconded by Councillor Donovan

It was unanimously agreed to approve of the Scheme, in principle, as submitted by An Foras Forbartha.

The County Manager undertook to bring the matter before the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the County Council to obtain confirmation of their participation in the Scheme in relation to the Public Health Clinic and the Fire Station.

It was agreed that a public exhibition of the drawings, sketches and model of the scheme be held in the Large Room of The Tholsel for one week and at the Council's request Mr. Copcutt agreed to come to New Ross on Monday, 27th September to give an illustrated lecture on the scheme in the Large Room of The Tholsel, at 8 o'clock p.m. to the people of the town and all interested in in the Scheme.

THE MEETING ENDED

R. Whelan

19. Oct 1965.

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TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 1965.

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,

Councillors P.J. Fleming, M. Reddy, W.J. Stafford, M. Murphy, G. Donovan, E. Kissane, H. Lauder and P.J. O'Brien.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 21st September, 1965, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read.

Councillor Lauder requested that the minute under the heading of Barrack Lane Development Scheme, recording the thanks of An Foras Forbartha to the Chamber of Commerce be erased as the Chamber of Commerce did not exist.

After a discussion it was agreed, Mr. Lauder dissenting, that as the minute referred to was a summary of the Report of An Foras Forbartha on the Barrack Lane Development Scheme, the minutes be approved.

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

TIDY TOWN'S COMPETITION 1965.

The Adjudicators' report and breakdown of marks for New Ross in above competition was read.

The total marks received were the same as 1964 - 69 out of 100.

Noted.

NEW ROSS PARKING BYELAWS

Letter dated 30th September 1965, was read from the Assistant Commissioner of the Garda Siochana, referring to the Council's request to defer the drafting of Byelaws for New Ross, pending the determination of proposals for the development of Barrack Lane and the reports from the County Engineer in relation to the narrowing of footpaths etc., amd asked if the Council were now in a position to supply these reports.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that a report had been received from the County Engineer that he could not recommend that footpaths in John Street and Bridge Street be reduced in width and that there were no proposals to widen the road or to make any other alterations which would effect the traffic flow, and in the report submitted by An Foras Forbartha on the Barrack Lane Scheme, no reference was made to parking facilities.

After a discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Donovan
Seconded by Councillor O'Brien and agreed

"That the Superintendent of the Garda be asked to meet three representatives from the traders in each street at a Meeting to be held under the auspices of the Council on a date to be agreed on by the

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Superintendent of the Garda Siochana to discuss the proposed Parking Byelaws.

TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant a lease under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme to Joseph Furlong, tenant of house No. 6 Cockpit Lane.

Letter dated 11th October 1965 was read from Mr. J.P. Coghlan, Solicitor, requesting the County Manager's approval to the transfer of Garda Anthony Flynn's interest as Tenant Purchaser in house No. 8 Harvey Place, to Mr. John Ronan, Three Bullet Gate, New Ross.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that Garda Anthony Flynn had been appointed tenant of No. 8 Harvey Place on 14th October, 1963 and a tenant purchase lease was granted to him on 18th February 1964. As the Minister for Local Government had not approved of the Council's proposal to include a clause in the lease prohibiting the tenant from assigning his interest in the premises until a period of five years from the date of purchase had elapsed, he would like to hear the views of the Council in the matter.

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to give consent to the transfer.

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Councillor Stafford asked if it were possible to proceed with the acquisition of land etc., in connection with above scheme.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he had discussed the matter with the County Engineer and due to a shortage of Engineers at present it would not be possible to spare Mr. Finnegan for the surveying of Barrack Lane for some time.

It was decided to ask the County Engineer to second Mr. Finnegan for two days each week to the Barrack Lane Scheme in order to expedite the survey of the land etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Donovan recommended that Boiler Suits be supplied to the scavenging staff.

Councillor Stafford recommended the provision of a "Stop" sign at Three Bullet Gate.

Councillor O'Brien referred to overhanging ivy on wall on Rosbercon Hill and also to condition of stop-cock cover outside Forristals, South Street. Councillor O'Brien also recommended that litter bins from Garryowen Flats be put out at gateway and not on the footpath.

Referred to Engineer.

A. Mulhare
16 Nov. 1965.

THE MEETING ENDED.

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TUESDAY 16th November 1965.

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: Chairman - Mr. A. Minihan
Councillors G. Donovan, H.H. Lauder, M. Reddy, P.J. O'Brien, W. Stafford and M. Murphy.

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 19th October 1965, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were approved and signed.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

Proposed by Councillor P.J. O'Brien,
Seconded by Councillor M. Reddy

a vote of sympathy was passed to the relatives of the late Thomas Cullen, Church Lane, former Caretaker of St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Arising from the Minutes:

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Councillor Stafford enquired if any progress had been made on above scheme since the last Council Meeting and was informed by the Acting Town Clerk that Mr. Finnegan would not be in a position to commence work on the necessary survey until January or February next.

After a discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, Seconded by Councillor Stafford and agreed

That the County Manager be requested to submit a monthly report on the progress of this scheme.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS
TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant leases to tenants of the following houses under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme:-

James St. Ledger, 8 Buneen Lane,
William Bennett, 9 Ard Mhicil,
Robert Rochford, 20 Upper William Street,
James Doyle, 20 Harvey Place.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had received a letter from Messrs James P. Coghlan & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Garda Anthony Flynn, concerning remarks made by him at the last Meeting of the Council and published in the "New Ross Standard", when the matter of his application for permission to assign his interest in house No. 8 Harvey Place came before the Council. The Chairman stated that Garda Flynn had since informed him that when he applied for a lease of House

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No. 8 Harvey Place under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme he was not aware that he would be granted tenancy of one of the four houses erected for the Gardai and he, Chairman, now accepted that statement.

WATERWORKS

Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E. in his report dated 16th November 1965 stated that the cost of scraping the old 7" main from Ballyleigh to Castlemoyle would be approximately £1,200.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Mr. Finnegan's letter had not yet been submitted to the County Manager.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Manager.

WATER SUPPLY TO ALBATROS FACTORY

Report dated 16th November 1965 was read from Mr. H. Finnegan, B.E., stating that a demand for a total consumption of 7,100,000 gallons of water per working year had been submitted by the Albatros Factory. This demand will cater for the extra consumption which will be utilized in the new compound fertilizer unit programme for operation in late 1966. This would mean that the factory's average consumption would be in the region of 28,000 gallons per working day.

It was agreed in principle to meet the demands of the factory for the supply of water.

Councillor Stafford enquired the present position as regards installation of water and sewer services by landlords of property at Bullawn and Irishtown.

The Acting Town Clerk informed the Meeting that Notices had been served on the Tottenham Estate and they had agreed to instal the services.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. G. Donovan suggested that the boundary wall of the Church Yard at Upper Mary Street be lowered to give people a view of the old Church ruins which were beautiful and also that people be asked to clean up their graves there.

After a discussion it was agreed that a sub-committee of the Council meet the Church Body and discuss the matter.

Councillor Reddy drew attention to the necessity for restoring light at Mary Street to its original position at Chapel Lane. He also referred to the necessity of a light at the steps leading from Cross Lane to Charleton Hill.

Referred to the Acting Town Clerk.

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The following matters were referred to Mr. Finnegan for his attention:-

1. Broken footpath at Bosheen outside O'Leary's shop.

2. Broken footpath outside Kelly's, Bewley Street.

3. Kerbing at Henry Street outside New Ross, Tanning Company's premises.

4. Road outside O'Gorman's shop, Rosbercon - water lodging there.

5. Dangerous wall at Fair Gate - part of old Town Wall.

6. Water lodging at footpath outside Miss Kelly's, Conduit Lane.

The Chairman drew attention to the bad condition of all main roads in the Urban Area and it was agreed to request the County Council to carry out the necessary repairs to these roads.

THE MEETING ENDED.

P. Meehan

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TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1965.

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: Chairman:- Mr. A. Minihan.
Councillors: H.H. Lauder, P.J. Fleming, W.J.Stafford, E.Kissane, and G.Donovan.

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

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 16th November 1965 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were approved and signed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Proposed by the Chairman.
Seconded by Councillor Donovan.

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the Relatives of the late Mr. William T. Cosgrave.

Proposed by Councillor Kissane.
Seconded by the Chairman.

A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the relatives of Mr. Michael Corcoran, Irishtown, late Secretary to St. Stephen's Joint Cemetery Committee.

RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF LOANS.

Letter dated 17th November, 1965 was read from the Department of Local Government stating that the rate of interest payable in respect of issues from the Local Loans Fund made on or after 15th November, 1965 will be 7%.

NOTED.

PLOT OF GROUND AT WILLIAM STREET
SEALING OF DEED OF CONVEYANCE.

Proposed by the Chairman.
Seconded by Councillor Donovan it was unanimously agreed that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Conveyance of the plot of ground at William Street to Mr. Norman Jacob.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS.
TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME.

The Council approved of the County Manager's proposal to grant leases to tenants of the following houses under the Council's Tenant Purchase Scheme:-

John Flanagan, 10 Irishtown.
Philip McGrath, 4 Cross Lane.
David Bolger, 22 Town Wall.
Patrick Aspel, 2 Ard Mhicil.

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ROSBERCON HOUSING SCHEME

Letter dated 13th December, 1965, was read from Messrs Downes & Meehan, Architects, enclosing house plans of 48 three bedroomed houses, 8 single bedroomed bungalows and 4 two-bedroomed bungalows, outline Specification, together with Estimate of cost of same amounting to £160,000 exclduding acquisition of land and professional fees.

After a discussion and examination of the plans, the members unanimously approved of the house plans as submitted by the Architects.

As the Estimate did not specify the estimated cost of the different types of houses, it was decided to request the Architects to give a detailed estimate of the cost of each type of house.

BARRACK LANE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

Report dated 9th December, 1965, from the County Manager to the Chairman and members of the Council in connection with above Scheme, having been circulated to the members, was taken as read.

Councillor W.J. Stafford, on behalf of the Kennedy Memorial Committee, stated that his Committee would be prepared to give the services of their Consultant Architect to carry out the necessary detailed survey of Barrack Lane, free of all cost to the Council, to enable the Council to go ahead with the acquisition of the land.

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept the assistance offered by the Kennedy Memorial Committee for their Consultant Architect to carry out the detailed survey of Barrack Lane without commitment by the Council and also to record the thanks of the Council to the Kennedy Memorial Committee for their generous offer.

The County Manager informed the Meeting that he would submit a copy of the scheme and plans as prepared by an Foras Forbartha to the Department of Local Government. The County Manager also suggested the appointment of Messrs Downes & Meehan, Architects, to prepare sketch plans etc. for the Barrack Lane Scheme when the acquisition of land was complete.

THE MEETING ENDED.

R Mulhern

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